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1. Outgoing and incoming Presidents' Letters

EASA OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S LETTER (MARIYA IVANCHEVA, 2021-23)

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,... it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness...” These words of Dickens come to mind when thinking back of my own four years in the EASA exec of which two years as a President. I have been hugely privileged and energised to be elected to serve you all, EASA members: more so as electing a precarious early career academic with interdisciplinary and transregional scholarly profile from Eastern Europe was not an obvious choice for an association which traditionally elected senior scholars solidly established in the discipline and its core hubs of knowledge production. A change, which the election of comrade, colleague and friend Ana Ivasiuc and Alexandra Oanca for next President and Vice-President, now feels as more of a trend; and one which speaks less of my own achievements, perhaps, and more of a larger change of the profile and concerns represented within anthropology and academia in Europe, and which Martin Fotta, Raluca Pernes and I described in our report on the Anthropological career in Europe.



The mandate had its own limitations and responsibilities that weren't easy. Perhaps the two most obvious ones were the pandemic and Russia's war on Ukraine, of course, which shook our personal, professional, and political world and scarred the very social tissue and social contract of postwar Europe and across the Iron Curtain, already crumbling under the assault of advanced capitalism. But other challenges were present as well - the draining of finance and oxygen for critical social sciences - in authoritarian regimes within and outwith Europe, but also by the logic of capital taking ever stronger grip over our regimes of working, learning, and caring. For me personally, a challenge was as well, moving between the visibly blurred but also invisibly consolidated roles of academic activist, and between someone who entered the exec from a pressure group, PrecAnthro and then had to meet half way as a President members who came with other concerns, agendas, and ways of work. It has all been a



learning curve and learning does not stop with the end of the mandate. In this, PrecAnthro's strategic advice and NomadIT's insight and logistical support have been truly indispensable - thank you friends!

It is also difficult to recapitulate everything that happened in these years. During the mandate of the present exec, we followed some initiatives of the previous EASA exec, strengthening the association's anti-casualisation work, opening the conversation on decolonising the discipline, looking for ways to support colleagues facing the rise of new authoritarian forms of oppression and those suffering abuse within and outside anthropology due to fundraising and publication enclosures, and the impending climate, health and multiple crises of capitalism. We had some achievements, starting by moving our journal *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* from corporation Wileys to a smaller family publishing house Berghahn, and to fully open access. We are hoping that our book series, also historically with Berghahn, will also soon offer its books open access, but for journal to work out members' institutions need to commit to the subscribe-to-open mission.

Together with the PrecAnthro collective we followed from the previous exec's PrecAnthro report and a consultant has been finalising a report and database of anti-precarity initiatives in academia. Another report is pending on anti-harassment best practices commissioned by EASA's Integrity Committee: a new establishment still consolidating its mandate for action, which we hope next execs will develop.

EU-level lobby groups such as the ISE and the EASSH, has continued and we have been invited to consult the European Commission's Early Career Framework, and ISE's manifesto - perhaps not the radical documents we need for profound structural change, but steps in the right direction and hopefully not without the influence of pioneering work on anti-precarity EASA has also been part of. Together with representatives from these lobby groups we developed some of our webinars on EU funding, open data, open access and open science, and participated in their webinars on academic careers. We also supported scholars and institutions at risk, both individual cases and bigger struggles like those happening in Iran, Brazil, and Ukraine. Our engagement with Russia's war against Ukraine involved not just our own statement and a fundraising webinar series (co-sponsored by kindred societies in AAA-Soyuz and the SIEF) but also established a Film Award for late colleague Mantas Kvedaravičius and joined efforts with other WCAA members in support to Russian colleagues and against Russia's war-mongering association.



What is left, and where next, of course it's the mandate of our next exec to decide. A few directions, though, of what I personally would like to see moving forward:

Website & public facing media: we still need to progress on our website redevelopment. In this exec we identified design as a secondary concern: the real issue is migration to a sustainable digital platform like wordpress. The newsletter & fb/twitter have been our key tool for informing our members, but we need to think if a dedicated paid position is needed.

