



## Letter from the President

Shalini Randeria, University of Zurich

I look forward to welcoming all of you at the end of August in the lovely city of Ljubljana. Preparations for the largest ever EASA biennial conference are in full swing. On behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to thank all the members of the local organising committee, our hosts, for their efforts in raising additional funds for this event. They have put in a tremendous amount of work to ensure all arrangements for the largest ever number of workshops and participants at an EASA conference. This surge of interest reflects our Association's increasing membership and growing strength in various parts of Europe. It is a welcome development indeed at a time when our discipline too is undergoing a transformation in the wake of major changes in the academic landscape in universities across Europe. The conference will give us an opportunity to discuss our ongoing research but equally to deliberate on the disciplinary and institutional challenges facing us in our diverse academic settings. We have organised roundtables with representatives of major European research funding institutions (for instance the ERC, ESF and EU) on some of these issues. I hope our members will take full advantage of their presence.

As you know, the theme of our conference is *Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality* with a dual focus on cultural and biological diversity. The wide-ranging programme is available on the EASA and the conference websites. I do hope that even those members who are unable to participate in the conference this year will find the time to take a look at it. After the unfortunate decision by the Chinese authorities to postpone the IUAES conference to be held in Kunming (China) this July, we decided to expand the EASA conference programme in order to add some workshops and to facilitate presentation of papers by colleagues who were affected by this sudden change of schedule. I am especially grateful to the local organising committee, to Rohan Jackson and his team at Nomad IT for their willingness to shoulder this burden at short notice.

We would encourage you to attend the Members' Forum/ Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the last day of the conference in order to learn more about the activities of EASA's various networks. Many of the networks have their own websites with links to the new EASA webpage. However, the AGM will provide a forum for brief reports of network activities and prove useful in increasing their visibility. The Executive Committee is equally eager to use this occasion for exchange of views (especially on the ERIH exercise), to receive your feedback on some recent changes (for example in the EASA fee structure, website or journal), and to obtain suggestions to enlarge the provision of services to members. In short, we would like to discuss with you several organisational issues of importance including some minor amendments to the EASA constitution. In order to leave more room for these discussions during the AGM meeting, its format has been slightly modified. Instead of the usual presentation of reports by office-bearers, we will send you in advance reports by the secretary, treasurer, book series editor and editors of our journal *Social Anthropology* by mid August. Copies will be made available at the venue of the AGM meeting as well. By providing you with an overview of the activities of the EASA ahead of the conference, we hope to budget more time at the Ljubljana meeting for discussions. Your active support is of vital importance in the development of EASA as a professional organisation.

It is almost two years since we last met in Bristol and it is time for a new round of elections to the Executive Committee (EC). We welcome nominations for the elections to be held at the end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support I have received from all my colleagues on the Executive Committee. It has been a great pleasure to work with them as a team. I would like to thank especially Benoît de L'Estoile, the current Vice-President whose second and final term on the EC comes to an end early 2009. I would also like to express my thanks to Jonathan Skinner, the EASA book series editor, whose term expires early next year as well. We also solicit applications for his replacement as editor of the EASA book series. An announcement for the position appears in this issue of the newsletter. We also look forward to hearing from colleagues who would be happy to host the forthcoming EASA conferences. Please contact the Secretary, Thomas Fillitz (Vienna) as soon as possible with your queries and applications.

I look forward to welcoming you soon to an exciting conference in Ljubljana!

## **Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality in Ljubljana Welcome to the 10th EASA Biennial Conference**

Rajko Muršič, University of Ljubljana  
(on behalf of the Local Committee)

With around 114 workshops, more than 1000 accepted papers, several round tables, discussions, presentations, workshops meetings and other events, film festival, and additional programme, the 10th EASA conference is to become the major anthropological gatherings in Europe. The keynote address by Prof. Philippe Descola on "Human Natures" will accentuate the discussions of diversity and mutuality. Plenary presentations on mutalities in practice, uses of diversity, and immobilities – new challenges for anthropology in a globalised world (young scholars plenary) will further explore new directions in social/cultural anthropology.

What is particularly important for the organisers from the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, is that many younger scholars will attend the conference for the first time. Among them, many scholars from Central, South-eastern and Eastern Europe will attend the conference and prove that social/cultural anthropology is a young and attractive discipline, particularly important in times when cultural diversity is becoming a very important part of political discourses. In the European year of "intercultural dialogue" anthropologists will critically assess different faces of diversity together with its complementary: mutualism.

