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# NEWSLETTER ZPRAVODAJ BOLETÍN



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## From the WCAA Organising Committee

Jointly with the president of the IUAES, Faye Harrison, Chandana Mathur, chair of the WCAA organizing committee, sent the following letter to the editor of the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*. The English version follows.

Caro Direttore,

Nel secondo anniversario del brutale omicidio di Giulio Regeni, scriviamo a nome della World Anthropological Union per condividere il nostro cordoglio con la sua famiglia e gli amici in lutto, i docenti e i colleghi. Come esperti di una disciplina che si fonda sulla ricerca sul campo (fieldwork), siamo consapevoli delle difficoltà e delle soddisfazioni – intellettuali e personali – proprie di ricerche di terreno prolungate e condivise con i soggetti che vi partecipano. Desideriamo esprimere la nostra solidarietà alla Dr.ssa Maha Abdelrahman, supervisor della ricerca di dottorato di Regeni sui sindacati indipendenti in Egitto, di cui comprendiamo bene il turbamento e l'afflizione nel terribile e improvviso precipitare degli eventi. Riteniamo particolarmente ingiusto che una parte dei media italiani abbia deciso di denigrarla nel corso di questa tragedia, distogliendo così l'attenzione dal compito di consegnare i responsabili dell'omicidio di Regeni alla giustizia.

Da oltre un secolo, generazioni di antropologi in tutto il mondo – noi, i nostri maestri, colleghi e studenti – si dedicano all'osservazione partecipante prolungata e approfondita delle comunità oggetto di ricerca, per questo possiamo testimoniare il contributo prezioso alla conoscenza umana offerto dai metodi di ricerca sul campo, tratto distintivo della nostra disciplina. Nell'esprimere lo sconcerto e la tristezza che ci hanno colpito di fronte all'omicidio del tutto inaspettato e privo di senso di un giovane ricercatore pieno di talento, impegnato e appassionato mentre stava svolgendo attività di ricerca legittime e del tutto consuete, desideriamo rivolgere le nostre più sentite condoglianze ai suoi cari.

On the second anniversary of the brutal murder of Giulio Regeni, we are writing on behalf of the World Anthropological Union to share our sincere sympathies with his grieving family and friends, teachers and colleagues. As practitioners ourselves of a field-based discipline, we recognise the difficulties as well as the rewards, intellectual and personal, of long term intensive fieldwork among our research participants. We express our solidarity with Dr. Maha Abdelrahman, who was supervising Regeni's doctoral research on independent trade unions in Egypt, and empathise with her shock and grief at this entirely unexpected and horrific turn of events. It is especially unjust that a section of the Italian media has chosen to vilify her in the wake of this tragedy, thereby distracting from the task of bringing to justice those responsible for Regeni's murder.

For over one hundred years, generations of anthropologists around the world – we ourselves, our teachers, colleagues and students – have engaged in long-term participant observation fieldwork with our research communities, and we can attest to the profound contribution to human understanding made by the distinctive field methodologies of our discipline. We wish to

record our shock and sorrow in the face of the wholly unanticipated and senseless murder of a gifted, engaged and compassionate young student carrying out legitimate and standard research activities and extend our deepest sympathies to his loved ones.

Prof. Faye Harrison (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) and Dr. Chandana Mathur (National University of Ireland, Maynooth), Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee of the World Anthropological Union(WAU)

## From the Associations

Anthropological Association of the Philippines (UGAT)

### **UGAT Statement on Terror-tagging of IP leaders by the Philippine Government**

We, members of the anthropological community in the Philippines, are extremely concerned about the Department of Justice (DoJ) court petition that accuses Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and some thirty highly respected indigenous peoples leaders, as “terrorists” and of committing serious criminal offenses under the Human Security Act of 2007.

The DoJ petition, which is currently lodged at Branch 19 of the Regional Trial Court in the National Capital Region, tags 600 individuals as ‘terrorists’. It relies on provisions of Republic Act 9372 or the Human Security Act of 2007, which allows warrantless arrest of persons declared as ‘terrorists’ by the courts.

