



## Elections - Results

Thomas Fillitz

The outgoing secretary László Kürti, the new secretary Thomas Fillitz, and Anna Streissler (member) have counted the ballots.

The results:

- 147 ballots valid

- 4 ballots invalid: 1 was double, and two others without ballot numbers.

The results:

Shalini Randeria: 96

Manuela Da Cunha: 91

Michal Buchowski: 89

Gísli Pálsson: 87

Benoît de L'Estoile: 72

Dieter Haller: 66

William Kavanagh: 63

The elected five members of the Executive Committee have co-opted Helena Wulff and Thomas Fillitz during the constituting meeting at Ljubljana (09 to 11 February 2007).

The new **Executive Committee**

Shalini Randeria, President

Benoît de L'Estoile, Vice-President

Manuela Da Cunha

Michal Buchowski

Gísli Pálsson

Helena Wulff, co-opted, journal co-editor

Thomas Fillitz, co-opted, secretary

David Shankland, treasurer



The new Executive Committee, from left to right: Helena Wulff, Michal Buchowski, Shalini Randeria, Benoît de L'Estoile, Gísli Pálsson, Manuela da Cunha, Thomas Fillitz, David Shankland.

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## The further organigram of EASA:

### Journal – Social Anthropology | Anthropologie Sociale

Co-editors: Dorle Dracklé and Helena Wulff

Review Editor: Liza Debevec

**EASA-Newsletter** | Editor: Thomas Fillitz

**Website** | Coordination Thomas Fillitz

**Membership Administration** | Rohan Jackson | NomadIT

**EASA-Series** | Jonathan Skinner

**Translation Series** | Benoît de L'Estoile

### **EASA Networks**

The Secretariat is currently trying to find out about the EASA-networks and will publish the list with contacts in the next Newsletter.

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## The New EASA Secretariat

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# Letter from the President

Shalini Randeria

After an election with remarkably low participation, the new Executive Committee (2007-9) took up its work at the beginning of February. At a time when universities all over Europe are faced with a common set of challenges due to structural reforms, which involve risks but also offer opportunities for a relatively small and diverse discipline such as ours, we hope that members will participate more actively to shape the future of our discipline and its professional organisation. One of the new tasks that the Executive will set itself, is to try to encourage a higher turn-out next time!

A most successful hand-over meeting took place in the lovely city of Ljubljana, the venue of our conference in August 2008. The general theme will be: *Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality* with a focus on both cultural and biological diversity. We will publish the wide-ranging programme in the next newsletter in June.

We would like to thank the members of the previous Executive. Its previous members will be represented still on the new EC, in that our journal *Social Anthropology* has for the first time in its history two editors, Helena Wulff (Stockholm) and Doris Drackle (Bremen), who will take it in turns to serve on the Executive Committee. We also have a new publisher, Blackwells, who will re-launch the journal at the AAA meeting in Washington DC in November this year. The new reviews editor is Liza Debevec (Ljubljana). The next newsletter will include a letter from the editors that outlines their plans as well.

A long process of discussions has culminated in a revised membership fee structure, one that was ratified at the last general meeting in Bristol. The new simplified structure, of course, involves an small increase in fees for some but also a decrease for others. We very much hope that each member will decide to pay his/her dues promptly, for we are entirely dependent on your contributions for our activities. We are also keen to enlarge the membership of EASA, especially among students, and would like to request all of you to actively support us in this endeavour. The treasury remains in the United Kingdom

but moves to David Shankland (Bristol), who presents the new fees in this newsletter.

We would like to encourage members to use the newsletter as a platform to exchange information, as means for departments in various countries to present themselves and to discuss, for example, the implementation of the Bologna reforms in different universities. We welcome reports from members and would like to facilitate the use of the website to advertise positions as well as to publish call for papers for workshops and announce forthcoming events. We are in the process of making appropriate changes to upgrade the website to ease such communication and also to make available a membership registry. Thomas Fillitz (Vienna), who was co-opted as the new secretary in Bristol, will be the new Webmaster.

