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# 1. Letter from the President and Vice-President



Dear EASA members.

The election of the new Executive committee took place in January, and 40 % of the members voted. This is the highest turnout in EASA's history, a great result! A result that is even more important if we consider that this is the first election in which all the members have the right to vote. Thank you for your involvement in the life of the association.

The first meeting of the new executive was organized in Sweden on the 3rd and 4th of April in the beautiful spaces of the main building at Frescati campus, Stockholm University, where our next conference will take place in August 2018. We met with Helena Wulff (Stockholm University) and Lotta Bjorklund Larsen (Linköping University) from the local committee and worked with them to plan the biennial EASA event.

The Executive has chosen the new president and vice president, as you know, usually the persons who have received most votes, to respect the choice of the members. According to our constitution, Thomas Hylland Eriksen, the outgoing president, cannot be president more than two years, so Valeria Siniscalchi, the networks liaison officer in the previous executive, has been designed as President, and Thomas Hylland Eriksen has accepted to serve as vice-president. Albert Corsin Jimenez, Secretary, and Rachael Gooberman-Hill, Treasurer, have agreed to continue in their roles. So the new executive has a good continuity with the previous one and can improve the work that has been done during the last two years. At the same time, it is always important to have new ideas and new energies, and we warmly welcome Sabine Strasser, Marcus Banks, Georgeta Stoica and Sarah Green, who have joined the executive. We also extend our warm thanks to the outgoing executive members Niko Besnier, Hana Cervinkova, Patrick Laviolette and Paolo Favero for their great work and involvement in the Executive in the last two years.

In Stockholm, we started to share ideas and distribute tasks for the coming period. At this time, in which anthropology faces a number of challenges, not least at the institutional and political levels, we believe that it is very important to promote and consolidate EASA's position as a tool for linking scholars in Europe. Some issues seem to us particularly prominent, such as supporting the structure for the scholars at risk (liaison: Sabine Strasser) and improving the debate and actions against precarity in anthropology departments (liaisons: Sabine Strasser and Georgeta Stoica). We plan to organize our Annual General Meeting in the autumn on these crucial topics. For the same reason, we continue to work inside the WCAA on advocacy and outreach (liaison: Thomas H. Eriksen). Recently, we have supported the Central European University, which is threatened with closure, and the European University of St Petersburg, which recently had its academic licence revoked by the Russian authorities.

The dialogue with other anthropological associations is stronger than in the past: EASA has established close relations with IUAES, SIEF and AAA, and we will continue to improve these links to make anthropology more visible.

We are creating a working group that will be in charge of the lobby in the European institutions (liaison: Georgeta Stoica) to develop anthropology in Europe: one issue is teaching of anthropology in secondary schools and training for teachers. Moreover, we intend to improve our internal organization by making students' engagement more visible. Considering the growth of our membership in the last years, we consider networks a key resource and an opportunity for collaboration in areas of special interest, and we are determined to continue to support them (Networks liaison: Marcus Banks). The inclusion of Sarah Green (Journal editor) in the executive allows us to keep strong links with the editorial politics of our Journal *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*: her precious experience will benefit our work on publications. The work on the Open access and the *Libraria* cooperative continues (liaison: Alberto Corsin-Jimenez). Our new book series editor, Aleksandar Bošković, is working with a strong editorial team, with a view to strengthening our series with Berghahn further.

Thanks to Rachael Gooberman-Hill, EASA budgets and accounts are in an excellent state. We are also appreciative of NomadIT, whose logistic and operational support is crucial for the running of the association.

In the next period, we plan to have three Executive meeting each year, one more than in the past. One of them will be virtual, which has both environmental and financial advantages. This increased frequency allows us to have more regular discussions and to be more immediately available to your concerns.

We expect the coming period to be rich in events and initiatives. The number of suggested activities we have received from Networks is a good sign of our vitality. Finally, we hope to see many of you in Bern in November for the AGM. In addition to the actual members' meeting, we plan keynote lectures and a workshop, aiming to build on the positive experience from the AGM in Prague two years ago.

