

**Meeting of the WG on Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis
in Innsbruck and online, Saturday 29th September 2022**

7 participants

Members (6)

Alf Arvidsson, Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik, Anders Gustavsson, Katre Kikas, Konrad Kuhn, Burkhard Pöttler

Guests (1)

Fabiana Dimpflmeier

1. Welcome

The meeting starts at 10:00.

Konrad welcomes the participants of the meeting and proposes the following agenda for the meeting: (1) Welcome, (2) Introduction of members and guests, (3) Reports from the current chairs and secretary: Current issues, (4) Collaboration with History of Anthropology Network (EASA), (5) Plans for SIEF 2023 in Brno, and (6) Closing. The agenda is approved by the participants of the meeting. Konrad leads the meeting.

2. Introduction of members and guests

All participants of the meeting introduce themselves.

3. Current issues

Konrad speaks briefly about the conference "Past Futures: Historical Approaches the Analysis of Uncertainties and Ruptures", 29-30th of September 2022, Innsbruck, Austria. Conference organized by the SIEF-Working-Group „Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis” and the Department of History and European Ethnology of the University of Innsbruck

This conference starts in the afternoon: <https://www.uibk.ac.at/geschichte-ethnologie/institut/ee/aktuelles/past-futures.html>

Participants introduce new publications:

Gustavsson, Anders Karl Gustaf (2020). Nineteenth-Century Cholera Epidemics in Sweden from a Popular Perspective. *Arv. Nordic Yearbook of Folklore* 76, p. 119–150.

Gustavsson, Anders Karl Gustaf (2021). Faith, death, and the internet in Norway and Sweden. *Traditiones* 50 (3), p. 99–111.

Gustavsson, Anders Karl Gustaf (2021). The Impact of Religious Reform on the Material Culture of Popular Piety in Scandinavia. In Maeyer, Jan de & Margry, Peter Jan (Red.), *Material Change The Impact of Reform and Modernity on Material Religion in North-West Europe, 1780-1920*. Leuven University Press, p. 416–423.

Dimpflmeier, Fabiana (2021): *Antropologia italiana e fascismo. Ripensare la storia degli studi demo-etno-antropologici*, Lares, 2-3, 2021.

Dimpflmeier, Fabiana (ed.) (2022), *Il coro disvela una legge segreta. James G. Frazer tra antropologia, studi classici e letteratura*, Roma, Carocci.

Konrad encourages people to publish information about their publications and events either on our webpage (<https://www.siefhome.org/wg/haca/members.shtml>) or in our Facebook group page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/137301270134073>). Please also use the possibility to send any relevant information to the co-chairs, so they can add this to SIEF-Newsletter. Furthermore, every WG-member is able to send messages to our mailing-list: historical_approaches@lists.siefhome.org

4. Collaboration with History of Anthropology Network (EASA)

The coordinators of the History of Anthropology Network (HOAN) Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik and Fabiana Dimpflmeier talk about the aims and current issues of the network. The aim of the network is to encourage communication between anthropologists, historians and other scholars interested in the history of anthropology. They hope to organize a joint panel with our working group at the SIEF congress in Brno.

More information about HOAN can be found on <https://www.easaonline.org/networks/hoan/>

5. Plans for SIEF 2023 in Brno

Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik proposes to focus on East-West dynamics (dialogues, ambiguities etc) in the history of our discipline. Fabiana Dimpflmeier proposes to focus on fieldwork practices in different national settings, especially in the uncertain times. Katre Kikas proposes to focus on the uncertainties as they are reflected in the life writing practices (diaries, letters, memoris etc). Participants discuss how to merge those ideas into coherent panel proposal.

[In the meanwhile, a panel entitled “Encountering Uncertainties: Ethnographic Methods and National Traditions” has been submitted to SIEF, Organization: Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis and History of Anthropology Network, Convenors: Fabiana Dimpflmeier, Hande Birkalan-Gedik, Konrad Kuhn, Katre Kikas

Short abstract: Uncertainties play a great role in anthropological knowledge, theorization and methodology, as well as history-writing. We invite scholars to explore uncertainties as theme, occasion, and context of research in our disciplinary pasts. What can uncertainties teach us for the present and future?]

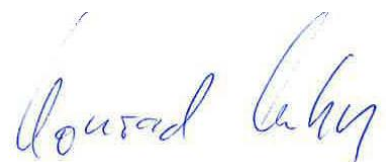
6. Closing

The meeting ends at 11.30

Minutes by Katre Kikas:



Katre Kikas, Tartu



Konrad Kuhn, Innsbruck