Events & members engagement: we have decided against holding event around AGMs and have held webinars, but echoes from generative Bern and Brussels mid-term events on significant issues call us to rethink this pandemic era solution. We also have promised webinars on global effect of war and anti-precarity and integrity reports, which old exec members will contribute to.

Work with associations across Europe and beyond: we held meetings with national associations across Europe and WCAA who see us as key partner, but we need to align our work on anti-precarity, research-based advocacy and lobbying, while we learn from them other issues in which they have been successful nationally or internationally.

Our ecosystem: While we have worked toward a solution for networks, indefinite proliferation might not be a long-term sustainable solution. Further thinking on the networks ecosystem is due. Conferences, AGMs, exec meetings need to find the balance between on- and offline without jeopardizing sustainability, community or care. Publications need steady slow growth.

Mission & structure & constitution: EASA is a learned society, registered as a UK-based charity, that has a rather limited mandate in post-Brexit Europe. While this leaves with little sanctioning power within the discipline, we have developed an image of active agent for social change. Next execs need to think if our structure and statutes respond to its needs or change is also needed.

I am confident in leaving EASA's leadership in the hands of the current exec, and looking forward to re-joining the rank-and-file of the association and participating in new academic, activist and lobbying initiatives. With the pessimism of the intellect and optimism of the will, we continue walking the walk.

Mariya Ivancheva
University of Strathclyde



EASA NEW PRESIDENT'S LETTER (ANA IVASIUC, 2023-25)

Dear EASA members,

I start my first message to you by expressing what an immense privilege it is for me to serve anthropology and our community for the next two years. I am truly grateful for your vote of confidence and hope to rise to your expectations.

I stepped up for election with a vision of support for our most precarious members, community building, commitment against the precarisation of our labour, and strengthening the voice of anthropology among the public. These topics found a broad resonance among our membership – and how could they not? We live in precarious times, from multiple points of view.

Our colleagues in the UK have undergone substantive pay cuts in real terms, while their pensions have been slashed and their [contracts further precaritised](#). Our Czech colleagues are preparing for strike as I write these lines, in protest against the [endemic underfinancing of social science and humanity departments](#) across the country; [they can barely make ends meet](#). The same is true for [Irish postgraduate workers](#), whose stipends are well below the minimum wage.

In Germany, a country that many EASA members call home, the response of the academic precariat (the Mittelbau) to [the new draft law](#) that worsens the pressure on early career academics while failing to create new professorships for them, has managed to put a halt to the plans of the Ministry of Education. Negotiations are taking place as we speak, and I hope that the strong [#IchBinHanna](#) movement will take seriously the criticism that some of our own members have expressed regarding the need to include the concerns of the most precarious academics – like those with a migration background – on their agenda.

In France, [universities were at the forefront of protests](#) against the reform of the pension system: the higher education trade unions were calling for industrial action at the beginning of March already. In the meantime, as we know, many French people have taken to the streets in protest.

These movements are important for us as a learned society whose membership is, to a large proportion, affected by precarity. I am committed to supporting





the struggles of these national movements and to leveraging our status as European association to lead and shape the much-needed Europe-wide debate on academic precarity. The new executive committee is rallied around these aims, and we have much on our agenda.

Anti-precariety advocacy and concrete measures to support our most precarious members are not our only goal. We also want to amplify anthropology's voice among the broader public and in the media, increasing the relevance of our discipline for contemporary societal challenges. We aim to continue the work of the previous executive committee on the website remake and develop communication tools that would increase the impact of our messages. In a world where regressive politics push for a return to essentialist categories of identity, anthropology's message needs to sound loud and clear. For this, we also need to enhance cooperation among anthropologists in Europe. We want to further develop the conversation started by the previous executive committee on the involvement of national associations and the celebration of a Europe-wide anthropology day, among other initiatives.

Some of you will have noticed that we have been rather silent on social media so far. Starting in May, this will change: noting that communication is an important part of our community, we have decided to hire a communication specialist for our social media. [Rowena Harding](#) has joined us for an initial short term period of three months. She will also develop a training module that current and future network convenors can take in order to optimize the networks' social media communication and reach a broader public. More information on this will follow in due time. For now, if you are on social media, remember to follow us: @EASAINFO on Twitter, and <https://www.facebook.com/EASAINFO> on Facebook.

