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WCAA - World Council of Anthropological Associations 3rd webinar

## Inequalities in an era of pandemia

25 June 2020, 1 pm GMT



<https://www.waunet.org/wcaa/videos>

To Join the Zoom Meeting:

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The WCAA has initiated a new webinar series, initially to focus on the COVID-19 pandemic. The first two presentations drew close to 800 viewers and thousands more have seen the videos since then. The first two webinars are available online (<https://www.waunet.org/wcaa/videos>). The third webinar will be broadcast via Zoom on June 25th at 13:00 UTC.

### *Social Media Taskforce*

To encourage better communication, a task force chaired by Ricardo Fagoaga was established and also includes: Michel Bouchard, Cristhian Fernando Cajé Rodríguez and Jermaine Gordon-Mizusawa. To better promote the WCAA, a Twitter account has been established @WCAAIMPACT and is being coordinated to share news with the WAU Twitter @WAU\_org. These Twitter accounts are being in turn coordinated with the WCAA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wcaanet/>). We invite you to follow us on Twitter and Facebook and share your news and opinions with us as we seek to reach out to a larger audience, researchers, students and the general public.

As not all anthropologists are on social media, the Taskforce is establish a listserv to share news. The goal being to distribute news to all who sign up, allowing discussing with suitable moderation. We will be asking our member associations to invite their individual members to sign up for the WCAAIMPACT listserv: <http://lists.waunet.org/listinfo.cgi/wcaaimpact-waunet.org>.

### *Call for Papers - WCAA Ethics Taskforce Working Paper Series*

The WCAA Ethics Task Force wishes to develop an understanding of some of the issues that anthropology faces around the world in relation to ethics codes and/or guidelines, or any issues impacting on anthropological research, teaching and professional practice. We are seeking short papers for a 'Working Paper' Series . Word Length: 2-3000 words

The Taskforce will review, edit and have these papers uploaded to the WCAA website so that they become available freely to anthropologists worldwide to consult.

## ABA update

The Brazilian Association of Anthropology (ABA) expresses concern over police operations tied to Covid-19 and violence against Indigenous peoples. (P. 10)

## JASCA

New President and Board members (P. 11)

## Submissions

Please submit your material for the November 2020 newsletter (P. 11)

For example, papers could be on the following topics:

provisions within ethics codes and/or guidelines and their implications for the practice of anthropology in your country (or region).

history of the development of the ethics code and/or guidelines of your association, including critical reflection on some of the issues that may have caused debate among members.

Any current issue related to ethics of anthropological practice that is facing members of your association, such as the Covid-19 pandemic.

For further information and/or to submit papers, please email the Chair of the WCAA Ethics Taskforce: [rosita.henry@jcu.edu.au](mailto:rosita.henry@jcu.edu.au).

### *+300 days*

Fariba Adelhah, a researcher at the International Science Research Center in Paris, has been in prison for more than 300 days in Iran and was recently sentenced to 5 years. She will be retrial on June. The World Anthropological Union (WAU) sent a letter to the Iranian ambassador to the UN defending her immediate release, but so far the demand has not been met. WCAA also sent a video to the support committee of Dr. Adelhah .

<https://www.waunet.org/downloads/wau/letterinsupportoffaribaadelkhah200304.pdf>

### *WAU statement on the Task Force on Virtual Exchange*

The WAU has always been committed to increasing worldwide inclusion in its activities. We recognize the dynamic and changing risks of our world. In early 2020, the WAU created a Task Force on Virtual Exchange. This task force is working on various initiatives to keep our members connected regardless of their ability to meet in-person. This will include the option of virtual congress participation in the future. We look forward to revealing our newest ways of connecting you to a global community of anthropology.

### *International Science Council (ISC) Survey*

The ISC is asking organizations to participate in their survey on

women's participation in scientific unions and associations. This is being coordinated by GenderInSITE (Gender in Science, Innovation, Technology and Engineering) on behalf of the ISC. Should you not have been able to complete the survey yet, kindly consider submitting your contribution at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gender-equality-science> by 14 June 2020.

### *Anthropological Education*

Virginia R. Dominguez would like WCAA member associations to send her information on any anthropological education they know about taking place in any country in the world. Please send her this information as email attachments to her [dominguezvr@gmail.com](mailto:dominguezvr@gmail.com) email address.

