

Final Report of the Coordination Meeting
moving Anthropology student network

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Preface

The Coordination meeting from 04 to 06 february 2005 in Vienna, was the first interpersonal happening after some months of mainly virtual communication. We, the viennese organisation group, designed this meeting under the following criterias.

The main idea was to connect people. We thought this works best when we stay together and work together. Now the coordination meeting is already history, but we think due to the enriching and funny time we spent together, it's easy to bear in remembrance the idea of a transnational studentsnetwork and to sustain efforts.

Another idea was to create a common basis, to share our local experiences and histories. As far as we can say, we think this worked very well. We managed to decentralise processes and people assumed responsibility for special tasks (like web moderation, networking, homepage...) especially in the MASN studentsnetwork.

As the Viennese group wants to organize a conference in November 2005 we asked the Incomings (from Germany, Spain, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland and Slovenia) to provide us with information and critique.

The whole weekend was designed to see what already exists and to go together a step further. Because we want and we need to move something in Anthropology.

Friday 04 02 2005

Martin Luger and Gregor Jakob

The Friday program was based on two major topics described by the morning and afternoon session titles, "motivation" and "visions".

Table 1: Friday seating plan

(Thomas)	Sarah (A)	Ana (A)	Ales (Slo)	Sasa (Slo)	Freya (Ger)	Joanna (PL)	Marija (A)	Marina (S&M)
Clemens (Ger)								Tanja (A)
Anton (Sp)								Katja (A)
Gregor (A)								Benny (Ger)
							(Stefan)	Aga Kubal (PL)
								Aga (PL)
						Martin (A)		Anna (PL)

Seating
plan:
Friday

Friday 04.02.2005 morning session “Motivation”

“Challenge your attributes”

game setting for easy conversation and getting together in an informal way, much fun and first unstressed talking-to-the-audience-experience for getting rid of possible fears. Good start with good side effects.

“Introduction round”

warming up conversation with/ in the audience, introduction of the “talking stick” and four central questions (personal data?, what am I in?, why am I here?, what are my expectations?)

After the getting together we started the thematic dimension of the coordination meeting. Due to transparency we started with a brief session about what has happened here in Vienna the last six months (connecting, foundation of Walz-moving Anthropology association, preparation of the coordination meeting). Then the forum was open for the incomings to speak about their local as well as national work, processes and similar projects.

Compendium of the “declaring interest” presentations:

Anton (E): In Spain (similar then in Poland) you have to study something before you can begin studying S&C-Anthropology. In Barcelona there are four people in the creating process, there are contacts also between Barcelona and Madrid, he’s interested in improving student-professor-interactions. In Spain already exists a student network (Spanish spoken).

Connection to existing projects important (EASA...)

Clemens (D): held up one German-speaking conference (Benni was included in the planning team) last year in Tübingen (approximately 150 people from mainly Germany, Austria and Switzerland). Many contacts are still easy to push in life again, there is a need for expanding a much larger network, with more space for more contacts and communication, looking for new data-bases and homepage-forums.

Ales, Sasa (SLO): European funding (youth-programs), conference (topic: “subculture”) and network “roaming anthropology” in Slovenia, Serbia Montenegro, Macedonia and Croatia, also a few contacts, problem in particular countries Visa-necessity.

Marina (SM): also talking about the mobility problem of people from former Yugoslavian countries and others (Balkan, Eastern Europe). One needs a visa for visiting European countries – so every time you have to go to embassies... but this time it was no problem to get one and it was also for free (because of an official invitation letter from Vienna)

Anna (PL): Social Anthropology section/department, “inner polish” network between larger university cities (Breslau, Warschau, Krakau), cooperation’s with given structures are very important (EASA, departments, universities,...). **Aga Kubal:** special interests migration and the changing Europe in- and outside the EU.

Joanna: mobility and getting around in Europe is a great chance for future perspectives.

Aga: there are many things going on in the field of S&C-Anthropology in Poland, good scientists are working together, could use a broader forum.

Important in general is the gathering of needful informations like contact addresses in some kind of a self organised transeuropean network

Friday 04.02.2005 afternoon session “Visions of a transnational Student Network”

“List of wishes and visions”

We started after a one hour break into the second session of the day. The main goal for this session was in the first step to collect existing visions of a student network and in a second step to go further and create a structure for organization and communication which is able to realize as much of the visions as possible.

Group work for the topic: “wish list on a transnational students network”

Central questions: which vision do we have for a transnational student forum? Whom do we want to reach? Which goals are realistic and central?

