1. **New UCL Interdepartmental Collaboration.**
F.I.R.E. is involved in the organisation of the first UCL Inter-Department Seminar Series on Natural Disasters, Development and the Environment. The initiative, which stems from UCL’s Department of Geography, sees the collaboration between the Benfield Hazard Research Centre, the departments of Earth Sciences, Development and Planning, Anthropology, and Archaeology. Each department will host a seminar in this series under of theme of “Vulnerability”. We will be organising a seminar at the Institute of Archaeology, provisionally planned for the 17th of February 2005. More details to follow.

2. **Global Perspectives on the Archaeology of Islands conference.**
While the deadline for submission of abstracts has passed, a few places remain unfilled. If you still want to send in an abstract contact the organisers.

An exciting new book by Paul Rainbird. Find out more about ‘fluidity’, ‘fusion’ and ‘flux’ (‘Talking Islands’ May 6th 2004, IoA) in his new book, which combines archaeological, anthropological and historical data from Micronesia, and is highly relevant to anyone interested in practical and theoretical developments in Island Archaeology.


View on-line on Amazon or Oxbow Books.

4. **New Software: TaGIS (Temporal and Geographical Information Systems)**
For researchers working with GIS, some interesting new software has recently been developed, called Temporal GIS or TaGIS. This new software incorporates temporal analysis to run alongside that of traditional GIS spatial analysis, making it a very useful tool for archaeological research in an island setting. More on this can be found on Stephen Bell’s website [www.tagisviewer.co.uk](http://www.tagisviewer.co.uk), where the software can be downloaded for free.
5. **Next Archipelago**
If there are any other events or news that you think other people in the Forum might be interested in, then please email us at ioa-fire@ucl.ac.uk and we will include it in our next monthly digest.

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