## **MAAM 6**

OPEN CALL MAAM 6 -2020- MUESTRA DE ANTROPOLOGÍA AUDIOVISUAL DE MADRID organized by: IMA (Madrid Institute of Anthropology), AntropoDocs & Films, Etnolab UAM & Museo Nacional de Antropología

### *Call and deadlines:*

We open the call for the reception of audiovisual anthropology works, deadline August 30, 2020.

### *Bases and objectives:*

Our objective is to create a space for the exhibition and debate of audiovisual language in the performance of anthropological works.

The works will be valued based on their theoretical contributions, their methodological rigor and technical quality

The works will be received at the following addresses:

- Antono Cadierno Parodi: [info@antropodocs.com](mailto:info@antropodocs.com)
- Juan Ignacio Robles: [juan.robles@uam.es](mailto:juan.robles@uam.es)

### *Bases:*

The duration of the audiovisuals works is not limited.

The works will be screened in original or subtitled Spanish language. They have to be sent already with the translation done, if applicable.

All audiovisuals must attach a brief curriculum vitae of the director and a summary of the theoretical and methodological approach developed.

The IMA (Madrid Institute of Anthropology) Audiovisual Anthropology working group will select between four and six works. It is, therefore, a competitive section (in a cinematographic sense), with academic and professional recognition.

The jury will be composed of experts in audiovisual anthropology

The Muestra Antropología Audiovisual de Madrid, in its sixth edition (MAAM6), will be held during a week-end afternoons in the Museo Nacional de Antropología de Madrid mid november.

Each session will consist of the audiovisual work projection and a dialogue between the filmmaker, an outstanding international anthropologist and the theater hall audience.

We are looking for a hybrid “dialogic master class” format.

We wait for you!! <https://www.facebook.com/maamadrid/>

## SIAC National Conference

Due to the coronavirus emergency, the Italian association SIAC's national conference, initially scheduled to be held in Palermo 6-8 July 2020, has been postponed until July 2021. Further information will be forthcoming in this newsletter and on the website of the association: <http://www.siacantropologia.it/>



## Colegio de Graduados en Antropología de la República Argentina

The Argentine Congress of Social Anthropology 2020 has been postponed until end of April 2021.

The Colegio de Graduados in Anthropology is publishing short essays written by our colleagues on the pandemic. We are publishing these on our website <http://cga.org.ar/> and on our facebook page [cga antropólogos-as de argentina](https://www.facebook.com/antropologos-as-de-argentina)

## Asociación Latinoamericana de Antropología (ALA)

*The VI ALA 2020 Congress will be digital*

In view of the COVID-19 health, economical and social crisis, the Executive Committee, organizers of the ALA 2020 Congress, informs its decision to maintain the planned date of November 2020 for the VI Congress of the Latin American Anthropology Association and to move the congress to a digital platform.



## CEAS (Mexico)

Dr. Victoria Chenaut is the convenor of the IUAES 2021 Inter-Congress in Mérida, Yucatán. The theme of the IAUES 2021 Inter-Congress, “El patrimonio biocultural en el mundo actual: debates y prácticas” [The Biocultural Heritage in the Contemporary World: Debates and Praxis], is timely and will have impact in current political, economic, and scholarly debates.

## The ASA

Simone Abram has taken over the chair of the ASA from March 2020. She thanks the previous chair, Nigel Rapport, for steering the association over the previous nearly 4 years.



The ASA decided to postpone its planned conference to 2021 to allow for the original format to go ahead in St Andrews. Instead, we are holding a virtual one-day conference on August 27th - CfP attached. We welcome abstracts asap.

## European Association of Social Anthropologists/ Association Européenne des Anthropologues Sociaux (EASA)

Since February 2019 when the newly elected EASA Executive Board took office <https://easaonline.org/newsletter/74-0819/execs.shtml>, the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) has been very active in supporting anthropology departments and individual anthropologists facing challenges to the discipline, both within the academy and more widely.

EASA issued several statements: one in solidarity with the university community in Brazil against budget cuts, privatisation, and the attack on social sciences and humanities; a statement applauding the Hungarian Academy's determination to protect academic freedom and independence. EASA also expressed its concern about events involving the neighbourhood of Isawiya located next to the Hebrew University, and it also expressed deep concern over the detention, in Iran, of anthropologist and French citizen, Professor Fariba Adelhah. This information can be accessed on EASA website: <https://www.easaonline.org/>.





