

ECREA TWG Visual Cultures Report 2018

The ECREA TWG Visual Cultures was approved by the ECREA Bureau on 16 June 2015, and the TWG chairs were informed of approval on 14 September 2015, after which the TWG became operational. 2018 was the TWG's third full year of existence.

The main activities included:

- A workshop titled “Social scientific perspectives on ‘photographic truth’” on March 26 at Helsinki Photomedia 2018. The workshop discussed notions of photographic truth, with four input statements by Joanna Kedra (Jyväskylä), Paolo Favero (Antwerp), Gustavo Racy (Antwerp) and Asko Lehmuskallio (Tampere), after which the discussion was opened to the public.
- An outdoor laboratory titled “Bodies-in-Motion: experiencing the role of 'moving' in anthropological praxis” at the 15th EASA Biennial Conference (14–17 August 2018), Stockholm University, organized by Shireen Walton (London) and Paolo Favero (Antwerp). Additional speakers included Noel Salazar (Leuven) and Patrick Laviolette (Tallinn/London).
- An ECREA preconference titled “The future of visual culture: what we see and what we no longer (or not yet) see” on October 31, 2018, in Lugano, Switzerland. Speakers included Paolo Favero (Antwerp), Geska Helena Brecevic & Karin Becker (Stockholm), Gian-Louis Hernandez (Lugano), Cecilia Cassinger (Lund), Åsa Thelander (Lund), Evelyn Runge (Jerusalem), Patricia Prieto Blanco (Brighton) & Edgar Gomez Cruz (Sydney). Organizers included Shireen Walton (London), Patricia Prieto-Blanco (Brighton), Katharina Lobinger (Lugano), Edgar Gómez Cruz (Sydney), Paolo Favero (Antwerp) & Asko Lehmuskallio (Tampere).
- An ECREA panel and business meeting held at the ECREA conference in Lugano, titled “Mobile in/visibilities”. Speakers included Asko Lehmuskallio (Tampere), Rebecca Venema (Lugano), Anke Offerhaus (Bremen) & Hadas Schlusel (Jerusalem). The talks were well attended and the business meeting agreed that a venue for visual cultures is much needed at the main ECREA conference.

For 2019, the ECREA TWG Visual Cultures steering group has decided to organize a main event September 4–7 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and to continue organizing events along major conferences, as well as to invite further interested colleagues to the TWG's various activities.

Asko Lehmuskallio (chair), Paolo Favero and Edgar Gómez Cruz (vice-chairs).