

Report on *Social Anthropology / Anthropologie Sociale*

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We are pleased that the new format of *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* is a success. The format for each issue is 5 articles, a Debate Section, a Review Essay/Article and Book Reviews. The number of times the Journal is downloaded by libraries via traditional institutional subscriptions and through the Wiley-Blackwell consortia programme, as well as by individuals, is now very high. In 2007, more than 2300 institutions worldwide offered access to the latest issues, and articles were downloaded almost 20,000 times through Blackwell Synergy. A part of this is the on-line early service through which articles are published on-line as soon as they are processed and before they are brought out in print.

The new Debate Section is attracting a lot of attention. This far the Debates have dealt with "A Cosmopolitan Turn – or Return?" between Nigel Rapport and Ronald Stæde, "How Short Can Fieldwork Be?" between George E. Marcus and Judith Okely, "Whose Violence? Death in California – A Triptych" between Nancy Scheper-Hughes and Antonius C.G.M. Robben, and "Changing Generations in Anthropology – So What ?" between Jean-Pierre Warnier and Martin Sökefeld. The interest in the Journal is also evident from the large number of article manuscripts submitted.

In the EASA spirit, which is to connect anthropological traditions and tendencies across Europe, we are aiming to get a high diversity rate of national academic affiliations among article authors. (This does not necessarily correspond with the nationality of the author or the place of PhD training). Here the UK is on top followed by the USA, different parts of mainland Europe (Scandinavia, western and southern Europe) are well represented, but not eastern Europe. As to gender, there is a majority of male authors over female ones, and slightly more senior anthropologists than junior ones. We are aiming to publish more articles in French. The Book Reviews, which are efficiently edited by Liza Debevec, feature a good European balance, and also many reviews in French.

Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale has encompassed on average 400 pages per volume (411 pages for volumes 15:1, 15:2 and 15:3 in 2007, and 265 pages for issues 16:1 and 16:2 – the last issue of volume 16 is forthcoming and has not yet been page budgeted). In 2009 we are moving to four issues per year. This will entail an increase to 544 pages per year, and thus an average of 136 pages per issue. The acceptance rate for 2007 was 37% and this far for 2008 (for the published issues 16:1 and 16:2) it was 33%. The Journal also relies on commissioned papers such as from the EASA biannual conferences. The average turnover time for a submission (i.e. the time-span from submission to decision, whether negative or positive) is between three and four months, which contrasts positively with the majority of top-ranked anthropology journals, but conceals that some individual papers were much more delayed than others due to delayed peer review reports.

With issue 16:1, we introduce a complete issue (articles, Debate and Review Article) on a theme "Landscapes of Violence" guest edited by Narmala Halstead and Heather Horst. Forthcoming theme issues are "Colonial Legacies" guest edited by Benoît de L'Estoile, and "The Anthropology of Contemporary China" guest edited by Frank Pieke.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Wiley-Blackwell team as it is proactive and creative in marketing, and also takes an interest in anthropology. At the American Anthropological Association's meeting in Washington, DC, in November 2007, the team arranged a "Meet-the-Editors reception", which was very well attended. The team has also set up email alerts and campaigns and printed publicity. All this has obviously been most beneficial for the Journal.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all anonymous readers for their great work on which a Journal is completely dependent. A special thanks to our editorial assistants H  l  ne Neveu Kringelbach and Cora Bender.

Treasurer's Report

David Shankland, University of Bristol

The year has passed quietly from the financial point of view. The bulk of our income is provided by members subscription. We also receive occasionally a small back royalty from the EASA book series from when it was published by Taylor and Francis, and from our present publisher Berghahn. Very pleasingly, for the first time in 2008 we broke even with regard to our journal *Social Anthropology*, and even made a small surplus. This is the result of the previous Executive's wise decision to move to Blackwells (now Willey), who as a publisher have been extremely helpful and flexible in permitting us to organise our arrangements with them in such a way that the previous severe costs have been obviated. We hope that this happy position will continue into the future.

Turning now to costs, EASA maintains no permanent building. It has two university bases; the secretariat is based at the University of Vienna, and the treasury at the University of Bristol. Neither university charges for this administrative support, for which we are very grateful indeed. We administer our growing membership remotely through NomadIT, which provides an efficient and helpful service at a very reasonable cost. Overall direction is provided by the Executive Committee, and inevitably in an international organisation a significant expense is incurred in bringing the committee together for its meetings. Now that the journal is no longer a burden, these remain our most significant expenses, though there also inevitably occasional costs, such as payments to accountants.

2007 SUMMARY accounts	€		€
Income		Expenditure	
Membership subscriptions	54882	Journal costs (CUP)	13507
Publishing income	2946	Membership admin (NomadIT)	11083
Conference income (EASA06)	1890	Exec meeting expenses	9996
		Website redesign	2080
		Finance costs	467
		Accounts (paid 2008)	1299
TOTALS	59718		38431

2007 Account summary. Please note, all figures are in **EUROS**.

Income and expenditure patterns for the financial year 2007 are presented in the table above. The expenditure shown includes the last year that we paid CUP to produce our journal. The one additional income item is the outcome of the Bristol conference, which yielded a small surplus. We are grateful to the university for reducing its charges, which helped to yield this happy result. Overall, it will be seen that the Association was able to achieve in 2007 a surplus of income over expenditure.

Turning now to the future, the Executive Committee has committed itself to developing electronic voting, and at the request of the members, an on-line searchable data base. Inevitably these will entail some development costs, but I am confident that we will be able to support this level of investment within the framework of our present financial regime.

I may end with a plea: EASA is entirely reliant upon its members for its financial health. I would ask earnestly therefore that all members kindly maintain their subscriptions promptly, so that this stability may be maintained.

