

## **REPORT ON NETWORK ACTIVITIES - Anthropology of Economy Network November 2015**

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The Anthropology of Economy Network was launched at EASA 2012 in Nanterre. Our listserve had about 140 subscribers at the time of our first report in October 2014, and is now up to 172 subscribers.

The Network applied for, and was awarded, funds from EASA to hold a network conference in September 2015, to serve as an “off-year” event between EASA conferences. The intention was for this network conference to be held in Barcelona, organized mainly by Hugo Valenzuela, but with assistance from Patty Gray. Unforeseen circumstances (including serious family illnesses and deaths) made it impossible for either Valenzuela or Gray to be able to follow through with this plan in September. An alternative was proposed for 2016, but as the funds were earmarked to be spent before the end of December 2015, they had to be given up.

Nevertheless, the Network is proceeding with an event in 2016. Hugo Valenzuela has had a panel accepted at the 2016 IUAES conference in Dubrovnik (Croatia), 4-9 May 2016: <http://iuaes2016.com/congress-panel/panel-26-07-2015-160926-hugo-valenzuela-garcia/> The panel is listed as being submitted on behalf of the EASA Anthropology of Economy Network. The title of the panel is, “Extracting the Essence: Value Appropriation in post-2008 World Capitalism”. Short Abstract: *How different forms of value appropriation are mapping onto the production of new precariousness? After 2008 economic crisis stable work has become an scarce good, and value extraction has taken more complex shapes. How are these developments affecting general life arrangements within communities?* A meeting is being planned of the Network members who will attend the IUAES conference.

The Anthropology of Economy Network will also have a panel at the next EASA conference (Milan, July 2016). Three proposals with our Network’s sponsorship were submitted in response to the EASA call for panels. The Network Convenors chose, for this year at least, to allow the EASA Scientific Committee to decide which of the three panels would go forward in the guaranteed Network slot on the conference programme.

The next ‘official’ business meeting of the Network will take place during the EASA conference in Milan in July 2016.

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