

## **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.

On 3-4 September 2015 the TAN network organised a conference in Copenhagen, 'One Discipline, Many Ways. Teaching Anthropology in Changing Contexts' (<http://easaonline.org/networks/teaching/events.shtml>).

The conference focused on teaching anthropology at master's level and went beyond and looked at post graduate training and looked at the changing job market of candidates and how that reflects back on changing course content and teaching practices. We had contributions from Holland, from Germany, France, Sweden, and Denmark. The covered thus a wide territory, both geographically and thematically, and also with regards to genres of presentation. — At the previous conference in Tallinn the network took advantage of the laboratory format, and in Copenhagen the lab format too proved to be a welcome and refreshing programme item.

The conference was also an opportunity for the coordinating board to see each other and generate ideas for next year's Easa conference. — It was decided to aim for both a TAN workshop and a laboratory— so we strongly recommend that that particular format be kept in the EASA conferences to come.

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 2016:

- 1) Some of the papers from the Copenhagen meeting will be submitted to the Learning and Teaching Journal.
- 2) Planning of workshop and laboratory at the next EASA conference in Milan next summer.
- 3) We hope to take the work on The Teaching Materials Exchange further in collaboration with EASA and other networks.

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