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Finnish Anthropological Society (SAS)

The Finnish Anthropological Society organized its biennial conference “Entangled Mobilities” during 22th–23th of May 2017 at the University of Jyväskylä. The conference explored different kinds of mobilities and their interconnections. There were participants from 18 countries in addition to Finland. The presentations of the conference discussed, among other themes, the refugee crises, relationships between actors of mobility, artifacts and technologies of mobility as well as the movement of ideas and structures. Keynote speakers are Purnima Mankekar (University of California) and Hans Lucht (Danish Institute for International Studies). Film programme of the conference included award winning ethnographic films: Mauro Bucci’s Hotel Splendid, Gabriele Cipolla’s Echoes, Fabiana Duarte’s Island and Isabelle Ingold’s Highway Rest Stop.

The Wenner-Gren Foundation



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS JOURNALS

The Wenner-Gren Foundation in partnership with the University of Chicago Press is seeking applications for the position of Editor of *Current Anthropology*. The new Editor will begin to receive submissions on September 1, 2018 and take full responsibility for the journal on January 1, 2019. The Editor's term is six years from January 1, 2019, with a possibility of renewal for an addition partial or complete term.

The Foundation and Press are open to the possibility of alternative editorship arrangements such as co-Editors and/or the use of an active editorial board to handle manuscripts. The applicant should clearly outline her/his ideas for the editorship in their letter of intent and if a co-editorship is proposed the application should come jointly from both potential editors.

Applications are welcome from professional academic anthropologists anywhere in the world and specializing in any of the four anthropological sub-disciplines. Applications should include a complete curriculum vita, names and contact details of three academic references and a letter of interest. The letter of interest should discuss the

applicant's vision for *Current Anthropology*, her/his qualifications and experience relevant to the position of Editor of anthropology's highest profile broad-based journal, and proposed editorial arrangements for managing the journal.

A document with further information can be found by following the "More Information" link on the [Wenner-Gren blog](#).

Applications, or suggestions for possible candidates, should be sent via e-mail to the Chair of the CA Editor Search Committee (CAeditor_search@wennergren.org), or by regular mail addressed to the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 470 Park Avenue South, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016, USA. **Applications must be received by December 31, 2017.**



American Anthropological Association

Each year, anthropologists from around the world travel to the American Anthropological Association's (AAA) [Annual Meeting](#) in the U.S. to participate in the free exchange of ideas through international scholarly discussion and collaboration. This interchange enriches the field of anthropology and, of course, society in general.

However, under a new information collection procedure approved by the U.S. State Department, both visitors and would-be immigrants may be asked for extensive background information, including biographical data for the previous 15 years and social media handles going back as far as five years.

In light of the increased vetting of some visa applicants by U.S. embassies around the world, the AAA is urging all non-U.S. citizens traveling to our Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, this November to inquire about Visa requirements in relation to their home countries. The following are important links to information on Visa resources and processes:

- U.S. [Visas](#)
- U.S. [Visa Waiver Program \(VWP\)](#)
- U.S. [Electronic System for Travel Authorization \(ESTA\)](#)
- AAA [Annual Meeting Registration Page](#)

AAA will continue to monitor the status of the proposed [supplemental questionnaire](#) and keep you informed of any new developments. In the meantime, we urge members to apply for a Visa well in advance of the Annual Meeting and as soon as possible.

If you have questions, you may e-mail our Meetings Director, Ushma Suvarnakar, at usuvarnakar@americananthro.org

A special, guest-edited World Anthropologies section of [American Anthropologist](#)

Guest editors: Emily Metzner, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (metzner2@illinois.edu) and Narelle Warren, Monash University (narelle.warren@monash.edu)

The World Anthropologies Section of *American Anthropologist* invites **1500-2000 word essays on anthropological approaches to recovery, treatment, cure, healing, rehabilitation, and living with chronic or acute illness, injury, or condition.** How is "medical anthropology" practiced in particular contexts worldwide, dependent on local cultural understandings of health and illness, funding priorities, university demands, theoretical interests, national and international politics, language, and local systems of care, health insurance, and health technologies? We invite contributions from around the world that respond to any or all of these questions. Submissions from the Global South are especially encouraged. Contributions can take a range of formats, including commentaries, essays, or reflections. We certainly recognize that not every university department has a "medical anthropology" specialty, and so colleagues in any and all fields and subfields of anthropology are welcome to submit, and these essays can be in whatever language the potential contributor wants to use. We will undertake any needed translation into English.