To encourage activities in-between conferences, the Executive has set aside some of the association's rather small budget for meetings and workshops organised by the various networks. Applications for additional funding for exploratory workshops and network meetings could be made, for example, to the European Science Foundation (ESF). Gísli Pálsson (Reykjavik), a member of the new Executive and subject representative for anthropology on the Standing Committee for the Humanities under the ESF, has contributed a piece to this newsletter on the opportunities and instruments for research funding and networking available at the European level. The new Executive is eager to support networks and initiatives as well as to engage in lobbying activities at the European level, so please feel free to get in touch with us. We look forward to your queries and suggestions!

Finally, the annual general meeting of EASA will take place in Paris on 11-13 December 2007 in conjunction with *Les Assises de l'ethnologie et de l'anthropologie en France*. We look forward to meeting many of our members at this meeting that will be organised by the new Vice-President, Benoît de L'Estoile, who is also in charge of the translations series.

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## Notes from the Secretary

Thomas Fillitz

Until early this year, László Kürti has been for many years now EASA's secretary. As the person following on this position, I thank him for the work he has done for the Association during this time.

Taking up new positions requires to confront new situations and challenges, to get new insights in new matters. One of these is the Association's Newsletter. I apologize for the time it took to publish it, and for the smaller size this number 43|2007 has.

As new editor of the EASA-Newsletter I would like to encourage the Association's members to consider it as one of its forum for communication. I strongly wish to intensify the announcement of conferences, of symposia, workshops, summer schools and distinguished lectures. I as well would like to encourage all of you to write reports of these events, and of exhibitions.

Announcements of posts are welcomed! However I am not sure whether the Newsletter is quick enough for the institutions' deadlines, which get shorter and shorter. Rather, this could better be supplied by the website, which will be *mise à jour* within the next times.

Further, a lot of changes affect our current working situations, such as the implementation of the Bologna-process – the President, Shalini Randeria mentioned it in her address above. There were some Round tables about that theme, one

during the EASA 2004 conference. It seems however that little is known among our community what is going on in the different countries, in the various universities? How do new curricula look like? What local consequences are there for our discipline, and for colleagues?

Another theme seems to be EASA's role towards student members. As teachers we realise that there are new challenges for students, that they do no more have similar options as many of us had, who have contracts within institutions. What are their thoughts, what would they like EASA to consider, take care of, or discuss?

These are some themes I would appreciate to get contributions for the forthcoming Newsletters. All in all, feel free to send in news and short texts, which help us to know more about what is going on with anthropology, with our conditions of work, and with our fields of inquiry.

Regarding the publication of the Newsletter, I shall aim at publishing it three times a year with the (generous) help of some colleagues in my department, generally March, June|July, and late November.

For all texts or information you are sending, I would appreciate to receive these in Word format via email (Thomas.fillitz@univie.ac.at).

## Short Note to EASA Members and Amended Membership Fees – 2007

David Shankland, EASA Treasurer

Dr Jon Mitchell, after many years extra-ordinary service to EASA, has retired as Treasurer. During his tenure, he was instrumental in reforming the Association's administrative structure, not least in gaining us formal charitable status. This means that we now have official recognition as a body, and can run our accounts according to the Charitable Commission's generally understood protocols. It is therefore a very great pleasure simply to say to the membership that, thanks to Jon, we begin this new period from a sound, established foundation.

There is, however, a reform in the way that membership fees will be calculated. Members will recall that at the last conference, we decided to dispense with the East/West division and substitute instead variable membership rates according to income. These assume that those earning more than 50,000 Euros a year gross pay the fullest rate (100 Euros), whilst those receiving less may pay 80 Euros, then if much less, 50 Euros. Associate and Joint Memberships continue, as outlined in the table. The Executive Committee recognises the very great importance of taking students' special needs into account, and is therefore delighted to set the full-time student rate at only 30 Euros. All members receive the journal, and the electronic newsletter.

NomadIT, under the capable direction of Rohan Jackson, has begun the process of moving to this new invoicing system, which will come into action from this year (2007). Finally, we end with a plea. We would hope very much that membership invoices may be settled promptly. The Association is entirely reliant upon its membership income: it has no building, and no endowment, just its members, its publications, and its activities!

