

2016 EVENTS (LAW NET) report by Gerhard Anders & Birgit Muller

Major change: In October 2016, the Network for Anthropology of International Governance merged with the Network for the Anthropology of Law and Rights into the [Anthropology of Law, Rights and Governance \(LAW NET\)](#). See below the activities of both networks for 2016.

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[P063 Evidence in question: anthropological authority and legal judgment](#)

Panel at [EASA 2016](#) in Milan, 20-23 July, 2016

Convenors: Gerhard Anders (University of Edinburgh) and Julia Eckert (University of Bern)

Short Abstract: This panel examines discussions about evidence in legal proceedings. Different legal orders have developed varying concepts of evidence that are linked to notions of personhood, fact, and truth. These raise new questions also for the current debate about evidence in anthropology.

EASA network for the anthropology of law and rights workshop at the University of Edinburgh, 22 January 2016

Legal anthropology in Europe at a crossroads (Please note that we did not request EASA funds for this network workshop)

The workshop features presentations that examine the state of legal anthropology in Europe. Due to the rise of the anthropology of human rights and a growing interest in governance in the context of the nation-state and beyond there has been a welcome shift to legal matters within anthropology as a whole. In political anthropology the state and governance have emerged as major research interests. In general, there is a growing number of anthropological studies of bureaucracies, national courts, international tribunals, truth commissions and other sites.

What does this shift towards legal matters, defined most broadly to include forms of non-state normative orders, mean for legal anthropologists? What is the significance of this 'welcome, exciting renaissance' (John Comaroff, 2006) for legal studies and social anthropology in Europe and beyond? These will be among the questions the workshop will address by drawing on ethnographic studies of law, rights and social order.

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WORKSHOP 12-13 April 2016: COLLABORATIVE DILEMMAS

Policymaking and implementation across state institutions, international organisations and transnational networks of civil society organisations are expanding fields of anthropological research. The complex positionalities that anthropologists adopt in these ethnographic contexts and their implications in epistemological, methodological and ethical terms are emerging as central issues in these fields. This workshop explores different and often controversial forms of anthropological engagement with global policy worlds and the

dilemmas that collaboration entails against the background of a dominant neoliberal research agenda.