We would like to get these essays by January 5, 2018, so that they can be assessed for inclusion in a 2018 issue of AA and, if chosen, copyedited in time for such an issue.

We would, however, like to know by September 31, 2017 if you are planning to write such an essay, what its topic would be, and what language you will use in writing it and submitting it. Please email the guest editors with that information.

Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and the Commonwealth (ASA)

Why the World Needs Anthropologists

Powering the Planet

On October 28th-29th 2017, at Durham University, UK, the ASA is supporting an event entitled *Powering the Planet*, organised by 'Why The World Needs Anthropologists' in collaboration with Durham's Energy Institute and its Institute of Advanced Study. Further information is available at: <http://www.applied-anthropology.com/> and via the ASA website.

Theme

The event will focus on the need to develop smart and sustainable energy systems, that are environmentally responsible and people-friendly. The symposium will explore how energy professionals and anthropologists can benefit from each other's knowledge and approaches. Key questions include: what is the role of culture in energy technology? How can technology-based thinking be humanised? And how can we cooperate to design and deploy innovations that will alter the world for the better?

ASA 2017 Conference

Shifting States

The ASA's 2017 Conference will be a joint international event co-organised by the ASA, the Australian Anthropological Society (AAS) and the Association of Social Anthropologists of New Zealand, Aotearoa (ASAANZ). It will be hosted by the **University of Adelaide**, from **Dec 11th to 15th** on the theme of *Shifting States*. The call for papers opened on June 5th and will close on July 24th. Further information is available at <http://shiftingstates.info/home> and via the ASA website.

Theme

This conference aims to extend recent anthropological theorising on the state. Anthropology has long been interested in the comparative study of states, and from the mid-twentieth century onwards, at least, anthropologists have provided rich ethnographic accounts of, and key theoretical insights into, states as institutional and bureaucratic formations, as purveyors of nationalist sentiment (especially in post-colonial settings), and as custodians of public ritual. However, in recent years, a growing body of anthropological work has extended these definitions further still, by drawing attention to the ways in which 'statecraft' may be embedded within wider sets of relations, representations, and practices as well.

ASA 2018 Conference

Sociality, Matter, and the Imagination: re-creating Anthropology

The Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth's 2018 conference will be jointly hosted by the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography (SAME) at the University of Oxford, the Pitt Rivers Museum, and the Department of Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University. Entitled ***Sociality, Matter, and the Imagination: re-creating Anthropology***, it will take place in **Oxford, 18th-21st September 2018**. Further information is available on the ASA website: <http://www.theasa.org/>

Theme

One of the major debates within anthropology broadly defined is the question of how to bridge approaches primarily concerned with the social, and those primarily focused on the material, the physical, or the biological. Much recent anthropology, from a variety of theoretical perspectives, seeks to overcome artificial conceptual divisions, either by proposing new (often hybrid) ontologies or simply by pursuing problems that challenge conventional boundaries. ASA2018 aims to address this key question directly. If sociality, matter, and the imagination are reconsidered from multiple perspectives across the discipline, how might we renew and re-create anthropology? What kinds of theoretical, methodological, and ethical concerns are raised by this potential re-creation? Working with a very broad definition of 'the material'—potentially including linguistic, biological, genetic, neurological, environmental, and evolutionary factors—the conference aims to advance debates on sociality and matter, the imagination and creativity, and therefore on what it is to be human in a rapidly changing world.

