

CALL FOR PAPERS

Mediterranean Interconnectivity:

Mobility of persons, goods and ideas across (and beyond) the Mediterranean Sea

2021 EASA Mediterraneanist Network Workshop

Date: 11 – 14 November 2021

Place: British School at Athens (BSA), Greece

Dear colleagues,

Please find below a call for papers for the 2021 EASA Mediterraneanist Network (MedNet) workshop “**Mediterranean Interconnectivity: Mobility of persons, goods, ideas across (and beyond) the Mediterranean Sea**” (Athens, 11-14 November 2021).

Abstract

Drawing on conceptualisations of the Mediterranean as a region of cross-cuts and movements across the bridging sea (Horden and Purcell 2000, Abulafia 2011, Green 2018), the 2021 MedNet workshop invites presentations based on ethnographic research in the region. The focus will be on practices and phenomena of Mediterranean interconnectivity like travel and tourism, regular and irregular migration, social media or the implications of bordering practices on the movements of material and immaterial goods and ideas. Next to connectivity and mobility across the Mediterranean, the reality of European surveillance structures and the management of controlling borders may also be under discussion in our workshop. Moreover, we are interested in how this interconnectivity is been affected by COVID-19 and other events such as Brexit or the EU COVID-19 assistance package, which, although it goes beyond the Mediterranean area, still significantly affects and redirects social and monetary flows in it. Finally, we would like to examine how social media affect the above and, in some cases, become the vehicles of dissemination of ideas across the Mediterranean.

We invite contributions on a range of topics, including but not limited to:

- recent migration processes into, through and out of Mediterranean countries
- changing discourses on borders and bordering practices, i.e. after the pandemic
- the impact of COVID-19 on tourism in the Mediterranean region
- the role of social media in disseminating ideas and perceptions
- the effect of national, EU or international policies in the interconnectivity and mobility of persons, goods and ideas
- tracing the mobility of ideas across and beyond the Mediterranean region

To propose a paper, please send a 250–300 words abstract to the Network Convenors **by 15 September 2021**: Jutta Lauth Bacas - jutta.lauth.bacas@gmail.com; Carlo Capello - carlo.capello@unito.it and Panas Karampampas - panas.karampampas@gmail.com. Please include your university affiliation and contact information when submitting the proposal.

PLEASE NOTE: the 2021 MedNet workshop is scheduled as a **face-to-face event** at the British School at Athens (see: <https://www.bsa.ac.uk/>). The premises of the BSA allow indoor meetings. The Greek government announced the measures they expect to be in effect from Monday 13 September until March 2022. Thus, participants of the workshop would require documentation of double-vaccination (or a COVID-19 recovery certificate) for access to interior spaces of the BSA or proof of a negative laboratory test. These documentations are also required for visitors to enter the country as well as to enter other indoor entertainment venues like restaurants, cafes etc. However, due to the rapid changes, these measures may have to change at short notice, and we will keep the participants informed.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST:

Limited funding is available to support Ph.D. students and early career scholars (who are members of EASA in 2021) to participate in the 2021 MedNet workshop and to present their work. If you are interested in travel funding, please also send an informal application for travel funding to the MedNet network convenors together with your paper proposal.

Best regards,

Jutta Lauth Bacas (University of Malta), Carlo Capello (University of Torino), and Panas Karampampas (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens)

For information on the previous MedNet workshops and the academic publications, which originated from them, please see: <https://www.easaonline.org/networks/mednet/events> and <https://www.easaonline.org/networks/mednet/publications>

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