### Amended Membership Fees – 2007

<b>Ordinary (Full) Membership Fees</b>	Income band	Fee
Income band A	€0-24,999	€50
Income band B	€25,000-49,999	€80
Income band C	€50,000 upwards	€100

[NB: Ordinary Membership incorporates the old Eastern European and Retired rates]

<b>Student Fees</b>		Fee
		€30
<b>Associate Memb'ship Fees</b>		<b>Income band</b>
	Income band A	€0-24,999
	Income band B	€25,000-49,999
	Income band C	€50,000 upwards
		€50
		€80
		€100

<b>Joint Memb'ship Fees</b>		Combined Income band	Fee
Income band A		€0-49,999	€75
Income band B		€50,000-€99,999	€120

# 10th EASA Biennial Conference Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality

Ljubljana, August 26-30, 2008

Rajko Muršič

Members of the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Ljubljana are pleased to welcome you at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Easa conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia. With approximately 56,000 students and more than 5,000 teaching and research staff, University of Ljubljana, established in 1919, is one of the largest universities in Europe. The Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, established in 1940, with 400 students and 26 teaching/research and administrative staff is as well considerably large.

The conference will be organised in the centre of Ljubljana (population 300,000). The conference venues and accommodations will be located in walking distance. The local organisers will provide reasonable-priced accommodation in student dormitories. The centre of Ljubljana has a very well settled infrastructure for cycling and it offers many hotels and other facilities, including plenty of cafes and restaurants at the banks of the river Ljubljanica.

In summer, there are numerous festivals cultural events for different tastes organised in the city. The Mediterranean coast and the Alps are less than 100 km away... So you can expect an exciting conference!

The local organisers have some experience in organising international conferences, among which I would like to mention the well-known Mediterranean Ethnological Summer Symposium (Mess), organised annually in Piran between 1994 and 2006. With particular tendency to cross barriers of status, age, space and disciplinary orientations local organisers expect many younger scholars from all parts of Europe to participate and get benefits for their career opportunities.

In short, at the time of the 2008 EASA conference Ljubljana will be vivid, not too busy, but a relaxed place, which we believe will stimulate an excellent atmosphere for intellectual enterprise.

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## **The Local Committee:**

Peter Simonc, Mojca Bele, Zmago Šmitek, Joze Hudales, Jaka Repic, Boštjan Kravanja, Katja Hrobat, Katarina Juvancic, Nataša Visocnik, Karmen Šterk, Jurij Fikfak, Mojca Ramšak, Liza Debevec, Katerina Ferkov, Tina Kene, Alenka Lamovšek, Anze Tavcar, Kaja Beton, Urška Dolenc, Jasna Rovšek, Pablo Miklavc.

## **The Scientific Committee:**

- Nominated by the Local Committee | Bojan Baskar, Bozidar Jezernik, Rajko Muršič.

- EASA Executive Committee | Shalini Randeria, Benoît de L'Estoile, Manuela da Cunha, Gísli Pálsson, Michal Buchowski, Helena Wulff, David Shankland, Thomas Fillitz.

# European Funding and Anthropological Research

Gisli Pálsson

Currently, national, European, and international structures of funding for research in the humanities and the social sciences seem to be undergoing significant change. While it is difficult to generalize for different regions and disciplines, for anthropology there are both dangers and opportunities. It seems pertinent, therefore, to urge anthropologists to reflect on the changes taking place, to examine the prospects ahead and the potential impacts on the discipline. As the current subject representative for anthropology on the Standing Committee for the Humanities under the European Science Foundation and a member of the new Executive Committee of EASA, I would like to alert colleagues to the need to discuss some of the issues involved and to explore available opportunities.

One of the important venues for European research policy and funding is that of the European Science Foundation (ESF), with its headquarters in Strasbourg (<http://www.esf.org/index.php?language=0>). The ESF promotes high quality science at a European level. It acts as a catalyst for the development of science by bringing together leading scientists and funding agencies to debate, plan and implement pan-European initiatives. The ESF has five major wings, two of which represent anthropology: the Humanities and the Social Sciences Standing Committees. The list of disciplines under the Humanities refers to "Anthropology, ethnology, folklore" while the Social Sciences list has "Social anthropology". For the past two years, I have represented the discipline on the former, following an invitation by the Standing Committee which felt that its disciplinary spectrum needed to be broadened as none of the members of the Committee covered the field of anthropology. Thanks partly to the efforts and initiative of one of our colleagues, Dr. Elisabeth Vestergaard (University of Aarhus), the previous Head of Humanities Unit and Senior Scientific Secretary to the Standing Committee for the Humanities, anthropology has been presented with important new opportunities under the ESF umbrella. Vestergaard's colleagues, her successor Dr. Monique van Donzel, and fellow Committee Members have been quite receptive to anthropological viewpoints and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

Like many other research bodies, both national and international, the ESF emphasises interdisciplinary schemes and projects. To realize its broader goals, the ESF operates with a series of instruments, including those of Exploratory Workshops, Forward Looks, Research Networking Programmes, and EUROCORES (the European Collaborative Research scheme). Anthropology plays important roles in some of the schemes.