We have just started a conversation about the need for EASA to have a clear, longer-term strategy that would outline, in concrete steps, how it can achieve its mission and its vision, given the strengths that it has developed along the years and its weaknesses, but also considering the current socio-political environment and the threats and potential opportunities it brings with it. This is a longer process in which we wish to involve our members in a bottom-up process where your ideas are welcome and valued.

We will be able to tell you more about this process and other, more concrete initiatives that are currently being debated within the new executive committee



in the summer newsletter. Until then, I wish to shine a spotlight on the many fantastic initiatives of our networks for the current year, thank you for your involvement in making EASA a dynamic, powerful, and inspiring association, and wish you all the best.

*Ana Ivasiuc
Maynooth University*

2. EASA's new executive committee

A new executive committee was elected in January 2023 by EASA members. The outgoing executive committee, whom EASA thanks warmly: Mariya Ivancheva, President, Chandana Mathur, Vice President, Cris Shore, Sharon Macdonald, Fiona Murphy and Chowra Makareni handed over to the newly elected executive committee in Barcelona on 6-7th of February 2023. The new executive committee is formed by Ana Ivasiuc, president, Alexandra Oanca, vice-president, David Mills, treasurer, Monica Heintz, secretary, Dominic Bryan, Hege Høyner Leivestad and Roger Sansi.

ELECTED MEMBERS



President

Ana Ivasiuc (PrecAnthro / Maynooth University)

I studied, worked, and carried out both academic and applied research in The Netherlands, France, Romania, Germany, Italy, Ireland. A member of PrecAnthro since its inception (2016), I contributed to the precarity report and supported EASA's consultancy initiative on anti-precarity organizing across Europe. In 2020, I became co-convenor of the Anthropology of Security network (ASN); I advocated for and obtained the full reimbursement of conference expenses for precarious scholars (including from the global South). I am currently co-convening the APeCS network, and in this quality I initiated the setup of a mentorship network for EASA early career anthropologists researching challenging fields in terms of safety and ethics.

Mentorship and concrete support for precarious scholars (including childcare facilities during EASA conferences and the setup of an emergency fund for precarious members), anti-precarity advocacy at structural level, and enhancing anthropology's public relevance in Europe are priorities on my agenda.



Dominic Bryan (Queen's University)

My name is Dominic Bryan and I am Professor in Anthropology at Queen's University Belfast. I am a passionate believer in the utility of anthropology as a tool of critical politics, a space of education and a platform for policy change.

My research interests focus on political rituals, public space, identity and the impact of peace building on the city of Belfast. I have previously worked with the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, I am a Fellow of the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Chair of the charity Diversity Challenges, former co-chair of the Northern Ireland Commission on Flags, Identity, Culture and Tradition and chair of the short time working group on Facilitating Peaceful Assemblies in Scotland.

I was on the organising committee and scientific committee for EASA 2022 in Belfast and will be committed to working with EASA in advancing a public anthropology.



Hege Høyer Leivestad (University of Oslo)

I received my anthropological training in Norway and Sweden. Having worked for many years at Stockholm University, I am now Associate Professor at the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Oslo. My ongoing research deals with global supply chains and labour, and I'm committed to anthropology's public voice and impact. As an anthropologist working both in and on Europe, I see

EASA's role as vital in providing a platform for generating and sharing knowledge that can help us tackle the political, economic and environmental challenges of our times.

If elected to the EASA executive committee, I would work towards new ways of developing anthropology's public voice in collaboration with the organization's many excellent networks. As a committee member I would be dedicated to supporting early-career scholars in different parts of Europe, not least by strengthening EASA's engagement with centre-periphery issues that are related to funding-possibilities, language and publishing.



Alexandra Oancă (PrecAnthro / KU Leuven)

Two years ago, I ran (unsuccessfully) for the EASA election on an agenda that drew attention to the rising mental health crisis in universities. The situation looks even more dire nowadays in our post/pandemic environments.

I am running for the EASA election on a platform prioritising: 1) mental health in academia, and its links with precarity and intersectional inequalities; 2) revalorising teaching within hiring, within EASA, and within the discipline; 3) rethinking anthropology, including its ableist foundations.