We are moreover concerned that those so accused risk becoming targets for extrajudicial actions. Like Ms. Tauli-Corpuz, the other indigenous leaders are actively involved in the assertion of IP rights and in defending their ancestral domains at the grassroots, the national level, and international arenas of engagements. These engagements have exposed them, their families, and villages to danger precisely because of the sensitivity of the rights to land and ancestral domains that they are defending. Members of a broad formation of indigenous peoples and indigenous rights advocates in the country (Loyukan) have also raised alarm that regardless of assurance of due process provided by the courts, the mere listing of Tauli-Corpuz and other indigenous leaders in the petition has rendered them target of possible attacks by the military and by other interest groups given the long history of violence directed against them.

We testify to Ms. Tauli-Corpuz’ considerable contribution to the advancement of indigenous peoples’ rights on behalf of and with support from communities as well as indigenous peoples’ rights advocates in the Philippines and the world. Ms. Tauli-Corpuz has an unassailable track record. Herself of Kankana-ey descent, Ms. Tauli-Corpuz previously served as chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum

on Indigenous Issues from 2005 to 2009 and has published extensively about the rights and interests of indigenous peoples, women, men, and children.

Far from advocating violence and sowing terror, we say that Ms. Tauli-Corpuz, in consonance with her mandate as a UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, has rightly raised the issue of government public policy pronouncements to violently deal with indigenous communities suspected of involvement with the communist-led insurgency, including bombing schools.

In solidarity with victims of human rights violations, we, anthropologists of the Philippines bear witness to the suffering of indigenous peoples and their leaders as we work and conduct research among and with indigenous communities. We attest that the “terrorist” label and communist-membership allegations against Ms. Tauli-Corpuz and her fellow indigenous leaders would only expose them and their peoples to undue harm.

We call on the DoJ and the broader policy-making body of the current administration to exercise prudence in making pronouncements, enforce strict adherence to due process, and carefully vet evidence when it pursues legal actions. A violation of these principles puts in great risk individuals, groups, and communities that had done nothing close to acts of terrorism but rather seek to build a humane national community and a global future that thrives on social justice, solidarity, and peace.

We call on the international anthropological community, especially those working among indigenous peoples and local communities, to strongly condemn these irresponsible and malicious acts.

## 40<sup>th</sup> UGAT Annual Conference: An International Gathering

### Our Interconnectedness: Doing anthropology in a time of ecological crisis

We invite participants to the 40th UGAT Annual Conference to reconsider the meaning of the adage, “All things are connected.” Once evocative of spiritual environmentalism, it now also calls up the messy entanglements of species, ecosystems, households, communities, economies, technologies, politics, and nation-states. Now more than ever and on unprecedented scales, organisms and persons, communities and environments are connected in complex ways, producing impacts and repercussions that may be beneficial to some, yet detrimental to others. These connections are not always visible or self-evident. Interconnectedness is recognized time and again in traditional ecological knowledge and now it is increasingly being acknowledged and probed across academic fields.

In this international conference, we aim to follow the multiple strands of our interconnectedness with the environment, and in so doing confront the ecological crises that threaten entire species and ways of life, as well as to pay attention to, and learn from human adaptability. What can we learn from local solutions or responses to climate change, extreme weather events, water and food insecurity, and the steady depletion and degradation of finite, life-supporting resources in the names of sustainable development and economic growth? Given that governments, transnational institutions, corporations, and civil society are part of these entanglements, we ask participants to consider and make explicit the practical and policy implications of their work.

In addition, we invite participants to reflect on the disciplinary and theoretical boundaries between anthropocentrism and biocentrism, and to consider the possibilities of shifting or removing these boundaries in this epoch we now know as the Anthropocene. We might examine, for example, how we have built bodies of knowledge on human-environment relationships, moving through ecological anthropology and political ecology, towards planetary anthropology, interspecies ethnography, and the investigation of the “more than human” or “other than human” aspects of anthropological work. Participants are encouraged to reassess theories, methodologies, and ethics, to revisit past studies, and to explore transdisciplinary, multi-sectoral collaborations in the light of the ecological crises we face.

