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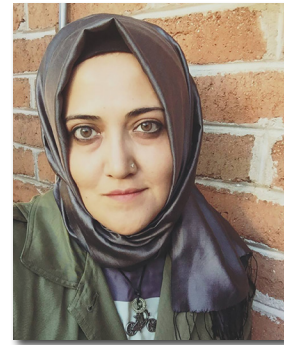


## Outgoing president and new president's letter

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Dear EASA members,

To reflect the team spirit that animated our last executive committee (and will undoubtedly continue into the new one), we write this letter together as outgoing president – and current vice-president – and incoming president of our association. We are both humbled and grateful for the confidence that many of you expressed through your vote.



*Hayal Akarsu (President)*

We want to take a moment to reflect on what the past two years mean for our association and to underline the work that has been done by the past executive committee. We have:

- Strengthened and supported the work of networks – the lifeblood of our association – by increasing the funding allocated to biennial network activities to an unprecedented amount of 74.000 euro for 2025
- Professionalised and diversified our social media communication by hiring a wonderful team that runs our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Bluesky](#), and [LinkedIn](#) accounts, and by providing social media training to network convenors
- At the request of our membership, through the [Motion on creating the working group on academic freedom and human rights](#) that was submitted in December 2023 and that subsequently received a favourable vote, we have created a [Working Group on Human Rights and Academic Freedom](#) which tackled cases where the academic freedom of our members was curtailed or threatened



*Ana Ivasiuc (outgoing president)*



- We have strengthened the cooperation with national associations by organising two meetings that served the purpose of creating a common agenda to enhance the voice of European anthropology and tackle common issues
- As a consequence, the [European Anthropology Days](#) were organised for the last two years in the third week of February, showcasing to wider audiences what anthropologists do in Europe and attracting interest for our discipline
- We organised – with the tremendously important work of the local committee in Barcelona and of NomadIT – the largest EASA conference yet, gathering over 2700 delegates
- We supported the participation of precarious EASA members to the 2024 conference by funding 105 participants out of the 500 eligible requests for funding – the highest proportion so far (21%)
- We supported our early career, precarious members by launching a mentorship programme for 20 PhD candidates / postdocs, and by funding an EASA summer school in Barcelona for 20 PhD candidates – an initiative that we aim at developing in a sustainable way in future conference years
- We maintained the topic of academic precarity on the agenda and launched / participated in collaborative conversations on the impact of precarity on teaching and mental health, and on anti-precarity organising – an initiative of the previous executive committee that we brought to fruition; recordings of our webinars can be found on our [EASA webinars](#) page.
- We addressed inherited issues that EASA's flagship journal, Social Anthropology / Anthropologie Sociale was facing, by enlarging the editors' team from two to four members, and by supporting them to tackle the backlog and bring the journal back to an efficient publication flow
- We overhauled our website and redefined EASA's visual identity and web presence





- We drafted a strategy for our association in consultation with our members – a strategy that will support consecutive executive committees to work towards a coherent set of goals for EASA's development and growth, and for strengthening European anthropology.

For all these achievements, we thank the outgoing executive committee members who dedicated their time, energy, and ideas to EASA: (alphabetically) Dom Bryan, Monica Heintz (outgoing Secretary), Hege Høyer Leivestad, David Mills (outgoing Treasurer), and Roger Sansi Roca. It truly has been a joy to work together these past two years!

Through this work, EASA has become a more dynamic, engaged, inclusive, and vocal association, and the three of us continuing in the new executive committee (with Alexandra Oancă, outgoing vice-president) will carry on the mission of strengthening European anthropology and supporting our members.

Your vote showed that many of you think EASA is going the right way and doing the right thing. We take the vote as invaluable guidance from our membership in a time of disconcerting global shifts, threats to academic freedom and human rights, and increased precarity. We remain convinced that anthropology should find a renewed relevance amidst the current crises and that EASA should continue to defend academic freedom, tackle academic precarity, support early career scholars, and work towards a [transformative, inclusive, and responsible anthropology](#).



