



“Current Issues in Medical Anthropology: Mobility for Medical Anthropology Guest Lecturers within Europe”

*Invitation for participation
in the first initiative by the EASA medical anthropology network teaching officer*

► **Background:**

The EASA medical anthropology network has now been in existence for several years. Its aim is to promote medical anthropology within Europe in different ways, through meetings on specific themes, through networks among young scholars and also through initiatives to enhance our teaching. This is what this first initiative is about. We believe that, not least, due to the different languages and institutions in which medical anthropology has been taught and practised in Europe, there are some quite distinctive currents of teaching and doing medical anthropology and anthropology more generally.

This initiative is to promote mutual recognition of each other's endeavours, and to draw inspiration from them. There is hardly any funding for teaching exchange programmes, therefore this project is constructed as a research project, initiated by the EASA medical anthropology network: it should result in a book, the first of its kind.

► **Book project:**

“Current issues in medical anthropology (themes discussed among medical anthropologists in Europe)”

This is a call for participation for a particular kind of research project, which should result in a jointly authored book with a title approximating the one above.

We invite ca 12 authors to be guest lecturers, who displace themselves to another university for two to three months, in order to deliver 8-16 lectures (depending on the system of teaching into which they will be integrated) at dates of their convenience in the academic years 2011-13, starting on 1 Oct 2011 and ending on 30 Sept 2013.

The idea that this project promotes is that a lecturer gets to know a different teaching and research environment, makes new friends, and has many informal discussions with different colleagues on the ground, does teaching and pursues his or her own research, which need not be related directly to the guest lecture series.

► **Who can participate?**

Basically whoever qualifies to lecture in medical anthropology at University level and can find a Head of Department or teaching programme convenor in Europe who will invite them to teach in their premises.

Preference will be given, first, to EASA members enrolled in teaching and research at European Universities, then to guest lecturers currently enrolled in teaching and research at European Universities who are not EASA members, then to those at non-European and non-North American Universities, for whom a convincing case is made (e.g. did doctoral studies in Europe).

Senior lecturers are invited to consider displacing themselves during one of their sabbaticals, and the idea would be to go then to another University, and combine the teaching with their own personal research. The guest lecturer is expected to become resident at a different University over a brief period of time, as a visiting scholar and guest lecturer, and not to use the funds for shuttling between the home university and the university of one's choice where to one has been invited to guest lecture. This call for participation is furthermore directed at post-doctoral researchers, who wish to widen their horizons, practise another language, make their ideas known, and get some teaching experience.

► **Financial aspects of the project:**

The book project is anticipated to take about three years.

The EASA teaching officer, together with the UK facilitator, will make an application to a research funding body in the UK in March 2011, which provides funding for promoting research based on network collaborations (three years is max time for funding).

We anticipate that we can raise enough funds to allow each guest lecturer to receive a stipend of in total about £5000 - £6000, covering for living and travel costs for ca three months, but no salary.

They need not be by definition EASA members but this research project will be organised and mediated by the EASA med anthro network, i.e. the teaching officer (Dr Elisabeth Hsu) and a facilitator (yet to be determined, somewhere in the UK).

Each guest lecture series will result in a book chapter of about 9000 words, to be sent to the editors (E. Hsu and the facilitator) no later than Dec 2013.

► **Practical issues:**

Whoever wishes to go to whatever other university to teach or whoever wishes to invite someone to come to their university to teach should get in touch with each other and prepare an application with the following components (see below). It will be the guest lecturer's responsibility to find adequate accommodation, although it is hoped that the hosting institution will help the guest lecturer to find it. The EASA med anthro network teaching officer will only supply the stipend.

► **The jury:**

The EASA med anthro network steering committee decides which applications should be included in the project, by no later than 7 March 2011.

The successful participants will then be notified and should be prepared to participate in the application process to the funding body (e.g. provide additional information if necessary), for which the deadline is 20 March 2011.

Deadline and application procedure:

Applicants are invited to fill the application form and send it as an email attachment
at latest the 1st March 2011
to elisabeth.hsu@anthro.ox.ac.uk