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Head of School's Report

Rather than just write a boosting piece as Head of School, extolling the great virtues of HPRC, let me tell you about a piece of historical research in which I am engaged. As part of the UQ Centenary activities I have been researching the history of the Forgan Smith building, where the School is centred. Construction of the Forgan Smith building (then called the Main building) began in 1937, a million pound project not yet complete in 1942 when the building was commandeered by the Australian Government and was taken over by the Army as the Headquarters for General Sir Thomas Blamey, Chief of the Allied Land Forces in the South-West Pacific.

Another part of the research project is to interview ex-UQ staff with memories of the first use of the building by the University in 1950s, when the move occurred from the George Street campus (now QUT). To do this I have been researching UQ's archives and studying the way that academic patterns have changed. In all of this, two things are beginning to be clear: how constant some core academic disciplines are, and how much change occurs to various academic disciplines over time. Over the decades, academic disciplines appear in different combinations, change partners, become amalgamated, grow and decline.

Classics began at UQ in 1911, and is rightly proud that it is a foundation teaching discipline at UQ. Modern history was not taught until the next year. But several decades ago the concept of Classics was widened to include Ancient History and today continues to teach languages, literature and history from the ancient Mediterranean. The History Department once included Economic History in its title, and more than forty years ago spawned the Government Department, which now is the School of Political Science and International Studies. Philosophy and Psychology were once joined in one department, and today's Studies in Religion discipline grew out of a Divinity and Religion Department.

There is a sense of constancy in these foundation humanities disciplines, but alongside is also change and renewal. We are inclined to try to preserve the present-day situation as if it has always been the norm. It takes an historian as Head of School to assert what everyone should know: change always occurs. Changes in academic

disciplines have been happening at UQ for close to a century and will continue through the next century.

The present School was created as an amalgamation of four Departments almost a decade ago. Departments have disappeared, Schools alter and amalgamate, Faculties grow and decline and amalgamate, and new campuses are added or removed. The strength of HPRC is that its disciplines are foundational to Arts, and one can predict that in some similar form they will all continue. It is hard to imagine any reputable Go8 or Universitas 21 university without these core disciplinary elements, but nothing is sacred and today's university is far more corporate in its vision than the universities of the past. The four disciplines that make up HPRC have a fine history, but this is not enough to ensure future survival and growth. Too often, HPRC is accused of being four tribes living uncomfortably under the same roof. Based on the speed that change has occurred in the past, the present iteration of discipline combinations is likely to last for some decades into the future, and we need to consolidate the links. All new appointments since I became Head of School last September have been cross-disciplinary, able to straddle at least two of the disciplines in the title of the School. This is the way that HPRC must continue to survive. The lessons of a century are very clear.

The School continues to be strong: there are 178 RHD students and undergraduate enrolments have increased this year. I would like to welcome all new students to second semester, and I would like to wish all Honours students well for their final rush to the end of the year. Welcome also to new staff, Adam Bowles and Paul Turnbull, and farewell to Andrew Gentes, Sarah Ferber and Dennis Cheshire. Several are mentioned in more detail in items in this issue.

Clive Moore, Head of School



Honours students in Canberra

We headed down to Canberra, unsure of what to expect, what would be expected of us – and what to expect from the weather! All we knew was that we would be spending

three days at an Honours Workshop convened by the Australian National University, and a distinguished line-up of historians. Overall, the workshop surpassed all our expectation.

There were 20 attendees from across Australia and the Tasman. After brief introductions (and a much needed wine), we individually presented our thesis topics, and were then challenged by questions from the group. Posing those questions, and offering advice, were Tom Griffiths, Carolyn Strange, Nicholas Brown, Libby Robin, Melanie Nolan, Ann McGrath and Robert Cribb (a former HPRC staff member). Aside from the round table, they also offered individual attention through smaller focus groups. Over the course of the weekend, Tom and Carolyn presented their insights into historical research and thesis writing, which we're sure will prove invaluable over the next few months.

The intensity of the program was balanced by the collegial atmosphere of the workshop. Both the academics and other participants were incredibly welcoming and supportive, uniformly conveying a passion for history through their individual areas of research. The informal discussions and socialisation facilitated by the program proved equally as fruitful in challenging and refining our ideas. It was a great privilege to be included in such a terrific program in the company of such inspiring people. Thanks ANU!

