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1. Letter from the President

New year wishes from the EASA President.

Dear EASA members and friends. Happy 2022: may it be light and lucky, bright and beautiful. The next newsletter is now out. It has been an intensive time for EASA.



Our Belfast panel call has closed and over 200 panel proposals have arrived. The Sci Com, composed of Evropi Chatzipanagiotidou (Queen's University Belfast, QUB), Dominic Bryan (QUB), Fiona Murphy (QUB), Mariya Ivancheva (University of Strathclyde), Chandana Mathur (Maynooth University), Jonas Tinius (Humboldt University), Abayomi Ogunsanya (Independent scholar), Nevena Škrbić Alempijević (University of Zagreb), Thomas Kirsch (University of Konstanz) is now confirmed. Thanks to those who joined us in it. Its members have been peer reviewing your applications. We realise it has been difficult to plan ahead in times of extended uncertainty of travel and back-to-"normal" life, and we are even more grateful for your submissions. Thanks to their survey feedback, NomadIT's deeply professional work, contingency planning and amazing work with and for EASA, and the enthusiastic and caring work of the local committee in Belfast, we are working toward a truly hybrid conference, reflecting these precarious times.

Speaking of precarity, we received a great and great number of high quality applications and have now appointed a consultant for the precarity job: Dr Heather McKnight has already started working on the database of anti-precarity initiatives. We will be circulating a short scoping survey to map the field but please do get in touch with her on [precarity\(at\)magneticideals.org](mailto:precarity(at)magneticideals.org) if you think you have an initiative in your context we should know about. She will also be working toward promoting the Report [The Anthropological Career in Europe](#), the [video of the launch](#) of which is out. Fiona Murphy and Cris Shore continue overseeing this piece of work and advancing our anti-precarity initiatives.

We wanted to say a particular thank you to Dr Laia Soto for all her work as editor-in-chief of Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale (SA/AS) over the last three years. Laia, your dedication has been hugely appreciated. We also want to thank Dr Lukas Ley for stepping up from his role as Assistant Editor to join Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov as chief editor until the end of July. At that point, they will both be stepping down too. So we are also seeking to recruit two new [SA/AS editors](#): please see the call in this newsletter. Please consider applying, our journal is what



you make of it. The deadline for applications is 14th February. Sharon McDonald and Cris Shore, together with our treasurer David Mills, are working with Berghahn to support this exciting period for the journal as it transitions to Open Access publishing with Berghahn. We [need your help](#) to make this a success by encouraging your institution to subscribe.

We have now posted the [videos of the webinar series](#) we carried out through the last year: thanks especially to the dedication of David Mills, Monica Heintz, Chandana Mathur and Chowra Makaremi and our members and representatives of lobby groups we work with. We have covered a number of topics critical for the discipline and social sciences: the Initiative Science- Europe lobby group's open science policy paper, global trajectories of open access, open data and the paradoxes of policy impact of EU funding. We hope you find them useful and share them with your colleagues and students to continue the discussions across different institutional scales.

Finally, we continue working toward solutions for our ever more proliferating networks, and for deepening our political agenda on issues around scholars at risk and environmental sustainability. We carry on following cases across and beyond Europe where individual scholars such as Fariba Adelkakh's renewed and Ahmed Samir's ongoing arrest, the Doxa student journal editors house arrest in Russia, as well as critical disciplines as a whole, have been exposed to grave injustice. Chandana Mathur, Chowra Makaremi and Sharon McDonald continue their work on this.

Writing this while the temperatures in the Southeast of Europe have fallen dramatically and many migrants are stuck in abhorrent conditions, and while the escalation on the Eastern borders have brought new threats of war and displacement gives us very little calm. It makes for the need of continuing the struggle to make anthropology a discipline that does not just describe injustice but actively fights for structural change inside and outside academia. Your membership and feedback is vital to us making further decisive steps in that direction.

As always, do share with us any ideas about where you find EASA can make a meaningful intervention - email monica.heintz@gmail.com - or where you think anthropologists or EASA exec are getting it wrong, email ethics@easaonline.org.

Mariya Ivancheva, July 2021



2. Call for papers for EASA2022 Belfast Conference

More than 200 panels have been received, the call for papers opens on the 10th of February.

[17th EASA Biennial Conference: EASA2022: Transformation, Hope and the Commons.](#)

School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics at Queen's University Belfast. 26-29 July, 2022



3. Call for new Social Anthropology/ Anthropologie Sociale editors

The open access EASA Social Anthropology journal seeks its future editors.



EASA is looking for two new editors for its flagship journal Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale. This is an exciting time for the journal as it transitions to [Open Access publication with Berghahn](#). Application is by CV and covering email, detailing previous editorial experience and offering a brief vision for the journal. These should be sent to the EASA Secretary, [monica.heintz\(at\)gmail.com](#) by Feb 14th 2022. Shortlisting and interviews will be held in March 2022. The editors would be expected to be in post from August 2022 for a 3 year term of office.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- To work closely with the other Co-Editor, the Assistant Editor and Book Review Editor, and to ensure the editorial team meets regularly and works effectively with clear delegated responsibilities.



- To develop a strategy for the future of the journal as an innovative Open Access journal promoting the rich diversity of European social anthropology
- To plan future issues of the journal and to actively solicit manuscripts and themed issues from key figures and early-career scholars across Europe and beyond. rich diversity of European social anthropology
- To review submissions prior to selection of international peer reviewers, to oversee a system of international-standard review and revision, and to make final publication decisions. rich diversity of European social anthropology
- To compose editorial introductions to issues. rich diversity of European social anthropology
- To liaise with the publication reps on the EASA Executive Committee, providing six-monthly reports on the journal's performance and direction, and presenting a yearly report to an EASA Exec meeting. rich diversity of European social anthropology
- To liaise with the publisher and the International Advisory Board on matters of scholarly strategy and quality. rich diversity of European social anthropology

Applications can be made by individuals or as a team of two. The post comes with an honorarium and a travel allowance to attend international conferences and network. An Assistant editor is currently in post, to assist with continuity during the handover period. We aim to have completed this handover by EASA2022 at end-July. The Belfast EASA2022 conference offers the opportunity to meet the EASA Exec committee and the outgoing team, and the successful applicants will be expected to attend if at all possible.

4. Call for hosting the EASA2024 conference

Interested in hosting a conference?

The host institution has to be a Department of Social or Cultural Anthropology, or the equivalent thereof, connected to a University. [Read the full the application procedure and criteria >>](#)





5. Autumn 2021 webinars now online

The autumn webinars dedicated to the transition to Open Science and to the EU funded projects' impact are now online.



Webinars have made their way into our academic habits. While we all regret the reason for this sudden impulse, they have also prompted us to keep in touch across countries and continents and tackle more quickly and near carbon-neutrally important issues such as the transition to open science, the impact or rather lack of impact of our research findings on societal measure, the question of scholars' precarity and risks, and many more hot topics to follow soon. If you did not join us live, please [view the archive of our past webinars](#).

6. Support the EASA journal's subscribe-to-open approach

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