Dear Members of HOAN,

This is HOAN’s 8th circular to inform you about developments regarding the History of Anthropology Network. We report on Upcoming events, three Calls for Papers, Recent publications, also from the online encyclopaedia Bérose, and on Past events, namely, the history of anthropology panels at the EASA conference in Stockholm (Sweden), 14-17 August 2018, where 38 HoA papers were presented. In a future newsletter, we hope to report on HoA panels at the IUAES World Conference in Florianópolis (Santa Catarina), Brazil, 16-20 July. We close this number with a report on HOAN’s business meeting in Stockholm.

1. Upcoming events

“Etnografia żydowska” [Jewish Ethnography], a one-day session in Warsaw, at the Centre of Jiddish Culture, taking place on 30 August 2018. The program includes two papers on musical folklore, two on Jewish-Polish ethnographers of the pre WWII period, and one on an unknown source to Jewish ethnography and folklore. Organization: dr Martyna Steckiewicz (Centrum Kultury Jidysz). For more information, contact Anna Engelking. Flyer: See Resources (Newsletter No. 8): HOAN_Newsletter_08b_Conference_Warsaw-201808


Seminar on **The life and works of Sir Edward Evans-Pritchard (1902-1973)** at the Royal Anthropological Institute in London on 18-19 October 2018. The seminar invites papers on E-P’s life in Oxford, his career, publications, theoretical contributions, and scholarly influence. Venue: RAI, 50 Fitzroy Street, London. Date: Thursday 18 and Friday 19 October, 10.00am to 5.00pm. Contact here.


**International conference in St. Petersburg, 19-21 November 2018:** »To disseminate the sciences and to benefit humanity« On the 250th Anniversary of the Physical Expeditions of the Academy of Sciences / »К распространению наук и впользу человеческого рода ...«: К 250-летию »физических« экспедиций Академии наук / “Zur Verbreitung der Wissenschaften und zum Nutzen der Menschheit”: zum 250. Jahrestag der physikalischen Expeditionen der Akademie der Wissenschaften. Conference at the Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera), St. Petersburg, organisation Prof. Dr. Andrei V. Golovnev. Contact: Tatiana Kissar (St. Petersburg) and Friederike Lippold (Halle).
Society, Science, Progress: of Lewis Henry Morgan (1818-1881). A conference on account of Morgan’s 200th birthday will be organized by the Department of Ethnology and Anthropology, University of Belgrade (Serbia), with the support of the Commission on Theoretical Anthropology of the IUAES (COTA), HOAN, and the multidisciplinary program History and Philosophy of Science and Technology at the University of Belgrade. Date: 30 November, 2018. Contact: Katarina Mitrović or Jelena Cuković. Call for Papers: See Resources (Newsletter No. 8): HOAN_Newsletter_08d_Conference_Belgrade-201811

HoA Panels at the AAA in San Jose, California, 14-18 November 2018
At the 117th Annual Meeting of AAA in San Jose several HoA panels will be held from 14-18 November with the general theme of "Change in the Anthropological Imagination: Resistance, Resilience and Adaptation." More information on the AAA website. Here is a link to the different types of proposals and their deadlines. Acting Convenors of the HoA Interest Group of the AAA are Mindy Morgan and Grant Arndt.

2. Call for Papers
A panel on “Tracing/Tracking/Transforming Histories of Ethnology/Folklore: Toward Critical Methodologies” will be convened at the 14th congress of SIEF (Société Internationale d’Ethnologie et de Folklore), to be held at Santiago de Compostela (Spain), 14-17 April 2019. Convenors: Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik (Goethe Universität, Institut für Kulturanthropologie und Europäische Ethnologie, Frankfurt am Main, Germany) and Ingrid Slavec Gradišnik (ZRC SAZU, Ljubljana, Slovenia) on behalf of the SIEF Working Group on Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis. The Call for Papers can be found here.

Staged Otherness, c. 1850-1939: East-Central European Responses and Context

Stephen Reyna, Julia Eckert, and Nina Glick Schiller are interested in publishing essays dealing with anthropology's history in Anthropological Theory: we would be pleased to review individual articles or entire issues dealing with particular themes. AT is a theory journal, so our preference is for articles that deal with theoretical or methodological matters that have been significant in the discipline's history: Stephen Reyna: reyna@eth.mpg.de.

3. Recent publications


4. Recent contributions to Bérose, Online Encyclopaedia on the History of Anthropology and Ethnography (July-August 2018):


Segalen, Martine, 2018. « La señora des études amazoniennes : biographie de Simone Dreyfus-Gamelon »

Fischer-Kattner, Anke, 2018. « Explorateur, ethnographe, antihéros : Vie et œuvre de Heinrich Barth »

Charuty, Giordana, 2018. « Être ensemble dans la même histoire : l’œuvre-vie d’Ernesto De Martino »


Bruzzone, Gian Luigi, 2018. « Pasquale Villari e Giuseppe Pitrè: un’amicizia erudita »

The 3rd Bérose Encyclopaedia Newsletter will be available at the end of September.

