

Letter from the Secretary

Dear Members,

As this is the last Newsletter I am editing, I would like to greet you all and say goodbye after six years in office! Although at times there were phases of intensive work, when I was not so fond of such administrative tasks, it was a pleasure for me to carry out this function: I met many new colleagues, became acquainted with developments of Anthropology in various countries, and I had the chance to witness how the Association has changed in several dimensions. By now, EASA's biennial conferences have a major impact with the participation of young scholars, and membership of EASA today means to have several services at your disposal. In particular, I would like to mention the following ones:

- Members receive the journal four times a year, and the Journal debates are attracting the attention of many scholars, far beyond EASA's membership;
- Networks are growing in importance. In 2010, the Executive Committee, upon advice of the Treasurer, could fund for the first time network activities. This funding has been such a success that in 2012, the amount allocated for the network funding could be improved. Besides publishing edited volumes, networks have started – with the agreement of the Executive Committee – to found and edit new journals, such as the open access journal "AnthroVision – Journal of the VANEASA Network";
- The EASA book prize was launched in 2010, and is on its way of being well established and considered as an honours distinction;
- The EASA book series is considered by more members as a qualitative publishing opportunity;
- The keynote speech at EASA's AGM's when there is no biennial conference is a challenging opportunity for presenting and discussing ideas;
- EASA disposes today of an informative and dynamic website, and is present in social networks;
- The EASA electronic Members' Directory is existing since 2010, and is a very helpful tool for networking with colleagues interested in similar regions and thematics.

All these elements could be developed with the effective cooperation between Executive Committees, the book series editor, and EASA's publishing houses (for the Book series and the Journal) over many years. Above all, I would like to mention and thank NomadIT for the skilled support Rohan Jackson and his team are providing – technically and with ideas.

There is, nevertheless, also a topic which we all should reflect upon: While so many elements and aspects may enjoy us all, I would like to mention the Association's Newsletter, whose editor is the Secretary. Unfortunately, it became nearly impossible in the last years to get contributions for the Newsletter, by they interviews with distinguished scholars, short articles, reports on conferences or information about forthcoming conferences. I am aware that publishing in the Newsletter does not provide the credits academia requires in these times from researchers, I strongly support that we all should reflect how to contribute to improve again the Newsletter, and support in this agenda the new Secretary, Alberto Corsín Jiménez.

In this sense, I am grateful for having had the opportunity of working for EASA, and I wish my successor, Alberto Corsín Jiménez, all the best for his forthcoming function period,

Yours,

Thomas Fillitz
University of Vienna

Call for a New Book Series Editor

The Executive Committee of EASA is searching a new Book Series Editor.

Profile for Book Series Editor

Function Period max 4 years (2013-2017)

- Communication with Berghahn Books
- Contacting possible authors, editors;
- * Networking with EASA members for submitting manuscripts (in particular at EASA conferences)
- * Contact with EASA-Network coordinators for possible publications
- Communication with authors and editors reg. manuscripts (Advising them reg. submission of projects, revising of projects/manuscripts, the on-going production until final book, negotiations with Berghahn Books, etc.)
- Check language issues in manuscripts
- Find the right reviewers for manuscripts, get the reviews in an acceptable time
- Communication with the Treasurer reg. financial matters
- Communication with an advisory board for book series (to be created)
- Coordinating the EASA book prize competition (provide evaluations, etc.)
- Reports to the EASA-Executive Committee (~ 3 per year)
- Provide information for the EASA-website reg. book series
- 1 yearly report for AGM, Members' Forum, and for publication in the EASA-Newsletter
- Presentation of the Book series outcome during the EASA Biennial Conferences (book launches)

Application Deadline | **January 30, 2013**

Please send your application to the new secretary, Alberto Corsín-Jiménez <alberto.corsin-jimenez(AT)cchs.csic.es>

ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Period 2013 - 2015

Voting Period | January 7 - 18, 2013
Results | January 25, 2013
Hand-over | February 14 - 17, 2013 in Tallin
Instructions regarding the electronic voting will be sent to members in a separate Email in due time

The Candidates

[in alphabetical order]



