



PRESS RELEASE

***Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*, the flagship journal of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, will transition to Open Access starting in 2022**

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Starting with Volume 30, Berghahn Journals will be the new publisher of [Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale](#), the journal of the [European Association of Social Anthropologists](#). The journal will be leaving Wiley to embark on becoming a fully open access journal as a part of the [Berghahn Open Anthro – Subscribe to Open \(S2O\)](#) initiative, which will enter its third year in 2022.

As one of the top journals in its field, the addition of *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* to the Berghahn Open Anthro collection reinforces the benefits of S2O, an ever-strengthening model that provides equitable open access through the on-going support from the library community.

With the anthropology discipline's enthusiastic support for open access and Berghahn's current success with the Berghahn Open Anthro pilot, EASA and Berghahn's partnership reflects the common goal of finding a sustainable and equitable solution for publisher, society, and researcher.

Managing Director, Vivian Berghahn, comments: *"We are thrilled to be entrusted with the responsibility of helping EASA realize the wishes of its membership when it comes to their journal's future. This move is a powerful example of a scholarly society determining its own path to open access. Prevailing Author-Pays publishing models are inappropriate for the humanities and social sciences, and many researchers are unable to pay these article processing charges (APCs). The Subscribe-to-Open model will enable Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale authors to publish open access without these "pay-to-publish" barriers."*

Mariya Ivancheva, President of EASA, adds: *"EASA's members voted overwhelmingly to take our journal Open Access in a way that is sustainable and equitable. It will allow all anthropologists, anywhere in the world, to access our journal and hopefully amend at least partially the asymmetry of access to knowledge that paywalled content has meant for colleagues and students in less financially resourced parts of the continent and the world. We are excited about the opportunities this presents our discipline and are committed to working closely with Berghahn to make not just the access to, but also production of academic knowledge a globally more equitable process."*

Berghahn Open Anthro was conceived and implemented in partnership with [Libraria](#), who will continue to work closely with Berghahn in transitioning *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale* to open access. [Knowledge Unlatched](#) will also continue to provide support in introducing the collection to libraries across the spectrum.

About Berghahn Books

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About EASA

The European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) is a professional association open to all social anthropologists either qualified in, or else working in, Europe. The Association seeks to advance anthropology in Europe by organizing biennial conferences, by editing its academic journal *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale*, its Newsletter, and two publication series. The Association further encourages and supports thematic networks. www.easaonline.org
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