We invite scholars and teachers from other disciplines, practitioners, advocates, policy-makers, development workers, and indigenous scholars, youth, and elders from around the world to be part of this reckoning in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, an island once known as the last Philippine frontier, now a site of swift environmental transformation.

PDF of the call can be downloaded here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Mqn749B0A3lelpfBALiVDsUk--NPYTHu>

## Finnish Anthropological Society

The Finnish Anthropological Society organizes a conference entitled “Vulnerabilities”, together with the Swedish Anthropological Association in Uppsala, Sweden, 19-21 April. The keynote speakers are Robert Bernasconi (Pennsylvania State University), Veena Das (Johns Hopkins University) and Setha Low (City University New York). This is a pilot project in conference collaboration aiming to pave the way for closer cooperation between anthropologists from the Nordic neighboring countries. Conference website: <http://www.sant.engagingvulnerability.se/>.

The forthcoming issue of *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society* contains the research articles “Affordances of Rupture and their Enactment: A Framework for Understanding Christian Change” by Dena Freeman and “Strategies to Personalize and Depersonalize Donors in Parental Narratives of Children’s Genetic / Gestational Origins (Spain)” by Maria Isabel Jociles Rubio, and an interview with Tanya Luhrmann. The journal is available in Open Access at: <https://journal.fi/suomenantropologi>.

## European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)

### **1. Staying, Moving, Settling is the theme of the 15th EASA biennial conference which will be hosted by Stockholm University from August 14 to 17, 2018.**

The call for labs, call for films and call for papers are now open. See their deadlines and links below. See also the call for papers for the Early Career Scholars forum (plenary C): *Im/mobility, uncertainty and hope: critical reflections on academic precarity*. <https://www.easaonline.org/conferences/easa2018/>

**Call for Labs:** 27 February to 9 April

**Call for Films:** 5 February to 5 May

**Call for EC Scholars Forum:** 27 February to 9 April

**Call for Papers:** 27 February to 9 April

**Early Bird registration:** May 11 to June 15

### **2. Call for EASA’s new Treasurer and Secretary**

EASA is looking for a new Treasurer and a new Secretary: could this be you?

The current Treasurer and the current Secretary of EASA are nearing the end of her/his term of office and EASA is looking to appoint a new Treasurer and a new Secretary. These are remarkably interesting roles in which you’ll be at the heart of good governance and the work of EASA.

Applications consisting of a short covering letter and a CV should be sent to the Secretary Alberto Corsín Jiménez ([alberto.corsin-jimenez@cchs.csic.es](mailto:alberto.corsin-jimenez@cchs.csic.es)) by May 1 2018.

### **3. Call for new Editors of Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale**

EASA is looking for new editors for its journal, *Social Anthropology*, as the term of the current editors comes to an end at the end of the year.

Applications with CV should be sent to the Secretary ([alberto.corsin-jimenez\[at\]cchs.csic.es](mailto:alberto.corsin-jimenez@cchs.csic.es)) by May 1, 2018. Meetings with potential candidates will be held during the EASA Conference in Stockholm in August.

#### **4. EASA newsletter**

**EASA newsletter 71, January 2018 is now out**

<https://www.easaonline.org/newsletter/71-0118/>

### **Brazilian Anthropological Association (ABA)**

#### **WCAA Meeting**

The local organizing committee for the WCAA/IUAES meetings in Florianopolis, Brazil is pleased to acknowledge a grant from the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) in the amount of approximately US\$10,000, which will support the WCAA meetings.

#### **Motion of the Brazilian Association of Anthropology / ABA, presented at the assembly of the XII Meeting of Anthropology of Mercosur / RAM, Posadas (Argentina), December 7, 2017**

The Brazilian Association of Anthropology (ABA) publicly manifests its repudiation of the arbitrary actions committed by the Brazilian State that have been producing a scenario of political uncertainties, and within which anthropological practice is threatened.

These discretionary acts began on May 30, 2017, with a Parliamentary Investigation Commission (CPI) made up of representatives of the major interests of agribusiness, which approved a report criminalizing 23 anthropologists committed to the delimitation processes of indigenous territories and territories of African-Brazilians, called *Quilombolas*, as well as the defense of traditional peoples in situations of socio-environmental conflicts.