As precarity was and continues to be a topic of concern for our association, the past EASA Executive Board has also issued a statement on precarious employment within academia <https://www.easaonline.org/downloads/other/EASA%20Position%20Paper%20Precarity.pdf> and EASA members were sent a precarity survey, the results of which are being analysed in collaboration with the PrecAnthro group, co-founded by Mariya Ivancheva, who is now an elected member of the EASA Executive. A first report of the results of the survey will be made public at the 16th EASA Biennial Conference that will take place in Lisbon/Lisboa from 21 to 24 July 2020. The conference theme is New Anthropological Horizons in and Beyond Europe and will be marking the 30th anniversary of the European Association of Social Anthropologist (EASA). For further information you can view the conference pages: <https://www.easaonline.org/conferences/easa2020/>.

Last but not least, in 2019, EASA's flagship journal, *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*, began publishing up to two additional online-only issues, to respond to the heavy demand for special issues from the journal. One of these issues focusing on the Politics of precarity: Neoliberal Academia under austerity measures and authoritarian threat, can be accessed for free for the next six months at the following address: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14698676/2019/27/S2>

## American Anthropological Association

### *AAA COVID-19 Resources*

We continue to update the COVID-19 Resources page with the latest anthropological perspectives on the global pandemic. The page includes online learning tools, research, and select news stories from fellow anthropologists.

### *Anthropology News/Pandemic Insights*

The Anthropology News website column, "Pandemic Insights," is now available. This column features thoughtful pieces that go beyond the dominant narrative threads surrounding the ongoing pandemic, and makes us ponder how to interpret what we see.

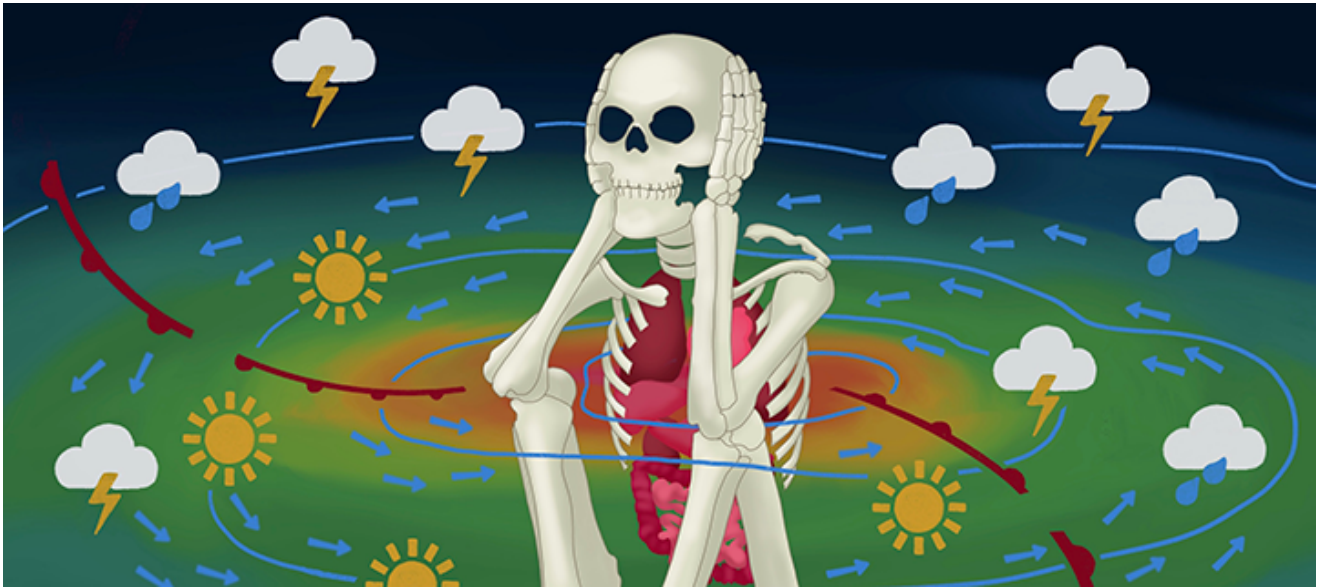
The 'Climate' issue of Anthropology News was released just in time for the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.



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## *OARR*

OARR: Open Anthropology Research Repository, a community server for anthropology research, is open and accepting submissions. OARR is free for everyone - an ORCID is required to upload submissions. For further information, see the [OARR Submission Guide](#) and [FAQ](#).



## *New Issue of Open Anthropology*

The latest issue of *Open Anthropology* examines anthropological perspectives on outbreaks of infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, cholera, Ebola virus disease (EVD), influenza, SARS, tuberculosis (TB), and Zika. These *Pandemic Perspectives* highlight the breadth of anthropological knowledge available for enhancing culturally informed responses for the COVID-19 pandemic.