The variety of workshops and round tables is embedded into the history of the heterogeneous discipline. There is much more than only one major stream of social/cultural anthropology or ethnology in Europe. Together with dominant and well-established traditions of the discipline there are appearing new traditions in different parts of Europe. Furthermore, the topics of the workshops prove that the discipline is diversifying within itself. Some sub-disciplines are obviously developing very fast and will give the conference specific character, e.g. medical anthropology, political anthropology and anthropology of religion.

The Ljubljana conference will attract many young scholars and students. Before the EASA conference, two other events will be organised, the 15th annual Mediterranean Ethnological Summer Symposium (MESS) in Ljubljana (August 22-25), and the student network MASN (Moving Anthropology Student Network) in Osilnica (August 21-25). On Monday, August 25, an international student gathering will be organised, followed by a party and a concert. Together with foreign students, around 300 students are expected to take part in the organisation of the conference. They will prepare the exhibition about Slovenian ethnology and social/cultural anthropology in the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum where the final Gala Dinner Party will be organised.

The students will organise additional evening events before, during and after the conference (concerts, theatre plays...), while the Slovene Ethnological and Anthropological Association Kula will organise public discussions and presentations of books and some music events in the park in front of the Philharmonic Hall where the plenary sessions will be organised.

Round tables on research policy in Europe and anthropology in/of education, as well as SA/AS discussion on anthropological monographs, presentation of Wenner-Gren grants and Wiley-Blackwell's focus group and meet-the-editors reception will additionally complete the conference programme.

Ljubljana, a tiny metropolis where everything is reachable by foot, is offering much more, so everybody is heartily welcome to attend the conference and the Welcome Reception at the Ljubljana Castle.

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### **Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale**

#### **\*SA/AS DEBATE\***

#### **\*WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL MONOGRAPH?\***

Don Handelmann (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Marion Berghahn (Berghahn Books)  
Chair: Helena Wulff (Journal Editor)

EASA Conference in Ljubljana  
Friday 29th August | 13.00 - 14:00  
Faculty of Arts, Room 32 (ground floor)

## **Report on *Social Anthropology / Anthropologie Sociale***

Helena Wulff, University of Stockholm and Dorle Dracklé, University of Bremen

We are pleased that the new format of *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* is a success. The format for each issue is 5 articles, a Debate Section, a Review Essay/Article and Book Reviews. The number of times the Journal is downloaded by libraries via traditional institutional subscriptions and through the Wiley-Blackwell consortia programme, as well as by individuals, is now very high. In 2007, more than 2300 institutions worldwide offered access to the latest issues, and articles were downloaded almost 20,000 times through Blackwell Synergy. A part of this is the on-line early service through which articles are published on-line as soon as they are processed and before they are brought out in print.

The new Debate Section is attracting a lot of attention. This far the Debates have dealt with "A Cosmopolitan Turn – or Return?" between Nigel Rapport and Ronald Stade, "How Short Can Fieldwork Be?" between George E. Marcus and Judith Okely, "Whose Violence? Death in California – A Triptych" between Nancy Scheper-Hughes and Antonius C.G.M. Robben, and "Changing Generations in Anthropology – So What?" between Jean-Pierre Warnier and Martin Sökefeld. The interest in the Journal is also evident from the large number of article manuscripts submitted.

In the EASA spirit, which is to connect anthropological traditions and tendencies across Europe, we are aiming to get a high diversity rate of national academic affiliations among article authors. (This does not necessarily correspond with the nationality of the author or the place of PhD training). Here the UK is on top followed by the USA, different parts of mainland Europe (Scandinavia, western and southern Europe) are well represented, but not eastern Europe. As to gender, there is a majority of male authors over female ones, and slightly more senior anthropologists than junior ones. We are aiming to publish more articles in French. The Book Reviews, which are efficiently edited by Liza Debevec, feature a good European balance, and also many reviews in French.

*Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* has encompassed on average 400 pages per volume (411 pages for volumes 15:1, 15:2 and 15:3 in 2007, and 265 pages for issues 16:1 and 16:2 – the last issue of volume 16 is forthcoming and has not yet been page budgeted). In 2009 we are moving to four issues per year. This will entail an increase to 544 pages per year, and thus an average of 136 pages per issue. The acceptance rate for 2007 was 37% and this far for 2008 (for the published issues 16:1 and 16:2) it was 33%. The Journal also relies on commissioned papers such as from the EASA biannual conferences. The average turnover time for a submission (i.e. the time-span from submission to decision, whether negative or positive) is between three and four months, which contrasts positively with the majority of top-ranked anthropology journals, but conceals that some individual papers were much more delayed than others due to delayed peer review reports.

