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The European Information and Research Network on Parliamentary History (EuParl.net) has previously organized international conferences on ‘The Europe of Parliaments’ in Paris in 2012 and on ‘The Ideal Parliament’ in The Hague in 2013 (see <https://euparl.net>). In its third international conference, EuParl.net invites experts on European parliamentary studies from various academic fields to present, discuss and rethink their latest methodological approaches. Special attention will be paid to anthropological, discourse analytical and oral approaches to parliamentary institutions as well as to the implications of the digitization of parliamentary records for research on parliaments. While individual papers may focus on one national parliament and on a limited historical period, comparative and transnational approaches are encouraged, and most papers are likely to address the common European tradition of parliamentary government, or government by discussion, in a way or another. This evolving tradition will play a key role also when European societies face future challenges as democratic, participatory, deliberating and innovative societies.

While providing an update on current approaches to anthropological, discourse-oriented, oral and digital parliamentary research, the conference aims at developing these methods further so that they could to better serve academic research in parliamentary history and related fields. It is expected to give rise to a collected volume on current methodologies in parliamentary studies. Furthermore, the conference and EuParl.net at large aim at increasing understanding of the significance of parliamentary traditions among the European publics at national and international levels.

The invited and confirmed speakers include several leading anthropologists, linguists, historians and political theorists: Marc Abeles (Paris), Emma Crewe (London), Shirin Rai (Warwick), Henk te Velde (Leiden), Ton van Haften (Leiden), Marnix Beyen (Antwerp) and Kari Palonen (Jyväskylä).



Proposals on methodological papers of no more than 20 minutes addressing the following questions are invited:

- How do anthropologists analyse social relations, rituals and ceremonies in parliaments and what can historians learn from these methods?
- How should oral history of parliaments be recorded and written?
- How do alternative linguistically and rhetorically oriented strategies to analyse parliamentary history relate to each other?
- How can political theorists make use of historical analyses of parliamentary discourse?
- What are the methodological implications and future possibilities for parliamentary history opened by the digitization of parliamentary records?

Please send an abstract of no more than 300 words to pasi.t.ihalainen@jyu.fi by 15 September 2013. The speakers will be informed about the acceptance of their papers by 15 October. The conference fee is expected to be 200 euros and will include charter coach transport from Helsinki to Jyväskylä and back, all meals and refreshments during the conference as well as an excursion.

Change policies that have led to



the resignation of Marshall Sahlins

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Campaign launched in March 2013.

The recent extraordinary act of Marshall Sahlins in resigning from the National Academy of Sciences is an exemplary expression of the critical function of Anthropology: at once for its advocacy of the rights of indigenous and minority peoples, and for its defiance, in the cause of scientific integrity, of an unwelcome collusion between the scholarly community and the powers-that-be.

In withdrawing from the most prestigious American scientific institution in protest of its support of research designed to improve the mission-efficiency of the U.S. military, Sahlins reaffirms his personal history of opposition to the neocolonial wars of recent decades, beginning with his leading role in the student



and university movement against the war in Vietnam.

Motivated as well by the election of Napoleon Chagnon to the National Academy of Sciences, Sahlins' protest reflects his long-standing criticism of biological reductionism in the human sciences, in Chagnon's case amplified by an anthropology of the Yanomami people of Amazonia worthy of tabloid journalism for its combination of ethnocentrism and scientific incompetence.

Simultaneously protesting against the militarization of scholarship and the consecration of prejudice, Sahlins offers a moral and intellectual example that deserves to be followed not only by anthropologists but in the academy at large.

First signatories:

-Mauro Barbosa de Almeida, Professor, departamento de Antropologia, Universidade Estadual de Campinas

-Eduardo Viveiros de Castro, Professor, Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

-Manuela Carneiro da Cunha, Professor emerita, departamento de Antropologia, University of Chicago

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In/vulnerabilities and Social



Change

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CRESC 2013 Conference SOAS, London, Sept, 4-6, 2013

In a world of radical political, economic and ecological uncertainty, lives and life chances are increasingly precarious for many. It is becoming ever more urgent to explore the **changing vulnerabilities of the majority**. At the same time, understanding the **in/vulnerabilities of elites** and their sometimes inadequate forms of **expertise and knowledge** is also crucial. These are the two central themes of the CRESC 2013 Conference, which is co-sponsored by the *Journal for Cultural Economy*.



Plenary speakers ...

... will include: Stephen Collier (New School of Social Research), Thomas Hylland Erikson (Oslo), Stephen Graham (Newcastle), Andrew Haldane (Bank of England), Kate Pickett (York), and Mattijs van de Port (Amsterdam). There will also be sub-plenary speakers, conference streams and panels.