Group 1

importance of sharing informations and experiences; framework is essential to reach other fields of the society, also some kind of political statement, need for database (info/knowledge-pool) for intern communication and to reach people (information, education, forming of opinions) addresses and contact to real persons is important to guarantee a sustain function of the network, important is also the contact to already existing institutions in the scientific but also broader field, with this coordination meeting we are already a transnational student network (!!!), the November conference is important for further steps, for an ongoing coordination it would be important to create something like pressure groups with specific tasks/functions.

Group 2

there should be smaller workshops and informal meetings throughout the year with specific topics for creating responsibilities and more “real” contacts, there’s need for a LOGO (contest), a web page has to be designed, there should be a social network to provide free accommodation for network-members in the particular countries, the network is dynamic and non-hierarchic, there are representatives from different countries (no borders) and there are sections (theoretical and practical/applied and virtual) recruited out of shared interests (platforms of shared interests), there are local centres in the countries and one central coordination department in the conference hosting country (this year: studentforum - WALZ – moving Anthropology), there should be no presidency of any person or department.

Group 3

real meetings are reanimating, there’s plenty of space needed (for self representation and free communication and more specific communication), we should contact still existing personal and professional structures (universities, professors, the EASA, and so on...), we should expand only when there’s enough content that fills potential gaps (?), that could mean we don’t want to be a vacuum - for this we need responsibilities and deadlines (organisation structures in general, especially for conference preparations), we should have a PR (public relations) – management as well (we want to tell the world, that we are here – how?), Anthropological Journals.

Group 4

free access (open to everyone), local touch/notion in every participating country-group (specific interests) at the conference, local action is the base of global communication, also offer space for new projects (not just the conference, also other spaces where A's insights are useful: radio, publishing company, fieldwork projects), we should invite non-professional and already employed anthropologists.

“Separation process”

After the presentation of the group working process we continued to discuss a possible organigram of structure and communication. As a result of the advanced time (we were already late) we discussed first structure and second the communication in the plenum. Which “structure” and “communication” is necessary for a dynamically growing network?

Structure

We started thinking of an possible way of coordinating our efforts. The possible outcome of a supranational structure was discussed, but because of too few knowledge about international organisation structures we decided to talk again on the conference about the supranational structure (own workshop).

Following points have been discussed and agreed as essential:

- The need of legal bodies on the local level (especially for funding process for the Austrian conference in nov 2005)
- Minimal standards for the future?
- National brokers: Local Representative(s) as central gatekeepers for network

Communication

How can we communicate? How does information flow? Is the existing newsgroup enough?

Following points have been discussed and agreed as essential:

- Moderators for the web (national)
- Workshop at the conference: homepage
- Net: names and addresses of coordinators; structure? – Homepage has to be easy: clemens and benni from tübingen together with a friend, create the homepage.

Saturday 05.02.2005 morning session

Tanja Prinz, Sarah Egger, Katja Seidel

Table 2: Saturday seating plan

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Martin (A)						Katja (A)
						Sarah (A)
		Tanja (A)				

1) Course of events

There was the idea of one topic for the whole conference, but soon we decided on one topic each day with fitting workshops in the afternoon. It was common sense, that there will be most output that way.

Conference will be from Thursday to Sunday in November (no exact date so far)

possible dates:

3. – 6. 11. 2005
10. – 13. 11. 2005
17. – 20. 11. 2005
24. – 27. 11. 2005

- first three days presentation of papers in the morning-sessions (always a break between one paper and the next, because of arrangements like TV, overhead, cigarettes and coffee,...); workshops in the afternoon (talking in smaller groups about theme of personal interest - one of the four papers presented in the morning) about the papers from the morning session, and a forum for reflection the afternoon-forum (all together again)
- Sunday for talk about the future of the network and statutes, next conference...

Timetable for the conference (so far)

10.00 – 10.20	+ 10 min.	First paper and discussion
10.30 – 10.45	break 15 min.	
10.45 – 11.05	+ 10 min.	Second paper and discussion
11.15 – 11.30	break 15 min.	
11.30 – 11.50	+ 10 min.	Third paper and discussion
12.00 – 12.15	break 15 min.	
12.15 – 12.35	+ 10 min.	Fourth paper and discussion
12.45 (13.00) – 14.00	Lunchtime	
14.00 – 16.00	Discussion tables for each topic of the morning lessons	
16.00 – 16.30	Break 30 min.	
16.30 – 18.00 (open...)	Reflection, forum, discussiongroup all together about special day theme; (e.g.: ethic component, gender, future of the WALZ...	