Elise Adams and **Gemmia Burden** (History Hons)



Research Seminars

History

Friday 7 August, 1-2 pm

Matthew K. McKean (Queen's University/Carleton University, Canada): 'The Crowd and the Struggle for Space in Late-Victorian London', Rm. 203, Michie Bldg.

Philosophy

Friday 7 August, 3 pm

Phil Dowe (HPRC): 'David Lewis and Time Travel', Rm. E212, Forgan Smith Bldg.

Philosophy

Friday 14 August, 3 pm

Laura Roberts (mid-candidature review): 'An Irreducible Difference?', Rm. E212, Forgan Smith Bldg.

Classics

Friday 14 August, 3.30 pm

Phoebe Coulon-McIntosh (confirmation seminar): 'The Continuators of Caesar', and Lynn Crawford (mid-candidature review): 'The Mining and Provenance of Pliny's Gemstones', Rm 323, Michie Bldg.

History

Friday 21 August, 1-2 pm

Dirk Moses (University of Sydney): 'The United Nations and the East Pakistan Genocide, 1971', Rm. E212 Forgan Smith Bldg.

Classics

Friday 21 August, 3.30 pm

Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Minchin (ANU): 'Communication without Words: Body Language, "Pictureability", and Memorability in the Iliad' Rm. 323, Michie Bldg.

Religion

Tuesday August 25, 4-5.30pm

Hakan Sandgren (UQ), 'Religious Jesters and Sexual Symbolism in Bhutan' SS&H Library Conference Room.

Philosophy

Friday August 28, 3 pm

Greg Bamford (UQ School of Architecture): 'Disembodied design', Rm E212, Forgan Smith Bldg.

Classics

Friday 28 August, 3.30 pm

John Ratcliffe (confirmation seminar): 'Celsus on Surgery' and Jessica Pryde (mid-candidature review): 'Imperial Aphrodisias: Re-mapping a City', Rm. 323, Michie Bldg.

History

Friday 4 September, 1-2 pm

Anthony Yeates (HPRC postgrad): 'Kivungs and Councils: Negotiating Development and Contesting Influence in West Nakanai, New Britain' Rm. 203, Michie Bldg.

Classics

Friday 4 September, 3.30 pm.

Prof. Tessa Rajak, University of Reading (Sir Asher Joel Foundation Fellow, Macquarie University): 'Hellenistic Alexandria, Ptolemy, and the Bible', Rm 323, Michie Bldg.

Classics

Friday 11 September, 3.30 pm

Michael Affleck (mid-candidature review): 'Looted Libraries', and Erin Craig (mid-candidature review): 'The Impact of Rome on Early British Health and Healthcare', Rm 323, Michie Bldg.

History

Friday 18 September, 1-2 pm

Paul Turnbull (HPRC): 'Collecting Aboriginal Bodily Remains, c. 1810-1860', Rm. 203, Michie Bldg.

Classics

Friday 18 September, 3.30 pm

Mark Ruge (confirmation seminar): 'Roman Imperialism in Germania?' and Chris Mallan (mid-candidature review): 'Julia Domna in Cassius Dio' Rm. 323, Michie Bldg.

Classics

Friday 25 September, 3.00 pm

Devon Wilson (thesis review): 'Settlement Patterns in Roman Britain', Steven Cosnett (confirmation seminar): 'Populus and Politics in the Middle Roman Republic in Theory and Practice', and Daniel Press (thesis review): 'Piracy in the Mediterranean in Ancient Times', Rm. 323, Michie Bldg.



UQ Solomon Islands Partnership

The UQ Solomon Islands Partnership began in February 2009, shortening the earlier name, UQ Solomon Islands partnership for Peace and Development, which began in 2004. This relationship between The University of Queensland and the Solomon Islands goes back several decades to early links in mining exploration, agriculture and education, and was revived in 2003 when a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Solomon Islands Government and UQ. This has been renewed on two occasions (the last being in 2008), with Clive Moore serving as the UQ representative.