## A new executive committee for EASA

Thus for the next two years the new executive will be comprised of Maarja Kaaristo (Treasurer), Jonas Tinius (Secretary), Ana Ivasiuc, Hayal Akarsu, Fabiola Mancinelli, Panas Karampampas, Alexandra Oancă. The new executive committee of EASA has met first in Poznan on the 10-11th of March 2025.



**Hayal Akarsu**  
Utrecht University  
President



**Alexandra Oancă**  
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**Ana Ivasiuc**  
PrecAnthro/University  
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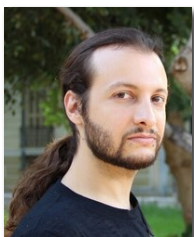
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**Fabiola Mancinelli**  
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**Jonas Tinius**  
Humboldt-Universität zu  
Berlin  
Secretary



**Panas Karampampas**  
Durham University/EuroNet



## EASA's new website

If you read this message in your email inbox, make sure to click on [EASA's new website](#) and check it out! We have updated our website structure, the visual identity, and EASA's presence on the web to reflect the dynamic, inclusive, and engaged association that EASA is becoming.

The website is the result of many hours of sustained work by the NomadIT team, in particular by Eli Bugler and her dedicated NomadIT team as well as designer Juhani Juurik (for the visual identity), and Ana Ivasiuc, with many rounds of constructive feedback from the members of the past executive committee, joined more recently by its new members.

We are grateful to for the fieldwork photographs they sent us for use on the website; they give a lively image of what anthropologists do, and do justice to our discipline:



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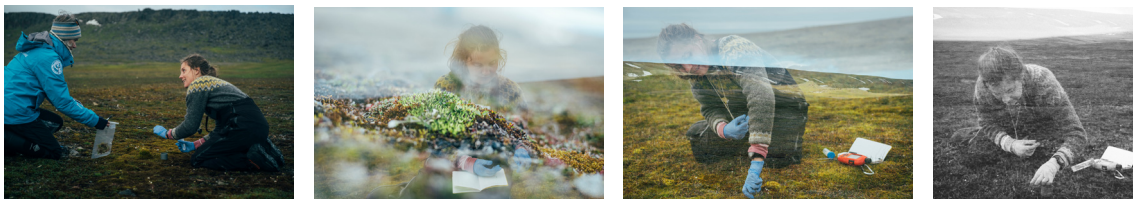
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Besides the more dynamic look of the website, we have enabled the different structures of our association – networks and committees – to set up and edit their own pages. Eli is preparing video instructions on how to do so, and we will introduce the instructions in our next network convenors meeting on the 8th of May. While this grants flexibility and efficiency to networks and allows for a quick updating process, those who wish to continue working with the NomadIT team to update their pages can still do so by sending their updates directly to the EASA web team to [web\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:web(at)easaonline.org).

We hope you enjoy discovering the new features of our website, in particular the forum page that all our members are invited to use as space for internal communication across networks, interests, and issues.

For any feedback, bug reports, or questions on the new website, please write to [web\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:web(at)easaonline.org) or use our preferred option, which is the [website user feedback form](#).





## European Anthropology Days

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The European Anthropology Days festival was celebrated this year, for its second edition, in thirteen locations and under different forms that we hope will inspire members for the celebrations and communication around our discipline in the years to come. Here is more information on these events if you have missed them.



(Photo by Monica Heintz, from “[In the Shoes of an Anthropologist](#)”  
Nanterre, France, European Anthropology Days 2025)

19 Mar 2025

### What makes life meaningful?

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**A SHORT FILM FESTIVAL**

CELEBRATE WORLD ANTHROPOLOGY DAY 2025 WITH A SPECIAL ONE-DAY SHORT FILM FESTIVAL: ETHNOGRAPHIC SHORT FILM SHOWCASING VULNERABILITY, POWER AND SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS IN A DIVERSE SAFETYSET OF ALL THINGS HUMAN.