UK Anthropology Network (UKAN)

Part of the reason that the ASA is hosting a joint 'pan-anthropology' conference in 2018 is to take forward efforts to establish a UK network that will forge closer collaborative links between Anthropology/related organisations, with a view to (a) composing more strategic and effective liaison between Anthropology and key policy and decision makers and (b) enabling a fuller exchange of ideas between the sub-disciplines in Anthropology and related areas. It is hoped that representatives from multiple associations will attend the conference and establish a long-term network that will give strong support to Anthropology in the UK.

Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA)

APA HOSTS THE EASA MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY NETWORK MEETING (LISBON, 5-7 JULY 2017)

In 2017 the Biennial Meeting of the EASA Medical Anthropology Network will be hosted in Lisbon, with local organization by the Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA). Registration is now closed and we are expecting about 230 participants from all over the world to debate current research and developments on Medical Anthropology (and neighboring fields) around the conference theme -- "Bodies in transition: power, knowledge and medical anthropology". The conference will take place on the Institute of Social Sciences (University of Lisbon) from 5 to 7 July, 2017.

+ info: <http://medanthlisbon2017.apantropologia.org/>

APA LAUNCHES A PERMANENT CALL FOR ANTHROPOLOGICAL FIELDWORK PHOTOS

Considering that the main goal of the Portuguese Association of Anthropology (APA) is "to promote and disseminate Anthropology, contributing actively to its insertion and social recognition in Portugal and in the world", APA launched among its members a permanent call for contributions for anthropological fieldwork photos to create a public database that will be available on APA's website.

+ info: <http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/outros-materiais/banco-de-imagens-apa/>

APA CREATES ITS ANNUAL AWARDS STARTING 2017

APA creates two annual awards as a way to give visibility to works and applied projects of proven merit in the area of Anthropology. The prizes will be awarded to APA members in two categories: 1) scientific text - young anthropologists; 2) applied intervention / research project. Deadline for applications is November 30, 2017.

+ info: <http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/premios-apa-2017/>

[announcement / poster below]

Prémios APA

Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia

CATEGORIA I:

TEXTO CIENTÍFICO – JOVENS ANTROPÓLOGOS

CATEGORIA II:

PROJETO DE INTERVENÇÃO/INVESTIGAÇÃO APLICADA

PRAZO DE APRESENTAÇÃO DOS TRABALHOS

30 de novembro de 2017 (24:00)

VALOR DO PRÉMIO

250 Euros para cada uma das categorias.

Consulte o regulamento em:

www.apantropologia.org

Mais informações:

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Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand (ASAANZ)

[2017 Conference Call for Panels](#)

This year's conference, [Shifting States](#), is a joint ASAANZ/ASA/AAS conference that will be held at the University of Adelaide from 11-15 December. <http://shiftingstates.info/home>

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The conference call for panels is now open. The conference convenors welcome contributions from anthropologists and researchers, including academics, practitioners and students engaging with ethnographic and anthropological research and analysis. <http://shiftingstates.info/cfpan>

The deadline for proposals is **10 May 2017**.

If you have a query about the conference, please contact: conference@shiftingstates.info

50th Anniversary of Cultural Anthropology at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

In 2017, the cultural anthropology programme at Victoria University celebrated its 50th anniversary. Over 3-days (May 10th-12th, 2017) the programme highlighted the history of anthropology at Victoria, examined the changing conditions currently shaping the discipline, and created spaces for an intellectual engagement with the potential future trajectories of anthropological knowledge at Victoria, in Aotearoa New Zealand, and beyond. The celebrations opened on Wednesday morning with a Pōwhiri and Marae Kōrero at Te Tumu Herenga Waka on the Kelburn campus of the University. Following this, the graduate students were invited to a masterclass with Professor Michael Jackson, Distinguished Professor of World Religions at Harvard University and an alumnus of the cultural anthropology programme.