A full history of the relationship since 1999, biographical notes on the personnel involved, and a seminar list can be found online: from the HPRC web site, look under 'Research' where you will come to a link to the UQ Solomon Islands Partnership:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/hprc/index.html?page=107288&pid=19710>

First 'Exordium' Conference

Exordium was the title of a little journal printed by the old Student Philosophy Association (SPA) which used to publish the best undergraduate essays in philosophy. This was a great way to showcase the work of outstanding students, as well as setting standards for all philosophy courses. In the same spirit, on Friday July 24, the newly reborn S.P.A. organized the 1st Exordium conference hosted by HPRC.

During this one-day event, eleven high-achieving undergraduate students gave 10 minute oral presentations based on essays written during the previous semester. The conference was attended by lecturers, undergraduates and postgraduates, and was welcomed by all as an important moment of collegiality, particularly in order to establish relationships with those undergraduate students who are most likely to continue further their studies in philosophy.

SPA members hope the Exordium conference may become a tradition in the School, as we feel there is still a wide gap separating the involvement of undergraduate and postgraduate students in the life of the Philosophy discipline. The organisers would like to thank all those who have participated and helped, in particular the school of HPRC for agreeing to sponsor the event.

Marco Motta



School News

The career and work of long-standing UQ historian **Raymond Evans** was honoured by the 2009 John Oxley Library Award at a State Library of Queensland ceremony in early June. Having researched Queensland's history since the mid-1960s culminating in his CUP volume *A History of Queensland* (2007), and teaching at UQ over four decades (now an Honorary Research Associate in HPRC), this recognition is long overdue. Congratulations, Ray!

At the same event, the University of Queensland was awarded the \$5000 Library Board of Queensland Award for the development of Cyberschool, a website that connects school students across Queensland to UQ's library services and resources.

A **Facebook group** called 'UQ Philosophers Support Group' has kicked off for philosophy honours students, postgrads, lecturers, and postdocs. It has UQ philosophy events, journals, chat space, and there is a discussion board where philosophers can read each others papers and offer comment: for papers intended to be sent to journals,

marked, or to be PhD chapters. For further details contact Glenn Ewan (glenn.ewan@uqconnect.edu.au)



After 15 years driving a classic car, **Ian McKeown** has finally upgraded: from a 1970 HT Kingswood to a 2008 Dodge Avenger. It's in Inferno Red, "because everyone knows that red cars go faster!" says Ian happily. Rev-heads, read on:



"It has everything that opens and shuts – including a cooler section for 4 cans of drink that sit above the glove box!

The difference between the old air conditioning (just wind the window down) to the new

climate control is something to behold. Also, having disc brakes instead of drum brakes stops the vehicle a lot quicker – thank goodness. I have also purchased a GPS unit that actually gets me to right destination every time. Anyway, I'm very happy with the Dodge and hopefully won't get booked for speeding as it has cruise control so I can just sit back and relax, not having to worry about the boys in blue."



On Friday July 31 a barbecue organised by the HPRC Postgraduate Students Committee was attended by over 40 people, staff and students included. It went very well as the weather was perfect for the event except for a minor hiccup at the end: we ran out of gas!!! Luckily everyone was fed but about 5-6 people who arrived late due to their meeting running overtime. The Vietnamese cook (Tai N) did not disappoint our guests as his cooking of sausages was reasonable and there was no report of tummy ache or anything like that afterwards. The Committee likes to thank everyone for their support and those who helped make it possible.

Meanwhile, Steven Gil has been nominated by HPRC PG Students Committee to be Provisional HPRC Student Representative until the end of 2009. Nominations will be called in December this year to fill the position in 2010.

Tai Nguyen (History postgrad)



Congratulations to the Elson family: Brigid, Bob and Elizabeth are seen here welcoming Thomas Patrick, born August 5. He is Brigid and Neil's second son, a brother for little Alexander.



R.D. Milns Antiquities Museum

The Antiquities Museum has already hosted over 400 school students for guided tours and workshops so far this semester. This total is mostly made up of high school students but also includes some twenty-six Grade Four students from St Ita's Primary School at Dutton Park. These students will be trailing a new workshop with the museum, based around the story of a family in Roman Britain almost 2000 years ago.

Other activities have centred on the Museum Internship program, and the 2009 interns will be unveiling a brand new display in the Level 3 Foyer in the coming weeks which focuses on the 18th and 19th century fascination with ancient Egypt.

