

EASA Network “Anthropology and Social Movements”

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Due to its relatively innovative theme, the network has only be established recently. The strong feedback at recent activities and the rapid growth in interest demonstrate the need of an organised network on the theme of social movements and activism and became to characterise the endeavour as a young, emerging and dynamic network.

The network is based on a growing mailing list over which information about call for papers, job offers and publications are exchanged and/or forwarded.

The first official network meeting at the end of 2013 at University of Perugia proved successful under different points of view. During 2014, the network meetings unfolded in new informal and formal forms of European and inter-continental collaborations. Here, we wish to mention only the two major highlights:

- (1) In Italy, a newly “Laboratory of Ethnography of Social Movements” (Laboratorio di etnografia dei movimenti sociali - LEMS) has been established as a new modality of inter-universitarian cooperation. A first congress of LEMS had been organised at University of Modena and has seen a rich, engaged and enthusiastic participation of many established and emerging scholars.
- (2) As a direct result of our first network meeting, a newly established cooperation with US anthropologists has led to a follow-up event planned shortly at North-Western University. This conference has been possible thanks to our first meeting.

These two highlights demonstrate, we believe, the international importance of our network and underscore the need of further funding in order to realise innovative activities.

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