On Thursday morning Prof. Jackson opened the day with a keynote address titled, *Existential Scarcity and Ethical Feeling*. The keynote was followed by two panels - Commoning Ethnography and Reclaiming Anthropology, which were comprised of anthropologists from throughout New Zealand who elaborated on the present and future of anthropological knowledge and engagement. Thursday evening concluded with a second keynote - *Alternative Facts and Uncommon Truths: Rivers and Other Realities* - delivered by Professor Dame Anne Salmond from the University of Auckland.

On Friday a graduate symposium drew together former and current anthropology students with the intention of generating useful approaches to anthropological thought and action in the everyday. The discussion provided insight in to how the future of anthropology might present itself as instrumental to decision making and engagement within and beyond the bounds of academia.

Please see our website for additional information: <http://www.asaanz.org/blog/2017/5/18/successful-celebration-of-50-years-of-anthropology-at-victoria-university-of-wellington>

Indian Anthropological Association (IAA)

The IAA under the inspiration of WCAA has floated 'Anthropologists Without Borders', an independent body that endeavours to bring together Anthropological knowledge on current subjects to the people who most need it - policy makers, communities, individuals, and other institutions. AWB is a network of professional anthropologists who are willing to contribute freely to society through advice, review and comment on relevant public policies, documents related to development, acting as interlocutors for communities, or other works that warrant anthropological understanding. Supriya Singh is currently facilitating the activities and can be contacted at supriya7979@yahoo.co.in

IUAES commission on Anthropology, Policy and Development Practice in collaboration with IUAES Commission on Migration (Chair: Prof. Anand Singh) is bringing out a Special Volume of Indian Anthropologist based on the papers presented in IUAES 2016, Croatia.

IAA is finalising a directory of its members for easy reference and access to practicing anthropologists across the country. It will be published online. Kindly send us your details at iaadelhi@rediffmail.com

The Indian Anthropological Association conducted a two-day National Seminar 'Negotiating Fieldwork: Unfolding of Institutional Practices and Contemporary Challenges' (16-17 September 2016) at the International Guest House, University of Delhi. The conference brought together different departments of Anthropology from across the country to discuss their respective fieldwork traditions and gave a chance to budding Anthropologists to present their work.

Australian Anthropological Society (AAS)

At the AAS annual conference, 'Anthropocene Transitions', on 12-15 December 2016, the Australian Anthropological Society co-sponsored with the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) a panel entitled 'What in the world are we doing?: Global anthropological practice in the Anthropocene'. Pam McGrath and Greg Acciaioli presented a paper entitled 'Blurred boundaries in anthropological practice in Australia: What the AAS survey tells us about what we are doing', reporting results of a survey that was a pilot for the soon to be administered Global Survey of Anthropological Practice soon to be administered by the WCAA. Andrew Whalley's paper, 'Matters of urgency and ethical review: Exploring the possibilities for achieving greater ethical outcomes through anthropological engagements', and Joanne Byrne's paper, '010 1100 101 100 101011 10011: Do you really need ethics approval if it's public data', both addressed ethical conundrums in anthropological research. Nelia Hyndman-Rizk's paper, 'Anthropology at the interface: Teaching cross-cultural management in the world of business', and James Roses' presentation, 'Building Bridges: Social anthropology and natural science', treated the extensions of anthropology beyond its usual lodging in teaching and research in the social sciences. Adele Millar's paper, 'United we stand: Can anthropology benefit from couples counselling', focused upon how students' expectations in anthropology were often frustrated, while Raminder Kaur's paper, 'Moving beyond neo-liberal managerialism and marketing with respect to anthropology', gave a compelling example of how anthropological pedagogy could catalyse emancipatory activities beyond the neoliberal ambience of contemporary universities.

The upcoming annual meeting, whose theme is 'Shifting states', will be held as a joint conference of the AAS, ASAANZ and ASA UK and Commonwealth on 11-15 December 2017 in Adelaide, South Australia. It will include a roundtable session tentatively entitled 'Roles and Relationships of Anthropological Associations in the Era of the Neoliberal University', which will include brief presentations by the presidents of the three sponsoring associations of the annual conference along with Chandana Mathur representing the World Anthropological Union (WAU). Panels that have been proposed for the conference will be posted on the conference website (<http://shiftingstates.info/home>) by the second week of June, and paper abstracts will be accepted on the website from 5th June to 17th July 2017. All are welcome to offer papers at this tri-association conference.

