

Anthropology of Confinement EASA Network

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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. Two Years later, in Milan, the Network was able to organize two panels with total of 15 papers. This year the Network has organised its first interim meeting, i.e. the first meeting outside an EASA conference. The meeting took place on the 14th and 15th November, at Aalborg University, Copenhagen, Denmark. It was generously supported by EASA with 1500 euros, 450 euros by the Global Refugee Center (professor Steffen Jensen) and 1200 euros by SERR (Professor Peter Hervik and post.doc Carolina Sanchez Boe). Fifteen junior and senior scholars from Denmark, France, Portugal, the UK, Switzerland and Spain presented and discussed papers. Professor Manuela da Cunha gave a keynote talk. The overall feedback from those present was that the format of the meeting was particularly welcomed in that there was plenty of time not only to discuss the papers presented but also to foster broader discussions on the use of confinement as a conceptual tool. It brought about new collaborations in preparation for the EASA in Stockholm 2018 and for future publications. The establishment of a Network book series with Berghahn was also discussed and the convenors are to develop efforts over the next year to present a proposal to EASA in that regard.

Throughout this year we have promoted the publication of papers presented at different network panels. In particular we have put the editors of [Focaal blog](#), at their request, in contact with contributors of the EASA 2016 panel in Milan [Undisclosed research and the future of ethnographic practice](#) for the organisation of a possible themed series on research ethics at the blog. We are also in the process of publishing the papers of the very first panel (in 2014) as a special issue in [Cadernos Pagu](#) guest edited by Natalia Padovanni, Carolina Sanchez Boe and Ines Hasselberg.



Photo: ConfNet Selfie 2: Only a 1/3 of participants managed to stay out drinking past 8:30pm, attesting to the lively intensity of the network meeting, Copenhagen 2017.

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 over 100 subscribers. Additionally, however, we

have set up a public [facebook](#) page that is currently followed by 833 people. We have also a public [twitter](#) account which currently has 551 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, upcoming events, call for papers, conferences, etc.