Call for papers

We welcome submissions for individual **papers**, conference **panels**, and conference **streams**. **Panel and stream** proposals should include details of at least three individual papers. (Please visit the conference website for more details, and see closing dates below).

Conference details: time and place

- **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Russell Square, London**
- 4th-6th September, 2013

How to book your place

- Please visit the conference website (and note the dates below)

Crucial Dates

- 13th May 2013: closing date for paper, panel and stream submissions
- 31st July 2013: closing date for 'early bird' registrations
- 31st August 2013: closing date for all conference registrations (nb: places are limited and registrations may close before this date).
- 4th-6th September, 2013: conference dates



Conference website

Please visit the conference website for details, updates, and contact information, at <http://www.cresc.ac.uk/news-and-events/past-events/2013-conference-and-lecture/>

On CRESC

CRESC, the ESRC Funded Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change, is a collaboration between the Open University and the University of Manchester. Please visit our website at <http://www.cresc.ac.uk/> for more details.

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Constructing 'Global Governance'

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Constructing 'Global Governance': Approaches to the Technologies, Networks, Processes, and Sites of Transnational Law and Politics. AAA Annual Meeting 20-24 Nov, 2013, Chicago.

For submission to the Association of Legal and Political Anthropology (APLA), AAA Annual Meeting 20-24 Nov, 2013, Chicago Send abstracts **as soon as possible (and before April 15th, 2013)** to Alexander Orona (orona@un.org) and Matthew Canfield (matt.canfield@nyu.edu).

A panel is being organized for the AAA conferences which interrogates anthropological issues related to transnational legal and



political processes, often referred to as ‘global governance’ by some scholars. We invite interested scholars to send an abstract and a brief note explaining their interest.

WORKING ABSTRACT

Over the last several decades, new forms of regulation and governance have emerged within international and domestic institutions in response to the political and economic changes wrought by globalization. These political and legal innovations—which include, the use of numerical indicators, the creation of “soft law” based on best practices, multi-stakeholder consultations, and voluntary industry standards—seek to develop norms that span across geographic scales and ‘private’ and ‘public’ domains. Facilitated by contemporary digital technologies, these innovations have engendered a reorganization of global political space. Political scientists have termed these disparate technologies and practices “global governance.” This panel examines how these new processes are constitutive of new social and political economic formations. Drawing on recent research on “global assemblages” (Collier and Ong 2005), this panel asks: what does global governance mean as an object of anthropological study? How do these new technologies engender new transnational legal cultures and social relations?

City as Social Practice (Summer 2013)

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‘City as Social Practice’ of the Institute of Anthropology and the Institute of



African Studies, University Leipzig, Summer Term 2013 (Mondays from 5-7 pm)

EURIAS 2014/2015

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The European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS) Fellowship Programme is an international researcher mobility programme.

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The programme offers 10-month residencies -mainly in the Humanities and Social Sciences- in Berlin, Bologna, Brussels, Budapest, Cambridge, Delmenhorst, Freiburg, Helsinki, Jerusalem, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Uppsala, Vienna, Wassenaar, Zürich.

We are pleased to inform you that the EURIAS 2014/2015 call for applications has been launched today (www.eurias-fp.eu). Please find it attached in pdf file to this email. **The application deadline is July 5 2013.**

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Future of NGO Studies Conference

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Chicago, Nov. 19-20, 2013 ([Click here for more info](#))

Presented by: Northern Illinois University's Center for NGO? Leadership and Development



Co-sponsored by: DePaul University's Irwin W. Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning, Anthropology Department, School of Public Service, and International Public Service

Conference Coordinating Committee: Christian Vannier, Mark Schuller, Steve Sampson, David Lewis, Amanda Lashaw, and Pat Foley

The Future of NGO Studies conference is seeking individuals who are interested in becoming presenters for existing sessions. The conference will include roughly fifteen sessions, and the following are currently recruiting participants:

1. Beyond Neoliberalisms: Broadening the Focus of NGO Studies
2. The Anthropology of Conservation NGOs
3. The Ethics and Politics of NGO-Dependent Anthropology
4. Social Problems through the Lens of NGOs
5. Laboring in Nonprofits and NGOs
6. Re-contextualizing NGOs as Fieldsite
7. NGOs in the World System: Product or Provocation?

The website also provides a conference overview, a preliminary schedule, and a link to our pre-registration poll of people planning to attend the fall meeting.