The threat to academic freedom was broadened by targeting rectors, teachers and researchers, through lawsuits and procedural attacks that put the academic community of Brazilian public universities in check.

In recent weeks, three incidents have impacted universities, with the Federal University of Pará, the Federal University of Minas Gerais and the Federal University of Santa Catarina being effected in different ways.

Incidents of this nature are threatening spaces of academic reflection that question State actions



that assume forms of violence and extrajudicially constructed coercions.

The ABA, in this context of confrontations and uncertainties that directly or indirectly impact the Latin American scientific community, defends the freedom of academic practice and anthropological research against any form of authoritarian exercise of power. Read the statement in Spanish at [http://www.aba.abant.org.br/files/20171221\\_5a3bbf9906d90.pdf](http://www.aba.abant.org.br/files/20171221_5a3bbf9906d90.pdf)

## International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)

### **1. REMINDER -- Call for Nominations for election to the IUAES Executive Committee will close in a week**

The IUAES Nominations Committee is calling nominations for election to its IUAES Executive Committee. See the call [here](#). The deadline for submission of nominations is coming up in a week - **20 April 2018**. The elections will be conducted electronically during a 30-day voting period in May-June.

### **2. REMINDER -- Call for the 19th World Congress of the IUAES in 2022/2023**

The deadline for the submission of proposal for the 19th World Congress in 2022/2023 will be **30 April 2018**. See the call [here](#).

## Madrid Institute of Anthropology (IMA)

The IMA was founded in 2009 and its activities include [The Audiovisual Anthropology group](#) , which is directed by Antonio Cadierno. Juan Robles organizes, in collaboration with the National Museum of Anthropology, the [MAAM \(Audiovisual Anthropology Exhibition of Madrid\)](#), an annual event that promotes audiovisual ethnography and creates a common space between directors and audience for reflection and dissemination on topics related to the anthropology. The MAAM is a successful activity that achieves full capacity every year in the amphitheater of the National Museum of Anthropology in Madrid. This year 2018 we are going to do the fifth MAAM and it is necessary given the success that we professionalize ourselves, since for now it is a totally voluntary work and it has managed to gain extensive recognition.



## Argentinean Association of Graduates in Anthropology (CGA)

Association publication: PUBLICAR-En Antropología y Ciencias Sociales:

<http://ppct.caicyt.gov.ar/index.php/publicar/index>

Association web site: [www.cga.org.ar](http://www.cga.org.ar)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cgantropologia>

The Association's Journal PUBLICAR, has incorporated in 2018 a **new section dedicated to Latin American Anthropologies**.

With the purpose of promoting regional and continental exchange, and the diffusion of research in the subcontinent, a section on "Latin American Anthropologies" has been inaugurated, starting in 2018. Latin American colleagues are invited to share the results of their anthropological researches sending their manuscripts.

PUBLICAR - In Anthropology and Social Sciences, Journal of the Argentinean Association of Graduates in Anthropology has been published since 1992 and it is a space of pluralist tradition aimed at broadcasting unpublished works in all the areas of Anthropology. The purpose of this journal is to broadcast research, interviews and book reviews, spreading theoretical-methodological and specific case studies related to current issues.

## Anthropology Southern Africa (ASnA)

The Anthropology Southern Africa Association (ASNA) journal, Anthropology Southern Africa, has released Issue 1 of Volume 41; released online on 4 April 2018. This edition of the journal includes articles by Diana Gibson on reconsidering plant/person relationships in Namibia and Namaqualand; by Octavia Sibanda on the postcolonial city and 'poor whites' in South Africa; by Henrietta M. Nyamnjoh on the transnational linkages created and maintained by food between Cameroon and Cape Town; and by Tamuka Chikero and Fiona C. Ross on Zimbabwean migrants access to state-based healthcare services in South Africa. The edition also includes a photo essay by Carina Truys on 'the big-hole counter narrative project' in Kimberley, South Africa, which examines new methods of anthropological teaching in a postcolonial university, and a commentary on the photo essay by Ziyanda Majombozi. Vol 41(1) also presents two reviews of books written by ASNA members – Andrew Hartnack reviews Shannon Morreira's (2016) *Rights After Wrongs. Local Knowledge and Human Rights in Zimbabwe* (Stanford University Press, 2016); while Thomas Cousins reviews Teresa Connor's 2014 *Conserved spaces, ancestral places: conservation, history and identity among farm labourers in the Sundays River Valley, South Africa* (University of KwaZulu Natal Press, 2014). Finally, in this volume Chivimbiso Gava reviews Henning Melber's 2017 *The Rise of Africa's Middle Class* (Wits University Press, 2017).