With issue 16:1, we introduce a complete issue (articles, Debate and Review Article) on a theme "Landscapes of Violence" guest edited by Narmala Halstead and Heather Horst. Forthcoming theme issues are "Colonial Legacies" guest edited by Benoît de L'Estoile, and "The Anthropology of Contemporary China" guest edited by Frank Pieke.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Wiley-Blackwell team as it is proactive and creative in marketing, and also takes an interest in anthropology. At the American Anthropological Association's meeting in Washington, DC, in November 2007, the team arranged a "Meet-the-Editors reception", which was very well attended. The team has also set up email alerts and campaigns and printed publicity. All this has obviously been most beneficial for the Journal.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all anonymous readers for their great work on which a Journal is completely dependent. A special thanks to our editorial assistants Héléne Neveu Kringelbach and Cora Bender.

## Treasurer's Report

David Shankland, University of Bristol

The year has passed quietly from the financial point of view. The bulk of our income is provided by members subscription. We also receive occasionally a small back royalty from the EASA book series from when it was published by Taylor and Francis, and from our present publisher Berghahn. Very pleasingly, for the first time in 2008 we broke even with regard to our journal *Social Anthropology*, and even made a small surplus. This is the result of the previous Executive's wise decision to move to Blackwells (now Wiley), who as a publisher have been extremely helpful and flexible in permitting us to organise our arrangements with them in such a way that the previous severe costs have been obviated. We hope that this happy position will continue into the future.

Turning now to costs, EASA maintains no permanent building. It has two university bases; the secretariat is based at the University of Vienna, and the treasury at the University of Bristol. Neither university charges for this administrative support, for which we are very grateful indeed. We administer our growing membership remotely through NomadIT, which provides an efficient and helpful service at a very reasonable cost. Overall direction is provided by the Executive Committee, and inevitably in an international organisation a significant expense is incurred in bringing the committee together for its meetings. Now that the journal is no longer a burden, these remain our most significant expenses, though there also inevitably occasional costs, such as payments to accountants.

2007 SUMMARY accounts	€		€
Income		Expenditure	
Membership subscriptions	54882	Journal costs (CUP)	13507
Publishing income	2946	Membership admin (NomadIT)	11083
Conference income (EASA06)	1890	Exec meeting expenses	9996
		Website redesign	2080
		Finance costs	467
		Accounts (paid 2008)	1299
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>59718</b>		<b>38431</b>

2007 Account summary. Please note, all figures are in **EUROS**.

Income and expenditure patterns for the financial year 2007 are presented in the table above. The expenditure shown includes the last year that we paid CUP to produce our journal. The one additional income item is the outcome of the Bristol conference, which yielded a small surplus. We are grateful to the university for reducing its charges, which helped to yield this happy result. Overall, it will be seen that the Association was able to achieve in 2007 a surplus of income over expenditure.

Turning now to the future, the Executive Committee has committed itself to developing electronic voting, and at the request of the members, an on-line searchable data base. Inevitably these will entail some development costs, but I am confident that we will be able to support this level of investment within the framework of our present financial regime.

I may end with a plea: EASA is entirely reliant upon its members for its financial health. I would ask earnestly therefore that all members kindly maintain their subscriptions promptly, so that this stability may be maintained.

# REPORT OF THE EASA – BOOK SERIES

Jonathan Skinner, University of Belfast

Here are the latest titles in the EASA Series that have just become available. To purchase any of these titles or any title in the EASA Series, please go to <http://www.berghahnbooks.com/index.php?pg=orderform> and quote Promotion Code EASA20.

This will give you a 20% discount on all titles ordered.

## **Volume 6**

### **SKILLED VISIONS**

**Between Apprenticeship and Standards**

**Edited by Cristina Grasseni**

**With an Epilogue by Michael Herzfeld**

Most arguments for a rediscovery of the body and the senses hinge on a critique of “visualism” in our globalized, technified society. This approach has led to a lack of actual research on the processes of visual “enskillment.” Providing a comprehensive spectrum of case studies in relevant contexts, this volume raises the issue of the rehabilitation of vision and contextualizes vision in the contemporary debate on the construction of local knowledge vs. the hegemony of the socio-technical network. By maintaining an ethnographic approach, the book provides practical examples that are both accessible to undergraduate students and informative for an academic audience.

