

## **Annual Report 2014**

### **The European Network for Queer Anthropology (ENQA)**

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#### ***Introduction:***

The ENQA was inaugurated in 2013, and has already gained a large and active member and follower base on Facebook (215 members as of 30 November). We organized our first conference panels and business meeting at the 2014 EASA Conference in Tallinn, and a network workshop is planned for the summer of 2015.

Paul Boyce at Sussex University and Elisabeth Engebretsen, now based at Shandong University, founded the network. They continue to serve as board members of a loosely organized board of committed ENQA members. The full text of the network's aims and objectives as outlined for 2014 is available from the EASA network page here:

<http://www.easaonline.org/networks/enqa/index.shtml>

#### ***Summary of 2014 Activities:***

**EASA Conference** At the 2014 EASA conference in Tallinn, ENQA sponsored one panel and co-sponsored one with the Gender and Sexuality Network. We are pleased that they both engendered much interest and many attendees. The ENQA sponsored panel was titled 'Whatever is Happening to the Critical Study of Gender and Sexual Diversity in Anthropology' (P058). It was well attended and spurred a roundtable debate among key participants/presenters. This was recorded and later transcribed into an essay format, as it will be published in an issue of *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*, edited and with an introduction by Mark Graham (Stockholm University).

The detailed EASA panel description for P058 is available here:

<http://www.nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa2014/panels.php5?PanelID=3028>

The second co-sponsored panel was titled 'Same-sex Sexualities and Ethnic Minorities in Europe' (P080). This panel, too, generated much interest and thus assisted in building the profile of ENQA and the critical study of gender and sexuality in European Anthropology. Detailed information is available here:

<http://www.nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa2014/panels.php5?PanelID=3065>

ENQA organized its first business meeting at the EASA conference, with about twenty-five attendees. We discussed plans for publishing, meetings, network building, organization, and support work more generally. We are working to follow up on these conversations in

the year ahead, with particular focus on building support networks, furthering our digital communication platforms, and organizing events.

**Publications** Based on the numerous abstracts submissions and high quality research they introduced for the EASA Conference, ENQA has commissioned the publication of a special issue of the journal *Sexualities*, titled Anthropology's Queer Sensibilities: Ethno-theoretical Approaches to Sexual and Gender Diversity. Editors are Paul Boyce, Elisabeth Engebretsen and Silvia Posocco. The issue will contain original research articles by early-career and established anthropologists from a wide variety of institutions across Europe, or who work on issues related to gender and sexual diversity in European contexts. The special issue will be published in late 2015. Detailed information and the original CfP are available here:

[http://sex.sagepub.com/site/includefiles/calls\\_for\\_papers.xhtml](http://sex.sagepub.com/site/includefiles/calls_for_papers.xhtml)

### ***Future activities:***

#### **2015 Summer Workshop**

ENQA has applied to the EASA for funds to assist in organizing a workshop in 2015, bringing together scholars of different stages in their careers for collaborative work and network building.

**2016 EASA Conference:** ENQA is committed to sponsoring dedicated panels at the next EASA conference in Milan, Italy, in 2016. The network will discuss possible themes in our activities prior to this conference.

**Building network communication strategies:** In the next year or two, we aim to develop a stand-alone website that can better integrate networking and communication possibilities (currently met by the Facebook group page) with academic discussion and news updates.

### ***Any Other Business***

The ENQA-sponsored panels at this year's EASA meeting will also present at the AAA meeting in December 2014, thereby building cross-Atlantic connections with US-based anthropologists and increase the profiling of European work in this sub-discipline. We aim for ENQA to develop collaborative projects with our US-based AAA-sponsored sibling network, the AQA (Association for Queer Anthropology, formerly the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropology, SOLGA) in the coming years.

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