**20<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2025 17.30-19.30**  
**AT BO ROY (KLUNGSPORTSÄLVEN 13)**

**FEATURED FILMMAKERS:**  
GUSTAV BENGTSSON  
SONDOR ROSENBERG  
JANI BENNETT  
MARK EHTENBERG  
KARL VIL BJÖRNSSON

**TICKETS ARE FREE. THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF TOTAL SPACE AND EMBETTER – JOINER. STOP TO VÄCKER VÅR FÖRSTÅELSE AV OLIKA RÖSTER.**

 <https://www.klunghuset.se/program/2025/02/20>

**DANS LA PEAU  
D'UN ANTHROPOLOGUE**

**JEU DE RÔLE - CONCERTS**

**A LA FERME DU BONHEUR**

**JEUDI 20 FÉVRIER 2025 • 18H**

**JOURNÉES EUROPÉENNES DE L'ANTHROPOLOGIE**

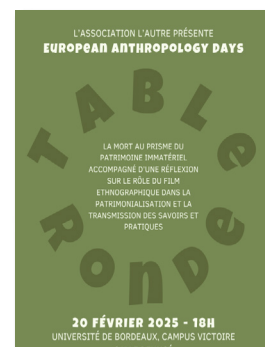
A stylized illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a dark shirt, sitting on a blue cushion and reading an open book. They are positioned in front of a large window divided into four panes. The leftmost pane shows a person in a dark silhouette holding a bird. The second pane from the left shows a large, leafy tree. The third pane shows a landscape with a palm tree. The rightmost pane shows a leopard. The background of the entire scene is a solid yellow color.



20 Feb 2025

## Roundtable Discussion

Bordeaux, France

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## Anthropologies in Portugal: Prejudices, Potentialities and Challenges

Coimbra, Portugal

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## Engaged Anthropology in Turbulent Times – Digital Panel discussion

Norway

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## Colloquium: Let's talk about the housing crisis from Anthropology

Espai Línia, Barcelona

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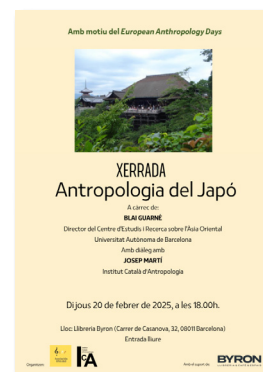



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## Talk: Anthropology of Japan

Barcelona, Spain

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## Anthroday in Bulgaria

Plovdiv, Bulgaria

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## Queer in Anthropology – Lunch meet-up

Online

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## Mind the Culture, episode 2: What makes life meaningful?

Online

Network for Psychological Anthropology

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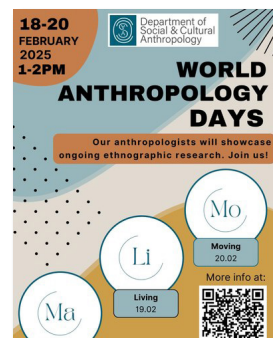


18 Feb 2025 - 20 Feb 2025

## World Anthropology Days KU Leuven

Leuven, Belgium

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17 Feb 2025 - 28 Mar 2025

## Online Documentary Screening

Croatia

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### Documenting European Anthropology Days

If you attended an event and took photos, please consider sharing the photos with us via our form on the website

[Add photos >](#)