* Subscribe to the Bérose Encyclopaedia Newsletter here.

5. Report on HoA Panels at the EASA conference in Stockholm, 14-17 August 2018

At the 15th biennial conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) held at Stockholm University (Sweden), 14-17 August 2018, four panels and one panel session were convened on the history of anthropology (HoA). Altogether 38 papers presented aspects of anthropology’s history. This large number of papers indicates an upsurge of interest in the subject in Europe and worldwide. Ever since its reactivation in 2016, EASA’s History of Anthropology Network (HOAN) aims at facilitating this process. In February 2017 HOAN had 102 members, currently it has 188. While HOAN convened only four of the nine panel sessions, all panel convenors are members of HOAN.

The first panel, taking place on August 14, dealt with Writing the History of Anthropology in a Global Era (P050). Organized by HOAN, the convenors were Han F. Vermeulen (Max
Planck Institute for Social Anthropology) and Frederico Delgado Rosa (Universidade Nova de Lisboa-CRIA/FCSH). Nine papers were presented. Herbert S. Lewis (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA) discussed the question: “Was Anthropology the Child and Handmaiden of Colonialism?” The answer was negative, at least in the case of American anthropology prior to World War II. Anne Byrne (National University of Ireland, Galway) focused on the Harvard-Irish Mission carried out by Conrad Arensberg and Solon Kimball in 1930-36 with the aim of “redeploying the archive for the present” in all its dimensions and complexity. Peter Schröder (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil) discussed “An episode from the beginnings of anthropology in the Amazon: Curt Nimuendajú and the Xipaya Indians.” Patrick Laviolette (Tallinn University, Estonia) lectured on “The Lesser Known Legacy in Sir Raymond's Biography” as part of a biography of Raymond Firth.

After the coffee break, Simone De Angelis (University of Graz, Austria) read a paper on “Renaissance Philosophy and the Emergence of Modern Anthropology,” discussing the impact of Renaissance philosophy and natural law studies on the rise of early modern anthropology during the eighteenth century. Demetrius Eudell (Wesleyan University, USA) also discussed a subject from eighteenth-century anthropology, raising the question if the work of three representatives of Göttingen university's “Wissenschaft vom Menschen” (Hume’s science of man), namely, Johann David Michaelis, Christoph Meiners and Heinrich Moritz Gottlieb Grellmann contributed to “Proto-Rassenkunde or Proto-Anthropology.” Ageliki Lefkaditou (Norwegian Museum of Science and Technology, Oslo) dealt with another aspect of “Harvesting the Archive,” namely, the historical explorations of early twentieth century physical anthropology in Greece. Dmitry Arzyutov (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm) gave a paper on “Siberian Landscapes, Samoyedic Indigenous Ethnogenesis, and the (Soviet) Anthropological Imagination.” Frederico Delgado Rosa returned to the issues raised by Lewis and discussed Johannes Fabian’s theories under the title “Totalitarian critique? Johannes Fabian and the history of ‘primitive’ anthropology.” The panel was concluded by a general discussion and a short presentation of Bérose: Online Encyclopaedia on the History of Anthropology and Ethnography (from 2006 on).

The conference’s second day, August 15, saw a panel on The Role of Learned Societies and Associations in the Creation and Building of European Anthropology, also organized by HOAN (P049). As his co-convenor, David Shankland (Royal Anthropological Institute, London) was to his regret unable to attend, Aleksandar Bošković (Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade) chaired both sessions. Vida Savoniakaitė (Lithuanian Institute for History, Vilnius) lectured on the “Lithuanian science society in European anthropology.” Daša Ličen (Institute of Ethnology, Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana) analyzed learned societies in nineteenth-century Trieste “embracing, ignoring or resisting the challenges of nationalism?” Nathaniel Knight (Seton Hall University, USA) discussed “The role of the Russian Geographical Society in the creation of a Russian ethnographic tradition, 1845-70.” Han Vermeulen focused on “Ethnographic Museums as Anthropological Laboratories.”

After the break, Erik Petschelies (State University of Campinas, Brazil) gave a paper on “The ethnographic department of the Gothenburg museum and the establishment of international americanist ethnology.” Salma Siddique (University of Aberdeen, Scotland) discussed “The emergence of psychotherapeutic lines of investigation in the unfinished business of anthropology.” Aleksandar Bošković dealt with “The role of the British Psychoanalytic Society in the establishment of social anthropology.”