Available, 234 pages, 42 ills, index

ISBN 978-1-84545-210-0 Hb \$75.00 / £37.50

<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=GrasseniSkilled>

## **Volume 7**

### **GOING FIRST CLASS?**

**New Approaches to Privileged Travel and Movement**

**Edited by Vered Amit**

People travel as never before. However, anthropological research has tended to focus primarily on either labor migration or on tourism. In contrast, this collection of essays explores a diversity of circumstances and impetuses towards contemporary mobility. It ranges from expatriates to peripatetic professionals to middle class migrants in search of extended educational and career opportunities to people seeking self development through travel, either by moving after retirement or visiting educational retreats. These situations, however, converge in the significant resources, variously of finances, time, credentials or skills, which these voyagers are able to call on in embarking on their respective journeys. Accordingly, this volume seeks to tease out the scope and implications of the relatively privileged circumstances under which these voyages are being undertaken.

Available, 172 pages, bibliog., index

ISBN 978-1-84545-196-7 Hb \$60.00 / £30.00

<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=AmitGoing>

## **Volume 8**

### **EXPLORING REGIMES OF DISCIPLINE**

**The Dynamics of Restraint**

**Edited by Noel Dyck**

The pursuit and practice of discipline have become near ubiquitous elements of contemporary social life and parlance, as discipline has become a commonplace and ever sought-after social technology. This volume showcases highly varied and complex disciplinary practices and relationships in a set of ethnographic studies. Interrogating the respective fields of work, religion, governance, leisure, education and child rearing, together the essays in this volume explore and offer new ways of thinking about discipline in everyday life.

Available, 208 pages, bibliog., index

ISBN 978-1-84545-401-2 Hb \$45.00 / £22.50

<http://www.berghahnbooks.com/title.php?rowtag=DyckExploring>

# Report on EASA Membership

Rohan Jackson, NomadIT

## Membership situation

NomadIT's database system holds up-to-date membership information on EASA members, which members can update directly; the membership pages of the EASA website are regularly updated to inform members of any membership issues; all members have received invoices for this year's subs; and members are easily contactable by email with newsletters, conference info, etc.

During 2007 there were approx 1100 members; as the 2008 biennial approaches there are approximately 1500 members.

Membership Categories		Payment Categories	
Honorary	0,3 %	High Income	12 %
Full	63 %	Mid Income	35 %
Joint	5 %	Low Income	28 %
Associate	7 %	Student	23 %
Student	23 %	-----	-----

Nationality/country of residence membership breakdown statistics are available in the About Us section of the EASA-website.

The membership applications brought about by the conference have resulted in a rise in the proportion of student membership, and a rise in the percentage in the low income group. While this makes sense in the context of the profile of the conference participants, it does have financial implications for EASA. We ask all members to please check their membership income category when invoiced in 2009, and let us know if the category needs altering, to reflect current situation. The categories are based on GROSS income! We would appreciate all invoices being responded to either by prompt payment.

## Member experience

We have augmented PayPal as a means of payment by investing in WorldPay as an alternative online card solution. We are pleased with the many positive responses we have received with regard to this change, and continue to welcome feedback from members on the website, online services and administration provided, and do our best to respond.

# Secretary's Report

Thomas Fillitz, University of Vienna

Major activities of the secretariat have been the coordination of the meetings of the Executive Committee, the restructuring of the Association's website, and the publication of the Newsletter.

After the hand over in February 2007, the Executive Committee has met three times: in June 2007 in Ljubljana, in December 2007 in Paris (also the location of the AGM), and in April 2008 in Vienna.

## The Newsletter:

Newsletters number 43, 44, 45 and 46 have been published und distributed among the Association's members. Unfortunately, the Newsletter proves more and more difficult of being produced: EASA's members do not use it for short reports of workshops, conferences and the like, and it is nearly impossible to get short articles. The Newsletter therefore will have to be an object of concern for the forthcoming Executive Committee.

## The EASA website:

The EASA website has now reached a certain informative quality. It however displays some problems, which actually affect as well the Newsletter. I dearly ask members to provide more of the following information, in order to maintain the quality of the website:

- Forthcoming conferences, workshops, distinguished lectures: we ask for short information – title of the event, organisers, when, where, contact person, and website (please do not send graphically sophisticated pdf);
- Post announcements. You can either post it yourself, or send us the information
- New MA and PhD-programmes in Anthropology.

## Forthcoming:

- We are currently preparing on the website an archive of PHD and Dr-theses. This was a proposal by Adam Kuper and the IT group. We suggest that supervisors inform their students of registering on the website as soon as this slot is working.
- NomadIT is preparing a new electronic directory, which may be accessed via the EASA website.
- The EASA archive has been brought together in Vienna, files which had been stored so far by the former secretariats, and the presidents. This includes as well data of the foundation of the Association. We shall try to develop a project, and raise the needed funds, in order to digitalize these files, and to produce an electronic archive documenting the history of EASA.

