

Europeanist network. Founding Statement

On the occasion of the 8th EASA Conference in Vienna a decision was taken to establish a *Europeanist Network*. The announcement was made at the Members' Forum, where it was granted status as a network within EASA. All members of EASA who are interested in taking Europe as a framework of reference, for purposes of teaching and/or research, are welcome to join in. With the establishment of this horizontal structure of cooperation we aim at pulling personal and academic resources together, for the mutual benefit of all. Networks also contribute to enrich and enhance the activities of a professional association such as EASA overall.

The objective of this network of Europeanists is to provide a forum for communication and an arena for debate between members on issues relevant to this region of the World, Europe. It will also be instrumental in identifying new themes in research and teaching, and in providing a platform for developing in collaboration all sort of projects to deal with them. Practical tasks ahead of us are: to build an e-mail list of members; to set up a webpage as part of EASA's website; to establish links of communication and exchange with other networks or organizations sharing common or overlapping concerns (i.e. AAA's Society for the Anthropology of Europe, EASA's Mediterraneanists network, ASA's or SIEF's relevant committees or working groups). We should also start planning the first of the network's workshop, either on the occasion of the 9th EASA Conference or before if it is judged convenient. We invite you to become a member of the network, and to let us know of whatever suggestions you might have as regards its organization.

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