

Medical Anthropology Young Scholars Network (MAYS)

4th Annual Meeting “Impediments and Catalysts”, June 10-11, 2013, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona

In 2013, another two-day MAYS meeting took place at the University of Tarragona right before the joint Medical Anthropology conference organized by SMA/EASA Mednet/University Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona. The meeting was attended by approximately 100 students, PhD candidates, and postdoctoral researchers in Medical Anthropology from across the globe.

The 30 papers that were presented during the two days were grouped in 6 panels: 1) Immersing in field work as a relational process, 2) Meeting ethico-political responsibilities, 3) Including embodied knowledge, 4) (Re)Shaping and enriching the methodology, 5) Navigating ideological divides, 6) Challenging political/structural/institutional frameworks.

For several of the speakers, this meeting constituted the first opportunity to present their work to their peers in a constructive atmosphere. This was highly appreciated by many of the speakers, and MAYS will continue to function as a platform for young scholars in this manner.

The MAYS 2014 meeting is currently being planned. It will be hosted by the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin, and will take place on July 4-5, 2014. This meeting will be a bit smaller in scale in order to allow participants to exchange thoughts on each others' work in a more intense manner. The meeting will also entail workshops on topics such as 'Anthropology and Policy' and 'Writing a research proposal in Medical Anthropology'. The MAYS coordinators thus hope that the MAYS network will continue being useful and inspiring to young scholars in Medical Anthropology. They also express their gratitude for the generous funding EASA provided for this year's meeting.