As a longstanding member of PrecAnthro that has been deeply affected and troubled by rising mental health challenges in academia, I am committed to strengthening EASA's work on the theme of mental health, and its relations with academic precarity and intersectional inequalities. Instead of tolerating and privatising the rising rates of depression, anxiety, burnout and mental distress experienced by students and staff alike, we need to re/politicise and place it firmly on EASA's agenda.



Roger Sansi Roca (University of Barcelona)

I am a long-standing member of EASA. I am a member of VANEASA (Visual Anthropology Network) and Co-Founder of ANTART (Art and Anthropology network), which I co-convened for two years. I belong to the local committee that will help organize the next EASA meeting in Barcelona 2024.

I am from Barcelona, but I studied and worked as an anthropologist in different countries: Spain, France, the US, Brazil, and the UK. I have done research in different fields: Religion, History, Art, Mobility, in Europe and the Americas.

If elected, I would like to contribute to three issues in particular: denouncing precarity, both in terms of labour conditions and because of its consequences in the production of knowledge; internationalising EASA further, fostering relations with non-European associations and colleagues, while respecting European national schools; and critically discussing our relationship with other disciplines, beyond the celebration or condemnation of interdisciplinarity.



NOMINATED MEMBERS

Monica Heintz, Secretary (2019-2025)

Monica Heintz is Professor at the University of Paris Nanterre and co-director of the Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative in Nanterre. Her main research focuses on moralities and temporalities and her field sites are located in Eastern Europe and France. In recent years she has been extending her methodological research on morality to include naturalistic approaches. Also, in the frame of several joint projects, she is focusing on ethical questions around cultural representations in museums, performances or documentary films. She has authored the books "Be European, recycle yourself": changing work ethic in Romania (LIT, 2006), Etica muncii la romanii de azi (Curtea Veche, 2005), The Anthropology of Morality (Routledge, 2021) and edited a number of other books and ethnographic films.

David Mills, Treasurer (2019-2025) and Integrity Committee (since 2021)

David Mills is an Associate Professor in the Department of Education at the University of Oxford and also Director of an ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) doctoral training partnership between Oxford, Open University and Brunel. His PhD in Anthropology at SOAS drew on fieldwork at both Makerere and a rural Ugandan secondary school, and sparked his ethnographic curiosity about the anthropology of education and the education of anthropologists. He is currently developing a new research project on the politics of doctoral education in Africa.

3. News from networks

EASA LAWNET WORKSHOP- FROM CRITIQUE TO POLITICAL PRACTICE

12 May 2023, University of Sussex

This one-day workshop will take place at the University of Sussex on 12 May 2023, but online participation is also possible. The event will be open to the public and will be broadcast online on Allegra Lab.



Thanks to funding from the University of Sussex and EASA, we are in a position to contribute to travel and accommodation costs for up to eight early career / precarious / unemployed colleagues travelling within Europe. You do not need to be an EASA member to participate in the workshop, but we will ask that you join the LАWNET mailing list.

The LAWNET convenors: Agathe Mora, Julie Billaud and Judith Beyer

Workshop rationale

What is the role of researchers in articulating critique in a time of heightened political, social, economic and environmental upheaval? What kind of critique is necessary, possible, and useful in our current times, when the very idea of critical thinking seems threatened by authoritarian, illiberal power and post-truth politics? As such, we ask: What are the moral implications of a social science that remains mostly concerned with critique? What are the limitations of such a framing outside the walls of academia? What alternatives do we have? Linked to this conceptual preoccupation is a practical one. In a time when critical perspectives are often not welcomed by institutionalised power, ethnographers face ever more difficulties in gaining and maintaining access to legal and governance institutions. What does increasing institutional closing down mean for political and legal anthropology as a field of research, but also of practice?

Brought together, these ethical and methodological dynamics in many ways reflect the balancing act between pragmatism and utopianism we also witness in our interlocutors' experiences. These experiences, which chart a delicate track between utopia and dejection can serve as a yardstick for our own reflexive practice, beyond the intellectual double impasse of cynicism and relativism. As such, we encourage participants to reflect on the positionality of political and legal anthropologists as researchers-in-the-world and, through this, on the future of research on legal and political processes.