Yours sincerely,
Valeria Siniscalchi
EASA President
and Thomas Hylland Eriksen
EASA Vice President

# Chers membres de l'EASA,

l'élection du nouveau comité exécutif a eu lieu en janvier et 40% des membres ont exprimé leur vote. Il s'agit du taux de participation le plus élevé dans l'histoire de l'association, et c'est un grand résultat, encore plus important si nous considérons qu'il s'agit de la première élection dans laquelle tous les membres ont le droit de vote. Nous vous remercions pour votre implication dans la vie de l'association.

La première réunion du nouveau comité exécutif a été organisée en Suède les 3 et 4 avril derniers, dans les beaux espaces de l'édifice principal du campus Frescati, à l'Université de Stockholm, où se déroulera la prochaine conférence de l'EASA en août 2018. Nous y avons rencontré Helena Wulff (Stockholm University) et Lotta Bjorklund Larsen (Linköping University), membres du comité local et nous avons travaillé avec elles à la planification de notre événement biannuel.

Le comité exécutif a nommé le nouveau président et le nouveau vice président qui, comme vous le savez, sont normalement les deux personnes ayant reçu le nombre de voix le plus élevé, afin de respecter le choix effectué par les membres lors des élections. Selon notre constitution, Thomas Hylland Eriksen, le président sortant, ne peut pas assumer ce rôle une deuxième fois. Valeria Siniscalchi, qui était responsable des liens avec les networks dans le comité exécutif précédent, a donc été nommée présidente, et Thomas Hylland Eriksen a accepté le rôle de vice-président. Albert Corsin Jimenez, secrétaire, et Rachael Gooberman-Hill, trésorière, ont accepté de continuer dans leurs fonctions. Ainsi le nouveau comité exécutif est en continuité avec le précédent et peut poursuivre le travail accompli pendant les deux dernières années. En même temps, il est important d'impulser de nouvelles idées et de nouvelles énergies, et nous souhaitons la bienvenue à Sabine Strasser, à Marcus Banks, à Georgeta Stoica et à Sarah Green, qui ont rejoint le comité exécutif. Nous remercions également chaleureusement les anciens membres Niko Besnier, Hana Cervinkova, Patrick Laviolette et Paolo Favero pour leur travail efficace et pour leur engagement dans le comité exécutif pendant ces deux dernières années.

A Stockholm, nous avons commencé à partager nos idées et à répartir les tâches pour ce nouveau mandat. Dans cette période, dans laquelle l'anthropologie doit faire face à un nombre important de défis, notamment au niveau institutionnel et politique, il nous semble très important de promouvoir et de consolider la position de l'EASA en tant qu'outil permettant de relier les chercheurs en Europe. Un certain nombre de questions nous semblent particulièrement importantes, comme le soutien du réseau « scholars at risk » (liaison : Sabine Strasser) ou encore de poursuivre le débat et de développer des actions contre la précarité dans les départements d'anthropologie (liaisons : Sabine Strasser et Georgeta Stoica). Nous prévoyons d'organiser notre Assemblée générale annuelle à l'automne autour de ces questions cruciales. Pour la même raison, nous continuons à travailler à l'intérieur de la WCAA sur le soutien et la sensibilisation (liaison : Thomas H. Eriksen). Récemment, nous avons soutenu la Central European

University qui est menacée de fermeture, et la European University de St Petersburg, dont la licence académique a été retirée par les autorités russes.