The journal can be accessed online here: <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rasa20/41/1?nav=toclist> and is also available in print to all ASNA members.

### **Anthropology Southern Africa Annual Conference 2018**

University of Botswana, Sociology Department 26th – 29th September 2018

Call for papers and panel proposals Conference Theme - Movement, mobility, transformation

The year 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Mandela, whose name is synonymous with struggle and freedom, the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx whose name is equated with the analysis of economic change and the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War best perhaps remembered for the failure to prevent future and ongoing conflicts. All of these anniversaries are linked to specific historical events and numerous macro level processes of social and cultural change.

At a more micro level, the social systems, structures and lived realities which Anthropologists study are constantly in a state of flux. Change and movement are ever present in the constant ebb and flow of daily life, in areas as diverse as human migration, rites of passage, livelihoods, strategies to cope with social inequalities, power relations, issues of governance, technology, science, art and culture. In our theme for this year's annual conference, we focus on the variety of ways in which daily life is imbued with dynamic movement and endless processes of transformation and change. It is through these processes that the individual and community shape and are shaped by the world around them on a daily basis.

We welcome papers from within any area of Anthropology that address social and cultural change from a theoretical and/or ethnographic perspective. We are particularly interested in papers which focus on change, movement and transformation in the following areas: social mobility; social status; gender; politics and power; human migration; religious movements; environmental change; the new technologies; health and well-being; arts and culture.

Please send proposals for panels to the organisers by April 7th and individual paper abstracts by April 30th 2018. The organisers are particularly interested in receiving panel proposals. Panel proposals and individual paper abstracts should be no more than 300 words. For panel proposals, please include a list of prospective participants and their institutional affiliations if these have already been identified.

Please forward all proposals and abstracts to the organisers at:

ASnAconference2018@gmail.com

Should you have any queries about the conference theme or call for papers please contact us on the above email address.

## American Anthropological Association (AAA)

### **Joburg 2018**

<http://africanstudiesassociation.org/images/AfricaWorldLogo-v3.png>

Please plan to join us in Johannesburg, May 25-28, 2018 for a conference, “Africa in the World: Shifting Boundaries and Knowledge Production.” This is a collaborative event that coincides with Africa Day celebrations, and is co-organized by the American Anthropological Association and the African Studies Association, with co-sponsorship from WCAA member Anthropology Southern Africa network, the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, the University of Witwatersrand, the University of Pretoria, and the Wits City Institute. Former President Mbeki is planning to be on hand. In a variety of interactive formats, conference participants will address questions such as: Who speaks with authority about Africa’s contemporary successes and failures? Is “the African Library” restricted to “europhone” scholarship? To what extent is post-colonialism a relevant lens through which we regard contemporary patterns, processes, and institutions? What is the state of African Studies? Is post-colonialism still a relevant framework for studying Africa’s contemporary successes and failures? Who is allowed to theorize Africa? Are “Europhone” intellectuals the only scholars of Africa? This three-day conference will bring together some of the most eminent, dynamic, and engaged scholars who will address important topical themes in African Studies across the humanities and social sciences, from historiography, literature, linguistics, anthropology, politics, and technological transformations to art and popular culture.