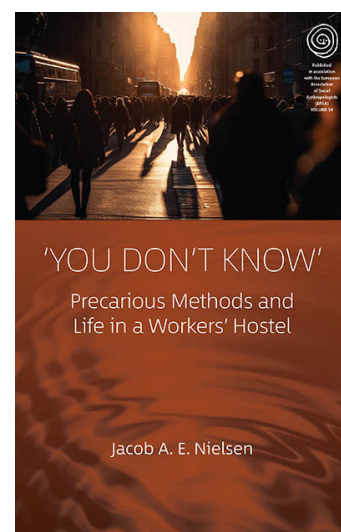
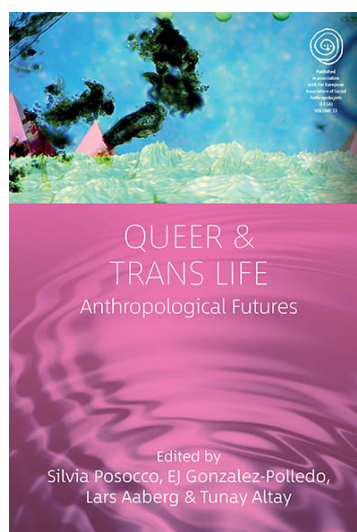
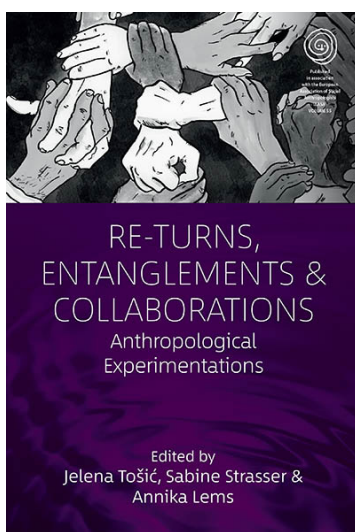


## A last word from the outgoing EASA book series editors

Since our term comes to an end, we want to thank the generous and supportive Berghahn team for the productive and stimulating exchange during our period as series editors. Scrolling through the list of published works on the EASA Book Series page will show that some of the discipline's most distinguished writers have published their work in the series. With currently ten books, four monographs and six edited volumes, at the final stage of production, and a number of volumes at different stages of development we were able to continue the work of former editors in this lively and thriving book series. Our main effort over the last four years was to demystify the publication process in the discipline, something we believe to be important, particularly for young scholars who often build up a great degree of anxiety over publishing their work, which as a rule takes place under precarious conditions.

We wish our successors Elisa Lanari, Magdalena Suerbaum and Monika Palmberger all the best for their work.

*Sabine Strasser, Annika Lems and Jelena Tokic*





## New book series editors

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We are pleased to let you know that after the amazing work done by the previous team of book editors, for which we thank them with much gratitude, EASA has now a new team who will dedicate themselves to the task during the next four years. They can be contacted with questions and book proposals at [bookseries\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:bookseries(at)easaonline.org)



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## Call for applications to fill two positions on the EASA Integrity Committee

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The EASA Integrity Committee has two positions open for members who wish to contribute to its work between 1 June 2025 and 31 May 2027 (a two year mandate renewable for another two year period). The positions are available due to Matan Kaminer's mandate coming to an end after his appointment in May 2021, and Kathleen Openshaw's resignation due to the inability to continue her work with the IC. We thank both Kathleen and Matan for their commitment to shaping integrity measures and actions within EASA.

The two positions will ideally be filled by two EASA members with institutional experience in matters of integrity and ethics, with ideas on how to improve this aspect within EASA, and with a clear time commitment of no less than 8 hours monthly on an average. Applications, containing a CV and a cover letter of 2 pages maximum detailing the candidate's experience and motivation to join the Integrity Committee, should be sent to the Secretary, Jonas Tinius [secretary\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:secretary(at)easaonline.org), no later than 19 May, 23.59 CEST.

The Terms of Reference of the Integrity Committee can be found on our dedicated page for the [Integrity committee](#).



## Events and calls for Network Events

Please see below of upcoming events and calls for events organised by the EASA networks.

