

Report for EASA Networks

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SCIENTIFIC REPORT

The workshop “Atheism and Anthropology. Researching Atheism and Self-Searching Belief and Experience” convened by Ruy Llera Blanes and Galina Oustinova-Stjepanovic, sponsored by EASA Networks, took place on September 21st, 2011, at the Darryl Forde Room, at University College London (14 Taviton Street, floor 2). The programme was entirely carried out as predicted, with the following participants:

9:45 Introduction by Ruy Llera Blanes (ICS Lisbon, LSE) and Galina Oustinova-Stjepanovic (UCL, Edinburgh)

10:00: *Keynote Lecture*

Matthew Engelke (LSE): The Anthropology of *After* Religion

11:15: Break

11:30: *Session 1: Researching Atheism*

Lorna Mumford (UCL): Discourses of Atheist and Humanist Identity in Britain

Rebecca Catto and Janet Eccles (Lancaster University): A Sociological Investigation of Young People in Britain’s Active Non-Religious Identities

12:45: Lunch

14:00 *Session 2: Atheism and Secularism*

Sindre Bangstad (Oslo University, Norway): Which Road to Enlightenment? On The Impasses of Secularist Absolutism In Relation to Anthropology in Contemporary Norway

Vlad Naumescu (CEU, Budapest): Secular missionaries or phonies? Old Believers’ moral dilemmas in (post)socialist Romania

Chair/discussant: **Charles Stewart** (UCL)

15:30 Break

16:00 *Session 3: Anthropological Atheism*

Sonja Luehrmann (Simon Fraser University, Canada): Antagonistic Insights: Evolving Soviet atheist critiques of religion and why they might matter for anthropology

Tim Jenkins (Cambridge): The ‘language ideologies’ of a positivist sociological study and Evangelical Christianity compared

Galina Oustinova-Stjepanovic (UCL, Edinburgh): Confessional Anthropology

17:45 Final discussion and farewell

FINANCIAL REPORT

The organization of the workshop entailed very few expenses:

- Seminar room and AV material were generously offered by UCL, who also sponsored the event.
- Catering (lunch, coffee and tea) was covered by UCL and the convenors.
- Publicity was done mainly through internet and poster printing (expenses covered by the convenors).
- Accommodation and travel were covered individually by each participant.
- The participants eligible for refund (as EASA members) are:

Sindre Bangstad
Vlad Naumescu
Galina Oustinova-Stjepanovic
Ruy Llera Blanes

Please see remaining documents pertaining expense claims.

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Signed:

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