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From the Associations

IUAES

CASCA/IUAES2017 Conference in Ottawa

"Mo(u)vement" - CASCA/IUAES 2017 Conference will be held at the University of Ottawa on 2-7 May 2017. This is a joint conference of IUAES Inter-Congress 2017 and CASCA Conference celebrating Canada's 150 birthday. Early-bird registration opens on 9 February and ends on 9 March 2017.

Proposed Merger of International Councils for Sciences and Social Sciences

The International Council for Science (ICSU) and International Social Science Council (ISSC), both of which the IUAES is a member, started the transition towards a proposed merger of the two organizations (<http://www.icsu.org/road-to-2018>). As part of the transition, the Transition Task Force (<http://www.icsu.org/road-to-2018/transition-task-force/membership>) and the Strategy Working Group (<http://www.icsu.org/road-to-2018/strategy-working-group/membership>) have been formed. All documentation pertinent to the work of the TTF/SWG and the upcoming meetings is available here (<https://icsu-issc.gitbooks.io/documentation-on-the-icsu-issc-merger-process/content/>).

Finnish Anthropological Society

Call for papers of the Biennial Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Society 2017 "Entangled Mobilities" in Jyväskylä is now open. We invite papers which fall within the theme of the conference. (<http://www.antropologinenseura.fi/en/events/anthropology-conference-2017/>)

The Biennial Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Society 2017 seeks to explore different kinds of mobilities and their interconnections. We ask how spatial and social mobilities are entangled with each other and broader economic, social and political processes. We invite papers which explore following themes: place making; production of boundaries; relationships between actors of mobility (states, citizens, genders classes, generations, the rural and the urban); artifacts and technologies of mobility (new media, material culture, vehicles and food); imaginaries of mobility; movement of ideas and structures (such as education, notions of kinship and family, marriage). We invite all anthropologists and researchers from related disciplines to participate!

The deadline for paper proposals is 23rd of February 2017. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by early March.

Paper proposals can be submitted for consideration for confirmed panels or without specifying the panel (<http://www.antropologinenseura.fi/en/events/anthropology-conference-2017/panels/>).

If you wish to choose a panel for your paper, send your proposal directly to the panel organizers but also send a copy to the organizer (mobilityconference2017@gmail.com). If you do not wish to choose a panel, send your paper proposal only to the conference organizers (mobilityconference2017@gmail.com).

To submit your paper proposal, send the following information: name, affiliation, contact information, the title of the paper, the abstract (max. 200 words) and the name of the panel you wish to participate (see the list of panels) to the e-mail addresses of the organizers of the panel in question and to the conference organizers (mobilityconference2017@gmail.com).

If you do not want to choose any of the advertised panels, leave out the panel information and only send your proposal to mobilityconference2017@gmail.com.

Keynote speakers

Professor Purnima Mankekar, (Departments of Gender Studies and Asian American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles)

Professor Mankekar offers a new understanding of the affective and temporal dimensions of how India and “Indianness,” as objects of knowledge production and mediation, circulate through transnational public cultures.

Senior researcher Hans Lucht (Danish Institute for International Studies, Kööpenhamina)
Dr Lucht’s talk focuses on undocumented migration from Africa to Europe via North Africa.

Nordic Anthropological Film Association

The Nordic Anthropological Film Association (NAFA) would like to thank the members of WCAA for welcoming us as new member. Thank you! We feel very welcome.

This year the NAFA International Ethnographic Film Festival will be held in Aarhus, Denmark, 22-26 August. Films can be submitted here: <http://nafa.uib.no/?q=festival>

The deadline for submission is 3 March 2017.

For more information about the festival, please visit the NAFA2017 website: <http://www.nafa-2017.dk> (under construction)

We are looking forward to meeting you in Aarhus!

Chinese Anthropological Association

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Chinese Anthropological Society, co-sponsored by the Chinese Anthropological Society and the Shanghai Federation of Social Science Associations, was held in Fudan University, Shanghai on November 4-6, 2016. Focusing on “the Colorful Coexistence of Anthropological Studies”, the meeting attracted over 320 scholars from 75 research institutions and universities in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, UK and USA.