En ce moment, le dialogue avec d'autres associations d'anthropologie est encore plus fort que par le passé : l'EASA a établi des relations étroites avec l'IUAES, avec la SIEF et avec la AAA, et nous continuerons à renforcer ces liens afin de rendre l'anthropologie encore plus visible. Nous sommes en train de créer un groupe de travail qui se chargera du lobbying dans les institutions européennes (liaison : Georgeta Stoica) pour développer l'anthropologie en Europe : une des questions qui nous tiennent à cœur est l'enseignement de l'anthropologie dans les écoles et la formation des enseignants. En outre, nous souhaitons améliorer notre organisation interne pour rendre plus visible l'implication des étudiants. Compte tenu de l'augmentation du nombre de membres, nous considérons les networks d'EASA à la fois comme une ressource et comme une opportunité de collaborer dans des champs d'intérêt spécifiques, et nous voulons continuer à les soutenir (Networks liaison : Marcus Banks). L'inclusion de Sarah Green (Journal editor) au sein du comité exécutif nous permettra de maintenir un lien fort avec les politiques éditoriales de notre revue *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*: sa précieuse expérience sera extrêmement utile à notre travail sur les publications. Le travail sur l'Open access et la coopérative *Libraria* continue (liaison: Alberto Corsin-Jimenez). Le responsable de notre collection éditoriale, Aleksandar Bošković, collabore avec une équipe éditoriale solide en vue de renforcer encore plus notre collection de publications avec l'éditeur Berghahn.

Grâce à Rachael Gooberman-Hill, les budgets et les comptes de l'EASA sont dans un état de santé excellent. Nous sommes également très reconnaissants vis-à-vis de l'équipe de NomadIT, dont le support logistique et opérationnel est crucial pour notre association.

Dans la prochaine période, nous prévoyons trois réunions du comité exécutif chaque année, soit une de plus que par le passé : il s'agira d'une rencontre en visio-conférence, qui présente des avantages tant du point de vue environnemental que financier. Ceci nous permettra d'avoir des discussions plus régulières et d'être encore plus disponibles vis-à-vis de vos demandes et de vos préoccupations.

Nous nous attendons à ce que la prochaine période soit riche en événements et en initiatives. Le nombre d'activités organisées par les networks est un vrai signe de notre vitalité. Enfin, nous espérons vous voir nombreux à Berne en novembre, pour l'assemblée générale annuelle (AGA). En plus de la réunion des membres, nous organiserons une conférence et des ateliers thématiques à partir l'expérience positive de l'AGA à Prague il y a deux ans.

Bien cordialement,
Valeria Siniscalchi
Président de l'EASA
et Thomas Hylland Eriksen
Vice Président de l'EASA

# 2. Letter from the Book Series Editor





After taking over as EASA Book Series Editor at the last year's EASA conference in Milan, the work on the series follows the already established procedures for evaluating book proposals and book manuscripts, by the previous Book series editors. There is currently one book (Volume 31) of the series in press (with July 2017 as the publication date – please see <a href="http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title/BrkovicManaging">http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title/BrkovicManaging</a>), and eight volumes under consideration. A couple of these volumes are authored ones – in line with both my intention and the intention of the publisher, Berghahn Books. I can express my gratitude to a number of scholars who agreed to review proposals and book manuscripts. Reviews also follow the procedures and the guidelines already in place.

Following the suggestion of the previous EASA Executive, an Advisory Board for the Series was established, with Eeva Berglund, Andre Gingrich, Maja Petrović Šteger and Nigel Rapport as its members. The discussion with the members of the Board focused on several things (readership, possibility of the OA, etc.), and there was also a proposal to change the cover. A new cover design was proposed, and it will refresh the look of the future books in the series, while also keeping the series' recognizable logo and identity.

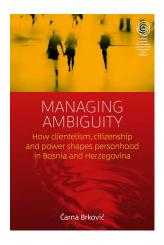
The main problem so far seems to be that the reviewers frequently exceed the deadlines that they themselves had agreed upon. There is no easy way around it, and I anticipate continuing struggles on this front. On the other hand, some of the proposals currently under contract (and at least one almost at the completion stage), promise that the Series is alive and well, and that new research of top quality is going to enrich the way in which anthropology is practiced, as well the EASA Book Series as a whole.

