

**Network report EASA 2016**  
**Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality (NAGS)**  
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Since our inaugural panel at the 2014 EASA conference in Tallinn, we have set up a mailing list which we are encouraging people to use more frequently, with some results: <http://lists.easaonline.org/listinfo.cgi/genderandsexuality-easaonline.org>

We are looking forward to intensifying our network the coming year through a network workshop at the University of Groningen in fall 2017, creating working groups around particular topics. To this end, we are requesting funding for an international workshop from EASA and various other sources, and have established a collaboration with the centre for Gender Studies in Groningen.

We have mobilized support to start using social media, network member Ursula Probst has recently created a facebook group to which we will invite all anthropologists working on gender and sexuality: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/215310295546290/>

In summer 2015, Anna Fedele and Kim Knibbe organized a panel at the IAHR conference in Erfurt titled "the role of gender in the distinctions between religion, secularity and spirituality", which generated quite a lot of interest. This will result in an edited volume to be published with Routledge, within a series that Fedele and Knibbe are in the process of establishing with this publisher, related to the EASA network, entitled "Gendering the study of Religion in Society".

Since January 2016, Kim Knibbe, one of the convenors of the networks, and Rachel Spronk, a founding member of the network, lead a 5 year research programme funded by the Netherlands Foundation for Scientific Research (NWO) on Sexuality, Religion and Secularism, Cultural Encounters in the African Diaspora in the Netherlands. The project is based at Groningen University and the University of Amsterdam. The PhD students and Post-doctoral researcher associated with this project will present their findings at the next EASA conference.

In January 2016, Anna Fedele, the other convenor of the network started a 5 year research project funded by the Portuguese foundation for science and technology entitled: "Fatima, one century after the apparitions: pilgrimage, gender and lived religion". The project is based at the CRIA-Lisbon University Institute.

At the EASA 2016 conference in Milan we held our second network meeting and there was one panel associated with NAGS:

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During the conference we also discussed possibilities for ongoing collaboration with ARE the Anthropology of Race and Ethnicity Network and gave continuity to our collaboration with the EASA religion network. Finally, we plan to have a NAGS workshop in November 2017 at the University of Groningen in collaboration with the Institute for Gender Studies there.