

Call for Papers
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Archivio Antropologico Mediterraneo (AAM) is inviting papers for a forthcoming issue on **Ethnographies of mobility in the Arab Middle East and in Italy**

The issue emerges partially from a panel held at SeSaMO conference in January 2015. The aims of the workshop was to bring together anthropologists whose researches focused on the theme of mobility and migration in the Mediterranean, with particular reference to Arab countries and Italy. The relevance of this research topic for contemporary societies is hard to underestimate since it exemplifies the Great Division now at play in the Mediterranean. We aim at attracting papers to be added to those presented in the panel, that deal with issues of mobility, transnationalism, migration, and on the agency and the expectations of the migrants from an ethnographic perspective capable of capturing both descriptively the lived cultures with all their subtleties and analytically the global which structures them, both people's experiences and the social environment in which this is grounded. We invite papers dealing with one or more among the following themes.

- Mobility and movement. For movement to become a marker in an entire life, it needs to be something existential, like ideas of not being stuck, of being able to see a future. Processes of movement and mobility can analytically just as well be looked at through the prism of immobility. Indeed, for many, the actual move may never happen, due to scarcity of resources or opportunity.
- Mobility could be analysed also by looking at families and generations. The relationships that migrants develop with time-spaces linked to territories travelled make sense only when seen through the networks as well as the skills developed in the process of migrating, which are usually re-invested into another member of the family of origin. Familial communities are a source of ambivalent attachment, being a nourishing source but also networks of global routes, defining a field of potential social and physical mobility for their members.
- A complementary analysis stems from the recognition of the role that nation states or supranational entities play in the shaping of the actual conditions of mobility. The impossibility of movement, or its confinement to dangerous and costly illegal expedients, is becoming a distinct issue, with the connected changes in socio-economic conditions in both sending and receiving countries.
- Another theme concerns the agency of migrants. In order to understand the agency of trans-local actors and their subjectivities, it is necessary to build on, but also go beyond, the investigation of material conditions, social networks and constraints affecting people's lives. We argue for the inclusion of ideas, knowledge and world-views with which these social actors are living and acting, as part of a wider realm of their imagination.

Proposals must contain: an abstract (no more than 300 words) and a short cv and must be e-mailed by July 24, 2015 to: Daniele Cantini (daniele.cantini@gmail.com), Bruno Riccio (bruno.riccio@unibo.it), and in Cc, to Gabriella D'Agostino (gabriella.dagostino@unipa.it). For more information, visit the official website of the journal www.archivioantropologicomediterraneo.it