At the meeting, there were 12 keynote speeches delivered by William S.-Y. Wang(王士元), Huang Shumin (黄口民), Wang Mingke (王明珂), Hao Shiyuan(郝口口), Jin Li (金力), Myron L. Cohen, Liu Qingzhu (刘口柱), Fu Qiaomei (付巧妹), Chen Zhiming (口志明), Ruth Mace, Xu Muzhu (口木柱), and Chen Shuzhuo (口叔倬). One-hundred and one presentations were delivered on six key session topics including a linguistic anthropology session (“Storms of Big Data”), a physical anthropology session (“Between Macro and MicroScope”), an archaeological anthropology session (“Stepping into an Era of Accuracy”), an historical anthropology session (“Reconstructing the Belt and Road”), a socio-cultural anthropology session (“Exceeding Traditional Perspectives”), and an educational anthropology session (“Practice and Reflection in Educational Ethnology”).

In addition, the 6th ‘Anthropology Day’ at Fudan University was held on November 5th. Professor Myron L. Cohen and Researcher Liu Qingzhu were granted Lifetime Achievement Awards in Anthropology for their incomparable contributions in their respective research domains.

The closing ceremony of the annual meeting was held on November 6th. As a significant meeting held since the establishment of the society, the annual meeting has played a positive part in providing a platform to exchange knowledge and increase the influence of the Chinese anthropological community. Speeches and presentations at this meeting indicated a fast-growing and productive discipline with a particular emphasis on original theories and innovative research methods.



International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)

SIEF 2017 13th Congress: Göttingen, Germany
26-30 March 2017

Theme: Ways of Dwelling: Crisis - Craft - Creativity

The 13th international SIEF congress will take place in Göttingen, 26-30 March 2017. For this first SIEF congress in Germany, we expect 800 ethnologists, folklorists, anthropologists and researchers from related fields for four days of stimulating keynotes, parallel panels, poster sessions, audio-visual presentations, book exhibit and social events. The congress opens up to investigation the [myriad ways of dwelling](#). We invite delegates to join this conversation, deepen it fruitfully for our disciplines and explore cooperation with areas of practice and art, present their research, listen, debate, and work out differences, hatch projects, cultivate friendships, and move our fields forwards.

[Registration](#) is open. Plan your trip to Göttingen, by looking at the Congress website at: <https://www.siefhome.org/congresses/sief2017/index.shtml>

Associated with the Congress, the First International Conference of the SIEF Young Scholars Working Group *Coming of Age: Young Scholars in the Field of Folkloristics, Ethnology, and Anthropology* will take place in Göttingen, March 26th, 2017.

The winner of the SIEF 2017 Young Scholar Prize, which will be presented at the congress, is Lorenzo D'Orsi, with his paper "Trauma and the Politics of Memory of the Uruguayan Dictatorship".

SIEF Ethnological sensations series



The next ethnological sensation is online: Tom DuBois (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA) shares a tactile sensation of craft and tells us how fieldwork has taught him to appreciate the sense of touch in a whole new way.

Read more about this in the SIEF website
<https://www.siefhome.org/>

Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand

The last year has not been an easy one for anthropology in Aotearoa/NZ.

We had to cancel our annual conference because of ill-health and eventually loss of a colleague in an already depleted and earthquake-shocked programme at the University of Canterbury. Then the department of anthropology at University of Otago suffered some particularly savage cuts, with two respected colleagues losing their jobs - part of the wider national (and global) pattern of institutional war on humanities and social sciences.

The good news though is that colleagues in Auckland and Wellington receiving Marsden grants (state research funding) and record numbers of students at Victoria University.

Our website (<http://www.asanz.org/>) has been refreshed and improved with a lively stream of interviews.

Our conference this year will be a big one - combined with AAS and ASA in Adelaide in December.

And meanwhile, don't miss the latest issue of our journal - <https://sites.otago.ac.nz/Sites/issue/view/40>

Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA)

BODIES IN TRANSITION: POWER, KNOWLEDGE AND MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

EASA Medical Anthropology Network | 2017 Biannual Conference Network Meeting
5-7 July, Lisbon, Portugal

Local organization: Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA)
Venue: University of Lisbon, Institute of Social Sciences (Av. Prof. Aníbal Bettencourt, 9)

In 2017 the Biannual Conference of EASA Medical Anthropology Network will be hosted in Lisbon, Portugal, with the prospect of promoting a compact encounter with more plenaries and less parallel sessions. The purpose is to maximize the interweaving of our experiences and understandings across the different niches and orientations within medical anthropology and in exchange with neighboring fields; we hope that bringing back plenary sessions creates room for unpredicted synergies. Around 120 medical anthropologists from around the globe will meet at the University of Lisbon to debate current research and developments and discuss the field's contribution to gain a broader and deepened understanding of the conference's overarching topic.

