Dear Colleagues,

By analyzing the 190 panels in the forthcoming EASA conference, we realize there is an unprecedented reduction in the number of panels dedicated to the history of anthropology.

Unlike previous EASA conferences, this year there is only one panel dedicated to the history of anthropology (P155), which is the panel that officially represents HOAN following the vote that took place within our Advisory Board.

This is disturbing because HOAN is one of the largest EASA networks with over 260 members. Moreover, the history of anthropology is an important subfield within social anthropology, and risks losing a vital meeting point at the biennial EASA conferences. In this context, at least one more panel would make a difference for our scholarly community to engage with the Belfast experience.

HOAN is a dynamic network within EASA. We and EuroNet have organized an important joint conference in 2021. We promote virtual HOAN meetings and disseminate a Newsletter with contributions from HOAN Correspondents in 22 countries in Europe and beyond. All this represents a great amount of energy and time, but most of all a synergy that should be allowed to express itself in the EASA biennial conference.

Considering all this, we as HOAN convenors and the undersigned HOAN members ask the EASA Scientific Committee to take into account the aforementioned negative consequences, and kindly request its members to revert their decision by selecting at least one extra panel dedicated to the history of anthropology.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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