

Reference code: GB165-0415

Title: Peter Lienhardt Collection

Name of creator: Lienhardt, Peter Arnold (1928-1986) Anthropologist

Dates of creation of material: Feb 1943-1996

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 items

Biographical history: Lienhardt, Peter Arnold (1928-1986) Anthropologist

Peter Lienhardt was born 1928 and studied English and oriental languages at Downing College between 1946-1950. His national service was in the Royal Air Force between 1950-1952, after which he studied at Lincoln College, Oxford carrying out fieldwork in the Gulf States and completing his doctorate in 1957. From 1957 -1959 he carried out research in Zanzibar as a senior research fellow at the East African Institute for Social Research at Makerere College, Uganda. He was a research fellow at St Antony's College from 1960-1962 and served briefly as an advisor to Shekikh Shakhbut bin Sultan (ruler of Abu Dhabi). Appointed to faculty lectureship in Middle Eastern sociology at the Institute of Social Anthropology, Oxford. He carried out further field research in Iran in 1965-1966. Died 17 March 1986.

Scope and content: Printed booklet 'A Note on the Alawites' (produced as British intelligence information by the Middle East Intelligence Centre in Feb 1943) giving an account of the Alawites' history, religious and cultural divisions, economic life, politics and geographical distribution. Photocopy of an article by Ahmed Al-Shahi 'Peter Lienhardt 1928-1986: Biographical Notes and Bibliography' published in the Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford Vol 27 no 2 in 1996.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: English

Conditions governing reproduction: No restrictions on copying or quotation other than statutory regulations and preservation concerns

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a gift from Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi (literary executor of Peter Lienhardt) on 2 Oct 2007. Further papers to be deposited in due course.

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by D. Usher 2 Oct 2007, revised 3 Oct 2007. Biographical information based on information provided by Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi and from the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.