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EASA Africanists Network Report 2015

The Africanists’ Network of EASA is now in its second decade of existence, and continues to bring together anthropologists of Africa from across Europe, Africa and the wider world.

1. The Africanists’ Network Facebook Page

Intended to complement rather than replace the existing email list, the network’s Facebook page will provide a new forum for the exchange of ideas, opinions and project proposals among the network’s members. Membership is open to all EASA members who are also Facebook users, but please do advise one of the group’s administrators of your membership status when applying. The precise role the page can play in and for the network is still open for debate, and we welcome members’ views on this point.

2. The Africanists’ Network at the next EASA Biennial Conference, July 20 – 23 2016

As of this writing, the Africanists Network is building towards the next EASA conference, “Anthropological legacies and human futures”, to be held in Milan in July 2016. At this conference, the networks panel will be “Knowledge(s) of the past, present and future in a changing Africa”. This panel will deal with the complex realities of an Africa that may be “rising”, but where life remains unpredictable and fraught with risk and danger. To consider and plan for the future in such a situation means a very careful use of social and cultural tools. As of this writing, the papers to be presented in this panel are still being finalised, as the final deadline for submission of papers is February 15th next. The organizers are sure that this panel will be of interest to all scholars of present-day Africa, and those interested in the current development of the twenty-first century world, and of twenty-first century Africa. The panel abstract may be viewed here:

<http://nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa2016/panels.php5?PanelID=4200>