Meanwhile, the museum's first podcast to promote highlights of the collection has reached the final stage of development, and will be available as a website download in the near future.

James Donaldson



Travellers Tales

Earlier this year **Ian McKeown** visited Adelaide with his parents for the first time. We somehow lost his report under the vast pile of submissions for our last issue of the newsletter:

"We spent two weeks travelling around, seeing a lot of the sights and sounds. If I didn't live in Brisbane, I think Adelaide would be a nice place to hang your hat.

For the first week we stayed in Port Elliot – 80kms south east of Adelaide. We stayed in a caravan park, but in a cabin that slept 4 people and was fully self-contained. The weather was beautiful, not too hot and certainly not as humid as Brisbane can be. The caravan park was our base camp and we just drove out for day trips, stopping for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea and then back to Port Elliot for dinner in one of the local pubs.

On our second day we drove up to Hahndorf, which as the name suggests has a lot of German heritage. We had morning tea at a café called Muggletons – the Devonshire tea was fantastic as the scones were almost the size of cricket balls! There were a couple of German style pubs and cafes with everything you can imagine. On another day trip we drove to one of the closest wine regions – McLaren Vale. The vineyards stretched as far as the eye could see. The town centre also had a lot of cafes to choose from for morning tea or lunch.

After the first week was over, Saturday morning we left early to drive to Cape Jervis and the ferry terminal that takes you to Kangaroo Island. As you would imagine, the island has a lot of kangaroos – approx. 30,000 a guide told us when we went on a nocturnal tour to see the fairy penguins. They are cute little birds – only about 12-14 inches tall, they come out of the ocean at night and nest in little man made burrows/warrens. It was a quiet time of year so there were only us and the guide on the tour.

We were only on the island for a couple of days so after we caught the ferry back to the mainland, we drove north – diverting around the city to our destination of Gawler which is only about forty kilometres north-east of the city. We stayed in the Gawler caravan park – again in a cabin, but this was almost a temporary structure up on blocks. You could almost feel the floor moving as you walked around inside. For a small town, it had a high number of pubs. I think Dad and I counted six as we went for a walk down the main street.

Gawler is very close to the edge of the Barossa, a huge wine region that you could spend a couple of weeks exploring. Your liver might end up a little worse for wear! On one of our day trips we drove to the Clare Valley into the town of Clare itself – for yet another Devonshire tea... We spent the morning walking around town – I even went to the heritage-listed public library and used the internet for an hour for free! In the afternoon trip back to Gawler we stopped at a couple of different wineries for small tastings or just to take a couple of photos.

For our last two days we stayed in the heart of the city itself. I went on a tour of the Adelaide Oval, we went to the casino a couple of times and also caught a tram down to Glenelg for some sightseeing. We saw plenty of the black swans along the Torrens River. It runs very close to the CBD itself where you can go for an hour cruise for just

\$10. All in all, we had a great time and will probably go back again!”



Out and About

Aaron Ghiloni (Studies in Religion) presented a paper at the Annual Australasian Christian Conference in July. The title was “The Pedagogue and the Archbishop: Rowan Williams’ Doctrine of Revelation.”



It has been a very busy few months for **Raymond Evans** (formerly of UQ History). In April-May 2009 he conducted a highly successful course entitled ‘Discovering Queensland’ for the interested public at the State Library of Queensland. It ran twice weekly due to demand and is to be repeated in October - November this year. It is based on his CUP book, *A History of Queensland*.

In late June, he presented the opening Keynote Address at the AHA annual conference at Sippy Downs, Sunshine Coast campus, entitled ‘The Country Has Another Past. Queensland and the History Wars’. Early this year Ray also made a one hour documentary film on Queensland history for Channel Ten that will be going to air in late September, and in September he plans to conduct ‘Radical Brisbane’ tours for Griffith University students.



Geoff Ginn gave two talks on cities and nineteenth-century urbanism at the Queensland Art Gallery in August, as part of programs linked to the American Impressionism and Realism exhibition from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. On September 10, **Ed Conrad** will be part of a panel discussion with Ruvik Rosenthal and Ghil’ad Zukermann at the Brisbane Writer’s Festival on the topic, ‘Let My People Know! The Use, Abuse and Misuse of the Hebrew Bible’ at the Brisbane Writer’s Festival. He will also deliver a paper, ‘Looking at What the Prophets Saw’ at the Australian Workshop on Afro-Asiatic Linguistics (AWAAL) to be held at UQ on September 11-13.



