MAYS
Medical Anthropology
Young Scholars
an EASA network (European Association of Social Anthropologists)

4th Annual Meeting
"Impediments and Catalysts"

June 10th & 11th, 2013
Universitat Rovira i Virgili,
Facultat de Lletres, Tarragona, Spain

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Monday, June 10th, 2013

➤ 8h “Check-in”/registration for MAYS meeting (and EASA/SMA/URV Joint Conference “Encounters and Engagements”)

➤ 9h – 9h15 Welcome and introduction (Aula Magna)

➤ 9h30 – 11h Parallel panels 1a (Sala de Graus) & 2a (Aula 201)

Panel 1a: **Immersing in fieldwork as a relational process**
Chair: Lina Masana (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
➤ 9h30 - Informants and/or friends? Friendship as method in medical anthropology
Tanja Ahlin (University of Amsterdam)
➤ 10h - Rethinking auto-ethnography. The subjective relationship in ethnographic method
Elisa Alegre (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
➤ 10h30 - The field: An emotional affair. Inner dialogue and self-reflection in action
Marion Linska (University of Vienna)

Panel 2a: **Meeting ethico-political responsibilities**
Chair: Katerina Vidner Ferkov (University of Nova Gorica)
➤ 9h30 - What constitutes ethical ethnographic research among adults with intellectual disability? Considerations for the study of the relational dynamics between carers and the cared for within supported-living settings
Carys Banks (University of Bath)
➤ 10h - The (in)adequacy of eliciting narrative among brain injury survivors. Methodological challenges, ethical concerns and open-ended questions
Livia Garofalo (University of Bologna)
➤ 10h30 - Engagements with the future donor: Exploring notions of body and personhood in interviews about organ donation
Maria Olejaz (University of Copenhagen)

➤ 11h – 11h15 Coffee break / Poster exhibition

➤ 11h15 – 12h45 Parallel panels 1b (Sala de Graus) & 2b (Aula 201)

Panel 1b: **Immersing in fieldwork as a relational process**
Chair: Milena Solé Kienle (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)
➤ 11h15 - “Cassowary, Anna died on Wednesday and the body came to the village, buried on Friday afternoon”. Reflecting on personal involvement in medical anthropological research in Papua New Guinea
Franziska Herbst (University of Heidelberg)
➤ 11h45 - In between medical science. Finding a way of medical anthropology research in palliative care in Tanzania
Andrea Buhl (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich)
➤ 12h15 - The positioned researcher
Laura Camarasa Andrés (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

Panel 2b: **Meeting ethico-political responsibilities**
Chair: Misty Clover (Idaho State University)
➤ 11h15 - What is ethnography? Who is ethnographer?: Encounter between emotion and ethic of ethnographer with informants’ social representations and stereotypes
Prachatip Kata (University of Amsterdam)
➤ 11h45 - Who is a participant? Studying-up and the intersection of ethics and audience in an ethnography of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Uruguay
Megan Wainwright (University of Durham)
➤ 12h15 - “A fragile job” and strong resolve: Traditional midwives (matwòns) and the navigation of risk and recognition in northern Haiti
Analiese Watson (Oregon State University)

➤ 13h – 13h45 Opening ceremony (Aula Magna)
Opening of the medical anthropology books exhibition

➤ 13h45 – 15h15 Lunch
Parallel panels 1c (Sala de Graus) & 2c (Aula 201)

**Panel 1c: Immersing in fieldwork as a relational process**

Chair: Ruari-Santiago McBride (Queen’s University Belfast)

- 15h15 - Locating research on sex work in Berlin  
  Ursula Probst (Freie Universität Berlin)

- 15h45 - Migration, embodied suffering and healing. Ethnographic inquiries among Romanian and Romanian Roma Pentecostal communities in Torino  
  Cecilia Rubiolo (University of Turin)