In a parallel panel on Making Knowledge Mobile: Knowledge Production and Transfer in/to/across/between Anthropology's Actors, Locations, and Performances (P055), convened
by Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik (Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main), Patrícia Ferraz de Matos (Universidade de Lisboa), Thomas Reinhardt (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) and Blanka Koffer (Humboldt University Berlin), four papers on the history of anthropology were presented during its second session. (The first session dealt with the Anthropology of Knowledge and also included four papers.) Elisabeth Timm (University of Münster) discussed “Evolutionism in German Volkskunde in the 20th century: Escaping the Predicament of ‘Volkskultur.’” Patricia Ferraz de Matos lectured on “The circulation of knowledge through photography in the Portuguese colonial context.” Margarita Valdovinos (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) talked about “The ‘retourn’ of traditional knowledge: Dialogues triggered by the repatriation of ethnographic registers among the Náayeri.” Céline Camus (IMF-CSIC, Barcelona) dealt with “Knowledge circulation and gender: rethinking the role of paradigm shifts and resistance to feminist knowledges.”

Late that afternoon, HOAN held its business meeting, attended by 25 colleagues including both network convenors. Future events were announced. The online encyclopaedia Bérose was introduced by Frederico Delgado Rosa, also in the name of his co-director, Christine Laurière (Paris). Daniela Salvucci (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy) presented the Malinowski Forum for Ethnography and Anthropology (MFEA), recently set up around Malinowski’s villa in Oberbozen (South Tyrol) where the family lived from 1922 to 1934. HOAN’s co-convenor Aleksandar Bošković called for manuscripts for a new series on Anthropology’s Ancestors at Berghahn Publishers. Finally, Frederico Delgado Rosa was elected as co-convenor of HOAN to replace Aleksandar Bošković (more information below).

On the third day, August 16, Panel 048 dealt with ‘Peripheral’ Anthropologies of Europe: Their Histories and Intellectual Genealogies. Organized under the auspices of EASA’s Europeanist Network and convened by Andrés Barrera-González (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Lorena Anton (University of Bucharest) and Susana Matos Viegas (University of Lisbon), this panel included ten papers. In the first session Andrés Barrera-González lectured on “Contributions to anthropo-logos from the Renaissance: accounts about the peoples and cultures of the Indies written by Spanish authors.” Florian Grafl (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) analyzed “The Formation of Ethnographic Knowledge in Spain and its (Post-) Colonies within the ‘Cuadros de Costumbres’ during the 19th Century.” Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik focused on “Andreas David Mordtmann, Traveling Theory, and the Tale of Turkish Ethnology.” Michael Harkin and Elly-Maria Papamichael (University of Wyoming, USA) gave a paper on “Prince Peter and the Attempt to Establish a National School of Anthropology in Greece.” Ildikó Sz. Kristóf (Institute of Ethnology, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest) talked about “Scholars in the armchair, knowledge on the move: Agents and contexts of the appearance of global ethnography/anthropology in Hungary, 1760-1830.”

During the second session, chaired by Susana Viegas, again five papers were presented. Lazar Jovanović (University of Münster) talked about “The Peripheral Centre: Dispersed Tradition of the German Enlightenment and Non-Colonialist Travelogues.” Christos Panagiotopoulos (Cornell University, USA) discussed the “Anthropology of decadence at the margins of hellenism: Elias Petropoulos and the Greek underground.” Auksuole Cepaitiene (Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius) lectured on a “Self-educated ethnologist: Jan Witort (1853-1903), an ethnographer from Lithuania.” Joseph Grim Feinberg (Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague) discussed “The study of the people in people’s democracies.” Jurij Fikfak (Institute of Slovenian Ethnology, Ljubljana) gave a paper on “Writing one’s own culture and ‘the other’s’ culture in the heart of Europe.”
On the conference’s final day, August 17, Grażyna Kubica-Heller (Jagiellonian University Cracow) and Dorothy Louise Zinn (Free University Bozen-Bolzano) convened the panel *On the Move: Fieldwork, Academy and Home in the Early Anthropologists’ Careers* (P030). Daniela Salvucci read the paper “Almost an anthropologist: Elsie Masson observes indigenous Australia before becoming Mrs. Malinowski.” Amurabi Oliveira (Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil) talked about “Ruth Landes and the construction and reception of ‘The City of Women.’” Gheorghita Geana (Academia Romana, Bucharest) lectured on “Mireia Eliade and the Nostalgia for Origins.” Adam Kuper’s paper “No place for a woman: South African anthropology, 1930-1960” was read by Dorothy Zinn.