REPORT OF THE EASA – BOOK SERIES

Jonathan Skinner, University of Belfast

Here are the latest titles in the EASA Series that have just become available. To purchase any of these titles or any title in the EASA Series, please go to <http://www.berghahnbooks.com/index.php?pg=orderform> and quote Promotion Code EASA20.

This will give you a 20% discount on all titles ordered.

Volume 6

SKILLED VISIONS

Between Apprenticeship and Standards

Edited by Cristina Grasseni

With an Epilogue by Michael Herzfeld

Most arguments for a rediscovery of the body and the senses hinge on a critique of “visualism” in our globalized, technified society. This approach has led to a lack of actual research on the processes of visual “enskillment.” Providing a comprehensive spectrum of case studies in relevant contexts, this volume raises the issue of the rehabilitation of vision and contextualizes vision in the contemporary debate on the construction of local knowledge vs. the hegemony of the socio-technical network. By maintaining an ethnographic approach, the book provides practical examples that are both accessible to undergraduate students and informative for an academic audience.

Available, 234 pages, 42 ills, index

ISBN 978-1-84545-210-0 Hb \$75.00 / £37.50

<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=GrasseniSkilled>

Volume 7

GOING FIRST CLASS?

New Approaches to Privileged Travel and Movement

Edited by Vered Amit

People travel as never before. However, anthropological research has tended to focus primarily on either labor migration or on tourism. In contrast, this collection of essays explores a diversity of circumstances and impetuses towards contemporary mobility. It ranges from expatriates to peripatetic professionals to middle class migrants in search of extended educational and career opportunities to people seeking self development through travel, either by moving after retirement or visiting educational retreats. These situations, however, converge in the significant resources, variously of finances, time, credentials or skills, which these voyagers are able to call on in embarking on their respective journeys. Accordingly, this volume seeks to tease out the scope and implications of the relatively privileged circumstances under which these voyages are being undertaken.

Available, 172 pages, bibliog., index

ISBN 978-1-84545-196-7 Hb \$60.00 / £30.00

<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=AmitGoing>

Volume 8

EXPLORING REGIMES OF DISCIPLINE

The Dynamics of Restraint

Edited by Noel Dyck

The pursuit and practice of discipline have become near ubiquitous elements of contemporary social life and parlance, as discipline has become a commonplace and ever sought-after social technology. This volume showcases highly varied and complex disciplinary practices and relationships in a set of ethnographic studies. Interrogating the respective fields of work, religion, governance, leisure, education and child rearing, together the essays in this volume explore and offer new ways of thinking about discipline in everyday life.

Available, 208 pages, bibliog., index

ISBN 978-1-84545-401-2 Hb \$45.00 / £22.50

Report on EASA Membership

Rohan Jackson, NomadIT

Membership situation

NomadIT's database system holds up-to-date membership information on EASA members, which members can update directly; the membership pages of the EASA website are regularly updated to inform members of any membership issues; all members have received invoices for this year's subs; and members are easily contactable by email with newsletters, conference info, etc.

During 2007 there were approx 1100 members; as the 2008 biennial approaches there are approximately 1500 members.

Membership Categories		Payment Categories	
Honorary	0,3 %	High Income	12 %
Full	63 %	Mid Income	35 %
Joint	5 %	Low Income	28 %
Associate	7 %	Student	23 %
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Nationality/country of residence membership breakdown statistics are available in the About Us section of the EASA-website.

The membership applications brought about by the conference have resulted in a rise in the proportion of student membership, and a rise in the percentage in the low income group. While this makes sense in the context of the profile of the conference participants, it does have financial implications for EASA. We ask all members to please check their membership income category when invoiced in 2009, and let us know if the category needs altering, to reflect current situation. The categories are based on GROSS income! We would appreciate all invoices being responded to either by prompt payment.

Member experience

We have augmented PayPal as a means of payment by investing in WorldPay as an alternative online card solution. We are pleased with the many positive responses we have received with regard to this change, and continue to welcome feedback from members on the website, online services and administration provided, and do our best to respond.

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Secretary's Report

Thomas Fillitz, University of Vienna

Major activities of the secretariat have been the coordination of the meetings of the Executive Committee, the restructuring of the Association's website, and the publication of the Newsletter.

After the hand over in February 2007, the Executive Committee has met three times: in June 2007 in Ljubljana, in December 2007 in Paris (also the location of the AGM), and in April 2008 in Vienna.

The Newsletter:

Newsletters number 43, 44, 45 and 46 have been published and distributed among the Association's members. Unfortunately, the Newsletter proves more and more difficult of being produced: EASA's members do not use it for short reports of workshops, conferences and the like, and it is nearly impossible to get short articles. The Newsletter therefore will have to be an object of concern for the forthcoming Executive Committee.

The EASA-website:

The EASA-website has now reached a certain informative quality. It however displays some problems, which actually affect as well the Newsletter. I dearly ask members to provide more of the following information, in order to maintain the quality of the website:

- Forthcoming conferences, workshops, distinguished lectures: we ask for short information – title of the event, organisers, when, where, contact person, and website (please do not send graphically highly sophisticated pdf);
- Post announcements. You can either post it yourself, or send us the information
- New MA and PhD-programmes in Anthropology.

Forthcoming:

We are currently preparing on the website an archive of PHD and Dr-theses. This was a proposal by the IT group and Adam Kuper. We suggest that supervisors inform their students of registering on the website as soon as possible;

- NomadIT is preparing a new electronic directory, which may be accessed via the EASA-website.
- The EASA archive has been brought together in Vienna, files which had been stored so far by the former secretariats, and the presidents. This includes as well data of the foundation of the Association. We shall try to develop a project, and raise the needed funds, in order to digitalize these files, and to produce an electronic archive documenting the history of EASA.