## Obituary

### Marianne Gullestad (1946-2008)

Thomas Hylland Eriksen, University of Oslo

With the death of Marianne Gullestad just before Easter, anthropology has lost its foremost interpreter of Norwegian culture and an important analyst of everyday life and racism. Her book *Kitchen-Table Society* deserves its place among the classics of the anthropology of complex societies, and there is a clear continuity in her work, from her early study of belonging in Bergen (*Livet i en gammel bydel*, „Life in an old city quarter“) to her last completed book, *Picturing Pity* (2007). Marianne wrote more lucidly and reasoned more clearly than most of us, and her contributions to the anthropology of Norway will continue to inspire new generations of scholars for many years.

When Marianne took her mag. art. degree at the University of Bergen in 1975, it was still rare for anthropologists to do research in their own society. Even rarer – indeed almost unheard of – was research on the everyday life of perfectly ordinary people. Throughout the 20th century, anthropology was drawn towards the spectacular and unusual. Marianne wrote her dissertation and her book, and later the monograph *Kitchen-Table Society* (1984), about „ordinary, decent people“ (their own term), their way of life and cultural categories.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Marianne continued to publish, in Norwegian and in English, about various aspects of Norwegian culture, ranging from „egalitarian individualism“ as a key cultural value to the category of „peace and quiet“ (*fred og ro*) as a means to understand Norway. Marianne had a rare talent for turning apparently trivial and obvious phenomena into interesting, engaging and not least original anthropological writing.

Having completed her analysis of life stories towards the end of the 1990s (*Everyday Philosophers*), Marianne turned her scholarly gaze towards „the new Norway“, the emerging multicultural society. As late as in the mid-1980s, anthropologists could well publish and attempt to generalize about Norwegian society without paying attention to the impact of immigration, as they did, for example in Arne Martin Klausen's edited volume *Den norske vaerematen*, 1984, „The Norwegian way of life“). By the turn of the century, questions relating to cultural diversity and immigration were at the forefront of political discourse, and considerable effort had been invested into social science research in this field. In her book *Det norske sett med nye oeyne*, 2002, „Norwegianness in a new key“), Marianne made a contribution to the field which was both bold and original. As a self-designated majority researcher, she focused on majority Norwegians and their dominant discourses about minorities, concluding that Norwegian identity remained bounded, exclusionist and white. The book led to some public controversy, but Marianne admirably defended her position and received the support of many others.

In her last completed project, about Norwegian missionaries and their view of „natives“ in Cameroon, documented through missionaries' photographs, Marianne developed her analysis of boundary making and hierarchical racial thought in convincing ways. With *Picturing Pity* (2007), Marianne's intellectual journey through the Norwegian cultural landscape came to an end. Others will have to take their cues from her now, without the possibility of her enriching conversation.

Marianne was well endowed with energy and creative imagination. She was always active, always probing for new insights and angles. In addition to being a prolific scholar, she was also an engaged intellectual in the Norwegian public sphere. As a scholar, she was a free spirit, both intellectually and institutionally. Preferring temporary research funds to tenure, she once responded, when asked if she had considered applying for a vacant professorship, that „some people dream of becoming theatre directors, but I just want to be an actress.“

Intellectually, Marianne was arguably closer to American cultural anthropology than to the British social anthropology that has constituted the main current in Norway. She wrote more about symbolic categories and symbolic (dis)order than about social organization, more about symbolic power than about political processes narrowly defined. Here, too, her seminal work will long function as a corrective and a source of inspiration for scholars and students.

Marianne Gullestad left us far too early. She had fought the cancer successfully for a long time, and the news of her death fills us with immense sadness. For those of us who were lucky enough to count her among our friends, we remember her warm personality and radiant smile just as well as her sharp mind and original perspectives. She was a great social scientist and a wonderful human being.

## calendar

### August 2008

#### **10th EASA Biennial Conference "Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality"**

Faculty of Philosophy, University of  
Ljubljana  
August 26 -30, 2008

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<http://www.easaonline.org/>

<http://www.easa2008.eu>

### September 2008

#### **Congrès d'analyse politique sur l'Afrique**

à l'occasion du Cinquantenaire du  
CEAN (1958-2008)

Institut d'études politiques de  
Bordeaux

Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV  
Septembre 3 – 5, 2008

Penser la République État,  
gouvernement, contrat social en  
Afrique

Conference of Political Analysis on  
Africa

for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the  
CEAN (1958-2008)

Bordeaux Institute of Political  
Studies

Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV University  
Septembre 3 – 5, 2008

Think Republic State, Government,  
Social Compass in Africa

Congresso de análise política sobre  
a África

para o Cinquentenário do CEAN  
(1958-2008)