In the final session, Blanka Koffer (Humboldt University Berlin) gave a paper on “Women moving anthropology in early socialist Central Europe.” Anna Engelking (Institute of Slavic Studies, Warsaw) lectured on “Between Polish and British academia and Macedonian fieldwork: Józef Obrębski and the first functionalist research of a European village.” Grażyna Kubica-Heller (Jagiellonian University, Cracow) discussed the “Emigration of capabilities’ and political exile – the trajectories of two Polish anthropologists: Maria Czaplacka and Alicja Iwánska.” Marian Viorel Anastasoae (New Europe College, Bucharest/University College, London) gave a paper on “From Odessa to Chicago with a detour to the battlefields of Spain: politics and anthropological vocation in John Murra's life.”

The conference included three plenaries, seventeen laboratories, numerous film screenings and 166 parallel panels. From a historical perspective, the roundtable “Old crocodiles and new challenges: social anthropology after EASA’s first 30 years” (P052) and the panels “Beyond Precarity” (P056), “Museums of world culture: history and future of an idea” (P124), “Museums in transition” (P125), “Marx @200” (P129) and “The (im)mobility of race” (P141) were also worth visiting. For an overview of all panels, see here.

Between 30 and 40 people participated in each HoA session; the increase in interest of paper presenters is promising. The next EASA conference will held at Lisbon (Portugal) in 2020.


The business meeting of HOAN took place on Wednesday, 15 August 2018 between 17:00 and 18:00. Chaired by the network convenors the meeting was attended by 25 people.

Han Vermeulen thanked the panel convenors and the participants of the five panels on the history of anthropology at EASA 2018 (P030, P048, P049, P050, P055). EASA has the following network principles: (1) the network attempts to improve collaborations and dialogue between EASA members and non-members; (2) all members should contribute to announcements of events, publications and initiatives within the scope of the network; (3) the network is encouraged to organise events, such as workshops, during non-conference years.

The network convenors presented an overview of panels and workshops on the history of anthropology held at EASA in the period 1990-2016. They assessed HOAN's activities and expansion since its reactivation in 2016, following the EASA conference in Milan, while relating this to the rising interest in the subject in Europe and worldwide. In February 2017 HOAN had 102 members, currently it has 188 members. HOAN also has an advisory board and a circle of correspondents in 12 European countries. The five HOAN panels at the 2018 EASA conference reflect the rising interest in the subject and an expansion of the network, enabling scholars based in different countries and at different institutions to work together,
exchange the results of their researches, and reflect on the changing methodologies and theoretical insights of the discipline's historiography.

Seven circular newsletters have been sent to HOAN members by e-mail: 30 December 2016, 21 February 2017, 24 April 2017, 30 September 2017, 9 January 2018, 5 March 2018, 19 June 2018.

On HOAN’s homepage, the links between the network and other institutions related to the history of anthropology are outlined. These include the History of Anthropology Newsletter in Philadelphia; the History of Anthropology Interest Group within the American Anthropological Association (AAA); the network of the History of Anthropology Annual series; the World Anthropologies Network (WAN); the History of Anthropology Working Group within the German Anthropological Association (DGSKA); the Royal Anthropological Institute; and Bérose: Online Encyclopaedia on the History of Anthropology and Ethnography.

Frederico Delgado Rosa (Lisbon) was invited to present the online encyclopaedia Bérose (LAHIC-IIAC, CNRS, French Ministry for Cultural Affairs), co-directed by Christine Laurière (Paris). He highlighted the European and global dimensions of this international platform for publishing research, its expanding network of collaborators from all continents, and its ambition to facilitate historians of anthropology and other researchers with an interest in the discipline's history. He emphasized that the relation between Bérose and HOAN is a natural one and invited all members to contribute. In answer to the question how relations between HOAN and Bérose can be strengthened, he pointed out that HOAN members can create Bérose research teams (within a national tradition, e.g.), expanding the encyclopaedia's contributors and HOAN's collaborations within and beyond EASA membership. After attendees had asked several questions about Bérose, a flyer was distributed.

Daniela Salvucci (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy) presented the Malinowski Forum for Ethnography and Anthropology (MFEA), coordinated by Prof. Dorothy Louise Zinn and Dr. Elisabeth Tauber at the same university. The project concerns the life and work of Bronislaw Malinowski and the way they inspire a reflection on the complex connections between ethnography and intimacy. The project’s website gives access to resources such as archives and collections, bibliography, and videos.

The convenors and attendees called attention to forthcoming events on the history of anthropology (see the list of Upcoming events presented above).

After explaining that Aleksandar Bošković wishes to step away as HAN co-convenor, a proposal was put to the vote that Han Vermeulen and Frederico Delgado Rosa serve as convenors of HOAN during the 2018-2020 term. This proposal was accepted unanimously. All attendees paid tribute to the convenors for their efforts during the 2016-2018 term.

The new team of convenors made several projections for the 2018-2020 term, including a preliminary call for HoA panels during the next EASA conference at Lisbon in 2020.

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