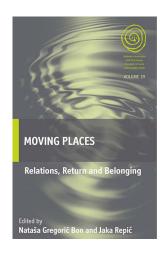
I would like to use this opportunity to acknowledge the valuable input of all the staff at Berghahn involved with EASA's anthropology titles. I also want to thank the following people, including the members of the editorial board, without whom the editorial review process could not function:

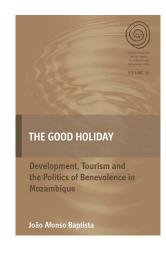
John Eidson, Jane Guyer, Robert Hayden, Peter Hervik, Tim Ingold, Michael Jackson, David O'Kane, Patrick Laviolette, Jeremy MacClancy, Matan Shapiro, Cris Shore and Salma Siddique.

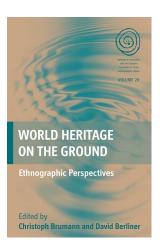
Aleksandar Bošković,

Professor of Anthropology, University of Belgrade









# 3. Results from Elections for a New Executive

The online election by members took place between 9th and 26th January 2017. 945 ballots were received from a constituency of 2330 members - a turnout of 40%. This is the highest electorate and turnout yet for EASA.

The results were as follows:

Thomas Hylland Eriksen (University of Oslo): 468

Valeria Siniscalchi (EHESS): 354

Marcus Banks (University of Oxford): 336 Sabine Strasser (University of Bern): 308

Georgeta Stoica (French Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD France)): 288

Susana de Matos Viegas (University of Lisbon): 277

Niko Besnier (University of Amsterdam): 267 Raminder Kaur (University of Sussex): 263

Alice Bellagamba (Università di Milano-Bicocca Piazza): 261

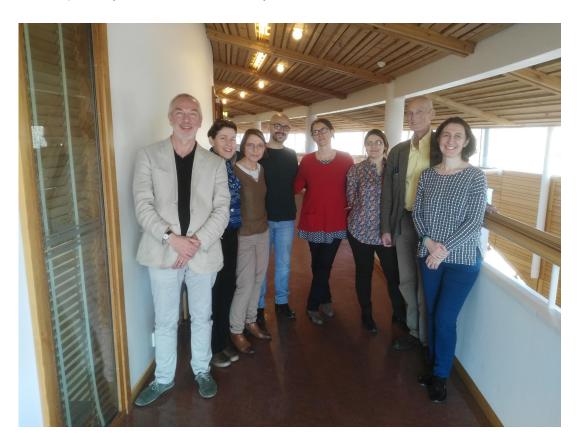
Antonio De Lauri (Chr. Michelsen Institute): 218

Carlo Cubero (Tallinn University): 207

Zdenek Uherek (Czech Academy of Sciences): 197 Nathalie Ortar (ENTPE/University of Lyon/CNRS): 147 Vytis Čiubrinskas (Vytautas Magnus University): 78

The new Executive was formally constituted at the board meeting in Stockholm on April 3-4 2017, where Valeria Siniscalchi was unanimously elected President and Thomas Hylland Eriksend was elected Vice-President, and Marcus Banks, Sabine Strasser and Georgeta Stoica were elected new trustees of the association. Sarah Green was co-opted as trustee in her role as editor of the journal. Rachael Gooberman-Hill and Alberto Corsín Jiménez remain in office for another two years as, respectively, Treasurer and Secretary of the association.

EASA's new Executive Committee 2017-2019



### 4. Network news

After the meeting we organized in Milan with networks' convenors, the EASA executive committee updated the networks rules (numbers of members, active or inactive status, internal governance, annual report...) and the procedure for funding. So, in the autumn 2016, we reopened the possibility to create EASA networks and we approved five new networks:

- Collaboratory for Ethnographic Experimentation #Colleex
- Anthropology of Food Network
- · Anthropology and the Arts Network
- History of Anthropology Network (HOAN)
- Energy Anthropology Network

The call for applications for financial support for EASA network activities opened in November. It allowed EASA to finance twelve events that will be organized by networks in 2017, in some cases joint events.