HPRC PhD candidate in Religion **Hakan Sandgren** was invited in February this year to give a guest lecture at Vidyasagar University at Midnapure, West Bengal, on the topic ‘The Social Role of Religion’. He has also popped up giving public talks and guest lectures while researching in

Bhutan (see his report below). **Damian Cox** gave a paper at the Film/Philosophy Conference, Dundee Scotland, entitled ‘The Epistemological Lab: *Total Recall* and the refutation of scepticism’. In the paper, Damien tried to use this Arnold Schwarzenegger classic to help refute scepticism. He might have succeeded, but he doesn’t know for sure.



Sylvie Shaw attended two great conferences in Amsterdam in the semester break, and in between conferences spent five days seakayaking on the Baltic in the most gorgeous Finland archipelago. The first conference was organised by the Centre for Maritime Research at the University of Amsterdam. Sylvie’s talk was called ‘Battleground of Beauty’ and focused on the social, environmental and symbolic resonances of Moreton Bay held by key users of the Bay. The second conference organised by the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture covered the contentious theme of Religion, Nature and Progress. Sylvie spoke on ‘Blue Ecology: The Spirit of Fishing’ on the impact of fisheries decline on fishers, families and coastal communities, and ‘The Serpentine Flow of Brisbane Waters’ on the values local residents hold about the Brisbane River.



In August **Clive Moore** was invited to contribute to the National Parliament of Solomon Islands Foreign Relations Committee Inquiry into the Regional Assistance Meeting to Solomon Islands. He was one of only two academics to be invited to participate.

Clive is also one of the three authors of the Australian Association for Pacific Studies National Report, which has just been published. Entitled ‘National Strategy for the Study of the Pacific’, the 100,000-word report presents fifty-three recommendations. The report identifies projects that will increase public awareness of the Pacific, and expand teaching and research in universities, archives, museums, libraries and galleries. The report took a lead from Prime Minister Rudd’s ‘Port Moresby Declaration’ in March 2008 in which he called for closer partnerships with the region, and greater understanding in Australia of the deep relationships that exist between Australia and the Pacific. The report, already distributed to Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Development Assistance, Pacific Islands and Education, argues that Australia needs to regain its position as a world leader in Pacific teaching and research. The report also argues that galleries, libraries, museums and archives have extensive collections of international significance, but they need funding to catalogue, digitise and display these collections. It will be launched at the Mitchell Library in Sydney in late September.

In late July-early August **Neil Pembroke** enjoyed participating in the conference of the International Academy of Practical Theology in Chicago, to deliver a paper based on a chapter of a book due out next year. Neil was also elected to the executive of the Academy:

“We had our first meeting over dinner at a local Thai restaurant. The meeting went longer than expected, so we continued over beer and wine at the conference venue. I think I like the way the executive does its business! It was also great to go back to Hyde Park. I did a year of postgraduate theological study there in 1983-84. My wife, Janelle, asked me to take some snaps to bring back the memories. I had an interesting conversation with a Chicago police officer who asked me about my photography (one of my shots took in the L – the elevated train system). Fortunately he believed my “capturing memories” story and I could enjoy my morning of sight-seeing.”



William Grey attended the Australasian Association of Philosophy annual conference in Melbourne in July, where he read a paper addressing a range of ethical challenges raised by climate change. Climate change poses not just ethical, but also social, political and technical challenges. The science is complex and (like all complex science) uncertain, but because of the potential seriousness of the problem the task of making significant and far-reaching choices in a situation of uncertainty is both urgent and important. Our individual and collective choices have potentially far-reaching implications for both non-humans and for future generations of humans. William’s paper explored some of the central salient issues, which include central concerns of environmental philosophy, such as obligations to the nonhuman world, as well as concerns in applied ethics, such as issues of intergenerational equity and justice. William then went on to attend the Asia-Pacific Climate Summit, convened by the Australian Conservation Foundation, which included such luminaries as Al Gore, Graeme Pearman and Don Henry.



Departures...