Important dates:

- 16 January - 15 February: call for panels
- 1 March: announcement of panels accepted
- 1 March - 1 April: call for papers
- 15 April: announcement of papers accepted

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

6TH CONGRESS OF THE PORTUGUESE ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA) - JUNE 2016

The Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA) held its 6th Congress from 1-4 June 2016 in Coimbra, Portugal. Around 700 participants from Portugal, Brazil, Spain and more than a dozen other European and Latin American countries attended the event. The theme of the Congress, "Disputed Futures" underlined the diversity of a world in constant transformation and in which individual and collective paths are plural. The congress accommodated about 80 thematic panels, an ethnographic film screening, three plenary sessions, round tables, the presentation of the results of a survey about the profile of the anthropologist in Portugal and a parallel program with performances and exhibitions.

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

RESULTS OF SURVEY ON THE PROFILE OF ANTHROPOLOGISTS IN PORTUGAL

As a way to contribute to a better understanding of the Portuguese reality regarding the situation of the anthropologists, the Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA) launched a project titled "The Profile of Anthropologists" in Portugal (2014/2016). The main objective of the study was to characterize the situation of the community of anthropologists in Portugal, to know what they do in terms of training, scientific and professional activity and to discover the potential for, or obstacles to, the practice of anthropology. This survey was done in several stages and used different data collection instruments: a simple questionnaire, a set of qualitative interviews, video recordings and dispersed information survey on the teaching and research of anthropology in Portugal. The study involved a broad team and was supported by departments and research centers in the field of anthropology based in the national territory.

The results were preliminarily presented at the 6th Congress of APA (Coimbra, June 2016) and discussed in a Forum specifically for this purpose hosted by the Portuguese National Museum of Ethnology (October 2016). Different materials have been produced -- including a movie -- and all are made available on the APA website.

+ info: <http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/divulgacao-de-resultados/>

Associazione Nazionale Universitaria degli Antropologi Culturali

ANUAC is delighted to announce that the latest issue of *Anuac*, the journal of the Italian Association of Academic Anthropologists, has been just published online: <http://ojs.unica.it/index.php/anuac/issue/view/71>.

The new issue (Vol. 5, n. 2, December 2016), hosted on an entirely redesigned website, features an essay by Pier Giorgio Solinas in memory of Giulio Angioni, the celebrated Sardinian anthropologist and writer who recently passed away.

The new issue also includes a Forum on Teaching Anthropology in Secondary Schools featuring contributions from current EASA President Thomas Hylland Eriksen, former WCAA Chair Vesna Vucinic Neskovic, past WCAA Chair Michal Buchowski with current EASA Vice-President Hana Cervinkova, and ANUAC President Cristina Papa.

Israeli Anthropological Association (IAA)

Call for Papers for the 45th Annual Meeting of the IAA

Kafr Qasem - May 17-18, 2017

Between “Field” and “Work”: Rethinking the Production of Knowledge and Professional Identity in Anthropology

This year’s annual meeting will explore the praxis of ethnographic fieldwork - the emblematic research method with which anthropologists have been negotiating their professional identity for more than a century. What do contemporary anthropologists mean when they refer to “ethnography” and to “fieldwork”? How are ethnographic studies being conducted under current conditions of knowledge production? In what forms of knowledge are ethnographies grounded? How can one collect such knowledge, and where? What is the role that contemporary “ethnographies” play in establishing professional authority and disciplinary charisma within contemporary anthropology?

The methodology with which Bronisław Malinowski broke from evolutionism at the beginning of the twentieth century, emphasized the importance of long-term fieldwork, participation in everyday activities, and the development of lasting relationships with people as necessary preconditions for understanding cultural worlds. Global cultural and political changes during the second half of the twentieth century, as well as transformations in the moral economy of knowledge production, produced criticism of the colonial contexts within which the expectation that anthropologists partake in the lives of “others” became the epitome of professional authority. This classical epistemological imperative was challenged, toward the end of the 1980s, by mutual expressions of distrust between ethnographers and those they studied, crises of representation, growing awareness of power relations between researchers and subjects, and the ways in which all of these are weaved into methodologies and textual strategies to constitute professional authority.

The growing criticism of fieldwork methodology, together with globalization and the accelerated mobility of commodities, people, and culturally charged consumer products, as well as the emergence of “virtual” technologies and communities, have led many anthropologists to use other research methods, instead of or in addition to, fieldwork. Research at home, multi-site ethnography, auto-ethnography, netnography, and short-term research, while productive, have led at the same time to the blurring of disciplinary borders and boundaries.