One example under the Humanities umbrella is a new large-scale EUROCORES project BOREAS, "**Histories from the North - environments, movements, narratives**", a coordinated programme of research on the North enabling the humanities to collaborate more effectively and offers synergies between social, natural and medical sciences. This is a circumpolar initiative, with collaboration between Europe, the US, Canada and Russia. Another EUROCORES project is OMLL, "**The origin of man, language and languages**" focusing on the evolution of anatomically modern humans, language development and linguistic diversity. Finally, a project on "Humans in space" will be launched by an interdisciplinary conference in Genoa 22-23 March this year. This project is jointly sponsored by the Standing Committee for the Humanities and the Life, Earth and Environmental Standing Committee.

The other main European research umbrella is that of the European Community. Two major points should be mentioned in this context. For one thing, the European Commission has established the European Research Council (ERC) ([http://erc.europa.eu/index\\_en.cfm](http://erc.europa.eu/index_en.cfm)) which offers a new scope for developing research in the humanities and the social sciences on the European level. Secondly, the new 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for 2007-2013 established by the Commission offers exciting prospects that many of our colleagues found painfully missing in earlier frameworks (see [http://ec.europa.eu/research/future/ssh/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/future/ssh/index_en.cfm)). In the long run, the ERC is bound to affect the ESF and somehow the complex worlds of Strasbourg and Brussels acronym must be realigned. It is not yet clear, on the other hand, how things will develop and how they may affect anthropology in particular.

To enhance the visibility and impact of anthropological research, it is critical, of course, to both pay close attention to the constraints of the "instruments" and "calls" in question and to submit strong and well-prepared proposals and applications to the relevant funds and agencies. The structure and politics of research and funding, however, are also important matters of concern for the scientific community as a whole. At its first meeting in Ljubljana on 10 February, the new EASA Executive Committee spent considerable time discussing opportunities for European funding for anthropological research. The Committee decided to take a series of measure regarding funding, exploring the ways in which current practices of funding as well as the changes ahead may be affecting disciplinary practices, methodologies, and research politics.

## CALENDAR

### Conferences, Symposia, Summer Schools, Distinguished Lectures

#### May 2007

##### **Symposium: Mobile Masculinities: Spatial, Intimate and Bodily Transitions**

**16th May 2007, ICOSS, University of Sheffield**

Theoretical and empirical issues of men and masculinities in relation to space, intimacy, the emotions and the body are being addressed within a variety of disciplines. Such theorising starts from assumptions about fluid and multiple masculinities, but tends to assume a static framework within which to explore men's experiences. Men are treated as if they inhabit and perform masculinities in one space alone, for example either the workplace or domestic sphere. Little consideration has been given to how men exist in different spaces, sometimes simultaneously, and at various stages of the life course, and how they manage transitions between work and home life, between being a colleague, friend, father and partner. This symposium is an opportunity to re-focus current theoretical issues around masculinity through a shattering of divisions between those separate spaces and between apparently stable identities. Focusing on men's mobility and experiences, their strategies and performances of 'being' a man, papers will speak not only to masculinity, but also to gendered, classed and aged relationships across and beyond separate life spheres.

Papers might address (but not be limited to) the following areas:

Emotion  
Intimacy  
The body  
Ageing and the lifecourse  
Men at work and home  
Humour  
Sociability  
Sexual and reproductive health  
Fatherhood

300 word abstracts are invited which consider men and masculinities in this fluid, mobile and transitory way.

