

EASA Network for the Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality

Report 2014

The Network for the Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality, NAGS, was created this year and at the EASA conference 2014 there were two panels associated with our network: the inaugural panel of the network, coordinated by Anna Fedele and Kim Knibbe, and the panel on "Same-sex sexualities and ethnic minorities in Europe co-ordinated by Wim Peumans, Luca Bartozzi and Linda Sólveigar Guðmundsdóttir. This panel was associated also with the European Network for Queer Anthropology)

The **inaugural panel** of the network entitled "Innovation and continuity in the anthropology of gender and sexuality" received many paper proposals and we had to turn down very good papers. The 11 papers that were selected touched upon a diversity of topics and attracted more audience than we expected, we had difficulties accommodating them all. We are planning to publish an edited volume based on the outcomes of this panel.

The **first network meeting** was attended by some 30 colleagues and some of them offered to help us organize the network and develop the list serv as well as a webpage. Here I give you a brief summary of the main points we discussed:

Future plans:

Organization for 2017 of a **network meeting**, a conference about the anthropology of gender and sexuality, following the example of other networks (e.g. medical anthropology network) holding their meetings in the years when there is no EASA conference taking place

Creation of subgroups: we encouraged the creation of subgroups within NAGS focusing on certain geographical or thematic areas. Laura Stark has proposed the creation of a subgroup on Africa. Her email: laura.stark@jyu.fi

Collaborations:

- with the Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA) of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). We also discussed the idea of possibly organizing some joint activities like webinars for example.
- with the EASA network for queer anthropology, we already talked with the conveners of this network about possible future activities in common

Future possible collaborations proposed by participants during the network meeting:

- with LOVA, the Netherlands Association for Gender Studies and Feminist Anthropology
- with the gender network of the Brazilian association of anthropologists (ABA)