## *Annual Meeting*

The 119th Annual Meeting in St. Louis, originally scheduled for November 17-22, 2020 has been cancelled. While we all hope the global COVID-19 pandemic will have subsided by November, uncertainty remains unacceptably high, and the health and safety of our members are of paramount concern. Additional information available here: <https://www.americananthro.org/StayInformed/NewsDetail.aspx?ItemNumber=25711>

## **APA Forum and EASA**

APA held the IX Fórum APA (in collaboration with ABA) online, entitled Anthropology and Pandemics: on Covid-19. The webinar had about 180 participants and its recording is available on APA's website. APA also co-organized the WCAA webinar on Culture and Public Health in the Era of Coronavirus, which took place on April 15th 2020. The recording is available on the WCAA website.



The 16th EASA Biennial Conference – New Anthropological Horizons in and Beyond Europe, celebrating the 30th anniversary of EASA, should take place in Lisbon (ISCTE and ICS) July 21-25th. APA has been a collaborator and organized the ethnographic film programme, managing the open call in collaboration with other institutions. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the congress will take place on-line.

This year APA has unfortunately lost two great names of Portuguese anthropology: Benjamim Pereira (essential name in the history of Portuguese Anthropology, part of the group that created the National Museum of Ethnology) and Rui Pereira (former APA's vice-president).

## **New Zealand 2020 Anthropology Conference**



### *New Zealand 2020 Anthropology Conference Postponed to 2021*

It is with great regret that we inform you of the postponement of the 2020 joint conference of the Australian Anthropological Society and the Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa New Zealand. Our conference was to be held in December of 2020, but in consultation with our colleagues in the AAS and our conference manager Nomad IT, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the event to the end of 2021.

With the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 worldwide, we believe it would be irresponsible and unethical to hold the conference as we had planned. Strong travel restrictions and self-quarantine requirements are being implemented by governments and health authorities worldwide. Under such conditions, we are extremely aware of the need for AAS and ASAANZ members, as well as our colleagues in anthropology around the world to focus on the health and safety of their families, students, and colleagues, not to mention their own. Though it is our greatest hope that we are all able to regain a sense of normalcy by December, we are mindful of the many risks that people would need to consider participating in a conference this year.

We will announce new plans for the joint AAS+ASAANZ conference in Wellington in early 2021. ASAANZ will announce plans for a smaller alternate event for December 2020 in Wellington in the future.

## Wenner Gren

WG launched a Global Initiatives Program to support collaborative, capacity-building projects of benefit to the discipline. For more information, see: <http://www.wennergren.org/programs>.

## RAI

RAI Film supports online learning during the COVID-19 crisis, and the use of ethnographic film in online teaching and learning.

Read more at: <https://raifilm.org.uk/rai-films-supports-online-learning/>



## ABA

Disapproval note from the Human Rights Commission of the Brazilian Association of Anthropology, given the police operations in the State of Rio de Janeiro during the pandemic. Since March 16, taken as the starting date for social isolation measures, police actions have resulted in at least 70 people being killed.



### LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

#### In defense and promotion of the territorial rights and lives of Indigenous peoples

The first sixteen months of the current Federal Government saw a dissolution of rights accompanied by support for the presumption of impunity, creating space for a variety of abuses and a rise in violence against Indigenous peoples in Brazil. Seven Indigenous leaders were assassinated in 2019, the most in the past 11 years. Moreover, Indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation are among the most vulnerable considering the frequent invasions of their territories. Below, we will address just a few of the federal government actions that are indicative of the new dark times that it is imposing on Indigenous peoples in Brazil.

To read the rest of the statement:

[http://www.aba.abant.org.br/files/20200508\\_5eb5ba5f89a30.pdf](http://www.aba.abant.org.br/files/20200508_5eb5ba5f89a30.pdf)

## JASCA

Held the 25th Annual conference online on 30th and 31st of May, 2020, which was attended by 450 members. The new president (Prof. Sachiko Kubota) and board members were appointed and approved in the general meeting.



## Déjà Lu

As always, please take note of the most recent issue (issue 7) of Déjà Lu, WCAA's very own journal at <https://www.wcaanet.org/dejalu/>

## Submissions to Next Issue

To submit news items to the next issue of this newsletter, please contact: Dr. Michel Bouchard, Secretary of the WCAA at [secretary.wcaa@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wcaa@gmail.com) This June issue was compiled by Michel Bouchard at the University of Northern British Columbia and co-edited with Carmen Rial, WCAA Chair.