EASA NETWORK FOR AN ANTHROPOLOGY OF HISTORY NAOH

1. informal meetings - check website for dates - approx twice termly
2. Network launch - April 21 - roundtable discussion Diana Espirito Santo Spirited Histories in conversation with Marjorie Murray (Pontificia Universidad Católica de



Chile) , Matan Shapiro (Kings College London), Charles Stewart (University College London), and Stephan Palmié (The University of Chicago). Workshop public anthropology/history

3. Book launch online for Galina Oustinova-Stjepanovic Monumental Names with Yael Navaro and Zahira Aragüete Toribio
4. seminar series - autumn 2023 - watch this space!

THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY/ENPA

European Network for Psychological Anthropology (ENPA) 2023 Conference: Psychology and Anthropology in a Changing World, 7-9 June 2023, The University of Oslo, Norway (and hybrid). No registration fee. More info on the conference website: <https://enpanthro.net/enpa2023-conference/>

MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY YOUTH SCHOLARS (MAYS)

1) MAYS Annual Network Meeting:

The 14th MAYS Meeting will take place from 20-23 July in Geneva and online (hybrid). This year's meeting topic is "Medical Anthropology and its Future(s): Between Waves and Currents." The Call for Papers is open until April 2nd, and more information is available [here](#). A small amount of funding for participants is available for this event.

2) MAYS Career Development Workshops:

This year, MAYS has begun hosting career development workshops. The first workshop took place in March and was titled "Teaching medical anthropology in health professions' education" by Margret Jaeger. The second workshop will take place on April 28th, 4PM CET, titled "Engaging and collaborating with public health and medicine practitioner-researchers as a medical anthropologist: opportunities and challenges for ethics, epistemology, and funding," and will be led by Victoria Boydell. A recording of the first event and more information on the upcoming event is available [here](#).

3) MAYS Peer Meetings:

MAYS hosts monthly and/or bi-monthly peer meetings on sub-topics of medical



anthropology of interest to MAYS members. These meetings are meant to be informal, allow researchers studying similar topics to meet each other, and do not require preparation. Some of these groups have developed into open reading and writing groups. Throughout 2023, a number of peer meetings will be scheduled. These meetings are scheduled frequently, and information on the next planned meetings can be found [here](#).

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FASCISMS (ANTHROFA) AND EASA ANTHROPOLOGY OF ECONOMY NETWORK (AOE)

1) Workshop Capitalism, Fascism, and the Environment

Dates: July 3rd and 4th 2023

Venue: University Cologne, Global South Studies Center (GSSC)

Convenors: Maddalena Gretel Cammelli, Michele Fontefrancesco, Ognjen Kojanić, Juliane Müller, Ingo Schröder, Andreas Streinzer, Sabine Teryngel

Keynote: Alexandra Coțofană

Capitalism has produced ongoing environmental crises. Degradation, mass extinction, and violent conflict about resources dominate the relations between ecology, communities, and economy. While the signs of environmental collapse appear as floods, drought, and storms, capitalism as the dominant global economic model reigns mostly unquestioned. Often, green capitalism is seen as the only alternative in the fight against climate change. Around the world, resource-intensive lifestyles provide the blueprint for the aspirational dreams of many. Fascist movements and a political climate of authoritarianism seem to align with radicalised extractivism and a violent exacerbation of environmental destruction to sustain such lifestyles.

The academic community sees a rise in literature discussing “fossil fascism” (Zetkin Collective 2021) or “carbofascism” (Acker 2021). This literature suggests a connection worth exploring between, on the one hand, fascism as a political movement and, on the other, capitalist modernity and its process of human exploitation of the Earth’s resources. Examining this connection in relation to capitalism and past and current economic crises is equally important.

