

E-Seminar Series

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The EASA Media Anthropology Network is well known for its e-seminars which run on our mailing list for a period of two weeks. These moderated sessions have been held since 2004 and they unfold around a working paper presented by a Network participant or guest. They are currently convened by Veronica Barassi. E-seminars are free and open to anyone with a genuine interest in the anthropology of media. To participate please subscribe to our mailing list via this page. If you wish to present a paper or suggest a presenter please contact Veronica Barassi.

For a complete list of past and forthcoming working papers and e-seminars (including PDF transcripts of both) see below:

E-seminar 64

29 January - 21 February 2019. Sirpa Tenhunen (University of Helsinki): Mobile technology, mediation and social change in rural India. (PDF, 420 KB)

Comments: Mirjam de Bruijn (Leiden University) (PDF, 50 KB)

E-Seminar on Mobile technology, mediation and social change in rural India (PDF, 150 KB)

E-seminar 63

16 October - 9 November 2018. Sahana Udupa (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich), Elisabetta Costa (University of Groningen) & Philipp Budka (University of Vienna): The digital turn: New directions in media anthropology. (PDF, 130 KB)

Comments: Christoph Bareither (Humboldt University of Berlin), Anna Cristina Pertierra (Western Sydney University) & Paula Uimonen (Stockholm University) (PDF, 90 KB)

E-Seminar on The digital turn (PDF, 170 KB)

E-seminar 62

6-27 March 2018. Sonia Livingstone & Alicia Blum-Ross (London School of Economics and Political Science): Parenting for a digital future. (PDF, 210 KB)

Comments: Veronica Barassi (Goldsmiths, University of London) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on Parenting for a digital future (PDF, 118 KB)

E-seminar 61

24 October - 14 November 2017. E-Seminar on Media and mobility. In collaboration with EASA's Anthropology and Mobility Network.

Opening Statements: Rebecca Carlson (Tokyo Medical and Dental University), Jamie Coates (Sophia University), Jordan Kraemer (New York University) and Noel B. Salazar (Co-convenor EASA Anthropology and Mobility Network, University

of Leuven) (PDF, 120 KB)

E-Seminar on Media and mobility (PDF, 160 KB)

E-seminar 60

10-31 May 2017. Elisabetta Costa (University of Groningen): Social media as practices: An ethnographic critique of 'affordances' and 'context collapse'. (PDF, 170 KB)

Comments: Christian Pentzold (University of Bremen) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on Social media as practices (PDF, 150 KB)

E-seminar 59

7-21 February 2017. Nina Grønlykke Mollerup (Independent Researcher, Denmark): 'Being there', phone in hand: Thick presence and ethnographic fieldwork with media (PDF, 120 KB)

Comments: Veronica Barassi (Goldsmiths, University of London) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on 'Being there', phone in hand (PDF, 180 KB)

E-seminar 58

25 October - 8 November 2016. Alex Khasnabish (Mount Saint Vincent University, Canada): On media practices and the radical imagination (PDF, 160 KB)

Comments: John Postill (RMIT University, Melbourne) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on On media practices and the radical imagination (PDF, 130 KB)

E-seminar 57

22 June - 13 July 2016. E-Seminar on Facebook as research field and research platform. In collaboration with AAA's Digital Anthropology Group (DANG) and the Committee for the Anthropology of Science, Technology & Computing (CASTAC).

Opening Statements: Philipp Budka (University of Vienna), Jordan Kraemer (Wesleyan University), Martin Slama (Austrian Academy of Sciences) and Sydney Yeager (Southern Methodist University) (PDF, 120 KB)

E-Seminar on Facebook as research field and research platform (PDF, 210 KB)

E-seminar 56

26 April - 10 May 2016. Daniel Miller, Elisabetta Costa, Laura Haapio-Kirk, Nell Haynes, Tom McDonald, Razvan Nicolescu, Jolynna Sinanan, Juliano Spyer, Shriram Venkatraman and Xinyuan Wang ("Why We Post" Team, University College London): Pudding - can anthropology teach us how to use media? (PDF, 500 KB)

Comments: Erin Taylor (Instituto de Ciencias Sociais, Universidad de Lisboa) (PDF, 80 KB)

E-Seminar on Pudding - can anthropology teach us how to use media? (PDF, 110 KB)

E-seminar 55

1-15 March 2016. Line Hassall Thomsen (Aarhus University, Denmark): "It's like a family!" - the unity and community of journalists. On connections between newsrooms and how journalists share a community of practice. (PDF, 250 KB)