Send abstracts by 9th February 2007. to:

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#### September 2007

##### **Migraciones I Ciudadanías Migrations and Citizenship**

##### **II Congrés Internacional d'Etnografia I Educació**

##### **II Congreso International d'Etnografia I Educació**

##### **II International Conference on Ethnography and Education**

##### **II Congrès International sur Ethnographie et Éducation.**

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#### November 2007

International Conference of the Journal "Anthropologie et Sociétés," Université Laval.

see [http://www.ant.ulaval.ca/anthropologieetsocietes/colloque2007\\_accueil.html](http://www.ant.ulaval.ca/anthropologieetsocietes/colloque2007_accueil.html)

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#### 106<sup>th</sup> AAA Annual Meeting

Washington DC., Nov. 28 – Dec. 2

"Difference, (In)equality and Justice."

<http://aaanet.org/>

#### December 2007

##### **Ethnicity, Belonging, Biography and Ethnography**

December 7th – 9th, 2007

Call for Papers

International Conference of the Center of Methods in Social Sciences, Georg-August-University Goettingen, Germany

Co-organized with the TransCoop project "Biography and Ethnicity" and the Research Committee 38 "Biography and Society" of the International Sociological Association.

Organizing committee: Prof. Dr. Gabriele Rosenthal & Dr. Michaela Koettig,

Georg-August-University

Dr. Julia Chaitin, Sapir Academic College

(Israel), Dr. John Linstroth, Nova

Southeastern University, Florida

The conference will take place in Goettingen, Germany and will focus on the subject of ethnicity and socio-cultural belongings. We will present our TransCoop project, an interdisciplinary and international biographical and ethnographic study, that draws on the disciplines of sociology, social-psychology, anthropology, and conflict resolution.

We invite participants to present papers on different theoretical conceptions and empirical studies on this topic. In particular we would like to discuss societal settings influence the developing sense of collective belongings and their transformations among refugees and immigrants, different social and cultural groups, connections between socio-cultural belongings and gender, and intergenerational

aspects of such belonging. In addition to the conference presentations, we will be holding workshops that focus on methods for collecting and analyzing data material relevant to ethnicity and socio-cultural belonging.

Colleagues who wish to present papers or bring data to be discussed in the workshops are asked to send the title of their proposed talk and an abstract of no more than 150 words to michaela.koettig@gmx.de by March 1st, 2007.

Information updates on the Conference will be posted to the website:

<http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc38.htm>

##### **Les Assises de l'ethnologie et de l'anthropologie en France**

Paris, Musée de l'Homme,

Dec. 11-13

The *Assises de l'ethnologie et de l'anthropologie en France* are a forum for debating the scientific and professional evolutions of Anthropology in France, with view to the world and European context. It will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in Paris.

Initiated by the two main associations of social anthropologists, the French Association of Anthropologists (AFA – *Association française des anthropologues*) and the Association for Research in Social Anthropology (APRAS – *Association pour la recherche en anthropologie sociale*), the forum intends to attract the largest participation of anthropologists and ethnologists to debate the situation of the discipline and its perspectives in France. There hasn't been a congress of this kind and importance in the country since 1977.

A steering committee composed of 14 persons, from different organizations and anthropological backgrounds, has been set up and several working groups have emerged to prepare the Forum during the whole year. The intention is both to collect living experiences of the problem raised by the reforms and changes affecting the discipline and stimulate the desire for the individuals to take the floor and express their views. The working groups have been set up with regard to 5 main issues to be reflected upon and discussed.

- 1) the impact of the institutional (government and European) reforms on the research and teaching practices;
- 2) the re-organization of the fields of Anthropology/Ethnology in the global framework of academic disciplines (redefinition of the human sciences area ; the question of interdisciplinarity);
- 3) the place, role and responsibilities of social anthropologists in society (social demand; the question of committed anthropology ; the valuation of applied anthropology);
- 4) Anthropology and the social construction of "other" and "others" today;
- 5) the associative structure of

the discipline (role and place of the different associations of Anthropology in France; links and bridges between local, national, international associations).

As often as possible, during the year preceding the Assises and in several localisations in France, the working groups organize conferences, workshops and round tables to fuel the reflections and discussions on the issues above mentioned. On December, 5 sessions with keynote speakers coming from France, Europe and the rest of the world, will be devoted to the restitution of the lengthy discussions. The debate should engage the community of French anthropologists to draw a balance and view the future.