As of Thursday 24th September **Sarah Ferber** will be leaving HPRC to take up a position at the University of Wollongong. Between now and then Sarah will be on annual and long service leave. **Andrew Gentes** has also departed from UQ to take up a research fellowship in Japan. **Helen Farley** left HPRC on Friday 31st July, but continues at UQ working fifty percent in the Centre for Innovation and Technology (CEIT) and fifty percent in the Teaching and Educational Development Institute (TEDI).

In both roles she will be researching the educational potential of virtual worlds.

The HoS has thanked Sarah for her many years with the History Department and HPRC, and particularly for the role she has played in recent years as Director of RHD Studies. UQ's loss will be Wollongong's gain! Clive has also thanked Helen for her time with HPRC and has wished her well in her new roles. Back in her postgraduate days, Helen was a mainstay of postgraduate activity, and in her time with Studies in Religion has been innovative and a good colleague. Helen will continue to be connected to HPRC through an Honorary appointment.



...and Arrivals

Adam Bowles hails from Melbourne, where he worked in the Asian Studies Program at La Trobe University and the School of Historical Studies at Monash University. Trained as an old fashioned philologist (that is to say, to read old texts very slowly), Adam cut his research teeth on the great Sanskrit epic the Mahabharata, a text in which he still retains an active research interest.

More recently he has also dabbled in the 18th century history of the western region of India now known as Maharashtra, with a particular focus on the interaction between government and religious agencies during this period. Adam joins UQ as Lecturer in Asian Religions, and can be found in room E322 of the Forgan Smith Building.

Paul Turnbull was Professor of History in the School of Arts at Griffith University and formerly Head of the School (2004-2007). Before that he was Professor of History at James Cook University (2001-2004) and Senior Research Fellow, ARC Centre for Cross-Cultural Research (1998-2001) and an Adjunct Professor at the ANU (2002-2005). His is known internationally for his research on enabling the practice of history in networked digital media, and is the creator of 'South Seas', a major on-line resources exploring James Cook's first pacific voyage, 1768-1771.

Currently he is engaged in developing a knowledge creation, management and publication system for large-scale collaborative historical projects. Paul's appointment in the e-History/e-Humanities area is intended to place the School at the forefront of e-teaching and e-research in Australia and internationally, and to create synergies with similar developments in EMSAH.



Hakan in Bhutan

HPRC research student **Hakan Sandgren** reports on his recent visit to the eastern edge of the Himalayas:

“My main activities, as far as talks are concerned, consisted of a talk to all the lecturers at IILCS (the Institute for Language and Culture Studies), invited guests from the Royal University of Bhutan's other institutes as well as anyone else interested, which turned out to be mainly third year students from IILCS, on the structure of my research in Bhutan. In the talk I drew on my experiences from previous research in Turkey. All in all, the brief was to educate on how to conduct research. I did warn them that my experience is limited to only a few projects but, as the university in Bhutan is very young and hardly any researchers have been allowed into the country, my expertise was judged sufficient. The talk was a great success in that I spent a couple of days after the talk answering questions from both staff and students.

The other talk worth mentioning, perhaps not for its quality or large audience but for its topic, was a talk delivered to about 60 students plus anyone else interested on the history of Buddhism. In a Vajrayana Buddhist country, it is not unthinkable that people know little or nothing about Theravada and other Mahayana traditions. To my surprise, the history of Vajrayana that I planned to skim across, as nearly everyone in the room were Vajrayana practitioners, became the main focus of the talk when I realised that most of those present had no idea of the history of Vajrayana. In hindsight, I should have been able to foresee the interest in Vajrayana history as I suppose there would be practitioners in every faith tradition that know little or nothing about the history of the tradition they are in.”

He also spoke Vidyasagar University at Mednapure: “This university is a rural university that hardly ever welcome guest lecturers, so maybe the most remarkable thing was that I was greeted with flowers and a ceremonial welcome. I got there a bit late as I was held up by an angry mob protesting about police corruption and lack of action. (Someone had been murdered and no arrest had been made though the villagers were certain who had committed the murder and had supplied proof to the police.) A road block had been set up and we were held up for 45 minutes before my white face was used as a lever to let us turn around and use an alternative route while the others were held at gunpoint and not allowed to turn their vehicles around. I was later told that it all ended without bloodshed or further incidents. The talk itself, in which I concentrated on group mentality and belonging within religions, went well.”