Marianna Betti

I am Italian by birth, but I have been formed an anthropologist in USA and Norway (CUNY, UCLA, UiB). I am currently residing in Trondheim and applying for a PhD. My research specializes in Turkana, generational change, gender and development. More generally I am interested in East African studies, research of pastoralist groups and poverty issues. As a member of the EASA committee besides willingly executing the tasks given me and participating to meetings of the committee, I would like to organize the next conference in Tallin, take contact and inform the old and new members, help preparing the texts for the internet ads and flyers, being in charge of the Facebook and Twitter pages, review and choose the panels, organize the travel grants and employ staff as needed. Most importantly, I would like to represent the younger members of EASA. I am very passionate about social anthropology; I could have not chosen a better subject! I hope the fact that I am rather inexperienced and a young scholar will weigh positively in my candidature.

Nominated and Supported by: Liv Haram, NTNU, and Bjørn Enge Bertelsen, UiB



Hana Cervinkova | University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw, Poland and Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic

Should I receive your support, I will work hard for the benefit of EASA and its members to both reinforce the organization's unique tradition and help create new opportunities. I want to build on EASA's principle of inclusiveness to strengthen its appeal among contemporary anthropologists, many of whom come from less established academic traditions or choose to build careers around anthropology that are not strictly academic. I will firmly advocate for initiatives that bolster EASA's attractiveness as a supportive and encouraging organization guided by shared concern for building a welcoming anthropological community open to all those with a passion for our discipline.

Born in the Czech Republic, I received academic training in anthropology in the United States (1997 B.A. Temple University, 2004 Ph.D. New School for Social Research). My early research focused on transformation processes underway in Central Europe. Since 2004, I have worked in educational anthropology, participatory action research and public ethnographic methodologies. I live and work in Poland and in the Czech Republic.

Nominated and Supported by: Michal Buchowski, University of Poznan, and Ulf Hannerz, University of Stockholm



Jeanette Edwards | University of Manchester

I am standing for re-election to the next Executive Committee because I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as vice-president but more importantly I have learned a great deal. The incumbent committee worked hard to represent EASA in both European and international fora and to respond to threats to the discipline from European research funding decisions and within various national contexts. I think that my experience thus far will be useful to a new committee in consolidating and continuing some of that work. We also initiated important discussions about how best to improve communication between the executive and the wider membership, and to bridge what was perceived to be a gap between committee and members. I would be honoured to be able to continue this conversation with the aim of facilitating communication and participation and strengthening the interests we share. EASA is a marvellous organisation and has a diverse and committed membership. It is in good shape and I would be pleased to work on its and your behalf for another two years.

Nominated and Supported by: João de Pina-Cabral, University of Kent, and Andre Gingrich, University of Vienna



Georgiana Gore | Blaise Pascal University, Clermont University

I'm a UK trained anthropologist (with a PhD supervised by Ronnie Frankenberg) and currently Professor of anthropology at Blaise Pascal University, Clermont Université in France, where I co-convene two masters programmes in the anthropology of dance. My research focuses mainly on dance and the politics of embodiment with fieldwork in Nigeria, UK and France. I'm also particularly interested in methodological and epistemological issues related to researching dance and cognate bodily practices. I wish to encourage the active participation of doctoral and post-doctoral students in the Association's activities, to defend anthropology as a discipline with a specific contribution to make to civic debate and current concerns, and to promote its viability as a major force in facilitating the understanding of contemporary issues in Europe and beyond.

Nominated and Supported by: Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, and André Grau, University of Roehampton London



Narmala Halstead | University of East London

I will be able draw on my past elected position as a member of the Executive Council of the Royal Anthropological Association for this role. I also have a deep interest in making anthropology accessible to wider audiences in translatable forms as well as in exploring anthropological debates and knowledge construction.

My experience includes organising a number of sessions at the American Anthropological Association annual conferences. I was also a lead co-organiser of the 2011 London Anthropology conference. I have been on its organising committee for the past five years. This conference is organised by six London anthropology departments. I manage a research network and regularly engage with anthropology colleagues in national and international forums.

