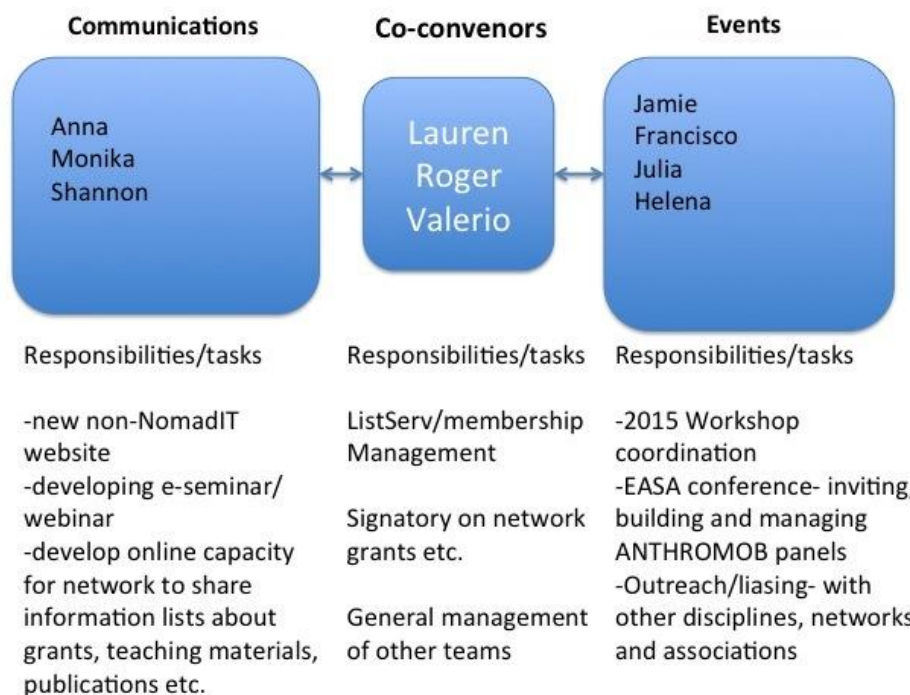


ANTHROMOB network annual report

Over the past year the EASA Anthropology and Mobility Network has run a range of successful events and re-structured some of its key features. Our membership has expanded from 280 in 2012 to 413 in October 2014. We have also decided to refer to the network through the contraction 'ANTHROMOB' in order to simplify our promotional activities. Finally, in an effort to be more inclusive in the running and management of the network, we have created several teams to manage various issues within the network and expanded our convenors group. We now have two smaller teams, one managing 'Communications' (internet activities, publications etc.) and the other team managing 'events' (putting panels together for conferences and arranging the application for a workshop next year). During the 2014 EASA conference in Tallinn, we also held a network meeting where we nominated and elected a new convenors group. Jamie Coates stepped down as convenor, as he is moving to Japan for a research fellowship, while Roger Norum stayed on as convenor, alongside Valerio Simoni and Lauren Wagner. We have represented the new arrangements visually below:



In terms of communications directly with EASA and NomadIT Lauren (), Roger () and Valerio (valerio.simoni@graduateinstitute.ch) are our major contacts for notifications with the network.

2013

On the 27th and 28th of September, the EASA Anthropology and Mobility Network held an international workshop titled “Fielding Challenges, Challenging the Field: the methodologies of mobility”. In response to the methodological challenges that had been expressed by many of our colleagues, the network’s co-convenors Roger Norum and Jamie Coates proposed to develop a workshop focusing on how mobility informs and challenges contemporary ethnography. The Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford, generously offered to host the workshop, providing logistical support and catering. EASA funding was set aside for accommodation and travel costs for EASA members. Cultural Mobilities Research (CuMoRe) in Leuven also provided logistical support and funding for Alice Elliot and Noel Salazar to join the workshop coordination team. Finally, Berghahn books and Kellogg College at the University of Oxford provided supplementary funding and a venue for the event.

All together there were 32 papers presented on 10 panels, with keynote speeches provided by Noel Salazar and Hans Lucht, and discussants for each panel. With the addition of a large attendee audience, the workshop consisted of 85 participants from all around the world including leading Universities in Europe, the USA, Australia and China.

Present (2014)

ANTHROMOB has 6 official panels running at EASA 2014 in Tallinn

P004 Tourism in (post)socialist Eastern Europe (9am, 3 August; M-134)

P020 Polar mobilities: resilience and transformations (9am, 2 August; M-225)

P027 Immateriality, mobility and the network (2pm, 31 July; T-304)

P044 Key figures of mobility (9am, 1 August; S-333)

P069 Moving people: anthropologists adopting, interrogating and refuting governmental categorisations (2pm, 31 July; S-238)

P096 Child migrants or 'third culture kids'? Approaches to children and privileged mobility (9am, 2 August; A-121)

Future (2014-onwards)

We are currently organizing a post-graduate workshop in concert with members at University of Freiburg’s Cultures of Mobility in Europe Research Group. The workshop will focus on ‘work-life’ tensions, precarity and mobility, discussing these issues in terms of both research and how these issues relate to young scholars in the field of anthropology. We have applied for a Wenner-Gren Grant, a Robert Bosch grant, as well as internal funding from the University of Freiburg.

Based on the success of and enthusiasm surrounding the 2013 *Fielding Challenges, Challenging the Field* event, ANTHROMOB is currently planning to

organise a mobility-related conference/workshop for late 2015. Brainstorming for the theme of this event will be discussed with attending members at the Network meeting at EASA Tallinn. ANTHROMOB will be applying for network event funding from EASA in early 2015 to help put on this event, as well as possible supplementary funding from a European university where the event will be held.

After further discussion with members of ANTHROMOB, it was agreed that an e-seminar series might not be appropriate for our members at this point. Several members expressed concerns about the ability to publish materials already distributed online through an e-seminar series and with the era of 'publish or perish' upon us, this issue seemed all the more pertinent. In light of this, we have decided to defer the e-seminar series until a later date when a more secure and publication focused solution is available online. However, other related events – such as one or more topically-focused reading groups (either in person or online) – are being considered as alternatives to this.

In terms of publications, the first ANTHROMOB edited compilation is currently in its final drafting stages. Based upon papers developed at last year's workshop, this collection explores the methodological challenges of studying mobility as well as the challenge mobility poses to anthropological methods. We are currently in dialogue with publishers, with expectation that the manuscript will go under review in November.

The network intends to publish a hosted webpage listing its members, their affiliations and their research interests. Membership has grown to well over 350 individuals, and it is important for members to better know what other members work on and where they are located. Along with this, the network will host a document repository (with an open source document programme such as GoogleDocs) for mobility-related syllabi and bibliographies.

Finally, the network is considering appointing an Advisory Board of several senior academics to council on network activities and events and advise on strategies for funding and future planning.