

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### The future(s) of the Mediterranean between uncertainties and resilience

#### 2019 EASA Mediterraneanist Network (MedNet) Workshop

24 - 26 October 2019, Turin University, Italy

Dear colleagues,

Please find below a call for papers for the 2019 EASA Mediterraneanist Network (MedNet) workshop “**The future(s) of the Mediterranean between uncertainties and resilience**” (24-26 October 2019 at Turin, Italy).

The 2019 MedNet Workshop aims at bringing together experienced scholars and young career researcher doing anthropological research in the Mediterranean, to offer a valuable opportunity to present on-going projects and to discuss current topics of our discipline in relation with Mediterranean societies (also in theoretically oriented or in comparative views). It will be held at the Turin on 24-26 October 2019 and is hosted jointly by the Department of Philosophy and Educational Sciences (DFE) and the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society (CPS) of the Università di Torino.

#### Abstract:

In contrast to some public discourses, which see Mediterranean societies associated with backwardness or which focus mainly on the current economic and political crisis of Mediterranean region, we want to introduce a fresh approach. In this workshop, we approach the Mediterranean as a place in which new ideas and understandings of future(s) are arising as people are trying to find ways to face the uncertainties in their lives. A key element in creating (or recreating) possible futures is often resilience, a concept currently quite widespread among media, institutions and civil society, which deserve, we think, a careful analysis by anthropology too. As very timely topics, futures and resilience are still under-researched in studies on the Mediterranean region, and this workshop will help to cover a significant gap.

We invite contributions on a range of topics including but not limited to:

- How the future is understood and related with uncertainty and possibilities, and how this social imaginary is related to local actors' capacity to aspire?
- the cultural and social conditions of resilience of local actors and groups.
- the role of media, citizens' activities, organisations, in creating ideas of the future and building up resilience.
- the multiple forms and activities of open and political, social, economic and symbolic resistance and protest.

To propose a paper, please send a 250–300 words abstract to the Network Convenors **by 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2019**: Jutta Lauth Bacas - [jutta.lauth.bacas@gmail.com](mailto:jutta.lauth.bacas@gmail.com); Carlo Capello - [carlo.capello@unito.it](mailto:carlo.capello@unito.it) and Panas Karampampas - [panas.karampampas@ehess.fr](mailto:panas.karampampas@ehess.fr). Please include your university affiliation and contact information when submitting the proposal.

Limited funding is available to support Ph.D. students and early career scholars (who are members of EASA in 2019) to participate in the 2019 MedNet workshop and to present their work. If you are interested in travel funding, please also send an informal application for travel funding to the MedNet network convenors together with your paper proposal

For information on the previous MedNet workshops and the academic publications, which initiated from them please see: <https://www.easaonline.org/networks/mednet/events> and <https://www.easaonline.org/networks/mednet/publications>

Best regards,

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