Nominated and Supported by Helena Wulff, University of Stockholm, and Thomas Fillitz, University of Vienna



Susana Narotzky | Universitat de Barcelona

As a team, the incumbent Executive Committee has contributed to EASA's consolidation as a scientific and professional institution. I believe my experience as President of EASA during the past two years could be useful in a new Executive. While interest in anthropology and EASA membership and networks are growing, the economic and political crisis is having negative effects on anthropologists and anthropology. This paradoxical situation requires the adaptation of EASA's structures to these challenges. In this respect, I am committed to pursue work in the following complementary directions: 1) strengthening the presence of EASA in European research policy decision making through participation in multidisciplinary associations, 2) defending the future of anthropology and of younger anthropologists by stressing the value of our methods and theoretical contributions, 3) improving communication and participation of membership through better use of technological tools and 4) developing active international collaboration within the World Council of Anthropological Associations producing an expanded collegiality of knowledge.

Nominated and Supported by Don Kalb, Central European University, Budapest and Antónia Pedrosa de Lima, CRIA-ISCTE-IUL, Lisbon



Abdullahi Osman El-Tom | National University of Ireland, Maynooth

Dear Member

As you all know, EASA has been going from strength to strength. There can be no doubt that this progress has come as result of your commitment to the organization and the work of the current Executive Board. We are at a critical stage in the history of humankind. The current crisis in Europe and beyond is posing tremendous challenges for all us. Many of the social advances that have been central to human progress are now under serious threat. Social anthropology and related disciplines must take a clear position in this issue. It is within this context that I offer myself for re-election. I hope you will be able to lend me your support and work together for a better world. For those who do not know me, I am a senior lecturer and former Head of Department of Anthropology, NUI, Maynooth, Ireland.

Nominated and Supported by: Thomas Fillitz, University of Vienna, and Mark Maguire, National University of Ireland, Maynooth



Jaka Repič | University of Ljubljana

I was educated at the University of Ljubljana, where I have been teaching anthropology for the past ten years. I finished my PhD in 2006 with research on Slovene diaspora in Argentina and recent return mobilities.

Throughout my study and work as an anthropologist, I have been active in the association and have gained immense support either at the conferences or during informal chats with members. Having been involved in organisation of the EASA conference in Ljubljana was itself a great experience. The role of the association is invaluable in facilitating connections between scholars and students across Europe as well as between different generations of researchers. If elected to the executive committee it would be a privilege to work with other members to further strengthen the involvement of young researchers and those in disadvantaged positions, and from under-represented countries in the association. Furthermore, in the turbulent times for scientific endeavour I believe the association should do everything possible to redefine and strengthen the position of anthropology in Europe.

Nominated and Supported by: Rajko Muršič (University of Ljubljana) and Verena Stolcke (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Universities in the Knowledge Economy

The UNIKE project is looking to fill in 12 doctoral positions and 2 post doctoral positions at 6 European Universities in an EU-funded Initial Training Network (ITN). Applicants from all countries are encouraged to apply.

The first aim of the UNIKE project is to train a networked group of critical researchers who will examine the changing roles and scope of universities in emerging global knowledge economies and regions, especially comparing developments in Europe and the Asia-Pacific Rim. The second aim of the UNIKE project is to generate potential research leaders who are committed and able to develop doctoral education in their own institutions and internationally.

Full information on www.unike.au.dk

Application deadline: Sunday 3 February 2013 at 17:00 CET

Submit application to unike@au.dk

Doctoral project 1: ASEM meetings and HE 'policy travel' from Europe to Asia

Location: Bristol University, United Kingdom
Supervisor: Professor Roger Dale

Doctoral project 2: Internationalisation of higher education in centres and peripheries

Location: Ljubljana University, Slovenia.
Supervisor: Professor Pavel Zgaga

Doctoral project 3: Conjunction of Chinese and Western educational traditions in the design and teaching of Sino-Danish Centre courses

Location: Copenhagen Campus, Aarhus University, Denmark.
Supervisor: Professor Susan Wright

Doctoral project 4: Mapping the field of higher education industries, and choosing case studies

Location: Bristol University, UK.
Supervisor: Professor Susan Robertson

Doctoral project 5: Audit culture and the Industries of ranking

Location: Copenhagen Campus, Aarhus University, Denmark.
Supervisor: Professor Susan Wright

Doctoral project 6: Governance through Autonomy – A context-rich comparative study.

