



Good Science, Bad Science: The Contribution of the Modern Anthropologist to the Delivery of Human Rights

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ABSTRACT As the world changes, one challenge that confronts us is the end of the argument between humanities and sciences about what is and is not science. Anthropological experience and tradition are important factors in the steps forward into the information technology age that can raise the discipline's standards. The contribution a more 'scientific' anthropology has to offer is in the delivery of human rights. This can be achieved by helping to define the societal differences that will more clearly describe human rights and through the rapid delivery of knowledge that enable that process. However it is achieved, it should be all encompassing so that it allows for difference and diversity with fair allowance for what we have carried over from our past through beliefs and traditions.

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