

Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity (ARE) – annual report

In the summer of 2016 the network was officially launched at the EASA conference in Milan. The network conveners organized a panel and a network meeting, both of which were extremely well attended.

Network panel

The panel's concern with the fact that race remains an important social issue, but how do anthropologists study it? Inaugurating the EASA network on race and ethnicity, this panel dealt with issues including postracialism; intersectionalism; postcolonialism; race, religion, and the postsecular; racial technologies; the ontological turn. The panel included papers by Paul Mepschen, Elena Calvo-Gonzalez, Beth Epstein, Ana Rita Alves, Anne Lavanchy, Bambi Ceuppens, Marleen de Witte, Rosabelle Boswell, and Sarah Freundt.

Network meeting

We also had our first constitutive network meeting, which was very well attended despite being scheduled at a late hour (7pm). At the meeting we discussed themes related to the organization of the network, as well as exploring themes of common interest. We also began to plan the network meeting in Berlin in 2017 (see below).

Publication

The high quality of the papers in our panel has now led to plans for a joint publication. We are preparing a special section in *Social Anthropology/Antropologie Sociale*, to be published in 2017.

Network meeting 2017

At the network meeting in Milan a committee has been formed to plan an ARE meeting in the summer of 2017 in Berlin. An application for funding has been submitted with EASA. Also, additional funding has been secured through the chair of one of the conveners, Katharina Schramm.

Convenorship

As of November 2016 the team of conveners consists of Markus Balkenhol, Kristine Krause, Katharina Schramm, and Tirza Snoijl.

Committee safe space

At the first EASA meeting we discussed the importance of a network for anthropology of race and ethnicity to also address issues of racism within academia. The need for the network to provide a support system for anthropologists of color was expressed. In October we had a first meeting of the

safe space committee, examining ways in which the network can 1) address racism within anthropology, 2) be a resource for anthropologists confronted with racism within their departments, and 3) provide pathways for institutional social justice within academia. The next meeting will be in December.