Location: University of Porto, Portugal
Supervisor: Associate Professor António M. Magalhães

Doctoral project 7: Alternative forms of university ownership, finance and organisation

Location: Roehampton University, UK
Supervisor: Professor Rebecca Boden

Doctoral project 8: Management and gender

Location: Roehampton University, United Kingdom
Supervisor: Professor Rebecca Boden

Doctoral project 9: Academic values between globalisation and globalism

Location: Ljubljana University, Slovenia.
Supervisor: Professor Pavel Zgaga

Doctoral project 10: Think Tanks and Academic Entrepreneurs in the Production of Knowledge

Location: École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France.
Supervisors: Professor Jean-Louis Derouet and Reader Romuald Normand

Doctoral project 11: Impact of governance changes on the educational categories and internal life of universities

Location: University of Porto, Portugal
Supervisor: Associate Professor António M. Magalhães

Doctoral project 12: Models of doctoral education

Location: Copenhagen Campus, Aarhus University, Denmark
Supervisor: Professor Susan Wright



Noel Salazar | University of Leuven

Since my election to the executive committee in 2011, I have helped consolidating EASA's [biennial conference](#), [journal](#), [book series](#) (and [prize](#)), [networks](#) and [website](#). The association is in good shape and now engages with the broader public via [social network sites](#). The fact that [I am based in Brussels, Belgium, and have personal as well as professional ties to various European countries](#) has proven useful for EASA's recent [lobbying](#) efforts to secure anthropology's future in the European Research Area. If re-elected, I want to continue working on two long-term goals: (1) strengthening the association's role in representing fairly the wide variety of European social anthropology in the academic, professional and public spheres; and (2) using EASA as a strategic instrument to boost the quality of anthropology across Europe, making the discipline more worthwhile for all [members](#) and inspirationally relevant to the serious socio-economic and environmental challenges the world is facing.

Nominated and Supported by Ulf Hannerz (Stockholm University) and Marilyn Strathern (University of Cambridge)

Post-doctoral project 1: New landscapes of publishing and knowledge dissemination

Part of Work Package 2, 'Trends and developments'

Location: Bristol University, UK

Supervisor: Professor Susan Robertson

Post-doctoral project 2: Academic entrepreneurialism, civil society and democracy

Part of Work Package 2, 'Trends and developments'

Location: Copenhagen Campus, Aarhus University, Denmark

Supervisor: Professor Susan Wright

Calendar

In the future, conference announcements will be published on the EASA-website!

December 2012

The Conference on Anthropology & Sustainability in Asia

Anthropological Perspectives on Holistic Sustainability

The Landmark Bangkok Hotel

Bangkok, Thailand

December 15-17, 2012

The 2012 Conference on Anthropology and Sustainability in Asia invites scholarly interactions among academics, researchers, doctoral students to submit anthropological perspectives in Cultural, Social, Linguistic, Political, Economic, Biological, and Archaeological areas.

The deadline for abstracts/proposals is 31 October 2012.

Enquiries: submissions@casa2012.org

Web address: <http://www.casa2012.org/submissions>

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2013

January 2013

Tourism and the Global South: Landscapes, identities and development.

University of Lisbon

January 24 – 25, 2013

<http://www.wix.com/tptceg/13>

June 2013

RAI Film Festival

National Museum in Edinburgh

and Anthropology Depts. of Scotland

May 2013

3RD ISLAND DYNAMICS CONFERENCE - WITH PERFORMING ISLAND IDENTITIES

Famagusta

May 14 – 18, 2013

<http://www.islanddynamics.org/3idc.html>

August 2013

Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds

17th IUAES World Congress

University of Manchester

August 5 – 10, 2013

www.iuaes.org

October 2013

Locations: anthropology in the academy, the workplace, and the public sphere

GAA (DGV) Biennial Conference 2013

Mainz University

October 2 – 5, 2013

Call for Papers | Deadline 15/02/2013

http://www.dgv-net.de/tl_files/dokumente/GAA_Conference_2013_Cfp.pdf

Contact: kontakt@dgv-net.de

GAA – German Anthropological Association

c/o Institut fuer Ethnologie und Afrikastudien

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November 2013

AAA 112th Annual Meeting

Chicago Hilton

November 20 – 24, 2013

www.aaanet.org/meetings