Institut d'études politiques de  
Bordeaux

Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV  
Septembre 3 - 5

Pensar a República Estado, governo  
e contrato social na África

Contact:

[http://www.cean.cinquantenaire.  
sciencespobordeaux.fr/](http://www.cean.cinquantenaire.sciencespobordeaux.fr/)

#### **Creating an Atmosphere | Faire une ambiance**

International Symposium Ecole  
Nationale d'Architecture de Grenoble  
| CNRS UMR 1563

Grenoble

September 10 – 12, 2008

Contact:

<http://www.cresson.archi.fr>

Ambiance2008@grenoble.archi.fr

Symposium leader : J-F Augoyard ( DR  
CNRS)

Network leader : J-P Thibaud ( DR  
CNRS)

#### **XI Congreso de Antropología de la Federación de Asociaciones de Antropología del Estado Español (F.A.A.E.E.)**

„Retos teóricos y nuevas  
prácticas“

Donostia – San Sebastián

September 10-13, 2008

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[http://www.ankulegi.org/castellano/  
actividades/congreso\\_2008/index.  
html](http://www.ankulegi.org/castellano/actividades/congreso_2008/index.html)

### October 2008

#### **Being Seen: Paradoxes and Practices of (In)Visibility.**

NAPA/AAA's Ethnographic Praxis in  
Industry Conference (EPIC) 2008

Copenhagen

October 15 – 18, 2008

On the streets of Copenhagen you see  
bicycles everywhere. Neighborhoods  
of the worlds' impoverished are as  
painfully visible to those who pass by  
or through them as they are invisible  
the halls of Wall Street. Businesses  
attempt to make performance of  
their firm visible through numbers  
and spreadsheets, while creativity  
is frequently referred to as "thinking  
outside the box." Composers bring  
their music to light through notations  
and scores, chefs bring their art into  
view only to have it disappear, and  
voters attempt to have their opinions  
represented through the choices they  
make at the polls.

A conference is a chance to come  
together and show each other what  
we think and the things we do. At  
EPIC2008 we invite you to explore  
the paradoxes and practices of  
(In)Visibility and bring to light the  
concepts, theories, plans, worries,  
approaches and ideas that can  
expand and advance the practices of  
ethnographic work in and of industry.  
Submissions may be theoretical,  
conceptual, paradigm shifting or  
descriptive in nature. Submissions  
undergo a double- blind peer referee  
process and those selected for  
presentation will be published in the  
EPIC2008 Conference Proceedings.  
Submissions cannot have been  
previously published.

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Melissa Cefkin (IBM Research) and  
Martha Cotton (HLB)

EPIC2008 Co-Organizers

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[www.epic2008.com/submissions](http://www.epic2008.com/submissions)

#### **The 4th Eric Wolf-Lecture Rebuilding the Ship at Sea: An Anthropologist's Attempt to Make Sense of Contemporary World History."**

Thomas Hylland Eriksen

University of Oslo

Org: Department of Social and  
Cultural Anthropology | University of  
Vienna

Social Anthropology Research Unit |  
Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW)

| International Research Center  
Cultural Studies (IFK)

University of Vienna, Kleiner  
Festsaal

October 20, 2008 : 6 p.m.

Thomas Hylland Eriksen will hold a  
seminar in combination with the Eric  
Wolf Lecture.

IFK, Reichsratsstrasse 17, 6th floor.

October 21, 2008 : 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

#### **Mutations, obstacles et tremplins de la critique sociale. Un dialogue nord-sud des Amériques**

Colloque de l'ACSALF (association

canadienne des sociologues et anthropologues de langue française  
Montréal  
October 22 – 24, 2008

Ce colloque sera un moment exceptionnel où les anthropologues et les sociologues habituellement dispersés dans de multiples domaines d'étude et oeuvrant dans de nombreuses disciplines pourront se réunir ensemble sur la base d'un thème commun.

Ce thème sera celui de la critique sociale et de ses rapports à nos disciplines. Deux axes organiseront les échanges : le premier, la sociologie et l'anthropologie des formes de critique sociale et le second, l'esprit critique dans nos disciplines.

À titre de repère préliminaire, la critique sociale peut se définir comme étant une mise en relief des fondements et des limites de l'ordre social existant. Elle se fait à partir de discours et de pratiques qui ouvrent sur d'autres possibilités d'existence et de vie sociale.

Vous avez jusqu'au 12 février pour soumettre un projet d'atelier, de table ronde ou une autre activité dans le cadre du colloque et jusqu'au 1er mars pour soumettre une communication. Votre proposition doit inclure un titre, un résumé d'au plus 400 mots pour une communication et de 600 mots pour un projet d'activité et les coordonnées des participants.