### **Anthropology of Food**

In February 2017 we have launched a new EASA Network focusing on the Anthropology of Food. The network provides a platform for sharing practical information, experience and foster discussions about research related to food. The network attempts to become the main European network for academics and practitioners who study food in its many aspects, and connect food anthropologists with policymakers, organizations, observatories, and researchers from other disciplines at the European and global level. Since its launch, in due course of two months the network has gathered more than 250 members from across Europe and beyond. We invite you to join and share the information about the network: <a href="http://www.easaonline.org/networks/food/index.shtml">http://www.easaonline.org/networks/food/index.shtml</a>

# **History of Anthropology Network HOAN**

Following the 14th biennial EASA conference held in Milan, the History of Anthropology Network (HOAN) was reestablished as a EASA network in December 2016. HOAN is looking for new members and correspondents. Thus far, the interest is great and as of February 2017 the Network has 102 members, including 11 correspondents. For a mission statement, see here <a href="http://easaonline.org/networks/hoan/">http://easaonline.org/networks/hoan/</a>. The network plans one or more sessions during the 15th biennial EASA conference in Stockholm. Any EASA member interested in the history of anthropology and ethnology is invited to send a message to one of the two network convenors. HOAN is also setting up a circle of correspondents across Europe to report about events and publications in their national traditions or academic environments. Anyone interested can write to: Aleksandar Bošković (University of Belgrade/Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade) aleksandarbos(AT)gmail.com; Han F. Vermeulen (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale) vermeulen(AT)eth.mpg.de.

# **Energy Anthropology Network EAN**

The Energy Anthropology Network EAN was founded in summer 2016 with the purpose of bringing together anthropologists concerned with energy research, to coordinate and consolidate debates about energies, and to support new anthropological approaches to energy questions.

As the theme of energy emerges increasingly strongly in anthropological research, an organised approach to comparative and collaborative research is timely, as anthropologists bring critical insight based on ethnographic research. EASA EAN will be a forum for such creative and collaborative discussions. The network aims:

- To bring together social scientists and practitioners with common interest on energy
- To make energy issues more visible
- To propose alternative understandings of energy systems
- To support independent and critical studies on energy choices
- To spark public debate, encourage community outreach and feed research agendas.

Information about the network can be found on the EASA webpage and on the EAN blog https://ean.hypotheses.org

The network has been officially launched at the Energy Impacts conference in Bergen (Norway) in February 2017 involving network organisers and founder members of the network: Simone Abram, Jamie Cross, Ståle Knudsen, Tristan Loloum, Nathalie Ortar, Felix Ringel and Tanja Winther. The next planned activities are a congress in spring 2018 that will take place in Lyon and the organization of panels at the next EASA conference in Stockholm.

#### **Anthropology of Confinement Network**

The EASA "Anthropology of Confinement Network" is opening a call for papers to explore different conceptual frames that are relevant to the study of confinement at a workshop to be held on 20-21 July 2017 in Bern, Switzerland. For further information see <a href="http://prisonresearch.ch/news/f">http://prisonresearch.ch/news/f</a>

# PACSA and Anthropology of Security organize:

The Making of Peace, Conflict and Security. Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion, 6th Bi-annual meeting, 28-30 August 2017, Amsterdam.URL: <a href="http://www.pacsa-web.eu/pasca-meeting-2017-amsterdam/">http://www.pacsa-web.eu/pasca-meeting-2017-amsterdam/</a>

#### **European Network for Queer Anthropology**

ENQA is organizing its second workshop which will take place at Central European University in Budapest on the 8th and 9th of September 2017. The theme for the workshop is *The pasts, presents, and futures of queer mobilities: transnational movements of ideas, concepts, and people* and invites entries that empirically investigate the complex relations between queerness and mobility as they emerge in the shifting contexts of modern Europe and their analysis by scholars of queer anthropology. Details of the call can be found here: <a href="http://www.easaonline.org/networks/enqa/events.shtml">http://www.easaonline.org/networks/enqa/events.shtml</a>

ENQA started an initiative to promote young scholars of European queer anthropology and will thus announce the ENQA Young Scholar Award at the next EASA meeting in Stockholm next year in cooperation with EASA's journal Social Anthropology. The winner of the award will be selected among submitted papers which are reviewed by an award committee consisting of 3 ENQA board members (Heather Tucker, Michael Connors Jackman, Hadley Zaun Renkin), 2 external reviewers (Agnieszka Koscianska from University of Warsaw and Mark Graham from Stockholm University), as well as 1 editor from Social Anthropology (Patrick Laviolette). The winning submission will be considered for publication in Social Anthropology following the journal's usual review process. The deadline for submissions is the 1st of December 2017.

