

**Report on The Global Survey of Anthropological Practice (GSAP)
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The Global Survey of Anthropological Practice (GSAP) was first bruited as an initiative of the WCAA at the 2014 biennial meeting/symposium in Taipei in October 2014. It was put forward as an endeavour to collect information from all the member associations of the WCAA concerning how anthropology was practised across all contexts, rather than centring on traditions of anthropological theorising, as had been the focus of many of the past presentations and publications in WCAA symposia and panels. In its initial conceptualisation, GSAP sought to cover the occupational distribution of those identifying as anthropologists, relationships and activities cross-cutting academic and applied endeavours, other job trajectories of those who have studied anthropology, the major challenges that contemporary anthropological endeavours were confronting, the social issues toward whose resolution or amelioration anthropologists were working, the teaching of anthropology outside tertiary educational contexts, and other related issues. The aim of compiling data on these topics was to present a profile of what anthropologists and those who have been educated in anthropology are actually doing in the world, in part as a resource for countering various attacks on the discipline, including those from governmental functionaries decrying the uselessness of a degree in this field.

Delegates present at that meeting endorsed the initiative and a committee consisting (in alphabetical order) of Greg Acciaioli, Lorne Holyoak, Chandana Mathur and Vesna Vucinic was formed. The first phase of its implementation required the compiling of surveys and other investigations that had already been undertaken by member associations. This activity was carried out in the first half of 2015 and reported on at the WCAA meeting held in conjunction with the IUAES Intercongress in Bangkok, Thailand, in July, 2015. At that time the following materials had been collected:

AAA (USA): List of surveys conducted of primary data and secondary data available on topics such as employment patterns, departmental service programs, labour statistics, as well as links to relevant US government statistics and Linked In summaries employment patterns; request sent to obtain actual survey reports,

AAI (Ireland): Previous survey of members (18 respondents of 65 members at the time)

ABA (Brazil): Description of country practice survey being undertaken (Project proposal only available in Portuguese: FORMAÇÃO, PESQUISA E INSERÇÃO PROFISSIONAL NO CAMPO DA ANTROPOLOGIA: Anteprojeto de pesquisa)

AFA (France) & RAI (UK): PDF of Contents and Introduction for *Anthropology at the Crossroads: the View from France* (Sophie Chevalier, editor)

CWA (AAA, USA): Bibliography on World Anthropologies

DGV/GAA (Germany): List of surveys done by universities of their anthropology graduates, bibliography of professional orientations and trajectories in anthropology, overview of the current situation of academic anthropology in Germany (all in German), with links to each

INASEA (SE Europe): PDF file of *Ethnologica Balkana 17 (Changing Paradigms: The State of the Ethnological Sciences in Southeast Europe)*, ed. Klaus Roth)

ISItA (Italy) PDF file of 'Anthropology and Ethnology in Italy: A Preliminary Report' (Pier Paolo Viazzo)

TAA (Tunisia) Brief general information about the state of Anthropology in Tunisia

That year the WCAA also sponsored a discussion panel at the annual CASCA meetings entitled ‘The Global Practice of Anthropology’, involving Lorne Holyoak (WCAA secretary), Noel Salazar (University of Leuven), Noel Dyck (Simon Fraser U), Deirdre Meintel (U Montreal), Marie-Francoise Guedon (U Ottawa) and Monica Heller (AAA President). It was well attended with lively discussion. As the discussion was based on the primary orienting question, ‘What is your experience in anthropology globally, and how is that experience reflected in your own practice?’ this panel was concerned with participants’ reflections on the practice of anthropology across the globe rather than quantitative analysis of on-the-ground practice.

Inquiries in 2015 concerning possibilities for funding further research for GSAP and a conference or symposium to present preliminary results did not yield any firm possibilities. This was one factor that motivated the decision to devote the WCAA symposium accompanying the biennial business meeting in 2016 to the presentation of preliminary results of GSAP in accordance with guidelines that were promulgated among member associations by the GSAP committee. Papers were sought from the delegates of member associations to fit the following 4 streams that were seen as aspects of the Global Survey of Anthropological Practice:

1. Articulation of Applied and Academic Anthropology
2. Institutional distribution of Employment among Anthropologists Globally
3. Challenges to Academic and Professional Anthropology
4. Anthropology in Non-University Education

Abstracts for the GSAP symposium papers were received until the end of February 2016, by which time 27 papers had been put forward. As there were many papers that crosscut the originally envisaged 4 streams, these papers have been organised into 5 sessions (with a summary discussion session at the end):

1. Profiling through Survey and Interviews What Anthropology Graduates Do and How They Identify
2. Relating Anthropological Practice to the State: Perils, Possibilities, and Policies
3. Confronting the Challenges of Neoliberalism and Globalization
4. Organizing the Diversity of Anthropological Practice through Associations
5. Teaching Anthropology outside the Traditional Anthropology Program

Presentation and discussion of the papers in these sessions, which will be given as a panel stream within the IUAES Intercongress in Dubrovnik in May 2016, will be used to gauge further steps in the elaboration of GSAP. For example, one topic will be the feasibility of adapting the survey that has been conducted by the Australian Anthropological Society specifically addressed to the GSAP foci for use among other member associations and thus the compilation of a global data set that can be analysed quantitatively to yield a world-wide picture of anthropological activities that GSAP has conceptualised as an eventual aim. It is envisaged that a further set of papers building on such a survey and other GSAP-related research efforts will be presented at the IUAES World Congress in Florianopolis, Brazil, in August 2018. Dissemination of the results of GSAP will then be intensified through both electronic and conventional print media.