For the Assises to achieve their objective, the organizing committee encourages any person, group, association, research team, academic department etc. who may feel interested by the discipline's destiny to take other initiatives. The organizers of such events are expected to contact the coordinators of the working groups, in order to facilitate the circulation of information and share the discussions. Their names are indicated on the website.

A cooperative website **assisesethno.org** has been created to serve as the locus of the collective discussions, for sharing information and allowing the participation of the largest number of social anthropologists to the preparation of the Assises. On the website, one can find the papers that have been published on line and add her/his own contribution to the collective discussion. In addition to the 5 sets of questions mentioned above, a 6<sup>th</sup> one "hors-piste" has been included to collect the communications on subjects that may have been forgotten or neglected by the organizers.

For more information:

<http://assisesethno.org>

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## 2008

### The Anthropology of International Institutions

International institutions have entered the field-sites of many anthropologists. As the people they study are confronted with World Bank projects, technical cooperation programmes of the FAO and regulations on intellectual property rights under the auspices of the WTO that are often superseding state initiatives anthropologists have begun to analyse these institutions in their practices on the ground. In recent years the institutions themselves, as circuits of power where normative frameworks are built, resources are attributed and knowledge circulates have also become fields of anthropological enquiry. International institutions have headquarters in specific locations, the WTO in Geneva, the FAO in

Rome, the World Bank in New York where permanent staff keeps track of decisions taken, produces policy documents and assures the governmental functions of the institution. The institutions organise meetings all over the world, which draw actors from state and non-state backgrounds that interact in densely woven formal and informal networks. Studying these institutions is thus a complex endeavour that poses new challenges for anthropology from a methodological and conceptual point of view. International institutions have been studied by other disciplines and the anthropologist meets up in this endeavour with economists, geographers, historians, sociologists and linguists from various national and intellectual traditions. There is however a specific way proper to anthropology of looking at these institutions as sites of dense social interactions that are observable which create meanings and norms and which constitute new fields of power.

With the workshop that we are currently organizing to be held in 2008 in Paris we would like to bring together anthropologists who have taken international institutions as their field of enquiry and explore together the methodological and theoretical challenges of this new field. We would like to invite colleagues who are interested by this new field or who have doctoral students advanced in their PhDs who work on the subject to get in touch with us so that we may make an inventory of the research activities already going on.

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Organising Committee:

Irène Bellier, LAIOS-CNRS Paris

Christina Garsten, SCORE, Stockholm

Shalini Randeria, Institute for Ethnology, Zürich

## June 2008

**SIEF (International Society for Ethnology and Folklore)** will hold its 9th Congress in Derry/Ulster, on June 16-20, 2008; the call for papers and the list of panels and panel organizers can be found on the following homepage:

<http://www.meertens.knaw.nl/sief/>

Abstracts must be submitted online.

**Ethnografeast III: 'Ethnography and the Public Sphere/Ethnographie et Sphère Publique'**

Lisbon, June 20-23, 2007

Centro de Estudos em Antropologia Social (Portugal), Journal *Ethnography*/University of California-Berkeley.

Abstracts and other information available on: [www.ceas.iscte.pt/ethnografeast](http://www.ceas.iscte.pt/ethnografeast)

Conference coordinators:

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Antónia P. Lima (CEAS/ISCTE)

Loïc Wacquant (University of California, Berkeley/Centre de Sociologie Européenne, Paris).

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## July 2008

### The 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

Kunming | China, July 15-23

"Humanity, Development and Cultural Diversity."

<http://www.icaes2008.org/enindex.htm>

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## August 2008

### 10<sup>th</sup> EASA Biennial Conference

"Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality"

Ljubljana, August 26-30

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## Call for Contributions

Dear colleagues,

Congratulations to everybody for we have received some nice compliments about GIA n°1. Fortunately we have also received some comments and suggestions (we are designing a new web-page). Following these, we are preparing number n°2 as a monographic issue. The topic is "**current european anthropologies**", something like a 'state of the art in European anthropology'. Some of the questions we might be interested in analysing in this second issue are: can we still talk of different 'national' anthropological schools/traditions nowadays? Is current transborder mobility ( *liquid life* ) affecting our traditional endogamic self-indulgence, or we just keep researching basically the same topics and using the same conceptual frames?... Though any other question is, of course, not only welcome but encouraged.