ENQA's new facebook page can be seen and liked here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
<a href="EuropeanNetworkforQueerAnthropology/?view\_public\_for=481253442262329">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
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# **Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity Network**

From July 17-19, 2017, the Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity Network will meet for an intermediary workshop in Berlin. The meeting will be opened by a public panel discussion on *Race and Ethnicity: Anthropological Responses to Contemporary Challenges*. During the two-day workshop with thirty participants, we will have six sessions dealing with race/racism in anthropology, race and ethnicity in (postcolonial) cities; science and technology studies approaches to the study of race and racism; postcolonial Europe; Labour, race, and migration; postcolonial ethnicities, race, caste and indigeneity. This meeting is the first work meeting of the network after the network was formally established at the EASA conference in Milan.

# **Network of Ethnographic Theory [NET]**

The EASA Network of Ethnographic Theory [NET] is in the process of organising a workshop on the theme of *Insincerity, Fake and the Anthropology of Humbuggery* 

This workshop aims to study the relevance of manifestations of "fakes" and humbuggery in a comparative perspective. As semiotic manifestations of the larger notion of fake, insincerity and humbuggery (or "bullshit") cover a wide terrain, including forgery, plagiarism counterfeiting, make believe, frauds, parody. Fake and insincerity inhabits our everyday digital culture and forces us to revisit our own notions of trust and sociality. Fake news elect presidents whose utterances are labeled nonsense and contradictory. Hoaxes and frauds inhabit academia yet plagiarism highlights the delicate boundaries between theft of knowledge or its imitation and parody to forcefully generate novel views.

The workshop will take place on September 8-12, 2017. Participants thus far include: Webb Keane (Michigan), Angelique Haugerud (Rutgers), Alexei Yurchak (Princeton), Sasha Newell (NC State), Harri Englund (Cambridge), Rena Lederman (Princeton), John Jackson (Pennsylvania), Susan Blum (Notre Dame), Niloofar Haeri (Johns Hopkins), Andrew Shryock (Michigan) and David Henig (Kent).

NET also has a blog at <a href="https://networkofethnographictheory.wordpress.com">https://networkofethnographictheory.wordpress.com</a>

#### **Visual Anthropology (VANEASA)**

VANEASA has published two issues of AnthroVision and is preparing another one. All three issues have special topics and guest editors. Roger Canals (University of Barcelona), guest editor of issue 3.2 with the title *Dilemmes actuels* de *l'ethnographe à la caméra*, presents articles written by young scholars who confront, often for the first time, the theoretical and methodological challenges of Visual Anthropology. See: https://anthrovision.revues.org/1571

The guest editors of issue 4.1, Estelle Castro-Koshy( James Cook University, Australia) and Géraldine Le Roux (Université de Bretagne Occidentale and James Cook University), compiled issue 4.1 *Visual Creativity and Narrative Research in and on Oceania*. Through the analysis of how different visual, textual, and performative materials are constructed and circulate, this issue aims to reflect and prolong the dialogues established by its contributors across the disciplines, beyond academia, and between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. It includes contributions from scholars – some of whom are also filmmakers, artists, poets, educators, and curators – who are Indigenous or have worked with Indigenous people for at least a decade (in some cases several decades), and who have produced visual materials as a result of these collaborations. This issue interrogates and provides examples of how to incorporate new decolonising, emancipating or empowering knowledge and approaches into academic, visual, and cultural productions. It also examines the challenge tackled by most authors to engage new audiences and create bridges between societies while respecting Indigenous protocols and codes of ethics. (Introduction issue 4.1) <a href="https://anthrovision.revues.org/2004">https://anthrovision.revues.org/2004</a>

The second issue of 2016 (4.2) is being online by the end of April. The guest editor Michaela Schäuble (University of Bern) assembled several papers under the title *Mining Imagination: Ethnographic Approaches Beyond the Written Word*.