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(Gabriela Coman)  
www.acsalf.ca.

## November 2008

### 107th AAA Annual Meeting

San Francisco, CA.  
November 19 – 23, 2008  
<http://www.aanet.org/>

### Réunion annuelle SSE / Jahreskonferenz SEG / Annual Meeting SEG

## HES-SO – HETS

Genève  
November 21 – 22, 2008

Panels:

- \* Adolescence, ritualisations et citoyenneté
- \* Exploring Past and Present Forms of ‚Bonded Labour‘
- \* Anthropologie politique de l'enfance: les enfants comme enjeux, les enfants comme acteurs
- \* Les cultures communiquent-elles ? L'interculturalité en question
- \* Macht Vertrauen gesund? Neue Erkenntnisse für die Medizinethnologie zum Verständnis von ‚Vertrauen‘ (MAS - auf deutsch)
- \* Does Trust Make People Healthy? Contributing to a Better Understanding of ‚Trust‘ in Medical Anthropology (MAS - in english)
- \* Muslime in der Schweiz
- \* Les terrains du proche sont-ils des pièges méthodologiques ? Regard anthropologique sur « les flous » entourant les choix d'enquête et de recherche ethnographique.

Contact:

<http://www.seg-sse.ch/de/aktivites/colloques.shtml>

### AnthropoEast. The Europeanisation of Balkans – The Balkanisation of Europe (3rd Edition)

The Council of the Dolj County, The Museum of Oltenia, The Department of Ethnography,  
The University of Craiova  
Craiova  
November 26 – 29, 2008

Several themes should be taken into consideration:

- (Multi)Cultural Europe. Rhetorics and Practice of Diversity
- Migrations and the Construction of Ethnic Groups in the New Europe
- Rituals, Narratives, Discourses and Material Culture
- Negotiating Identity in the New Europe
- Interpreting Religious Diversity: Conversion, Syncretism and Religious Practice
- A New Europe – A New Anthropology ?!
- „My Home, Your Country, Our Museum“. Migration Flow and

Museums

Poetics and Politics in the New Anthropology

Without having any intention to cover the entire problems of the anthropological research in the South-Eastern Europe, the conference we organise is intended to be only a simple X-raying of the discipline as it looks like at the beginning of the Century.

Papers will be given in English and they are not to exceed 20 minutes of time.

In order to improve communication we are going to edit and publish the volume of the conference, Symposia. Studies in Ethnology and Anthropology, issue no. 1/2008 in advance, so that each participant should have it in its conference portfolio. That is why the papers to be presented during the conference, the in extenso copy, should be submitted to our editorial board by September 15, 2008.

The submitters should send the papers to the publisher at the following address:

- Mihai Fifor, general manager  
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## December 2008

### ASA 2008

#### "Ownership and Appropriation"

Convened by: Professor Veronica Strang and Dr Mark Busse  
University of Auckland, New Zealand  
December 8 - 12, 2008

<http://www.theasa.org/conferences.htm>

## 2009

### March 2009

#### Global Challenge, Local Action: Ethical Engagement, Partnerships and Practice.

69th Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM  
The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)  
March 17-21, 2009

The Society is a multi-disciplinary association that focuses on problem definition and resolution. We welcome papers from all disciplines. The deadline for abstract submission is October 15, 2008

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<http://www.sfaa.net/sfaa2009.html>

#### April 2009

#### ASA 2009 in Bristol "Anthropological and archaeological imaginations: past, present and future"

Convened by: Dept of Arch and Anth,  
University of Bristol  
University of Bristol  
April 6 – 9, 2009

<http://www.theasa.org/asa09>

#### May 2009

**Living Islam in Europe: Muslim Traditions in European Contexts**  
Zentrum Moderner Orient (Centre for Modern Oriental Studies)  
May 07–09, 2009

The conference will seek to address issues related to Muslims' religious practice as well as the institutional settings and translocal dynamics of European societies. It will be held in two consecutive sections:

1. Islamic actors and institutions in Europe
  - Islamic Mission,
  - Islamic Education, and
  - Islamic practice of organised Muslims.
2. On the European and translocal character of Islamic mobilisation
  - institutional and legal arrangements of state, nation and religion which have affected Muslim settlement in Europe,
  - emerging national or supranational governance of Islam in Europe, and
  - translocal dynamics with Islamic

societies in Asia and Africa with a specific focus on (post)colonial legacies.