### Workshop: Sociality of tax: Ethnographies of

06 May 2025

fiscal relations

Anthropology of Tax Network

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06 May 2025

### Documentary Poetry for Anthropologists

Creative Anthropology

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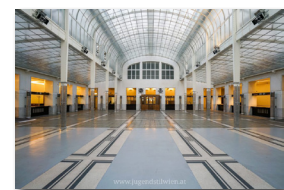
### AI in Media Anthropology: Trajectories,

15 May 2025 - 16 May 2025

### Challenges, Opportunities

Media Anthropology

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### Legal Anthropology in a Changing Climate



16 May 2025

Anthropology of Law, Rights and Governance

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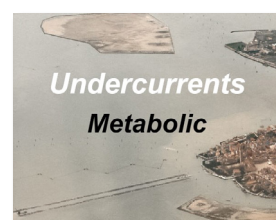
## Undercurrents Metabolic

Energy Anthropology Network, Environment and anthropology network,

19 May 2025 - 21 May 2025

Humans and Other Living Beings

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## The cultural politics of Indigenous support for the far-right in Brazil

Anthropology of Fascisms

28 May 2025

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## Future-Making in Times of Conflict, Violence and Insecurity

Anthropology of Peace, Conflict and Security

02 Jun 2025 - 03 Jun 2025

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## The Spider Dance: Tradition, Time and Healing in Southern Italy





02 Jun 2025

Anthropology of History and Heritage

[View](#)

## Writing (Co-)Lab: ENPA Pre-Conference Workshop for Graduate Students and Early Career Scholars

10 Jun 2025

Network for Psychological Anthropology

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## ENPA Biennial Conference

Network for Psychological Anthropology

11 Jun 2025 - 13 Jun 2025

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## Thoughts and lines: Ethnographic drawing,

11 Jun 2025

## graphic novels and analytical potentials

Sensory Media Anthropology

[View](#)





13 Jun 2025 - 14 Jun 2025

## Global Racial Capitalism and the Politics of Refusal workshop

Race and Ethnicity

[View](#)



27 Jun 2025 - 28 Jun 2025

## Use and Misuse of Technologies workshop

European Network for Digital Anthropology

[View](#)



01 Jul 2025 - 02 Jul 2025

## The Future of Food Anthropology – Defining Priorities for 2050

Anthropology of Food

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## Past Tense, Future Imperfect: Temporalities as Mobilising

23 Jul 2025 - 24 Jul 2025

## Force workshop

Anthropology of History and Heritage, Future Anthropologies Network

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## Community check in: 23 May 12-13 CEST

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We are witnessing concerning developments across the world with increasing attacks on academics, including unlawful detentions, visa revocations, violent repression of student protests, and dramatic budget cuts to higher learning institutions. Many of our members are being directly or indirectly affected by these challenges. Recognising that many of our members are working diligently to maintain our universities and institutions as critical, welcoming spaces of learning in the face of these difficulties, the incoming President of EASA and Executive Liaison to the EASA Working Group on Human Rights and Academic Freedom, Hayal Akarsu, would like to invite you all to an online community check-in on May 23, 12:00-13:00 PM (CET). This will be an informal gathering open to any EASA member who wishes to raise concerns, share their experiences, or simply connect with fellow anthropologists in a safe and open environment.

At the same time, our members are reminded that the EASA Working Group on Human Rights and Academic Freedom is taking action to defend the fundamental principles essential to our scholarly community. Our mission includes monitoring and documenting violations of academic freedom and human rights, developing policy initiatives based on gathered evidence, creating supportive frameworks such as university guidelines and best practices, and organizing events to raise awareness and foster collaboration.

We need your help. To effectively advocate for change, we are collecting data on violations experienced by academics within our network. If your academic freedom or human rights have been compromised, or if you have witnessed systematic attacks on these principles at your institution, please share your experience through our confidential reporting form: [Academic Freedom Violation Report Form](#).





Your contribution will strengthen our collective effort to protect the integrity of social anthropology research and teaching across Europe.

EASA members should have already received an invitation and a registration form via email. If this is not the case, remember to check your spam folder, and if no information has been sent to you although you are formally a member of EASA in 2025, please write us an email to [membership\(at\)easaonline.org](mailto:membership@easaonline.org)













