



European Association of Social Anthropologists
Association Européenne des Anthropologues Sociaux

**AGM and Members' Forum Minutes
28th of July 2022, 17-18:45 Belfast (UTC+1)**

1. Welcome
2. The minutes of previous AGM (Lisboa online 2020) are approved.
3. Annual Reports and Accounts are presented
 - a. President

Ana Ivancheva goes through the strong moments of the year that passed and that marked her mandate as a president, and the exec's involvement into them, from the series of webinars organised or to be organised in the autumn 2021 and 2022 on anti-precarity or the war in Ukraine, to the different events of the Belfast conference that commemorate losses, such as the establishment of the Mantas Kvedaravičius Film Award film award.

- b. Secretary

Monica Heintz reminds the secretary's routines: keeping agendas and minutes of numerous online exec meetings, preparing annual AGMs, and the elections to be held in the autumn 2022. It also involved handling the applications for the 2024 Conference, which location will be announced at this AGM, the applications for the new journal SA/AS editors announced also at this AGM. She also handles miscellaneous membership requests and information, jointly with NomadIT. Since the 2020 AGM, she also collated information and issued 5 newsletters, number 77 to 81.

During this period, Monica Heintz as exec member, promoted also particular actions linked to open science: 1) organisation of a series of webinars on open science autumn 2021: "ISE policy paper on the transition to open science" (22nd of October 2021, coorg. M. Heintz); "Open Access and biblio-diversity in Anthropology: From journals to monographs and beyond" (12th of November 2021, Coorg. David Mills and Monica Heintz); "Open data and its impact on anthropological research" (10th of December 2021, coorg. Monica Heintz and David Mills); 2) Participation in the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE) task force on open science, which resulted in a policy paper (Susi, Toma, Monica Heintz, Eva Hnatkova, Wolfram Koch, Maria Leptin, Martin Adler, Marco Masia, Michele Garfinkel. 2022- Centrality of researchers in reforming research assessment. Routes to improve research by aligning rewards with Open Science practices (Initiative for Science in Europe policy paper). A new Coalition for Reforming Research Assessment CoARA has been created since, of which ISE (and thus EASA as member of ISE) is part.

- c. Treasurer: receipt of accounts for the year to 31st December 2019

David Mills reminds the functioning of the association. EASA is a registered charity and a limited company, registered in the UK. The accounts are prepared by Friend-James accountants. The administration is by NomadIT. **Income** comes from membership fees, publications, investments and events. **Expenditure** relates to administration, publications, governance and events. In conference years (eg 2018), membership and charitable income is much higher (as is expenditure). The accounts could be consulted by members.

The membership fees in 2022 are differentiated by category of income: students (30€), up to 24999 euros (40€); 25000-49000 euros (80€), beyond 50 000 euros (105€).

Members are asked to approve the reappointment of Friend-James Ltd, Park Gate 161-163 Preston Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 6AF, UK, as the Association's accountants and to authorise the Trustees to approve their remuneration.

d. Journal

The important change for the journal *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* is its new management from January 2022 (volume 30), as SA/AS moved from Wiley to Berghahn. Now at Berghahn, the journal became a fully open access journal and part of the Berghahn Open Anthro S20 initiative. Thus 100% 2022 articles to date (36) are open access, compared to 45% the previous year. There are four issues to be published per year (February, June, September, November).

Thanks to outgoing editors

- Lukas Ley, *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany*
- Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov, *Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia*
- Laia Soto Bermant *University of Helsinki* (Assistant editor)
- Jeanne Kormina, *University of St Petersburg* (book reviews)

Welcome to the new editorial team:

- Isabelle Rivoal *CNRS, France*
- Dimitra Kofti *Panteion, Greece*
- Ville Laakkanen *Tampere university, Finland* (Managing Editor)
- Arne Harms *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany* (Book Reviews)

e. Book editors

The series is now in its 30th year. 45 volumes have been published since 1992. The current editors are Annika Lems, Sabine Strasser and Jelena Tošić.

Books published in 2021-22:

- Markus Balkenhol, *Tracing Slavery: The Politics of Atlantic Memory of The Netherlands* (2021)
- Frederico Rosa and Han Vermeulen (eds.), *Ethnographers Before Malinowski: Chapters in the History of Ethnography and Anthropology* (2022)
- Jelena Tosić and Andreas Streinzer (eds.), *Ethnographies of Deservingness: Unpacking Ideologies of Distribution and Inequality* (August 2022)

f. Networks

Chandana Mathur reminds that there are 48 networks – 5 more than since last AGM, 2 of which applications pending. The cover a broad range of areas and lots of great activity!