The panels will primarily address political, social and legal conditions and issues connected with the processes of living Islam in the European con-text. The panels thus account in the first place for the impact of various national European settings in which Muslims live and interact. They also respond to the fact that Muslims in Europe have been influenced and shaped by intense exchange and interaction with Islamic societies in Asia and Africa.

Researchers are invited to submit papers discussing the aforementioned concerns and fitting the suggested panels. Applications should include a brief summary of the paper (max. 1 page) accompanied by a curriculum vitae of max. 1 page. These should be sent to [robert.pelzer@gmx.net](mailto:robert.pelzer@gmx.net) latest by 15 September 2008. All proposals and paper should be written in English.

For participants whose proposals are selected there is a limited budget to cover travel cost and accommodation. Please indicate whether you intend to claim the refund. The decision will be taken by the selection committee.

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#### June 2009

#### Fifth International Conference „Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations“

Russian Academy of Sciences  
Institute for African Studies, Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies, Russian State University for The Humanities, School of History, Political Science, and Law  
Moscow, Russia  
June 16 – 19, 2009

All the correspondence should be sent for the Conference Secretaries:  
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#### September 2009

#### Kulturelle Aneignungen: Anverwandlung – Anpassung – Camouflage

Tagung der DGV (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde)  
Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität Frankfurt  
Frankfurt am Main  
September 30 – October 3, 2009

Längst schon haben globale Einflüsse in den Gesellschaften, die den Gegenstand ethnologischer Untersuchungen bilden, tiefgreifende kulturelle Wandlungsprozesse ausgelöst. Infolge der beschleunigten Diffusion von Gütern, Werten und Normen ist der herkömmliche ethnologische Kulturbegriff fragwürdig geworden: Kultur und Gesellschaft bilden keine Einheit mehr. In dem Maße, in dem Politik, Ökonomie und Recht an die Anforderungen des Weltmarkts ausgerichtet werden, bestimmen globale Kulturphänomene auch lokales Handeln. Eine gegenwartsbezogene Ethnologie muss dem Rechnung tragen. Ihr besonderes Interesse richtet sich auf den Fortbestand kultureller Diversität, die dem Ansturm der Globalisierung keineswegs erliegt, sondern sich lediglich wandelt und in der Artikulation neuer kultureller Identitäten zum Ausdruck gelangt. Während ältere ethnologische Ansätze vorrangig an den Formen des Widerstands gegen kulturelle Außeneinflüsse interessiert waren, rücken neuerdings Strategien der aktiven Auseinandersetzung mit den Herausforderungen der Globalisierung in den Fokus ethnographischer Forschung. Sie sollen auch im Mittelpunkt der kommenden DGV-Tagung zum Thema „Kulturelle Aneignungen“ stehen. Unter Anverwandlung wird

dabei der selektive Umgang mit Kulturimporten sowohl materieller als auch ideeller Art verstanden, die nicht einfach übernommen, sondern an tradierte Lebensformen adaptiert und mit alternierenden Bedeutungen versehen werden. Im Gegensatz zu diesen Formen kultureller Nostrifizierung erfolgt die Anpassung an dominierende Ordnungen als Bruch mit den eigenen Überlieferungen, der – sofern er scheitert – oft forcierte Retraditionalisierungsbemühungen zur Folge hat. Unter dem Begriff Camouflage schließlich lässt

sich eine Strategie fassen, die sich den von außen erhobenen Forderungen nur scheinbar beugt, um damit Spielräume zur Verfolgung traditioneller Zielsetzungen zu schaffen.

Für die kommende Tagung der DGV wünschen wir uns Beiträge, die sich in diesem Sinne mit den verschiedensten Formen des Wandels von Kulturen und Gesellschaften auseinandersetzen und damit Antworten auf drängende Fragen der Behauptung und Revitalisierung kultureller Identität in einer

Epoche rasch voranschreitender Globalisierung geben.

Contact:

<http://www.dgv-net.de/home.html>

## **December 2009**

### **108th AAA Annual Meeting**

Philadelphia, PA.

December 2 – 6, 2009

<http://www.aanet.org/>

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## **EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS**

### **CALL FOR ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for 2009-2010**

The current EASA Executive Committee comes to the end of its term of office at the end of 2008. We will thus hold elections for the creation of a new executive. We would urge members interested in taking on such an important office to consider their candidature.

Candidates should provide:

- a small photograph
- Their affiliation
- The nomination by a member
- A short outline of their activities in the Executive Committee

Proposals should be emailed to the Secretary by **November 15th 2008**, for publication in the next Newsletter. [Thomas.fillitz@univie.ac.at](mailto:Thomas.fillitz@univie.ac.at)