

## **EASA Media Anthropology Network Report 2017**

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This is a concise report on the EASA Media Anthropology Network activities in 2017. More information about the Network can be found online: <http://www.media-anthropology.net/>

### **Network Organisation**

In June 2017, John Postill (RMIT University) stepped down as convenor of the Media Anthropology Network.

He is succeeded by Sahana Udupa (University Munich), Elisabetta Costa (University of Groningen) and Philipp Budka (University of Vienna).

### **Workshops**

Together with the EASA Anthropology and Mobility Network (ANTHROMOB), the Media Anthropology Network organised the workshop “Anthropologies of Media and Mobility: Theorizing Movement and Circulations Across Entangled Fields” which took place from 14-16 September 2017 at the University of Cologne (<https://mediamobility.wordpress.com/>).

This two-day workshop was organised in collaboration with DFG Research Training Group Locating Media (University Siegen) and a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities (University of Cologne), generously supported by EASA. The workshop was followed by an e-seminar via the Media Anthropology Network's mailing list to continue and expand discussions.

### **E-Seminar Series**

In 2017, the Media Anthropology Network organised and hosted three e-seminars via its mailing list (1,600+ subscribers).

#### **E-seminar 61**

24 October - 14 November 2017. *E-Seminar on Media and mobility*. In collaboration with EASA's Anthropology and Mobility Network.

Opening Statements: Rebecca Carlson (Tokyo Medical and Dental University), Jamie Coates (Sophia University), Jordan Kraemer (New York University) and Noel B. Salazar (Co-convenor EASA Anthropology and Mobility Network, University of Leuven)

#### **E-seminar 60**

10-31 May 2017. Elisabetta Costa (University of Groningen): *Social media as practices: An ethnographic critique of ‘affordances’ and ‘context collapse’*.

Comments: Christian Pentzold (University of Bremen)

#### **E-seminar 59**

7-21 February 2017. Nina Grønlykke Møllerup (Independent Researcher, Denmark): *‘Being there’, phone in hand: Thick presence and ethnographic fieldwork with media*.

Comments: Veronica Barassi (Goldsmiths, University of London)

All e-seminar documents can be downloaded for free at <http://www.media-anthropology.net/index.php/e-seminars>

### **Dissemination and Social Media**

The Media Anthropology Network Twitter account had 3,000+ followers in November 2017 (<https://twitter.com/medianthro>).

### **Future Plans**

- E-Seminars: The network will continue its flagship e-seminar series. A line up of papers await to be presented for the upcoming e-seminars.
- The Network plans to expand dissemination of new research in media anthropology through multimedia presentations (podcasts and short videos). To this end, the network is planning a complete re-modelling of its website.
- Key members of the Network had a chance to meet in Turkey to lay the ground for an edited collection on media anthropology. Discussions on this will continue in the coming days.
- The Network is preparing for the upcoming EASA2018 conference by planning two back to back panels.