News from IMAN members - Autumn 2016

IMAN members have been involved in a number of activities over the past few months including:

Training events:

• “Anthropology in Public Health” - in June a training day was held for Special Registrars in Public Health Medicine, RCPI. The programme included
  o Introduction and Resources - BethAnn Roch
  o Anthropology in Global Health - Maire O’Connor
  o Qualitative research methods - Carol Barron
  o Input to programme design and implementation - vaccine hesitancy - Suzanne Cotter

Case study development:

• A subgroup of IMAN is developing case studies for training/teaching purposes

Publications:

• “Anthropology and its relevance to psychiatry.” E. A. Roch. Irish Journal of Psychological Medicine, August 2016, pp 1-4. This editorial is based on a presentation given to the AGM of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland and is freely accessible for the next 18 months via the IJPM blog at http://blog.irishpsychiatry.ie/anthropology-and-its-relevance-to-psychiatry-free-ijpm-article/

Public Talks and Lectures:

• Emma Heffernan (Maynooth University) gave a paper at the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) conference: “Erotic Enterprises: the impact of technology on the lives of female sex workers in Dublin, Ireland.” Session Panel: Technologies, bodies and identities on the move: migration in the modern electronic technoscape. EASA 2016 University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

• More than just 'Jumping the Budget': Marriage rituals amongst Irish Travellers in the 20th Century. “New Crop, Old Fields” 2016 Conference, Queen's University Belfast. Carol Barron and Almar Ennis examined narrative descriptions of 'Jumping the Broom' or 'Jumping the Budget' in responses to the
Traveller Questionnaire of 1952. The narratives dominantly describe the marriage ritual of 'Jumping the Budget' as the actual marriage ceremony without any religious involvement. It was viewed as a permanent and binding contract between the couple. A much smaller number of narratives describe the ritual as part of the wedding ceremony and/or in addition to a church ceremony. Responses to the Traveller Questionnaire can act as a unique lens to view the cultural transition within Traveller marriage rituals over time with, and without, the involvement of the Church and State.

- Decolonising knowledge. Folk medicine or biomedicine? A presentation given by Ronnie Moore at the 6th Euro - India International Conference on Holistic Medicine in Kerala, India, September 2016. Ronnie Moore will discuss this presentation and also the PREPARE project at the next IMAN meeting - date to be confirmed shortly.

Please let us know of any presentations, publications or upcoming events you would like us to circulate to IMAN members.

Date of the next IMAN meeting will be confirmed soon.

Best wishes,

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