

“PEER-TO-PEER AID”

5th Medical Anthropology Young Scholars (MAYS) Annual Meeting
04-05 July 2014, Freie Universität Berlin

After last year's successful, rather large meeting in Tarragona it is time to get together again for the annual MAYS 2014 meeting. This year we would like to have a smaller, more intimate meeting in order to provide some 'peer-to-peer aid':

We invite you, graduates and junior scholars in (medical) anthropology, to send us a paper in which you address crucial challenges you are currently facing at any stage of your work (MA thesis, PhD thesis, journal article etc.). These may be challenges with regard to methods, access, ethics, analysis, writing style but also any other matter that keeps occupying your mind.

The aim of this meeting is to critically engage with these issues in small working groups – within the familiar enjoyable and creative MAYS atmosphere. Hopefully, sharing your ideas and receiving constructive feedback from your peers will provide you with a new perspective on how to proceed with your work.

By the time you come to the meeting, you might have found solutions to these challenges yourself. In this case, however, we would like you to share with the participants how you managed to resolve them and thus maybe help others to overcome similar issues.

Format of the meeting

Friday, July 4th

On the first day, there will be two parallel **group sessions**, containing eight presentations each. They will include paper presentations of ten minutes followed by 20 minutes of discussion. Participants will be asked to submit their papers ahead of time so that everybody can read them beforehand. Furthermore, we will assign 'presenter tandems'. This means that **someone else will present your paper and comment on it, and you will be asked to comment on your tandem partner's paper**. This has proven to be a productive format that guarantees each presenter will receive well-founded feedback and typically initiates a constructive discussion.

Saturday, July 5th

On the second day, there will be two practice-oriented **workshops** conducted by experts in their field:

1) **'Writing a research proposal'** or **'Publishing in Medical Anthropology'** by Prof. Dr. Hansjörg Dilger, Freie Universität Berlin (final topic depending on participants' priorities)

2) **'Medical anthropology in/and public health'** by Nasima Selim, Freie Universität Berlin, and n.n.

Registration fee

There is **no registration fee**. We are currently exploring funding possibilities. Unfortunately though, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to refund speakers' travel costs and strongly encourage you to search for funding options in your own institutions.

Time line

We invite you to submit an **abstract of max. 300 words** that provides a brief outline of your research and explicates the challenge you want to address in your paper.

After the notification of acceptance you will be requested to submit your complete paper, which should be no longer than 5,000 words (excluding references).

Abstract submission at mays.easa@gmail.com

Deadline: February 23rd 2014

▶ **Notification of acceptance: 15th March 2014**

▶ **Deadline for paper submission: 15th May 2014**

We are looking forward to reading and hearing about your research projects and welcoming you in Berlin!

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