The idea is to have it ready **by the end of june** (before summer vacations). So I would appreciate if you could let me know whether you know anyone who could write such an article (including a good abstract in a second language). You can contact his/her or if you are very busy I can do it for you.

Thank you very much for your collaboration,

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# Masterprogrammes in Anthropology

## SOAS MA in the Anthropology of Food

Food is a fundamental human necessity, essential to the sustenance of the human body. At the same time, food may be associated with pleasure, passion, even luxury. Food is also essential to the social body. Who eats what, who eats with whom, and whose appetites are satisfied and whose denied, are all profoundly social dynamics through which identities, relationships, and hierarchies are created and reproduced.

A New SOAS MA degree programme in the Anthropology of Food offers students the opportunity to explore historically and culturally variable foodways, from foraging to industrial agriculture, from Europe and North America to Africa, Asia and South America. The programme asks students to trace the passage of food from plant to palate, and to examine who benefits, and who suffers, from contemporary modes of food production, exchange, preparation, and consumption.

In a world where food has become commodity, students in the programme examine food policy at national and international levels, as well as the role played in its formation by the food industry. Focus is given to the study of famine and the controversial role of food aid in securing food supplies. Debates over the impact of the agricultural biotechnology on agrarian livelihoods and knowledge systems, as well as on the natural environment, are assessed. Movements toward organic agriculture, fair trade, and slow food are also analysed in the programme.

Among programme teachers are Professor Johan Pottier, author of *Anthropology of Food: The Social Dynamics of Food Security*; Dr. Harry G. West, who is currently researching the significance of international trade and regulatory regimes on the production, trade, and consumption of artisan foods worldwide; and Dr. Jakob Klein, whose research interests include the restaurant trade and the organic food movement in China.

The course is designed to be of interest to not only to students intending ultimately to pursue research degrees on food-related topics, but also to those wishing to work in food-related international organizations, development agencies, government ministries, or non-governmental associations, as well as in the fields of public health, education, and media, or in the catering industry.

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## "Cultural Differences and Transnational Processes" A European Master in Social and Cultural Anthropology

**Applications Now Welcomed!**  
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Creole is a two-year European Joint-Masterprogramme which currently connects the University of Vienna, the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the University of Ljubljana, the National University of Ireland – Maynooth, and the University of Stockholm.

Creole is specialising on three main themes: 1) New Identities, 2) Material Culture and Consumption, and 3) Visual Culture | Popular Culture. Based on an overall common structure, the participating universities present the various modules of the Masterprogramme in a complementary way to each other, thus emphasizing their own particularities and specialisations within the common network. The language of the programme is English.

The Joint-Masterprogramme "Creole – Cultural Differences and Transnational Processes" focuses on the mobility in the studying programme in three ways: a) Student mobility: participating students are entitled to pass up to 12 months at a visiting institution; b) an intensive programme at the beginning of the 3rd semester | year-2 is compulsory; and c) teachers of the participating institutions are commuting between the institutions, teaching courses in intensified ways for one week.

The main added values of the Joint-Masterprogramme are: 1) The Masterdiploma will be issued by the five universities, 2) recognition in the countries of the participating institutions, 3) joint supervision of the student by a teacher of the home university and by the visiting university, 4) intensified mobility and interconnection as structural elements of the study programme. Better possibilities on the European job market are envisaged.

Regarding the consortium, an enlargement is welcomed. The University of Lyon-II will join into the Joint-Masterprogramme by autumn 2008 enabling further mobilities.

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## Regarding Elections 2007

Thomas Fillitz

Due to the extremely low participation in these last elections of the Executive Committee, and in order to assure the maximum of transparency while keeping the anonymity of those who voted, the number of the ballots of those who have voted are listed below. As these numbers had been generated by coincidence, no reference to any member's name is possible.

Given that in the past the participation in elections was around 25 to 30% of the full-members, the Executive Committee considers it opportune and important for the Association that this year's dramatic numbers be discussed in the light of improving the electoral system. EASA-Members are encouraged to express ideas and debate what could be improved, which kind of procedures may be favoured.

Please send your suggestions to the Secretariat: [thomas.fillitz@univie.ac.at](mailto:thomas.fillitz@univie.ac.at)

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