Comments: Chris Paterson (Leeds University) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on "It's like a family!" - the unity and community of journalists (PDF, 145 KB)

E-seminar 54

10-24 November 2015. John Postill (RMIT University, Melbourne): Notes on workshop "Theorising Media and Conflict". (PDF, 600 KB)

Comments: Birgit Bräuchler (Monash University, Melbourne) (PDF 110 KB)

E-Seminar on Theorising media and conflict (PDF 150 KB)

E-seminar 53

29 September - 13 October 2015. Ingrid Kummels (Free University Berlin): Negotiating land tenure in transborder media spaces: Ayuujk People's videomaking between Mexico and the USA (PDF, 190 KB)

Comments: Gisela Canepa (PUCP Lima, Peru) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on Negotiating land tenure in transborder media spaces (PDF, 160 KB)

E-seminar 52

7 July - 21 July 2015. Sahana Udupa (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany): Abusive exchange on social media: The politics of online Gaali cultures in India (PDF, 300 KB)

Comments: Nell Haynes (University College London/Universidad Católica de Chile) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on Abusive exchange on social media (PDF, 140 KB)

E-seminar 51

19 May - 1 June 2015. Julian Hopkins (Monash University, Malaysia): Assembling blog affordances: Theorising affordances and agency in new media. (PDF, 150 KB)

Comments: Adolfo Estalella (University of Manchester/Open University of Catalonia) (PDF, 100 KB)

E-Seminar on Assembling blog affordances (PDF, 180 KB)

E-seminar 50

25 February - 18 March 2015. Sarah Pink (RMIT University, Melbourne): Energy and digital living. (Website)

Comments: Mark Pedelty (University of Minnesota) (PDF, 80 KB)

E-Seminar on Energy and digital living (PDF, 230 KB)

E-seminar 49

9-23 December 2014. Annette Markham (Aarhus University, Denmark): Producing ethics [for the digital near-future]. (PDF, 280 KB)

Comments: Adam Fish (Lancaster University, UK) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on Producing ethics (PDF, 130 KB)

E-seminar 48

14-28 October 2014. E-Seminar on 10th Anniversary of the EASA Media Anthropology Network. (PDF, 160 KB)

E-seminar 47

1-15 July 2014. Jie Gu (Communication University of China): Participating in YouTubing practice: Towards a practice perspective to understand user participation motivations. (PDF, 180 KB)

Comments: Ursula Rao (University of Leipzig) (PDF, 60 KB)

E-Seminar on Participating in YouTubing practice (PDF, 330 KB)

E-seminar 46

25 February - 11 March 2014. Johanna Sumiala (University of Helsinki), Titus Hjelm (University College London), Minttu Tikka (University of Helsinki), Leena Suurpää (Finnish Youth Research Society, Helsinki): Studying youth in the Media City: Multi-sited reflections. (PDF, 100 KB)

Comments: John Postill (RMIT University, Melbourne) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on Studying youth in the Media City (PDF, 150 KB)

E-seminar 45

5-19 December 2013. E-Seminar on Theorising media and change with an opening by John Postill (RMIT University, Melbourne) (PDF, 290 KB)

E-seminar 44

9-23 July 2013. Tess Conner (Independent): "Accept no limitations": Expressions of diasporic identity in Nigerian Idol. (PDF, 435 KB)

Comments: Stephen M. Lyon (Durham University, UK) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on "Accept no limitations" (PDF, 180 KB)

E-seminar 43

26 March - 9 April 2013. Joseph Oduro-Frimpong (Southern Illinois University): "Cry your own cry": On popular visual media of life experiences in Ghanaian mottonyms. (PDF, 1,3 MB)

Comments: Jerry Eades (Asia Pacific University, Japan) (PDF, 100 KB)

E-Seminar on "Cry your own cry" (PDF, 230 KB)

E-seminar 42

4-18 December 2012. John Postill (RMIT): Media and social changing since 1979: Towards a diachronic ethnography of media and actual social changes. (PDF, 230 KB)

Comments: Brian Larkin (Columbia University) (PDF, 80 KB)

E-Seminar on Media and social changing since 1979 (PDF, 220 KB)

E-seminar 41

9-23 October 2012. Daniel Miller and Jolynna Sinanan (UCL): Webcam and the theory of attainment. (PDF, 130 KB)

Comments: Daniel Taghioff (Independent) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on Webcam and the theory of attainment (PDF, 170 KB)

E-seminar 40

19 June - 3 July 2012. Shaun Moores (University of Sunderland): Loose ends: Lines, media and social change. (PDF, 170 KB)

