

Anthropology in Europe. A W-G workshop.
Paris, 25-27 October 2007

A Wenner-Gren Foundation workshop (Grant INIT 60):

ANTHROPOLOGY IN EUROPE.

Facing the Challenges of European Convergence in Higher Education and in Research. A Review of the Fields of Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology.

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FINAL PROGRAMME

Maison René Ginouvès d'Archéologie et d'Ethnologie
Université de Paris X, Nanterre
Salle du Conseil, 4th floor
25-27 October 2007

Thursday, 25th October

In the morning: Arrival of participants.

13:30 Buffet lunch on the premises (UPX, MAE).

14:30 Welcome address.

Pierre Rouillard, Maison d'Archéologie et d'Ethnologie (MAE).

Anne-Marie Peatrick, Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparée.

15:00 Prelude: *Aims and scope of the Anthropology in Europe project*,
Andrés Barrera, Martine Segalen.

15:30 - 18:30 Working Session I.

Themes:

- i) The status of Anthropology in the contemporary academic scene.
- ii) The 'four fields' of Anthropology, and their relevance today.
Anthropology among the Humanities and the Social Sciences.
- iii) The status of (Socio-Cultural) Anthropology in Europe.

Chair: Martine Segalen

Discussants: Christian Giordano, Peter Skalník, Charles Macdonald

Roy F. Ellen:

Anthropology and its Sub-divisions in Relation to Contemporary Human Science.

Elisabeth Vestergaard:

Anthropology among the Humanities and the Social Sciences.

16:45 – 17:15 Coffee break

Michael Herzfeld:

The Strange Persistence of Evolutionism: Anthropology, Europe, and the Prospects for Responsible Engagement.

Ulf Hannerz:

Changing Europe, Changing Anthropology. The Status of Anthropology in Contemporary Europe. Paper available.

19:30 Dinner at Restaurant *Livio*.

Friday, 26th October

9:00 - 12:30 Working Session II.

Themes:

- iv) Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology in Europe. The diverse national and regional traditions. Mapping Europe's Anthropologies.
- v) The 'state of the art' in higher education, in scholarly research and in professional practice. Anthropology in the EHEA and the ERA.
- vi) A survey and review of the field(s) in Europe. Scope of the project. Scholarly rationale. Relevance and feasibility of this endeavour.

Chair: Roy F. Ellen

Discussants: Michael Herzfeld, Ulf Hannerz, Alexandra Bitusikova

Adam Kuper:

Social and Cultural Anthropology in Europe, in Historical Perspective.

Andre Gingrich:

Anthropology and Ethnology in Europe. The diverse National and Regional Traditions. (cancelled, at the last moment)

Irène Bellier:

Anthropology in the European Research Arena. Its Status and Prospects for the Future.

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

Sophie Chevalier:

Teaching Anthropology in France: Some Considerations about the Present Situation.

David Mills:

Reproducing the Social Sciences? An Auto-critique of the ESRC's Demographic Review of the Social Sciences (2006). Paper available.

12:30 Buffet lunch on the premises.

14:00 - 18:00 Working Session III.

Themes:

- vii) A coordinated surveying and reviewing of the practice of Socio-Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology in Europe.
- viii) Theoretical and methodological foundations. Quantitative and qualitative dimensions of the reviewing exercise. Relevant precedents at a national or regional level.
- ix) How do we come about it? A cooperative endeavour. A pan-European constellation of country and regional research teams.

Chair: Adam Kuper

Discussants: Andre Gingrich, Ullrich Kockel, Elisabeth Vestergaard

Michal Buchowski:

Ethnology and Socio-Cultural Anthropology in Poland.

Alexandra Bitusikova:

Ethnology and Socio-Cultural Anthropology in Slovakia.

Frédéric Bertrand:

The Status of Socio-Cultural Anthropology in Post-Soviet Russia.

15:50 – 16:10 Coffee break

Charles Macdonald:

The 'Assises de l'Ethnologie et de l'Anthropologie' in France. An overview.

Michael Fehsenfeld:

Anthropology in Denmark. Paper available.

Ruy Llera Blanes:

Anthropology in Portugal Today.

William Kavanagh:

From the 'Anthropology of the Mediterranean' to anthropologies in the circum-Mediterranean areas.

19:00 Dinner at *Brasserie Flo* (courtesy of UPX's MAE).

Saturday, 27th October

9:30 - 12:00 Working Session IV.

Themes:

- x) The Anthropology of Europe. Teaching and research in this field and area, a provisional 'state of the art' (the case of France).
- xi) Relevance and feasibility of a socio-cultural approach to the study of Europe's societies and institutions.
- xii) Drawing a Europeanist collaborative research agenda. Multidisciplinary approaches, interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity.

Chair: Irène Bellier

Discussants: Michal Buchowski, Laurent Bazin, Monica Heintz

Martine Segalen and Virginie Milliot:
French Anthropology of Europe: Nowhere near of Europe.

Peter Skalník:
The Anthropology of (Eastern, Post-Communist) Europe.

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

Christian Giordano:
Europe: Perspectives from Anthropology, History, and Sociology.

Ullrich Kockel:
Drawing a Europeanist Research Agenda. What role for Anthropology and Ethnology? (cancelled, at the last moment)

12:30 Buffet lunch on the premises.

13:30 - 15:00 Closing Session.

Themes:

- xiii) How are we to proceed from here? Further steps to take.
- xiv) Potential sources of funding for the project.
- xv) The setting up of country and regional teams.

Chair: Elisabeth Vestergaard

Discussants: Andrés Barrera, Monica Heintz,
William Kavanagh, Sophie Chevalier, Ruy Blanes
Michael Fehsenfeld, Frédéric Bertrand.

Sunday, 28th October

By noon. **Check out** from the Hotel Charlemagne.

Morning: An organised visit to the *Musée du Quai Branly*

Late afternoon/evening: **departure of participants.**

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