This year’s Annual Meeting invites the anthropology community to jointly rethink the ethical, political and epistemological meanings of “ethnography” and its role in shaping the professional identity of studying local and global research scenes.

We look forward to receiving single papers and/or sessions addressing the following themes:

- “Fieldwork” practices and performances in late-modernity. What do the changing research practices teach us about current global regimes and how do they affirm or subvert/resist them?
- What possibilities and implications does classical ethnographic fieldwork face within the context of contemporary ethical regimes of the discipline?
- Whose lives are currently more (or less) accessible for “participatory ethnography” and where do they exist (with regard to both online and off-line contexts)?
- How has the blurring of boundaries between “qualitative research methods” and ethnographic research come about in both local and global contexts?
- How do local histories of colonialism and post-colonialism shape anthropologists’ research fields and professional/disciplinary identities? What lesson do local versions of fieldwork in Israel teach about the local-global political economy within which they materialize?
- What transpires in institutional, pedagogical and other sites of “fieldwork” training? How do these pedagogies shape the identities of current anthropologists?
- What are the implications of interweaving social activism and academic research with regards to the nature of the data collected and their political meanings in local and global scenes?

We are also happy to receive proposals for papers and sessions on additional topics, but we will prioritize those proposals that correspond with the themes of this year's Annual Meeting. When proposing panels, please be sure to explicitly clarify the link between the different papers in the panel. We also encourage the submission of posters. Posters will be given special attention in the coming Annual Meeting, specifically a highly visible time slot, at which time no other activities will take place.

***For additional information and submissions please visit the Israeli Anthropological Association's website - www.isranthro.org**

***The deadline for all submissions: panel proposals, individual papers, and posters is: 15.2.2017**

American Anthropological Association

The [2017 Annual Meeting \(29th Nov - 3rd Dec, Washington, DC / Theme "Anthropology Matters"\)](#) is now calling for Executive Session Proposals. Deadline is 16th Feb. Proposals for general sessions, individual papers, workshops, and special events are due 15th April. AAA encourages its 10,000 worldwide members to come to Washington for our Annual Meeting this November to voice their concerns with the US administration:

<http://www.americananthro.org/ParticipateAndAdvocate/AdvocacyDetail.aspx?ItemNumber=21071>

Join the [2017 Anthropology Day Celebration, Thursday 16th February](#). Campus-based student clubs from all over are planning to reach out to nearby primary/secondary schools and community organizations to place the spotlight on the very cool contributions that anthropologists make to advancing our understanding of the human condition and tackling some of the world's most pressing problems.

German Anthropological Association (GAA)

Biannual Conference: From 4-7 October, 2017 the German Anthropological Association holds its biennial conference at Freie Universität Berlin on the theme of "Belonging: Affective, Moral and Political Practices in an Interconnected World". The Call for Papers (in German and English) for the altogether 46 workshops can be found here:

http://www.dgv-net.de/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/CfP_DGV-Tagung_2017_final3.pdf

Deadline for paper applications is February 15, 2017.

Ethics Declaration in English: In order to support the international research activities of our members, the "Frankfurt Declaration" of Ethics (2009) in Social and Cultural Anthropology has now been translated into English:

<http://en.dgv-net.de/ethics/>

New Website and Social Media Appearance: The GAA has launched its new website (<http://www.dgv-net.de/>; <http://en.dgv-net.de/>) along with its own facebook and twitter account:

<https://www.facebook.com/DGV.GermanAnthropologicalAssociation>

https://twitter.com/DGV_Ethnologie

Polish Ethnological Society

Polish Anthropologists against Discrimination

Alarmed by the growing amount of racially, ethnically and religiously motivated verbal and physical violence in the country, as well as rightist authorities' stance on issues of refugees that encourages xenophobic hysteria and tolerates criminal acts against immigrants, Polish ethnologists and anthropologists held a Special Convention against Discrimination. It was held on November 23, 2016 in the city of Poznań. Four hundred people gathered in this largest assembly of anthropologists in the country ever. The idea of the meeting was initiated by the group of anthropologists in the Department of Anthropology and Cultural Anthropology at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, but it met with the virtually unanimous support of all anthropological institutions in the country, Polish Ethnological Society (PES) being one of the first of them. It was backed also by several anthropological associations worldwide: IUAES, AAA, EASA, Le réseau Euroethno du Conseil de l'Europe, and last but not least the WCAA. The latter statement included the individually expressed support of several national organizations. Some academic institutions, such as Institute of Ethnology and Folklore in Sofia, Bulgaria, Departments of Anthropology at the University of Manchester, University of Edinburgh and Goldsmith University in London also showed their solidarity with their Polish Colleagues. A Manifesto Against Discrimination was accepted by acclamation. Plans for the coordinating work of anthropologists against discrimination, racism and xenophobia were discussed and accepted. The Special Meeting was reported in the national media. For more details see <http://zjazd.weebly.com/english.html>