Comments: Jens Kjaerulff (Independent) (PDF, 60 KB)

E-Seminar on Loose ends (PDF, 230 KB)

E-seminar 39

28 February - 13 March 2012. Jussi Parikka (University of Southampton): Friedrich Kittler - a media anthropology without the Man? (PDF, 60 KB)

Comments: Gabriela Vargas-Cetina (Brown University / Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan) (PDF, 100 KB)

E-Seminar on Friedrich Kittler - a media anthropology without Man? (PDF, 130 KB)

E-seminar 38

22 November - 6 December 2011. Philipp Budka (University of Vienna): From cyber to digital anthropology to an anthropology of the contemporary? (PDF, 140 KB)

Comments: Alexander Knorr (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich) (PDF, 100 KB)

E-Seminar on From cyber to digital anthropology to an anthropology of the contemporary? (PDF, 210 KB)

E-seminar 37

17-31 May 2011. Kristin Vold Lexander (University of Oslo): Names U ma puce: Multilingual texting in Senegal. (PDF, 900 KB)

Comments: Ken Banks (kiwanja.net) (PDF, 65 KB)

E-Seminar on Names U ma puce (PDF, 270 KB)

E-seminar 36

15-29 March 2011. Francine Barone (University of Kent): New leisure forum for old leisure practices: Online and offline interaction and presentations of self in Figueres, Spain. (PDF, 1,3 MB)

Comments: Valentina Gueorguieva (University of Sofia) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-Seminar on New leisure forum for old leisure practices (PDF, 180 KB)

E-seminar 35

18 January - 1 February 2011. Joseph Oduro-Frimpong (Southern Illinois University Carbondale): Sakawa: On occultic rituals and cyberfraud in Ghanaian popular cinema. (PDF, 2,9 MB)

Comments: Tilo Grätz (Halle University & Free University Berlin) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-seminar on Sakawa (PDF, 10 MB)

E-seminar 34

7-21 December 2010. Mark Allen Peterson (Miami University): Indexicality, iconicity and language ideology in the Urdu news revival. (PDF, 150 KB)

Comments: Ursula Rao (University of New South Wales) (PDF, 65 KB)

E-seminar on Indexicality, iconicity and language ideology in the Urdu news revival (PDF, 190 KB)

E-seminar 33

21 June - 6 July 2010. Jenny Cool (University of Southern California): The mutual co-construction of online and onground in Cyborganic: Making an ethnography of networked social media speak to challenges of the posthuman. (PDF, 700 KB)

Comments: Antoni Roig Telo (Open University of Catalonia) (PDF, 90 KB)

E-seminar on The mutual co-contruction of online and onground in Cyberorganic (PDF, 270 KB)

E-seminar 32

20 April - 4 May 2010. Sun Sun Lim and Minu Thomas (National University of Singapore): Migrant workers' use of ICTs for interpersonal communication - The experience of female domestic workers in Singapore. (PDF, 230 KB)

Comments: Mirca Madianou (University of Cambridge) (PDF, 73 KB)

E-seminar on Migrant worker's use of ICTs for interpersonal communication (PDF, 220 KB)

E-seminar 31

23 February - 9 March 2010. Mark Westmoreland (American University in Cairo): Akram's Reproduction Machine: Reimagining Lebanese resistance. (PDF, 175 KB)

Comments: Kirsten Scheid (American University of Beirut) (PDF, 94 KB)

E-seminar on Akram's Reproduction Machine (PDF, 216 KB)

E-seminar 30

17 November - 1 December 2009. Sudha Rajagopalan (Utrecht University): Not just spooky: The collaborative aesthetics of supernatural fandom on Runet. (PDF, 210 KB)

Comments: Catherine Tosenberger (University of Winnipeg) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-seminar on Not just spooky (PDF, 170 KB)

E-seminar 29

8-22 September 2009. Fausto Barlocco (Loughborough University): Media and belonging to the nation in Sabah, East Malaysia. (PDF, 230 KB)

Comments: Arvind Rajagopal (New York University) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-seminar on Media and belonging to the nation in Sabah, East Malaysia (PDF, 270 KB)

E-seminar 28

28 April - 12 May 2009. Nabil Echchaibi (University of Colorado-Boulder): From audiotapes to videoblogs: The delocalization of authority in Islam. (PDF, 180 KB)

Comments: Emilio Spadola (Colgate University) (PDF, 80 KB)

E-seminar on From audiotapes to videoblogs (PDF, 210 KB)

