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ANTHUSIA NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST ANTHUSIA NEWSLETTER

On January 1, 2018, the 4-year project ANTHUSIA ("Anthropology of Human Security in Africa") was officially launched. ANTHUSIA is run by a consortium of four universities in Denmark, United Kingdom, Belgium and Norway and cooperates with numerous partner organizations in Africa.

This project will combine interdisciplinary insights from Anthropology, Human Security and African Studies to develop analytical tools to critically understand and contribute to strengthening human security in Africa, and beyond. Please read more about the project at our webpage www.anthusia.eu

We strive to keep you informed on ANTHUSIA news and activities in this newsletter that will be sent out quarterly. Please send any relevant news or questions to korsbaek@cas.au.dk

MSCA FELLOWS

The Anthusia team has been firmly established with the recruitment of 16 brilliant young ESR's (Early Stage Researchers). They all started their positions with the project September 1, 2018 and will be based at either Aarhus University, University of Leuven, University of Oslo or University of Edinburgh. They will all conduct one year of fieldwork in Africa as well as do an internship with an African partner organization. They will also spend 6 months in one of the other universities.



ESR 1

Miriam Waltz, Aarhus University.

Read about Miriam's project [here](#)



ESR 2

Yayi Zheng, Aarhus University

Read about Yayi's project [here](#)



ESR 3

Annigje van Dijk, University of Leuven

Read more Annigje's project [here](#)



ESR 4

Evelien Storme, University of Leuven

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ESR 5

Rune Larsen

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ESR 6

Nicholas Wainman



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ESR 7

Lindokuhle Khumalo

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ESR 8

Kirsten Nielsen

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ESR 9

Charline Kopf, University of Oslo

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ESR 10

Carla Cortéz, Aarhus University

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ESR 11

Konstantin Biehl, University of Oslo

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ESR 12

Tanja Hendriks, University of Edinburgh

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ESR 13

Olivia Fifi Gieskes, University of Edinburgh

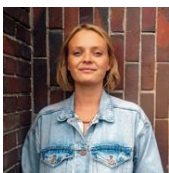
Read more about Olivia's project [here](#)



ESR 14

Cecilie Baann, Aarhus University

Read more about Cecilie's project [here](#)



ESR 15

Suvi Lensu, University of Edinburgh

Read more about Suvi's project [here](#)



ESR 16

Edwin Ameso, Aarhus University

Read more about Edwin's project [here](#)

THE CONSORTIUM

The ANTHUSIA project is run by a consortium of four European universities in Aarhus (AU), Edinburgh (UoE), Leuven (KUL) and Oslo (UiO). The consortium draws together academics, practitioners and activists with expertise in understanding and enhancing human security in Africa. Read more about the consortium [here](#) and the supervisors [here](#)

The principal investigators Professor [Lotte Meinert](#) (AU), Dr. [Gerhard Anders](#) (UoE), Professor [Filip de Boeck](#) (KUL) and Professor [Paul Wenzel](#)

[Geissler](#) (UiO) came together in November 2017 at a start up meeting in Aarhus. Also ANTHUSIA's main partner organisation [BIEA](#) (British Institute in Eastern Africa) was represented by now former director Joost Fontein.



ANTHUSIA PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



ANTHUSIA's main partner **BIEA's** solid experience in conducting and guiding research in Africa, its central location in Nairobi and unparalleled contacts to African research and policy-practitioner networks gives ANTHUSIA a sound foundation on the continent. Other partners range from international policy bodies to smaller implementing NGOs, which will complement each other in training and workshops.

The partners have been carefully selected because they are either leading organisations, represent in-depth experience and knowledge in their respective fields or have regional as well as policy expertise. Partners will contribute with essential hands-on experiences for the ESRs in the field and help them translate research results into policy-relevant forms of communication. See ANTHUSIA's partner organisations [here](#)

FIRST TRAINING EVENT



ANTHUSIA's first training event took place in Oslo September 15-18, 2018. The program had a strong focus on supervision sessions and ESR presentations but training in the theory and methods of Human security was also an important component.

Professor **Susan Whyte** from the Expert Advisory Board as well as Ethics advisor **George Ulrich** both participated and presented at the training event. See the members of the Expert Advisory Board [here](#).

SUMMER SCHOOL 1 IN NAIROBI.

ANTHUSIA will run three one-week long summer schools in which all ESRs will participate. Supervisors, selected partner organisations and expert advisors will give specific inputs.

The first Summer School will take place in **Nairobi January 5-15, 2019** at the British Institute of Eastern Africa that is co-organizing the event with University of Edinburgh and lead organizer Gerhard Anders. The program and curriculum has been finalized and includes lectures on Urban Anthropology, Visual Anthropology, Human Security as well as practical exercises on archival work and the drawing of fieldnotes.

Ferdinand Moyi Okwaro (University of Oslo), **Sam Derbyshire** (BIEA), **Tom Molony** (University of Edinburgh) will be among the guest lecturers. Professor **Fidelis E. Kanyongolo** (Chancellor College, University of Malawi) will give a keynote lecture.

ANTHUSIA's partner representatives in the Supervisory Board **Charles Owuor Olungah** (Centre for Global Health Research, University of Nairobi) and **Ariane de Lannoy** (Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town) will both give presentations. Ethics Advisor **George Ulrich** will address the ethical challenges involved in during anthropological research.

ANTHUSIA PHD COURSES AND SEMINARS 2018

- **Visual Anthropology PhD workshop** November 30 - December 14, 2018 (4 modules) taught by Associate Professor Christian Vium, Aarhus University and Assistant Professor Karen Walto, Aarhus University.
- **PhD Ethics Workshop**, Aarhus University. October 2, 2018.
- Leuven **PhD seminar** 21 November 2018 whereby the overall Anthusia project, as well as the 3 research projects of the respective ESRs was presented to the Faculty of Social Sciences (KUL).
- Biweekly reading seminars at University of Leuven ('**Reading Group on Human Security**') on anthropological theory and human security concepts and African study approaches.
- PhD course on **Anthropology and History**, Oslo September 2018.



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