European Association of Social Anthropologists

On politics and precarities in academia: anthropological perspectives

The 2017 EASA AGM Seminar will bring together debates on different strands of precarity, analyse sites of disempowerment at the intersection of precarity and politics and discuss potentials of collaboration, solidarity and unionization

16th-17th November 2017, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern

<http://www.easaonline.org/agm2017.shtml>

EASA election results 2017

The election of the new Executive took place in January and the first meeting of the new Executive committee was organized in Sweden on the 3rd and 4th of April.

The members of the new executive are:

Valeria Siniscalchi, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Marseille (France), President

Thomas Hylland Eriksen, University of Oslo, Vice-President

Markus Banks, University of Oxford, Network liaison

Alberto Corsin Jimenez, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Secretary

Rachael Goberman-Hill, University of Bristol, Treasurer

Sarah Green, University of Helsinki, Journal editor

Georgeta Stoica, French Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD France), PrecAnthro liaison & lobbying

Sabine Strasser, University of Bern, PrecAnthro liaison

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

International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)

SIEF Congress Ways of Dwelling: Crisis, Craft, Creativity. Gottingen 26-30 March 2017

Once again the SIEF congress turned into an inspiring intellectual festival, this time in Göttingen. The 13th international SIEF congress was the first SIEF congress in Germany, with just under 800 ethnologists, folklorists, anthropologists and researchers from related fields in attendance. The congress investigated the myriad ways of dwelling. There were four days of stimulating keynotes, parallel panels, poster sessions, audio-visual presentations, and events. The SIEF Young Scholar Prize winner, Lorenzo D'Orsi, presented his award winning paper 'Trauma and the Politics of Memory of the Uruguayan Dictatorship', published in *Latin American perspectives*, issue 202, Vol. 42, 3 (2015), p. 162-179. The first Young Scholars Working Group conference also took place in Göttingen, right before the main SIEF congress. This persuaded young scholars to combine the two events.

New SIEF Board

As most of the board members had reached their second term, during the General Assembly in Göttingen the new Executive Board of SIEF was elected. Nevena Škrbić Alempijević is the new President. Sophie Elpers was re-elected as Executive Vice-President. We welcome seven new board members: Bernhard Tschofen (Vice-President) Thomas A. McKean. Robert Glenn Howard, Fabio Mugnaini, Cyril Isnart, Marie Sandberg and Ewa Klekot.

Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI)

BRITISH MUSEUM/SOAS 1st-3rd JUNE 2018

CALL FOR PANEL PROPOSALS: ART, MATERIALITY AND REPRESENTATION

We are very pleased to announce the call for panel proposals for the fourth of the RAI's recent major conferences. As before, it will be jointly organised by the RAI and the BM's Department for Africa, Oceania and the Americas, and held in the Clore Centre of the British Museum. We are also very pleased to be joined by the Department of Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies, where a portion of the break-out rooms for the conference panels will be located in the newly refurbished Paul Webley Wing of Senate House.

The RAI welcomes panel proposals on any of the themes below. However, it would not wish to restrict any potential suggestion, and proposals are welcome on any aspect of the theme, whether theoretical or ethnographic. Proposals from any of the sub-fields of anthropology (social anthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology or linguistics) are welcome, as are those which draw across disciplines. We would particularly welcome proposals from the museum world, especially papers that reconsider the relationship between museums and anthropology today and in the past.