E-seminar 27

17 February - 3 March 2009. Jay Gabriel (independent scholar, USA): Getting involved: Independence and recursivity in the journalistic field. (PDF, 110 KB)

Comments: Per Ståhlberg (independent scholar, Sweden) (PDF, 90 KB)

E-seminar on Getting involved (PDF, 175 KB)

E-seminar 26

6-22 January 2009. Ulrika Sjöberg and Ingegerd Rydin (Halmstad University, Sweden): Family talk about media portrayals of immigrants. (PDF, 180 KB)

Comments: Kira Kosnick (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main) (PDF, 70 KB)

E-seminar on Family talk about portrayals of immigrants (PDF, 90 KB)

E-seminar 25

22 October - 5 November 2008. Eric Rothenbuhler (Texas A & M University): Media anthropology as a field of interdisciplinary contact.

Comments: Ariel Heryanto (University of Melbourne) (PDF, 80 KB)

E-seminar on Media anthropology as a field of interdisciplinary contact (PDF, 310 KB)

E-seminar 24

1-15 September 2008. Jay Ruby (Center for Visual Communication, USA): Towards an anthropological cinema. (PDF, 1,7 MB)

Comments: Peter Ian Crawford (University of Tromsø) (PDF, 100 KB)

E-seminar on Towards an anthropological cinema (PDF, 256 KB)

E-seminar 23

19 May - 2 June 2008. Erkan Saka (Rice University, USA): Blogging as a research tool for ethnographic fieldwork. (PDF, 280 KB)

Comments: Mary Stevens (University College London) (PDF, 20 KB)

E-seminar on Blogging as a research tool for ethnographic fieldwork (PDF, 160 KB)

E-seminar 22

15-29 January 2008. Erica Baffelli (University of Otago, New Zealand): Media and religion in Japan: The Aum affair as a turning point. (PDF, 580 KB)

Comments: Blai Guarné (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona) (PDF, 56 KB)

E-seminar on Media and religion in Japan (PDF, 554 KB)

E-seminar 21

20 November - 4 December 2007. Ursula Rao (University of New South Wales): Re-writing politics: Consumerist messages and the emergence of a new style of political reporting in India. (PDF, 140 KB)

Comments: Anna Horolets (Warsaw School of Social Psychology) (PDF, 36 KB)

E-seminar on Re-writing politics (PDF, 172 KB)

E-seminar 20

18 September - 2 October 2007. Mark Pedelty (University of Minnesota): Musical news: Popular music in political movements. (PDF, 260 KB)

Comments: Herman Wasserman (Newcastle University) (PDF, 24 KB)

E-seminar on Musical news (PDF, 220 KB)

E-seminar 19

12-26 June 2007. Kerstin Andersson (Gothenburg University): The online Durga. (PDF, 132 KB)

Comments: Matthijs van den Bos (University of Amsterdam) (PDF, 24 KB)

E-seminar on The online Durga (PDF, 460 KB)

E-seminar 18

22-29 May 2007. Carsten Wergin (University of Bremen): World music: A medium for unity and difference? (PDF, 190 KB)

Comments: Joanne Haynes (Bristol University) (PDF, 20 KB)

E-seminar on World music (PDF, 64 KB)

E-seminar 17

3-10 May 2007. Faye Ginsburg (New York University): Rethinking the digital age. (PDF, 192 KB)

Comments: Maximilian C. Forte (Concordia University) (PDF, 28 KB)

E-seminar on Rethinking the digital age (PDF, 150 KB)

E-seminar 16

27 February - 6 March 2007. Matthew Durlington (Towson University): Moral panics in suburban Texas. (PDF, 148 KB)

Comments: Chas Critcher (Sheffield Hallam University) (PDF, 100 KB)

E-seminar on Moral panics in suburban Texas (PDF, 176 KB)

E-seminar 15

23-30 January 2007. Urban Larssen (Stockholm University): Imagining a world of free expression in the making: Romania and global media development. (PDF, 100 KB)

Comments: Elizabeth Bird (University of South Florida) (PDF, 20 KB)

E-seminar on Imagining a world of free expression in the making (PDF, 260 KB)

E-seminar 14

28 November - 5 December 2006. Bart Barendregt (Leiden University): Between m-governance and mobile anarchies: Pornoaksi and the fear of new media in present day Indonesia. (PDF, 120 KB)

Comments: Heather Horst (University of California, Berkeley) (PDF, 24 KB)

E-seminar on Between m-governance and mobile anarchies (PDF, 212 KB)

