

TAN (Teaching Anthropology Network) Report on activities in 2015

The Teaching Anthropology Network was established in 1996 in Barcelona and is one of the oldest EASA networks. The aim of the network is to stimulate discussion and exchange of ideas about teaching anthropology across Europe. We do this through arranging conferences, workshops, publications etc. around teaching and learning anthropology.

At this summer's EASA conference in Tallinn the network took advantage of the new laboratory format offered for the first time this year as an alternative to the classic workshop-with-paper-presentations: We organised a teaching workshop around a particular idea of 'the line-up'. 27 participants took part in the teaching experiment and experience (See also the panel abstract at: <http://www.easaonline.org/networks/teaching/events.shtml>). It was a great success and this more interactive and experiential approach proved very useful for trying out and sharing ideas about teaching and learning. So, on behalf of this network I will encourage the organising committees of coming conferences to encourage and make possible such alternative formats.

At our TAN network meeting in Tallinn it was decided to expand the TAN coordinating board from 7 to 10 members to represent a wider range of teaching experiences across Europe. (for further details see our Networks homepage at: <http://www.easaonline.org/networks/teaching/>)

The coordinating board meets regularly (approximately bi-monthly) on Skype to discuss and plan future activities (conferences, publications etc.). Apart from organising conferences we are currently working on a plan to set up a 'Teaching Materials Exchange' in collaboration with other EASA networks. The point is to encourage the sharing of course plans, reading lists and ideas for teaching from anthropology courses across Europe.

Activities planned for 2015:

- 1) Papers from the EASA workshop will come out in the Spring 2015 Vol. 7. Issue 3 of *Learning and Teaching*
- 2) We are currently planning a conference in Copenhagen, 3-4 September 2015: "One discipline, many ways. Teaching Anthropology in changing contexts".
- 3) Publication of this year's teaching experiment 'The Line-up' in *Learning and Teaching*.
- 4) We hope to take the work on The Teaching Materials Exchange further in collaboration with EASA and other networks.

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