Amongst the possible areas which may be considered are:

- Recent debates in materiality, representation and relationality.
- Performance and aesthetics
- Heritage, transmission and identity
- Art as ethnographic resource
- The anthropology of creativity and art
- The visual perception of art and recent developments in understanding its biological basis
- Art, craft, technology and the reinvention of tradition in tourist art.
- The changing relationship between archaeology, excavation, nationalism and identity.
- Recent developments in the anthropology of art, including ethnographic or anthropological analysis of western and non-western art traditions, whether historical or contemporary.
- Art, materiality and material culture
- The anthropology of art in the archaeological record, including prehistory.
- The changing place of art in specific geographic locations.
- Commoditisation of non-western art traditions in the west and the place of anthropology and anthropologists within that process.
- Curating and curators, and the interface between museums and academic departments historically and today.
- Cultural property, ownership and representation of ethnographic objects
- Ethnographic museums and their futures, including the consideration of indigenous museums.
- Authenticity and the politics of representation
- Craftsmanship, apprenticeship, and learning to become an artist.
- The consideration or reconsideration of the contribution of particular scholars in the anthropology of art.

Proposals for panels should be made by 30 June 2017 on the conference web-site, which may be found <https://www.therai.org.uk/conferences/art-materiality-and-representation> alongside an indication of the conference fees.

Informal enquiries may be made to admin@therai.org.uk

Brazilian Anthropological Association (ABA)

ABA launched a campaign to defend the Constitutional rights of the Quilombolas. On August 16, 2017, the Federal Supreme Court will vote on the Direct Action of Unconstitutionality (ADI) 3239 filed by the defunct Liberal Front Party (PFL) of the current Democratic Party (DEM) against Decree 4887/2003. This decree regulates the procedures for identification, recognition, delimitation, demarcation and titling of the lands of the Quilombola communities, assured in Article 68 of the Transitional Constitutional Provisions Act of the Federal Constitution of 1988.

**DIREITO QUILOMBOLA.
A ABA DEFENDE.**

O DECRETO 4.887/2003 É CONSTITUCIONAL

- ✓ Afirma a **identidade** negra e quilombola
- ✓ Defende o **patrimônio cultural** afro-brasileiro
- ✓ Combate o **racismo**
- ✓ Protege o **meio ambiente**
- ✓ Garante o direito de **existir** e **reexistir** das comunidades
- ✓ Reconhece o **direito ao território**



**DIREITO QUILOMBOLA.
DEFENDA TAMBÉM.**

ASSOCIAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE ANTROPOLOGIA (ABA)
COMITÊ QUILOMBOS

ABA considers Decree 4887 one of the most significant achievements for the realization of the rights of the country's Black and Quilombola populations. Its application has guaranteed access to fundamental rights, public development policies, sustainable production, social assistance policies, infrastructure, health and education, and the valorization and protection of Afro-Brazilian culture in Quilombola territories. In fact, Decree 4887 is an effective instrument for the titling of lands and the sustainability of Quilombola communities and to defend it is to ensure diversity and democracy in the country.

Other News

First Review by experts of the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) will circulate the draft chapters of the IPBES global assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services for first review by experts, for a period of eight weeks, from 15 June - 15 August 2017.

This assessment will be the first global snapshot of the state of the world's biodiversity in over a decade since the release of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. The global assessment will provide decision-makers with the state of knowledge regarding the planet's biodiversity, ecosystems and the benefits they provide to people, as well as the options to protect and use these natural assets more sustainably.

Furthermore, the global assessment will provide vital data for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

One of the most important phases in drafting any assessment report is the period in which it is opened for external review by any interested experts including, among others, scientists, decision-makers, practitioners and the holders of indigenous and local knowledge.

WCAA News

World Anthropology Union Constitution Ratification Vote

A vote was held between June 8 and 28, 2017 to approve of the process for the ratification of the World Anthropology Union (WAU) constitution. The final result of the vote was 34 out of a possible 53 votes cast, which provided a quorum at 60% of eligible voters. Thirty-one votes were cast in favour, and one vote was cast against the ratification process, which is to say that 97% of votes cast were in favour of the process.

