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Most of the chapters in this book are from our first seminar, which aimed to survey the contemporary field of applied anthropology. The exception is Adam Drazin's chapter, presented in the second seminar. Due to the constraints of time that so often plague applied anthropologists, two further contributions, from Genevieve Bell and Chris Loxley, both of which were very important to our discussions during the seminar could not be published here. This seminar was a highly stimulating event driven not solely by the stunning and excellent set of presentations from our speakers, but equally by the discussion and comment from the seminar participants. This enthusiastic, critical and collaborative set of people ranged from undergraduate, masters and doctoral students to established senior applied and academic anthropologists. Their contributions have inevitably influenced the ways these chapters have been rewritten for publication. In particular our discussions helped me shape my own perspective on the issues and questions I have raised in the introduction to this volume. Without these participants the seminar and this book could not have developed as they have, and this volume would be incomplete without an acknowledgement of their exceptional contribution.

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