Yearly report Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology (PACSA) 2015

The PACSA board of this year consists of: Erella Grassiani, Andreas Hackl, Michael Lidauer, Nerina Weiss.

Our main event this year was the PACSA bi-annual network meeting which was held in Frankfurt on 3-5 September. PACSA organized this meeting in cooperation with Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Goethe University. The title of the meeting was: Im/mobilities as products and generators of conflict

The conference explored im/mobilities in the context of peace, violence, and conflict in two days of exciting discussion, exchange and presentations. The meeting drew some 40 participants who addressed the mobility-conflict nexus from a variety of perspectives, among them displacement, memory and identity, transnational networks, activism and state violence. Tobias Kelly, Head of Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh, delivered the keynote lecture on the "Immobility of Human Rights," discussing the unequal distribution and mobility of human rights claims.

New plans for a meeting in 2017 were made, and in all probability this meeting will take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in cooperation with several universities there: the University of Amsterdam, VU University and Leiden University.

PACSA members this year also actively sought out to make contact with other EASA networks. Meetings of the Anthromob network were visited and serious cooperation was established with the Security network (members of this network also visited the meeting in Frankfurt).

Information about the EASA meeting in 2016 was disseminated and we hope to collect a few panel proposals for this meeting under the heading of PACSA. During the AAA in Denver in November contact was made with PACSA members regarding such panels.

Channels used for the dissemination of information were the website of PACSA, the Facebook page and the mailing list (listserv).