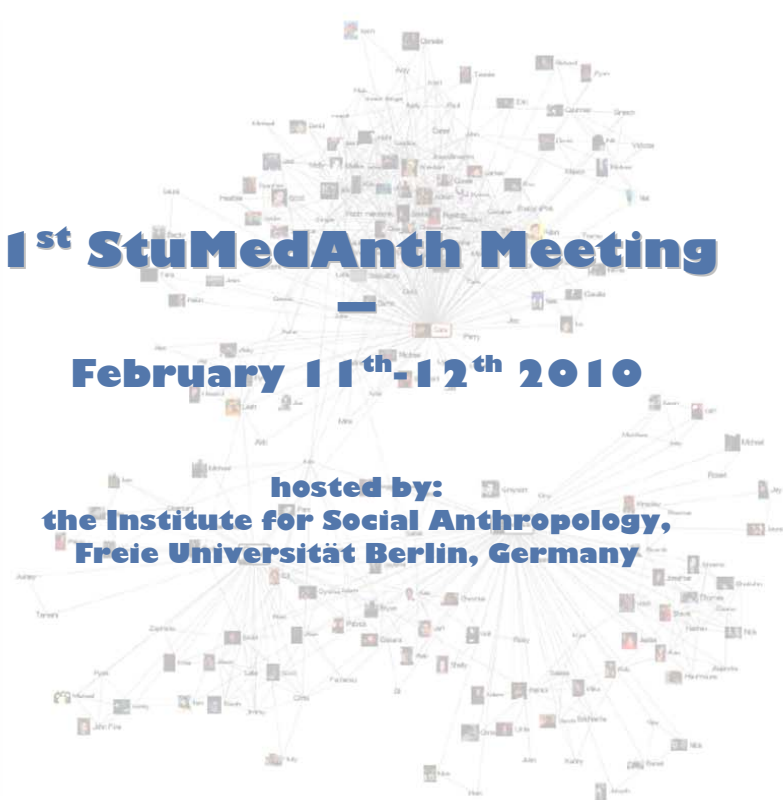


# 1<sup>st</sup> StuMedAnth Meeting

February 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2010

hosted by:  
the Institute for Social Anthropology,  
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany



The first meeting of the EASA Medical Anthropology Student Network took place in Berlin, Germany, on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The meeting was organized by Susann Huschke (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany) and Claire Beaudevin (Université Paul-Cézanne, Aix-Marseille, France), student representatives within the committee of the EASA Medical Anthropology Network. The Institute for Social Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin, hosted the two-day event.

The EASA Medical Anthropology Student Network was established in May 2009 and has since then grown to the size of more than 150 members, studying in more than 15 different European countries. The Berlin meeting offered a possibility for students of Medical Anthropology to introduce their research to peers, get in contact with other young researchers, and create networks.

In total, about 40 young scholars participated, 19 of them presented their research questions, designs, or results in short papers. Participants came from all over Europe: France, UK, Netherlands, Denmark, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, Austria, Spain, and Italy; one of the speakers even flew all the way from Uganda to participate in the meeting.



Presentations covered a wide range of topics in Medical Anthropology, reflecting current trends in the field. Common themes included the anthropology of pharmaceuticals; migrant health; fertility, and reproduction; HIV/AIDS, ARVs and state policies; public health discourses; spiritual healing in the context of medical pluralism; mental health; anthropological research in hospitals; disability; and ethics and responsibilities of anthropological fieldwork.



In addition to paper presentations, an interactive workshop on Applied Medical Anthropology was offered on the second day by Rachael Goberman-Hill, senior research fellow at the University of Bristol (UK) and committee member of the EASA Medical Anthropology Network, and Kathryn Tomlinson, researcher for the British Ministry of Defense. This workshop was a precious

opportunity to collectively discuss various aspects of the job quest for young scholars in medical anthropology: what kind of institutions may hire medical anthropologists; how to read and answer a job announcement; how to introduce oneself during an audition; etc.

The workshop participants enjoyed the opportunity provided by this conference: to discuss many practical aspects of doctoral research with peers, and present their work in a critical, yet cooperative and stimulating atmosphere. Research topics and discussions showed thematic similarities beyond the variability of European university "landscapes".

Two upcoming events will allow network members to further strengthen the contacts and collaborations developed during this first exciting meeting:

- Workshop on *Medical Anthropology, Interdisciplinarity and Public Space* in Oxford, UK on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010, co-organized with the Oxford University Anthropological Society (CFP will be distributed in the near future).
- Network meeting at the EASA conference in Maynooth, Ireland, in August 2010.



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