### **San Jose 2018**

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/rdcms-aaa/files/production/public/images/2018\\_meeting\\_250.png](http://s3.amazonaws.com/rdcms-aaa/files/production/public/images/2018_meeting_250.png)

The American Anthropological Association’s 117th Annual Meeting will take place in San Jose, California from 14-18 November 2018. This year’s theme is “Change in the Anthropological Imagination: Resistance, Resilience, and Adaptation.” The Call for Papers closes on April 16, 2018. We expect an exciting program encompassing a variety of presentation formats, a strong lineup of professional development workshops, a provocative film and media festival, all in the heart of Silicon Valley. This is a time of great ferment and change, and the Annual Meeting offers a moment when we can ask ourselves: what can holism tell us about social change in the past, present, and future? How have the processes of resistance, resilience and adaptation shaped our species? How have societies in the past dealt with dramatic changes and reorganization? What can be learned by examining the many forces that influence peoples’ understandings and reactions to transformation and stasis, both cross-culturally and across time? How can anthropological understanding enhance our ability to envision and undertake new forms of local and global cooperation? What are the possibilities that we as anthropologists can imagine for our shared futures?

## Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)

1. Anthropologica, the journal of the Canadian Anthropology Society, is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Sonja Luehrmann (Simon Fraser University) as incoming Editor-in-Chief and Editor of English Manuscripts. She will be joined by Dr. Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier (University of Victoria) as Editor of French Manuscripts. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Dr. Jasmin Habib (University of Waterloo) who has served as Editor-in-Chief since 2015. More details can be found at: <https://www.cas-sca.ca/news-and-announcements/news-announcements/9126-changes-at-anthropologica>

2. With our long institutional and personal commitments to indigenous peoples, Canadian anthropologists have been troubled by several recent court decisions that have failed to find justice for indigenous communities. In February 2018, CASCA issued a statement offering condolences to the friends and family of Colten Boushie of the Cree Red Pheasant First Nation, whose killer was acquitted of murder. The statement reads, in part, "In this moment of collective national self-reflection on the implications of Canada's settler heritage, the Canadian Anthropology Society recognizes our need to support Indigenous peoples. Our discipline has a sad history of participation in the colonization of Indigenous peoples only partially resolved through the actions of colleagues struggling to decolonize our discipline, universities, and society." The full statement is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132028862261/permalink/10156319178372262/>

## Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA)

### ★ DEBATE ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS' "INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT" IN PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA) invited representatives of social and associative movements linked to antiracism and afrodescendence, as well as some social scientists, to a debate on ethnic and racial discrimination in Portugal, in the context of the "International Decade for People of African Descent" promoted by UN. The purpose is to listen, question and propose positive critical views on the problem from the voices and positioning of each of the guests. At the end, two Portuguese anthropologists (João Pina-Cabral of the University of Kent and Cristiana Bastos of the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon) will frame the problem from an anthropological point of view. With this debate we intend to contribute to an antiracist pedagogy and to the articulation between academia, social movements and subalternized communities. The debate is organized by Miguel Vale de Almeida and will take place on the Public Library Orland Ribeiro (Lisboa) the next April 14th, 2018.

Further info on APA website:

<http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/viii-forum-apa-decada-dos-afrodescendentes-em-portugal-encontro-entre-antropologia-e-movimentos-afrodescendentes-e-antirracistas/>

Follow the event on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/179076389507528/>



### ★ ANNUAL LECTURE "RAÚL ITURRA"

The Portuguese Anthropological Association (APA) held its first Annual Lecture in 2018. Under the pretext of a just homage in life, the lecture took the name of Raul Iturra - one of the founders of the association and first director of the board. Along with the public forums that we have been promoting, this lecture aims to give visibility to anthropology. Each year an anthropologist will be invited to present his/her ongoing work, followed by the public attribution of the APA Annual Awards with a brief presentation of the awarded works. In parallel, whenever possible, there will be an artistic, expositive or performative activity. The first Annual Lecture "Raúl Iturra" took place at ISCTE-IUL (Lisbon) on February 16, 2018. For this inaugural lecture we invited Filipe Reis, who presented the work of Raúl Iturra and his contribution to anthropology in Portugal.

+ info:

<http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/iniciativas-apa/conferencia-anual-raul-iturra/#2018>

Photo (below):

Filipe Reis, invited speaker for the first Annual Lecture "Raúl Iturra".