- 16h15 - Promises and challenges of hospital ethnography: Reflections on a brief fieldwork experience  
  Alice Larotonda (University of Amsterdam)

**Panel 2c: Meeting ethico-political responsibilities**

Chair: Laura Camarasa Andrés (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

- 15h15 - Patient hierarchies in ambulance services in Norway and methodological reflections on vulnerable field sites  
  Aleksandra Bartoszko (Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences)

- 15h45 - Two plus two does not always equal four  
  Gloria Morales (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

- 16h15 - Exploring new technologies and old relations in heart care through intervention  
  Karen Nielsen (University of Copenhagen)

Coffee Break / Poster exhibition

Panel 3 (Aula 201): Including embodied knowledge

Chair: Tanja Ahlin (University of Amsterdam)

- 17h - Embodied knowledge. Talking about masturbation and the role of the participant observer during fieldwork at sperm banks  
  Sebastian Mohr (University of Copenhagen)

- 17h30 - Ethnographic and methodological contributions to the anthropology of childbirth experience: Cultural meanings, embodiment, and resistance  
  Patricia Nuñez (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

Dinner

Tuesday, June 11th, 2013

Panel 4a (Aula 201): (Re)shaping and enriching the methodology

Chair: Dominik Mattes (Freie Universität Berlin)

- 9h30 - Pharmaceutical subjectivity in a mental health centre. Survival and chronification in time of crisis in Madrid  
  María Reneses (Centro Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid)

- 10h - Alternative observation with HIV-positive adolescents  
  Yi-Tsun Chen (Australian National University, Canberra)

- 10h30 - The post-mastectomy breast reconstruction and the multiple ways to reconstruct “femininity”  
  Cinzia Greco (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales/CERMES3)

Coffee break / Poster exhibition

Panel 4b (Aula 201): (Re)shaping and enriching the methodology

Chair: Susann Huschke (Freie Universität Berlin/Queen’s University Belfast)

- 11h - Are cell phones and social media effective data collection tools? Findings from an ethnographic study on the daily lives of South African township youth  
  Michelle Nebergall (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland)
Online ethnography in medical anthropology: The analysis of readers’ comments in online newspapers
Arantza Beguería (University of Barcelona)

Mixed methodology in a study of emotional distress in adolescents: Advantages and disadvantages
Natalia Carceller-Maicas (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

12h45 – 14h15 Lunch
14h15 – 15h15 Panel 5 (Aula 201): Navigating ideological divides
Chair: Manfred Egbe Egbe (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

Sexual and reproductive health in Mexico
Anastasia Martino (University of Milano)

Research on medical pluralism in 21st century India, or ubiquitous questions of ethics, methods, and funding
Venera Khalikova (University of Pittsburgh)

15h15 – 15h30 Coffee break / Poster exhibition
15h30 – 16h30 Panel 6 (Aula 201): Challenging political/structural/institutional frameworks
Chair: Katerina Vidner-Ferkov (University of Nova Gorica) and Dominik Mattes (Freie Universität Berlin)

Geographic complexities in and between fields: Thinking with Chinese toxicology
Janelle Lamoreaux (University of California, Berkeley)

Indigenous bureaucracy and the positioned researcher
Jennifer Brown (University of Pennsylvania)

16h30 – 16h45 Coffee break / Poster exhibition
16h45 – 17h30 Final Discussion (Aula 201): “Imagined and lived realities of doing medical anthropology”

20h Dinner

Poster exhibition (Monday and Tuesday)

Layperson’s perceptions about type 2 diabetes mellitus in Kenya
Milicent Liani (University of Nairobi)

“The sweet was the best part”: Ethnography of the management of type 2 diabetes conducted in Health Education groups, Brazil
Lucas Melo (University of São Paulo)

Modern medical pluralism in Austria based on Asian practices
Andrea Pammer (University of Vienna)

Methods of anthropological investigation in the folk medicine field
Isabella Ricco (Universitat Rovira i Virgili)

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