- Challenge of continual growth – funding and conference slots

- Following discussion with networks, changes to rules to encourage collaboration and dynamism
- Conferences – one assured slot but preferential eligibility for another if networks collaborate

The network liaisons officers, Chandana Mathur and Sharon Macdonald, propose some further rules /amendments:

- Wording to encourage merging and joint activities between networks; and to not assume networks will continue forever

- Proposed new networks: more detail of proposed activities and modes of operation (including replacing of convenors) required for applications, plus email confirmation from at least 20 potential members in at least 5 countries, the majority of members and the convenors should be EASA members
- Existing networks: expecting to follow rules of new convenors every two years etc.
- Inactive networks: identifying these and deciding whether to continue or not

g. Media, communication and membership

Fiona Murphy shares some updates on social media activity. There are regular engagements on twitter, facebook and setting up of conference Instagram. The EASA website needs rehauling; however, no interesting bids received so far, despite several calls for bids. In the future, there is the initiative of developing an agreement with WCCA on sharing socials and live streaming to broaden audiences.

h. Lobbying

Sharon Macdonald reminds that the aim of EASA lobbying is to make sure that the interests of social anthropology are heard and represented in wider policy areas, especially in relation to higher education practices and developments and funding (currently, especially Horizon Europe).

To do so, EASA is member of two main lobbying associations both of which lobby at EU and national levels:

- *European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities*
- *Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE)*

Ongoing activities:

ISE taskforces

- Early career researchers/ precarity / covid
- Open science
- Horizon Europe

Just beginning

- EASSH/ISE Cooperation on interdisciplinarity
- EASSH At risk scholars initiative

Specific issues

- Climate responsibility
- Ukraine
- UK and EU funding

i. Anti- precarity related issues

Cris Shore goes through EASA initiatives in link with anti-precarity:

- The Publication of first EASA Precarity Report: **THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL CAREER IN EUROPE: A complete report on the EASA membership survey** **Martin Fotta, Mariya Ivancheva & Raluca Pernes**
- Commissioned Further Research:
Survey of Anti-Precarity Work: Interim report by **Heather McKnight, Magnetic**

Two EASA roundtables are organised during the Belfast conference: 'Precarious Discipline: What Hope is there for Anthropology?' and '[Mobilities and precarities in global academia: imaginaries, inequalities, and epistemologies between North and South \[WCAA Task Force on Precarity\]](#)'.

j. Emerging issues

Chowra Makareni reminds the immediate response to emergencies and solidarity work with other anthropologists globally:

- Acting with the campaign to free Ahmed Samir Santawy, CEU student imprisoned in Egypt (July 2021)
- Statement in support of the School of Social Sciences at University of Western Australia against the suppression of social science departments (July 2021)
- Acting with the campaign to free Fariba Adelkhah, French-Iranian scholar detained in Tehran (Jan. 2022)
- Joint statements with Associação Brasileira de Antropologia (ABA) re the killing of Bruno Araújo Pereira and Dom Phillips (June 2022).
- Statement in support of colleagues in Greece against government's attack on university autonomy (June 2022)

War in Europe

- Working with the WCAA to call an emergency meeting of the European Associations to address the humanitarian crisis and war in Ukraine.
- One outcome of this was a series of fundraising webinars co-sponsored by SOYUZ and SIEF:
 - Humanitarian responses to the 2022 Russian war on Ukraine: anthropological perspectives (7 June, 2022)
 - Trypillia megasites: teachings and memory of Ukrainian heritage at a moment of danger (6 July, 2022)
- Working with Scholars at Risk Europe at a policy level regarding Ukrainian colleagues.
- Contributed to Scholars at Risk Europe Ukraine initiative from the funds raised by the webinars on Ukraine.
- Convening a Film award in tribute to late EASA member and anthropologist/filmmaker Mantas Kvedaravicius killed by the Russian army in Mariupol. The first prize will be awarded at EASA 2022

k. Ethics and Integrity Committee

- Regular meetings and monitoring of ethics email account.
- Issued Sexual Harassment and bullying statement
- Training guides and event led by #metooanthro during #EASA2022 Belfast conference
- Followed up by the commissioning of further research into the issue of sexual harassment and bullying complaints in European Universities. The researcher hired is Jerika Heinze of Fieldwork Initiative (Report will follow in Autumn 2022)
- A series of webinars is planned for Autumn 2022

4. No other business/ requests by members

5. Announcements: EASA2024 will take place in Barcelona. Roger Sansi and Camila del Mármol in the name of the local committee come to address a few words of welcome to the members in prevision of the next conference. A presentation of the university and of the city is shown.

The AGM closed at 18:40 pm Belfast time.