**★ WINNERS OF THE APA ANNUAL AWARDS 2017/2018**

The APA Annual Awards 2017/2018 were attributed to Ricardo Seiça Salgado (Category 1 - scientific text - young anthropologists) and Cristina Santinho (Category 2 - applied intervention / research project). Both prizes were awarded last 16 February during the Annual Lecture “Raúl Iturra”.

**+ info:**

<http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/premios-apa-2017/>

**Photos (below):**

On the left Ricardo Seiça Salgado (Category 1); on the right Cristina Santinho (Category 2).



**★ APA2019 WILL TAKE PLACE IN LISBON BETWEEN JUNE 4 AND 8, 2019**

The 7th Congress of the Portuguese Anthropological Association – APA2019 - will take place in Lisbon between June 4 and 8, 2019, the same week we are also celebrating the 30th anniversary of APA, officially founded on June 6, 1989. Save this week in your calendar and follow our official Facebook page to keep up with all the updates on APA2019.

**Further info on APA website:**

<http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/vii-congresso-apa/>

**Follow the event on Facebook:**



<https://www.facebook.com/events/1524483934333184/>



Australian Anthropological Society (AAS)

**Announcing a new anthropology social engagement project from Australia:**

**The Familiar Strange | A blog. A podcast. A social fact**

Proudly supported by the Australian Anthropological Society, this blog/podcast project was co-founded by anthropology PhD candidates from the Australian National University. These four “[familiar strangers](#)” aim to use anthropological thinking to explore this time of jarring social, cultural and political messiness, and to reach out to a wider community about what anthropologists do within and beyond ‘field sites’. They ask anthropologists to bring their tools to bear, and to make anthropological contributions more broadly familiar.

Check out their [website](#), follow them on Twitter ([@tfsTweets](#)), and like their [Facebook page](#).

Find the podcast on [Soundcloud](#), their [website](#), or subscribe on [iTunes](#) or wherever you get your podcasts.

Have a read, have a listen, and consider contributing to the dialogue - comment, give feedback, suggest expert interviewees you’d like to hear from, submit a blogpost ([submission guidelines](#) are on the website).

**Announcing the inaugural Social Sciences Week (SSW) Australia, 10-16 September 2018**

[Social Sciences Week](#) is an opportunity for social scientists to engage non-academic audiences with cutting edge social science research, to showcase the diversity and relevance of social science.

As a member of the organising committee for SSW, the Australian Anthropological Society has taken the initiative of organising Anthropology Day, to be held as part of SSW on 13 September 2018. Anthropology Day will comprise a day of events, coordinated nationally across a number of Australian universities, with the express purpose of showcasing the value of anthropological work to the broader public.

**Announcing the 2017 AAS thesis prize winners**

Each year, the Australian Anthropological Society presents an award for the best Honours thesis and the best PhD thesis. The 2017 thesis prize winners were:

Dr Siobhan McDonnell, of the Australian National University, for her PhD dissertation titled, *My Land My Life: Power, Property and Identity in Land Transformations in Vanuatu*.

Sam Williams, of Monash University, his Honours thesis titled, *Anthropology, Activism and Ethnicity in Nepal Bista's Fatalism and Development and the Ethnopolitics of Nepali Anthropology*.

## Hong Kong Anthropological Society (HKAS)

The Hong Kong Anthropological Society sponsored a talk by Michael Herzfeld at the Hong Kong Museum of History Feb. 8 2018, "Gentrification and its Discontents," that drew an audience of 140 (see attached photo). The Hong Kong Anthropological Society's major activity is its monthly talks by local and visiting scholars on all aspects of anthropology - from Chinese funerals to Japanese tattoos to the maritime Silk Road, and from Hong Kong activists, to asylum seekers in the city, to beauty pageants of Filipino migrant workers.