2) Place for the conference

We (WALZ) thought when we put together the thoughts of the conference to plan something for about 30 people, so we wanted to discuss the option of going to a seminar hotel. Very soon it became clear, that people from the coordinationmeeting think of much more people (mainly because of experiences from people of Germany and Poland – they already had organized conferences in their countries)

New plan:

- To have a conference for about 100 people or more.
- Conference could take place in Vienna
 - conference-room at the University (difficult because of the time)
 - other locations (cheap as possible)
 - students stay at other students houses
 - rent a youth-hostel or other cheap sleeping places
- Conference could take place outside Vienna
 - Some kind of house with cooking facilities, where we all stay and also the conference will take place

Both ideas were to be accepted by the group; we decided to leave it open – depends on the money we will get (funding) and the infrastructure in Vienna, the possibilities we have...

3) Funding

People formed national groups to think about ways how to raise money (national + international)

- Poland
 - budget for Universities for international cooperation
 - Department for Sociology
 - Student societies
 - ask NGO's – private

- EU-projects – EU
- Germany
 - EU
 - Private sponsors: publishing houses
 - International cooperations that already exist
 - Partnership organizations between 2 countries
 - Astor: student organization
 - DGU: Germans Anthropology Society
 - EVIFA: virtual library
 - Budget of Universities
- Slovenia
 - Department of Anthropology
 - Youth group of Slovenia
 - Students society of Lubljana
- Spain
 - Will try to get money for travel expences for the people, national bound money
 - Not to many chances to get money for the conference

Where can we get money?

- University
- Students society
- Private sponsors
- NGO's
- International : partnership cooperations
- EU – funding (Youth exchange program,...)

The plan is to get national bound money for travel expenses; for countries with less resources Vienna tries to sponsor.

Austria is trying to get the money for the conference (for the conference-room, housing?, for sponsoring people who present papers, coffee...)

Main point: WALZ group needs legal-body-partners in every country for the money from EU !!!

Saturday, 05.02.2005 Afternoon Session

Ana Subotic

In the afternoon session we have discussed the question of possible topics of the forthcoming conference in November 2005.

Background information:

We, the Vienna group have sent a list of possible topics for the conference. Comments have come via email from Spain, Slovenia and Poland.

Decisions:

1 st day	2 nd day	3 rd day	4 th day
Europe	Decision of the Austrian group	Ding Athropology – research, teaching, profession	Networking

The **first day** of our conference will be devoted to Europe in different aspects. For the *Call for Papers* we, the Austrian group will find a nicer title and give examples of possible topics (ex. Europe and Identity, European Union and minorities...)

For the theme of the **second day** of the conference the Austrian group will be responsible. The decision has been taken that every future host-country should have (at least) one day where the local comity will have the possibility to decide on the topic. On this way it is guarantied that the issues especially relevant for the students of the host-country will be addressed.

The **third day** will concentrate on specific topics especially relevant for students of anthropology. At the beginning papers about students projects will be presented, later on there will be discussions or workshops about job opportunities, teaching (ex.: specialisation of different institutes, ...) and the future of studying anthropology (ex.: Bologna-process...)

The **forth day** will be used for networking, feedback and planning of future projects. Since MASN has as one of its goals the annual organisation of a conference, each time in a different host-country (member of the network), on this day it should also be decided where the next conference should take place.

Sunday 06.02.2005 Morning

by Marija Martinovic

We used the Sunday morning session to reflect on the topics we have discussed the two days before. We also talked about who wants to take responsibility for the subgroups we have established.

Retrospect, some new questions and reflections

The things to be done after coordinators come back to the home countries:

- Make contacts with the existing legal structures or foundation of new structures (associations like in vienna...)
- Try to find sources for funding (especially travel expenses)
- Inform all national students at the different Anthropological Institutes and other institutions

How to include new countries? Everybody uses his/her personal contacts (contacts exist to Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Ireland, Spain, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro, Poland)

To make a Logo contest in the newsgroup – everybody is invited to present his/her ideas until: 10.03.2005

We decided democratically that the name of our forum would be:

Moving Anthropology student Network – MASN

(critiques are welcome)

Very important question is the possible number of participants and how to select them (because of private accommodation). We had three main suggestions:

- First 100 applied participants after the application deadline
- To give fixed places for every participant country according to students numbers and or different institutes
- To give 50 fixed and 50 free places

The Viennese team will decide how they solve these questions.

The question about whether there should be a fee for the conference. Is there a possible way of decentralizing this process – the money transfer?

This question is left to be discussed in every local group.

Web page – what should be on the WebPages...

- Who we are, genesis, links, photo gallery, newsgroup connection etc....?

All deadlines (application...) and the following processes are left to be discussed and solved by the Viennese group.

The last discussion was how to organise a possible main body responsible for decisions?

Should there be any difference between existing members and new ones.....?

Appendix

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