It is worth noting that PES issued a protest against the current wave of racism and xenophobia at its Annual Meeting in Lvov in 2015 (<http://en.ptl.info.pl/news/89,Position-statement-of-the-Polish-Ethnological-Society-on-expressions-of-xenophobia-and-intolerance-in-Poland.html>)



Argentinean Association of Graduates in Anthropology (CGA)

REPORT ON PROFESSIONAL PROFILES - 2016 IN ARGENTINA

During 2016, CGA aimed to build a map of the academic and professional development of our discipline and also aimed to explore those areas of development, their convergence and divergence within the new local and international contexts. Here's the link with the report: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-qOZns001HxOHk2TE1ZcmtvZEK/view>

EN SUS PROPIOS TÉRMINOS/IN ONE'S OWN TERMS

CGA has committed itself to this initiative of the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) that creates a channel for the World Anthropologies to express themselves in their own languages.

Aiming at displacing the locus of hegemonic enunciation, this space honours the original languages of the anthropologies and, through them their roots, identities and projections.

The main idea is to propose a channel within a global space, the WCAA, where the local anthropologies can express themselves.

You can find all the articles published in this link:

http://www.wcaanet.org/publications/propios_terminos.shtml

IN DEFENSE OF COLLEAGUES HARASSED FOR THEIR INVESTIGATIONS

CGA has stated publicly its disavowal and has sympathized with the doctor in anthropology Brenda Canelo in view of the series of aggressions made public in different social and mass media aiming at denigrating both her image as science and public university worker as well as the investigations subjects she is working on.

Furthermore, CGA considers that these harassment doings sought to delegitimize the work of researchers and university teachers of our country in general and in particular the work in social science and anthropology. Likewise they enable the xenophobic treatment of immigration questions which Dr. Canelo specializes in.

It is in this sense that CGA renews its commitment with public university education and research in social and human sciences.

You can find the public declaration in this link: <http://www.cga.org.ar/nota-271-comunicado-ante-la-situacion-de-nuestra-colega-brenda-canelo-la-ciencia-y-la-universidad-argentinas>

Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and the Commonwealth

ASA TO HOST PAN-ANTHROPOLOGY CONFERENCE IN 2018

The Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and the Commonwealth is delighted to announce that, in accord with a vote by its members, its annual conference in 2018 will form the basis of a pan-anthropology conference bringing together all of the sub-fields within Anthropology and Archaeology. The aim is to enable new and innovative exchanges of knowledge between them, and to establish a UK Anthropology Network (UKAN) to create a more collective and influential interface with policy and decision-makers. Further information about UKAN is available from the [ASA Chair, Veronica Strang \(veronica.strang@durham.ac.uk\)](#).

The conference will take place 18th-21st September 2018, and it will be hosted by the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography (SAME) at the University of Oxford (including the Pitt Rivers Museum) and Oxford Brookes University. [The proposed title for the conference is *Recreating Anthropology: Sociality, Matter and the Imagination*](#), and the theme is intended to be one with which all of the subfields of Anthropology and Archaeology can engage. The major divide in the discipline, in the broadest sense, is orientation either towards the social or towards to material/physical/biological approaches. The conference aims to address this divergence directly, by considering how social relations are manifested in material terms; how materialities/physical and biological factors both constrain and enable social being and practice; and how the material/physical and the conceptual are interrelated. This assumes a very liberal definition of 'the material' as including linguistic, biological, genetic, neurological, environmental, and evolutionary factors.

UK Anthropology Associations across the field have been invited to participate at whatever level they would like to do so - as joint conveners/hosts, as session leaders, or simply as participants - and to have direct input into the development of the conference theme. Those who would like to be involved should contact David Gellner (david.gellner@anthro.ox.ac.uk).

Miscellaneous

The VU Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam wishes to announce that they will be offering a summer course entitled "Hands-on Anthropology and Collaborative Storytelling", in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from July 8-22, 2017. All related information can be found by following this link:

<http://bachelors.vu.amsterdam/en/summer-school/courses/StoriesfromAmsterdam/index.aspx#accept>