

Brief report on the joint *Ethnologie Française* ó EASA Europeanist network meeting, 21-22nd of June 2011

The EASA Europeanist Network has joined the Société d'ethnologie française for the celebrations of the 40th birthday of the journal *Ethnologie française* in the organization of a conference that has attracted twenty participants and more than seventy attendees on the 21-22nd of June 2011 at the University of Paris Ouest Nanterre. *Ethnologie Française* is a major journal in Europeanist research and one engaged since 1994 in the vulgarization of national anthropological traditions through the publication of one national special issue per year. Given the Europeanist network last years preoccupation with the European traditions of anthropology, the journal seemed an obvious partner for the organization of a conference in line with the network's current research interests. The anniversary was an occasion to look back and compare the development of some major themes in Europeanist anthropology over the past 40 years: the body, migration, work, kinship, religion or national identities, heritage, material culture.

The conference took the form of a series of dialogues between two scholars, one younger and one more senior, working on a European theme, such as the body, migration, kinship, religion or national identities. Student posters retraced the evolution of five distinct themes in the journal *Ethnologie Française* over the past 40 years. Ten themes were thus covered and the public had the opportunity to ask questions and join in a critical reflexion upon their own way of doing anthropology. By visiting the themes and anthropological objects that constituted the core of the discipline, but which have undergone profound changes over the past 40 years, we hope to be able to discern new directions of research. The first day of the conference was dedicated to works prompted by the journal (in French), while the second day enlarged the debates to the European scale.

The proceedings of the conference were video recorded by one of the host University associations and are kept available for the journal archives, as well as for online distribution after editing. All interventions will be published in the journal *Ethnologie Française* 2012 (2) in the form of separate dialogical articles. Besides the content and the historical value of these articles, we also hope that they will test the efficiency of the dialogical *genre* for the transmission of anthropological knowledge.

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