

A report on the Europeanists network

On the occasion of the 8th EASA Conference in Vienna a decision was taken and made public, at the Member's Forum, to establish a ***Europeanists Network***. And it was granted status as an official network within EASA at a meeting of the Executive Committee following the Conference. All members of EASA who are interested in taking Europe as a frame of reference, for purposes of teaching, research, and professional practice generally, are welcome to join in. With the establishment of this horizontal structure of cooperation we aim at pulling together personal and academic resources, for the benefit of all members. Networks also contribute to enrich and enhance the activities of a professional association such as EASA overall.

The objective of this network of Europeanists is to provide a forum for communication and exchange, and an arena for intellectual and professional debate between members on issues relevant to a region of the World named Europe. It should also be instrumental in identifying new themes in research and teaching, as well as 'professional niches' of interest to social anthropologists, and in providing a platform for developing in collaboration all sort of projects to deal with these challenges and opportunities.

Network's steering committee

With the aim to set the network firmly on its feet, and steer the boat of this academic venture to a vigorous start, it has been decided to set up a steering committee of seven active members of EASA, who will represent different regions and professional stands, and act in different roles to carry out specific tasks, as follows:

Andrés Barrera, University Complutense of Madrid. General coordination

Magdalena Elchinova, New Bulgarian University. Liaison with Eastern Europe

Peter Skalník, University of Pardubice. Liaison with Western Europe and Scandinavia

Jon P. Mitchell, University of Sussex. Liaison with the Mediterranean area

Sarah Pink, Loughborough University. Liaison with the United Kingdom

Ullrich Kockel, University of the West of England. Liaison with SIEF

Jacqueline Urla, University of Massachusetts. Liaison with SAE (AAA)

Programme of activities

By informal exchanges via e-mail with members of the steering committee and some other network members, we have agreed to start work along the following lines:

- a) Making an initial effort to pass the information about the Europeanists Network object and purpose (within the EASA constituency and beyond) with the aim to recruit new members.
- b) Calling the first official meeting of the network at a convenient date and place along 2005 or during the first half of 2006. A thorough discussion should take place during this first meeting on the purposes of the network and on setting the (definitive) agenda for work over the following three or four years.
- c) Developing a policy of collaboration with other networks, working groups or societies in Europe or elsewhere that might have overlapping interests and share common pursuits in general, or at a particular moment in time.
- d) Also at this inaugural meeting we are to take a formal decision about two specific work proposals already on the board:

Firstly, whether network members would want to get involved in the researching and producing of a *Report on the Status of Anthropology in Europe*. This is a project to be carried out as a 'commission' from EASA's executive committee; with sponsorship and funding to be obtained from some private foundation or public agency in Europe or elsewhere.

Secondly, whether the Europeanists Network as such (or in collaboration with other networks and/or professional associations) would want to get involved in convening and organising a conference on the theme *Anthropology in Europe. Facing the challenges of academic convergence in higher education and in scientific research*. The proposal advanced is to hold this conference sometime in 2007, with financial support from EURESCO or other similar European programmes.

- e) At any moment to receive and take into consideration whatever other proposals come from individuals or groups of network members for the onset of collaborative projects in the areas of teaching, research and professional practice generally, within social anthropology or as part of an interdisciplinary set up, within or outside academic departments.

If you would like to have more information about the Europeanists Network or become a member, please contact: **Andrés Barrera-González** at abarrera@cps.ucm.es Or alternatively any of the members of the Steering Committee.

List of members

As of March 05 thirty two people have joined the network. They are listed below by alphabetical order of their last names.

Ana Isabel Afonso, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Jutta Lauth Bacas, Academy of Athens, Athens.
Regina Bendix, Universität Göttingen, Germany
Andrés Barrera, Universidad Complutense de Madrid.
Alexandra Bitušíková, Matej Bel University, Slovak Republic
Dmitri Bondarenko, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.
Michal Buchowski, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan.
Hana Cervinková, University of Lower Silesia, Poland
Vytis Ciubrinskas, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas. Lithuania.
Magdalena Elchinova, New Bulgarian University, Sofia.
Martina Fahrnberger, Vienna.
Francisco Ferrándiz, Universidad de Deusto, Spain.
Marianne Gullestad, Institute for Social Research, University of Oslo
Chris Hann, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle.
Patrick Heady, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle.
Ullrich Kockel, University of the West of England, Bristol.
William Kavanagh, San Pablo-CEU, Madrid
László Kürti, University of Miskolc, Hungary.
Jon P. Mitchell, University of Sussex, Brighton.
Sharon Macdonald, University of Sheffield, England
Fabio Mugnaini, Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy.
Rajko Muršič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
Eleni Papagaroufali, Panteion University, Athens.
Italo Pardo, The University of Kent, Canterbury.

Sarah Pink, Loughborough University, England.
Giuliana Prato, The University of Kent, Canterbury.
Ines Prica, Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research, Zagreb.
Manuel Joao Ramos, Instituto Superior de Ciencias do Trabalho e Empresa, Lisboa
Martine Segalen, Université de Paris X, Nanterre
Cris Shore, University of Auckland, New Zealand
Peter Skalník, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic.
Christiane Stallaert, University of Leuven, Belgium.
Jacqueline Urla, University of Massachusetts, USA.
Elisabeth Vestergaard, European Science Foundation, Strasbourg.
Pier Paolo Viazzo, Università di Torino, Italy
Anna-Kathrin Warner, University of Bremen, Germany
Gabriele Weichart, Université de Provence, France