The ratification of the constitution will proceed as follows. A review committee made up of two members of the IUAES executive committee, two members of the WCAA organizing committee and one member-at-large from the IUAES has been created. They have sent out a request for comments on the operational guidelines and rules (OGR) and the constitution to the members of the IUAES and the WCAA delegates (along with a comment form). The deadline for comments is August 4th, 2017. Once the deadline is past the review committee will consider the comments submitted and incorporate appropriate changes. Once the revised OGR and constitution are approved by 2/3rd of the members of the review committee, the WAU Constitution and Operational Guidelines and Rules will both be considered fully ratified and will succeed the IUAES Statutes and WCAA Constitution.

WCAA at IUAES/CASCA 2017 in Ottawa

The WCAA held an interim delegates meeting at the IUAES Intercongress in Ottawa, Canada in May 2017. These meetings were held in conjunction with the annual Canadian Anthropology Society/Société canadienne d'anthropologie meetings. Topics covered during the meeting included membership fees, recruitment of new members, publications, linguistic diversity within the WCAA, WCAA activities, including a statement of solidarity with the AAA in the light of the proposed US travel ban, our response to the Central European University situation, and a report from Lia Machado on the situation of anthropology in Brazil under the present government. Rosita Henry reported on her efforts to create terms of reference for an ethics taskforce

and an inter-associational network. Virginia Dominguez reported on the outreach and advocacy taskforce and Chandana Mathur reported on the global survey activities. Full minutes of the interim delegates meeting can be found on the WCAA website.

There were numerous joint WCAA-IUAES panels at the joint CASCA-IUAES meetings in Ottawa. A double panel organised by Rosita Henry (Chair, WCAA Ethics Task Force), Chandana Mathur (WCAA Chair) and Faye Harrison (IUAES President) furthered a WCAA-IUAES sponsored discussion on the dangers associated with anthropological fieldwork held at the Dubrovnik Inter-Congress.

At the first of these, 'Anthropological fieldwork and risk in a violent world: A Conversation with Homa Hoodfar', Professor Hoodfar spoke about what she described as "the ethnography of interrogation", drawing on her own experience of unjust incarceration in Tehran last year. Her prison ordeal was when she began to think about the need to cast academic freedom as a transnational right, and began researching traditions of critical thought and intellectual dissent around the world. The continued need for this discussion is underscored by ongoing attacks on scholars and scholarship around the world. Even today, again in the context of Iran, the colleagues and friends of imprisoned Princeton University history graduate student Xiyue Wang are looking for scholars from around the world to sign a petition seeking his release that also has the support of his family and Princeton authorities. The petition is available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3vylji9Uc_bEakKkPOhi0jsL3L-zRGgZjfE-iyX8e9IDFyA/formResponse. Please consider signing it.

The second panel of this two-part series was titled 'Moving moralities: anthropological fieldwork and risk in a violent world', and focused on the complicated placement of research ethics guidelines and frameworks within this discussion. Clearly, the issue of fieldwork and danger will continue to remain a key concern for the World Anthropological Union (WAU).

There were also other joint WCAA-IUAES sessions that addressed pressing contemporary issues. For example, 'Anthropological fieldworks: moving from the centre to the periphery', sponsored by the IUAES Commission on Marginalization and Global Apartheid in collaboration with WCAA, was convened by Subhadra Channa (IUAES Executive Committee member) and Lorne Holyoak (WCAA Secretary).

Finally, the joint WCAA-IUAES roundtable organised by Mugsy Spiegel and Ellen Judd, 'Resurgent racism, ethno-nationalism and xenophobia in a world of mo(u)vement: The global rise of populist politics and the challenge for world anthropologies' was probably the most prominent of these joint events at this conference.



L to R: Martha Radice (CASCA), Chandana Mathur (WCAA), Faye Harrison (IUAES), Homa Hoodfar (Concordia), Rosita Henry (James Cook)

This newsletter is edited by Lorne Holyoak, Secretary of the WCAA, with support from the co-editor, Carmen Rial.

Editor's note: As always, the newsletter is titled in three languages. This edition is titled in English, Japanese and Bahasa Indonesia.