To increase anthropological collaboration in the investigation of a decisive conjuncture for humankind, we propose to focus *on the nexus between*



capitalisms and fascism through the prism of the environment. The sites where we locate the intersection are manifold and range from the preventive incarceration of climate activists in Germany, to the role of coal optimism in US politics, to ecofascist terrorist attacks in New Zealand and the US, to Hindu nationalism and its weaponization of “spiritual capital” in India, or to the destruction of indigenous livelihoods in Brazilian extractivism. Hence, the range of ethnographic entry points are manifold — whether as hopeful trajectories of green capitalism, the violent dispossession of some people’s resources to fuel others’ lifestyles, or how “nature” features in discourses of contemporary fascisms — and we are looking forward to the suggestions of anthropologists inspired by our call bringing together scholars from *the Anthropology of Economy network with the Anthropology of Fascisms network.*

2) Anthropological dialogues on Capitalism and Fascism

Dialogue Series organized by the EASA Networks Anthropology of Fascisms, Anthropology of Economy, Anthropology of Labour and European Network of Queer Anthropology

Starting end of April - official announcement and program will follow at the end of March

Anthropological dialogues on Capitalism and Fascism

A series of contemporary political developments suggest that we need to talk about fascism and fascist tendencies. The proposed series of online seminars foregrounds a compilation of topics that help us tease out contemporary political transformations and their relation to fascism and capitalism. We see e. g. the radicalisation of carceral states, racial capitalism and genocide and a mix of radical conservative, far-right and religious extremist movements and governments on the rise. These developments comprise widely different forms, e.g., radical Hindu politics in India, the Taliban government in Afghanistan, genocide in China, natalism in the US, or deadly migration regimes in Europe. Yet, we argue, setting them alongside one another helps thinking about fascism and tease out differences from other political formations.

We want to inquire how these articulate with contemporary reconfigurations of capitalism through forms such as extractivism, dispossession, necropolitics, differentiation, and inequality. Hence, we seek to summon anthropologists interested in or working on these various themes and relate them to a critical and



conceptual understanding of the power and dynamism of fascism.

The aim of the series is threefold, (1) to analyse a wide range of topical and regional developments, (2) to work on a shared understanding of fascism, and (3) to inquire into the articulation between fascism and capitalism.

EASA MUSLIM WORLDS NETWORK

The workshop “Rethinking anthropology in light of ‘Muslim Worlds’” is the launching meeting of the newly established EASA Muslim Worlds Network. It will be held at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Turkey, on 7 and 8 September 2023. More information can be found here: <https://fb.me/e/ZEytGudp>

AGE AND GENERATIONS NETWORK (AGENET)

Webinar series

On the 24th April, 11:00-13:00 CET a webinar on “Multimodal Ethnography and Digital Curating in Research on Ageing, Generations, and the Life Course” was organised.

Speakers: Daniel Miller (Anthropology of Smartphone and Smart Ageing, University College London), Megha Amrith, Victoria Kumala Sakti, Nele Wolter and Alvaro Martinez (Ageing in a Time of Mobility, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity), Tomás Sánchez Criado (Stadtlabor Berlin, IN3 - Internet Interdisciplinary Institute)

May/June 2023 webinar on social robots/technology for the ageing population. More event details will be made available closer to the session on [our EASA website](#) as well as the [website of the network](#).

September 2023 webinar on “Aging as a Human Condition and Elderliness in the Absence of the Young in Muslim Kyrgyzstan”

Speaker: Maria E. Louw (Aarhus University)

October/November 2023 webinar surrounding the upcoming special issue “Ethical Concerns: Envisioning Ethnographic Fieldwork with Cognitively Impaired Older Adults”

In collaboration with Barbara Pieta (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology),



Cristina Douglas (University of Aberdeen), Matthew Lariviere (University of Bristol) and Maria Vesperi (New College of Florida).

EASA ANTHROPOLOGY AND MOBILITY NETWORK (ANTHROMOB)

Workshop: connectivities, ecologies, engagements: recrafting mobilities in the 2020s

