



Moving
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Network

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Moving Anthropology Student Network (MASN)** invites
papers for it's
7th international conference

«Ethics and Human Rights in Anthropological Perspective»

to take place in Krzyżowa, Poland
March 24th – 28th 2010

MASN - The "Moving Anthropology Student Network" was set up with the aim of connecting anthropology students and graduates around the world. That is why we would like YOU to present your latest research, fieldwork results and other experiences or interests in form of a paper-presentation, workshop/roundtable discussion or fringe event on our next conference and discuss them with other anthropology students from different countries.

For further information about the MASN visit <http://movinganthropology.ning.com/>.

For news about this conference visit Polish MASN conference website:
<http://www.masn-poland.cba.pl/>

Conference days will be divided in **morning** (papers presentation) and **afternoon** (roundtable discussions, workshops) **sessions** as well as **fringe events** (excursions, exhibitions, performances, films and other) in the evening. Each of the full conference days will be devoted to one of the subtopics.

Subtopics

1. Anthropology of Development
2. Fieldwork Dilemmas
3. Human Rights – Relativity and Universalism of Categories

Anthropology of Development:

Development, a term which evolved from western idea of progress is nowadays widely used to describe the improvement of human living conditions. What we would like to discuss is, how the idea of development influences various cultures, and how it is influenced by them, and finally, what is the price we pay for development. We are interested in comparative studies of the idea of development as well as in fieldwork experiences of young researches.

Fieldwork Dilemmas:

For this subtopic we invite papers, workshops and roundtables concerning the dilemmas anthropologists face while researching cultures which axiological systems are totally different from their own and strategies they develop to cope with the dissonance. Young anthropologists presenting papers on their own ethical dilemmas during the fieldwork would be much favoured.

Human Rights – Relativity and Universalism of Categories:

Are Human Rights an universal set of principles valid for every human being, despite their creed, colour and culture, as they are meant to? Or are they just another form of western colonialism? Shall the anthropologist protect these values or rather accept cultural norms which contradict them, no matter how oppressive they are? What is the degree of universality of these categories? On the third day we will try to propose answers to some of those questions.

Structure of the Conference:

The **morning sessions** will allow the presentation of 3 papers. Each selected presenter will be given 20 minutes for his/her presentation, which is planned to be followed by a discussion of up to 30 minutes. There will also be room for short breaks between presentations.

The **afternoon sessions** are open for Roundtable discussions (approx. 2 hours long) headed by one or two selected moderators, who may provide further space for picking up on discussions from the morning sessions. Additionally there will be workshops (2-4 hours long) organized by selected participants.

Furthermore **additional events** will give space for exhibitions, performances, the development of radio programs, film and theatre projects, or other ideas.

We count on your creative contributions!

Therefore we would like to ask interested presenters and convenors to send abstracts of their papers and presentations (between 300 and 400 words) until **January 31th** 2010 to masn.poland@gmail.com on the application form attached and available for downloading at the www.masn-poland.cba.pl.
An international committee of MASN members will decide on the selection of papers.

Conference fee:

35 Euro for participants presenting paper

90 Euro for participants without the paper

Applications for the reimbursement of some of the expenses of the participants are pending, therefore the conference fees might eventually be lower.

Further enquiries are welcome.

Please forward this call to all those that might be interested!