Welcome

The Media Anthropology Network, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), aims to foster international discussion and collaboration around the anthropology of media. The network also hopes to contribute to the theoretical and empirical development of this anthropological subfield.

Although many of our exchanges take place via our mailing list, we also meet regularly offline. Our first biennial general meeting took place during the 8th EASA conference, held in Vienna in September 2004 (see minutes of the meeting). A second meeting was held at EASA’s Bristol conference in September 2006. We met in Ljubljana in the summer of 2008 and two years later in Maynooth (Ireland). In the summer of 2014 we met in Tallinn and our most recent network meeting took place at the 14th EASA conference in Milan in July 2016. All EASA members are welcome at these network meetings and we are particularly keen to hear from people who wish to play an active role in the network.

We have also organised a number of workshops and panels over the years at locations such as Vienna (2015), Tallinn (2014), London (2011), Maynooth (2010), Barcelona (2008), Ljubljana (2008), Bristol (2006) and Loughborough (2005). Our most recent panel at an EASA conference was in Milan in July 2016 and focused on media anthropology’s legacies and concerns.

For further details or to join the network, please contact Sahana Udupa (University Munich), Elisabetta Costa (University of Groningen) or Philipp Budka (University of Vienna).

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For a brief introduction to the [[anthropology of media]] visit the Wikipedia page.

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European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Media Anthropology Network Workshop
"The Digital Turn in Media Anthropology"

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By building on the Media Anthropology Network panel at the EASA 2018 conference in Stockholm and the follow-up e-seminar from 16 Oct. - 9 Nov. 2018 (http://www.media-anthropology.net/index.php/e-seminars), this workshop critically explores “the digital turn” in the anthropological study of media, and aims to push further ethnographic knowledge into the role that digital media technologies play in people’s everyday life and broader sociopolitical transformations. In so doing, this workshop contributes to the reassessment of media anthropology in digital times, and raises critical questions on how digital media have posed new epistemological challenges, inspired methodological innovations, and offered opportunities for political activism for media anthropologists. A key question that drives this discussion is whether the digital turn has reconfigured the classic distinction between “home” and “field” through temporally intensified “horizontal"
networks on a global scale. Have these connections—culturally translated across different societies—collapsed the distinction between "home" and "field"? As users and researchers of digital media, how do we rework anthropology’s classic conundrum of home-field, distance-nearness and us-other in radically progressive ways? What does the “digital turn” entail in terms of how we engage research participants, and how do we use these new pathways to critique the multidirectional “colonial matrix of power” (Mignolo & Walsh, 2007) that is riding on the very infrastructure of contemporary digital media?

Among the confirmed speakers are Faye Ginsburg (New York University), John Postill (RMIT Melbourne) and Daniel Miller (University College London).