13-15 September 2023

Sheffield, UK

From a once fringe approach within the social sciences to a now core field of inquiry in both research and policy, mobilities have become a central part of how many people conceive of the contemporary world. Yet, many of the challenges and changes that the world has faced over the past decade also necessitate rethinking the role of mobilities, and mobility studies, in the 2020s. Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Fielding Challenges, Challenging the Field: The Methodologies of Mobility AnthroMOB workshop held at COMPAS, Oxford in 2013, this international workshop seeks to foster and develop new collaborative approaches for studying mobilities from an anthropological perspective. As human and non-human phenomena become at once more mobile and more sedentary, anthropologists, along with counterparts in fields such as media and environmental studies, sociology, and human geography, have taken to researching life in motion and lives in situ. This widening transdisciplinarity has called for the development of research methods that can approach the spectrum of new digital and non-digital forms of mobile life, as well as new interdependencies, materialities and ecologies. Taking inspiration from these shifts, this workshop will examine the connectivities and ecologies an (im) mobility approach affords. In particular, we seek to develop new inclusive ways of thinking about the human/non-human and digital/non-digital that help us engage with other disciplines, fields and stakeholders. Working with colleagues from across EASA networks (FAN, VANEASA, Medianth) this approach necessitates exploring how the methodologies circulating within overlapping areas of the human sciences have created new ways for anthropology to engage with the world. Submissions will explore both novel methodological approaches and re-framings of “traditional” ways of doing research that reinvigorate the value of



anthropology's understanding of mobility and method in these challenging times.

Call for papers out soon. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact: j.coates@sheffield.ac.uk

ANTHROPOLOGY OF PEACE, CONFLICT AND SECURITY NETWORK (APECS)

Online presence on EASA's site: <https://easaonline.org/networks/apecs/>

Twitter: [@Anthro_Security](https://twitter.com/Anthro_Security)

We had our inaugural event on the 14th of March: a round table on Ukraine, One Year On: Listening to Ukrainian anthropologists: <https://easaonline.org/networks/apecs/events>. A **second event** took place on the 25th of April on the rise of the right in Palestine/Israel.

Future events that we are currently working on will tackle the EU lethal border politics, as well as the ethics and politics of ethnographic research in violent contexts.

4. Integrity Committee

As per last year report on sexual harassment, the Integrity Committee has started compiling a list of practical resources and guidance for those experiencing harassment and solidarity initiatives (see https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17TVQda7N4jA0jV1p5nf_9PK-u5x5f6pRvbFXaTFGg9s/edit#gid=0) and has encouraged the EASA Executive to commit additional resources to such initiatives. We also encourage colleagues who have experienced bullying or harassment, and who have not been able to gain institutional redress through other channels, to reach out to us for support, our email address is [ethics\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:ethics@easaonline.org).

5. Join EASA's Integrity committee

In 2020, EASA created an Integrity Committee. It provides an independent voice and offers guidance on issues of academic integrity brought to it by one or more members of EASA. The committee can make recommendations to the EASA Executive Committee.



Membership includes the EASA President (or their nominee) and another member of the EASA Exec committee, a member nominated by the Exec and two EASA members nominated (and elected, as needed) by the membership for four years.

In its first two years, it responded to a number of queries, commissioned a report on the role of academic ombudsman in the context of sexual harassment, and hosted a workshop on harassment at EASA 2022.

Two current members of the committee (Alice Tilche and Insa Koch) are stepping down, and nominations are invited from members with an expertise or interest in these issues.

Its terms of reference can be found on the EASA website: <https://www.easaonline.org/newsletter/78-0321/call.shtml>. If you would like to nominate a member (or yourself), please send a CV and covering letter to the Secretary by the 26th of May (monica.heintz@gmail.com).

6. EASA book series

EASA book series celebrates 20 years collaboration with Berghahn books



In 2023 the EASA book series is celebrating 20 years of collaboration with Marion Berghahn and her team. The proposed 50th volume of the series takes this as an occasion to focus on and showcase anthropological knowledge in and of Europe. We want to thank the generous and supportive Berghahn team for the productive and stimulating exchange and close collaboration over the last two decades. Scrolling through the list of published works on the book series website (<https://www.easaonline.org/bookseri/>) will show that some of the discipline's most distinguished writers have published their work in the series. With currently four books, two monographs and two edited volumes at the final stage of production, and a number of volumes in different stages of development, we were able to continue the work of former editors with this lively and thriving book series. Our main effort over the last two and a half years was to demystify the publication process in the discipline,



something we believe to be important, particularly for young scholars who often build up a great degree of anxiety over publishing their work, which as a rule takes place under precarious conditions.

7. Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale

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