The AnthroVision editorial board invites visual anthropologists, media anthropologists, and anthropologists working in the wider field of the audio-visual-media field to submit papers or to propose special issues to AnthroVision.

#### **Future Anthropologies Network (FAN-EASA)**

In the last three meetings, the Future Anthropologies Network (FAN-EASA) has been developing a particular engagement with the local urban community and academic milieu in the cities where we meet for our seminars. The workshops and sessions are at different venues in the streets and public spaces where we try to intervene in the digital material environment. This year we will be gathering in Manchester on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and we will hold workshops, presentations, and interventions.

Workshop: *Ethnographic Experimentation - Fieldwork Devices and Companions*, 13th–15th July 2017, Lisbon. Calls for contributions have been closed, we thank everyone for their interest and look forward to an exciting event.

# **Applied Anthropology Network**



Why the World Needs Anthropologists: Powering the Planet 28-29 October 2017, Durham, UK

Energy is an indispensable part of our domestic and working lives. We thus need to develop smart and sustainable energy systems that are environmentally responsible and people-friendly. The fifth edition of the annual symposium Why the World Needs Anthropologists explores how energy professionals and anthropologists can cooperate in designing and deploying energy innovations that alter the world for the better. Be inspired by top speakers. Improve your skills during thematic workshops. Visit exhibition stands at the Energy Hotspot and meet new people.

Subscribe now: www.applied-anthropology.com

Follow the event on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/1292845360803687/

# 5. Print issues of Social Anthropology

As announced some months back, our flagship journal, *Social Anthropology*, is now available online only for EASA's members unless you choose otherwise. If you wish to opt-in to keep receiving print issues of the journal, please follow these instructions:

- 1. Login into Cocoa via the EASA website
- 2. Click on Memberships
- 3. Click on your EASA Membership number
- 4. Look on the right side to see if the second tick box is unticked (online only) or ticked (postal as well).



# 6. Mourning Ugo Fabietti, co-founder of EASA



On May 7th 2017 prof. Ugo Fabietti, professor of anthropology at the University Of Milano-Bicocca and co-founder of EASA, has left us, at age 66. Ugo has been an outstanding anthropologist and researcher and, for us, an invaluable teacher, friend and colleague.

His works range from his ethnographies of nomad tribes in Saudi arabia and agricultural settings in Beluchistan to founding texts in Italian about anthropology as a critical approach and a historical discipline to more recent analysis of urgent themes and issues of the contemporary world. These books have contributed to training and inspiring most younger Italian anthropologists and still prove precious sources of knowledge and enthusiasm for students of the discipline and beyond. Beside his Italian writings, Fabietti also published in English and French.

Ugo Fabietti loved anthropology and worked towards its institutionalization in a country with no strong tradition in the discipline. He designed and strategically implemented the masters and PhD programmes of Anthropology at the newly-opened (2001) University of Milano-Bicocca, which hosted the EASA conference in 2016.

Ugo has always paid a hightened attention to spreading anthropological knowledge. Beside fostering and directing collections of anthropology for major Italian publishers, he started and directed the journal *Antropologia*, now a peer reviewed publication in open access online. His talks on the radio and TV were like him: clear, deep and witty.



Ugo was a passionate teacher and an even more passionate reader. He paid the same careful attention to dissertations and learned scholars' texts alike. He read and took notes not to judge but to learn. Such humbleness and ceasless amazement before culture are the rare gift he has bestowed upon us, younger colleagues.

We are still in shock for his sudden death. Beyond grieving for the loss of his scientific, moral and institutional presence, we mourn the loving man that Ugo was. He always had an affectionate touch in his professional relationships and whoever crossed him in work remembers him dearly.

#### Farewell Ugo.

The anthropologists in Milano-Bicocca

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