E-seminar 13

24-31 October 2006. Gabriela Vargas-Cetina (Autonomous University of Yucatan): Very much a midnight child: Software and the translation of times at the university. (PDF, 100 KB)

Comments: David Hakken (Indiana University) (PDF, 24 KB)

E-seminar on Very much a midnight child (PDF, 190 KB)

E-seminar 12

20-27 June 2006. Sebastian Ureta (Catholic University of Chile): Locating the TV: Television placement and the reconfiguration of space in low-income homes in Santiago, Chile. (PDF, 490 KB)

Comments: Jo Helle-Valle (National Institute for Consumer Research, Oslo) (PDF, 24 KB)

E-seminar on Locating the TV (PDF, 130 KB)

E-seminar 11

23-30 May 2006. Thomas Hylland Eriksen (University of Oslo): Nations in cyberspace: Nationalism and social communication. (PDF, 150 KB)

Comments: Mirca Madianou (University of Cambridge) (PDF, 92 KB)

E-seminar on Nations in cyberspace (PDF, 350 KB)

E-seminar 10

21-28 February 2006. Katrien Pype (Catholic University Leuven): "I do not want to marry my ngatiul." Mass-mediated alliances between youngsters and Neo-Pentecostalism in Kinshasa. (PDF, 240 KB)

Comments: Kelly Askew (University of Michigan) (PDF, 82 KB)

E-seminar on "I do not want to marry my ngatiul" (PDF, 208 KB)

E-seminar 9

17-24 January 2006. Brian Street (King's College London): Autonomous and ideological models of literacy: Approaches from new literacy studies. (PDF 207 KB)

Comments: Dorle Dracklé (University of Bremen) (PDF, 76 KB)

E-seminar on Autonomous and ideological models of literacy (PDF, 239 KB)

E-seminar 8

8-15 November 2005. Francisco Osorio (University of Chile): Why is interest in mass media anthropology growing? (PDF 160 KB)

Comments: Mark Peterson (Miami University) (PDF, 122 KB)

E-seminar on Why is interest in mass media anthropology growing? (PDF, 410 KB)

E-seminar 7

27 September - 4 October 2005. E-seminar on Researching the internet with an introductory statement by Birgit Bräuchler (University of Munich) (PDFs 320 KB, 150 KB)

Comments: Christine Hine (University of Surrey) (PDF, 89 KB)

E-seminar 6

28 June - 5 July 2005. Elisenda Ardèvol (UOC Catalonia): Catálogo de sueños: Las relaciones personales en Internet como producto de consumo. (PDF, 1,4 MB)

English version: Dream gallery: Online dating as a commodity. (PDF, 1,2 MB)

Comments: Kyra Landzelius (Gothenburg University) (PDF, 117 KB)

E-seminar on Dream gallery (PDF, 310 KB)

E-seminar 5

17-24 May 2005. Mihai Coman (University of Bucharest): Media anthropology: An overview. (PDF, 260 KB)

Comments: Debra Spitulnik (Emory University) (PDF, 77 KB)

E-seminar on Media anthropology (PDF, 300 KB)

E-seminar 4

19-26 April 2005. John Postill (University of Staffordshire): Media anthropology in a world of states. (PDF, 370 KB)

Comments: Faye Ginsburg (New York University) (PDF, 95 KB)

E-seminar on Media anthropology in a world of states (PDF, 310 KB)

E-seminar 3

22 February - 1 March 2005. Sarah Pink (Loughborough University) and Ana Martinez Perez (University Rey Juan Carlos, Fuenlabrada): A fitting 'social model': Culturally locating telemadres.com. (PDF, 260 KB)

Comments: Pille Runnel (Estonian National Museum / University of Tartu) (PDF, 80 KB)

E-seminar on A fitting 'social model' (PDF, 240 KB)

E-seminar 2

11-18 January 2005. Jonathan Skinner (Queen's University Belfast): At the electronic evergreen: A computer-mediated ethnography of a newsgroup from Montserrat and afar. (PDF, 60 KB)

Comments: Birgit Bräuchler (University of Munich) (PDF, 85 KB)

E-seminar on At the electronic evergreen (PDF, 200 KB)

E-seminar 1

23-30 November 2004. Katarina Graffman (University of Uppsala): The cruel masses: How producers at a Swedish commercial television production company construct their viewers. (PDF, 80 KB)

Comments: Mark Hobart (SOAS) (PDF, 20 KB)

E-seminar on The cruel masses (PDF, 150 KB)