Anthropology of Confinement EASA Network

Annual Report 2016

The Anthropology of Confinement EASA Network was set up in late 2014 as the result of a panel on prison ethnographies that took place at EASA 2014 Conference in Tallinn. At EASA 2016 the Network held its first meeting attended by 13 members (and interested researchers). At the meeting it was decided that Ines Hasselberg, Carolina Boe and Uelli Hostettler would remain as convenors, but that new convenors would be elected at next EASA (2018). Plans for an interim meeting in 2017 were also discussed with Uelli Hostettler and Irene Marti taking the lead at organising the event. A funding application with EASA was submitted earlier this month. The meeting was followed by dinner and provided a great venue for its members to meet, exchange ideas and socialise.

Photo: ConfNet Selfie, EASA 2016, Milan. 1

The Network held two panels at EASA 2016:

Confinement institutions, ethnography, and public relevance (http://nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa2016/panels.php5?PanelID=4091)

Undisclosed research and the future of ethnographic practice (http://nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa2016/panels.php5?PanelID=4252)

The Network has three platforms where members can receive and/or exchange information relevant to their work in sites of confinement, and where they can seek support and advice from their peers. The main platform for exchanging information and support is the network's mailing list which is confined to registered members and counts with almost 100 subscribers. Additionally however, we have set up a public facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/AnthropologyOfConfinementNetwork/?fref=ts) that is currently followed by 647 people. We have also a public twitter account: https://twitter.com/conf_net which currently has 483 followers. The Network Facebook and Twitter accounts are used to circulate relevant news about confinement: current policy developments in different jurisdictions, new research being carried out, new publications, relevant resources, relevant events, etc.