See <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/ant/hkas/archive2018.htm>, and <https://www.facebook.com/hkanthro/>





## ***Engaging Change in Turbulent Times***

**What do these turbulent times mean for applied social scientists and anthropologists?**

### **2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology**

Portland, Oregon provides an ideal venue for applied social scientists to reflect on the challenges we face in these turbulent times, and to identify opportunities to positively affect future outcomes. **Go to [www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/](http://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/) for more information.**

**Program Chair:** *Michael Paolisso, University of Maryland (mpaoliss@umd.edu)* **Annual Meeting Program Coordinator:** *Don Stull (stull@ku.edu)*

**March 19-23 Hilton Downtown**

Abstract Submission Deadline October 15, 2018

## Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand (ASAANZ)

Save the date: December 6-7th, for the ASAANZ annual conference, in Wellington. This year the theme is 'Improvising Lives.' CfP coming soon. Keep an eye on the webpage for more information: <http://www.asaanz.org/conference/>

## Anthropological Association of Ireland (AAI)

### Obituary

Dr Fiona Larkan, Maynooth University PhD (2007), died on the 27th of December 2017 at the age of 54 after an 18-month battle with cancer.

Fiona completed her BA, MA and PhD at Maynooth University in the Department of Anthropology. After an early career in business in South Africa, as well as starting a family, she registered at Maynooth in 1997 as a mature student. Her impact on the Department was immediate and long-lasting, quickly establishing herself as a superb scholar and energetic presence in the student Anthropology Society, while generously volunteering at any Department events that needed an extra hand. After completing a First Class Bachelor's Degree, she was accepted into the MA/PhD programme where she continued to distinguish herself. Her PhD proposal was accepted by the department in 2003, and she won one of the early Government of Ireland Scholarships (now Irish Research Council) to pursue her work on how women in both lower-level state professionals (predominantly nurses and teachers) in Coloured communities in South Africa and White Irish communities in Ireland perceived and dealt with the risk of HIV. This research was just on the eve of the Northern patent on HAART being broken, so the disease was still then understood as an inevitable, agonizing death sentence in South Africa. This research evolved into the thesis, *Moralizing Cultures: Community, Risk and the Female Body in Ireland and South Africa* which was successfully defended in 2007. She had a very promising and inspiring bibliography, and her struggle with cancer did little to slow down her scholarship, culminating in editing an important collection with her friend and colleague, Dr Fiona Murphy (Maynooth PhD 2009), *Memory and Recovery in Times of Crisis* <https://www.routledge.com/.../Larkan-Mur.../p/book/9781472481122> The work that she leaves us shows that our loss of her scholarship will be felt for many years to come.

It took only a few minutes in Fiona's presence to see that she was definitively a woman-of-action, possessed in equal measure of integrity, energy and purpose. Just out with her PhD, she became one of the founding members of the Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium (CDPC), an Institute set up under the Strategic Partnership Programme between Irish Aid and the HEA in 2007. She also collaborated with Dr. Saris (her PhD supervisor) on a successful grant application to the Global Health Research Award programme jointly administered between Irish Aid and the Health Research Board, *Barriers to Access and Maintenance to HAART in the Western Cape (GRHA 2007/08)*. As a Postdoctoral Researcher, Fiona both collected data in often very

emotionally draining circumstances (about half of our key informants had passed away by the end of this project in 2012), while mentoring local research assistants, Paschaline and Thato. As this project wound down, Fiona was hired by the Global Health Programme at Trinity College Dublin, where she directed MSc degree students from 2011, until she became ill in the Summer of 2016. Despite being relative junior in her career, Fiona had a string of impressive publications

During this period, she also emerged as a key presence in the Anthropological Association of Ireland (AAI), serving as a Committee Member and Editor of the Journal of the AAI (to which she devoted an enormous amount of energy, increasing both its scope and its impact), culminating in being elected President of the organization in 2014. She was also one of the founders of the Irish Medical Anthropology Network.

Throughout, Fiona established a reputation for both fine scholarship and generosity of spirit. No one who came in contact with her failed to be impressed by her energy and willingness to extend herself to help others. There was no task that she found too big to manage and no detail that ever seemed to be too small to be overlooked. She has left a hole in the lives of everyone who was privileged to have known her either professionally or personally.

Fiona had an unflagging dedication to her family; they were at the absolute centre of her heart and her everyday life. She was a very devoted wife to Brad and dedicated mom to David and Cían. They have our sincerest sympathies.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam

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