

**Network Report, November 2017, Dr Sara Asu Schroer**  
**EASA Network: Humans and Other Living Beings (HOLB)**

The HOLB EASA Network has been inaugurated at the 2016 EASA conference in Milan. The panel we convened received a high number of paper proposals and was attended well, generating engaging and interesting discussion between the panel presenters and the other participants. I (Sara Asu Schroer) was unfortunately not able to attend the conference due to my maternity leave. Ursula Muenster, who also later on guided the discussion in the first network meeting, has chaired the panel. The network meeting had as its aim to introduce the aims of the network to interested colleagues, to provide a platform to meet scholars with similar interests and to facilitate an informal debate about the emerging topics in our area of research. Since then the network has grown significantly and many interested scholars from anthropology but also related disciplines have shown interest and signed up to our mailing list.

In 2017 we had two network meetings, both organised by network members at two international conferences:

In March 2017, Sara Asu Schroer (University of Aberdeen) and Michaela Fenske (University of Wuerzburg) organized a network meeting at the SIEF Congress, “Ways of Dwelling Crisis – Craft – Creativity”, in Goettingen, Germany. The meeting followed a panel, “Shared spaces: perspectives on animal architecture” (convenors Michaela Fenske and Sophie Elpers), in which several network members presented papers. As some Swedish colleagues were present at the meeting we used some of the time of the meeting to start thinking about the upcoming EASA conference in Stockholm and possible plans for organizing the network meeting collaboratively.

In May 2017, Charlotte Marchina (INALCO, Paris) and Alexander Oehler (UNBC, Prince George) organized a network meeting for participants of the joint international conference 'Mo(u)vement' held by the Canadian Anthropology Association (CASCA), together with the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), in Ottawa, Canada. The aim of the meeting was to communicate the vision statement of the newly formed HOLB network, and to collect contact information (email addresses) for candidates interested in joining the network. The meeting was advertised by the conference organization committee, which resulted in over 25 scholars from several nations attending the meeting.

On both of the network events the feedback for HOLB's vision was very positive, and promising connections were made between scholars working on a wide spectrum of human-animal relations, multispecies ethnography and more-than-human anthropology, ranging from industrial dairy production in Japan to indigenous traditional knowledge of First Nations in Canada.

Our plan for 2018 is to hold a panel at the coming EASA conference and to organise a network meeting in collaboration with Swedish colleagues that work on issues related to

the network's interests. We also aim at preparing a funding application to bring in funds to support network activities in 2019.