

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2009 Lecturer at Rovira i Virgili University (Universitat Rovira i Virgili), Tarragona, Spain.
Master Course: Medical Anthropology and International Health.
Subject: International Health.
- 2007-2008 Lecturer at Autonomous University of Barcelona (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Barcelona, Spain.
Master course: Official Master in Ethnographic Research, Anthropological Theory and Intercultural Relations.
Subject: Social Interventions in Health.
Master course: Official Master in Ethnographic Research, Anthropological Theory and Intercultural Relations.
Course title: Ambivalent Identities.
Subject: Medical Pluralism in Tanzania and Peru.
- 1997-2007 Lecturer at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology. Autonomous University of Barcelona.
Undergraduate courses (yearly):
Subjects: Medical Anthropology; History & Anthropology of Food; Critical Theory & Anthropological Thought.
- 2002-2005 Training courses for Primary Health Care professionals working in Barcelona, Spain: CAP Lope de Vega, CAP Maragall, CAP Poblenou, CAP Clot, CAP La Pau, CAP Turó de la Peira, CAP Besòs; Catalan Institute of Health.
Subject: Immigration and Health.
- 2002 Lecturer at Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM), Maputo, Mozambique.
Objective: To initiate Medical Anthropology at Eduardo Mondlane University.
Sustainability was assured training a local anthropologist from UEM in Medical Anthropology.
Subject: Medical Anthropology.
- 1995-2002 Lecturer at the Faculty of Nursing, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
Master Course: Master in Public Health.
Subject: Medical Anthropology.
- 1995-2002 Lecturer at the Faculty of Nursing, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
Undergraduate courses (yearly):
Subject: Medical Anthropology.

- 1994-1996 Lecturer at Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
Postgraduate Diploma: Anthropology Applied to Social Welfare.
Subject: Medical Anthropology.
- 1995 Lecturer at Catholic University of Lima, Lima, Peru.
Undergraduate courses.
Medical Anthropology & Methods.
- 1991-2003 Nurse Primary Health Care, Catalan Institute of Health, Barcelona, Spain.
- 1976-1991 Nurse at different hospital wards, Catalan Institute of Health, Barcelona, Girona
and Badalona, Spain.

EDUCATION

- 2007 PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology.
Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
PhD Director: Prof. Verena Stolcke.
PhD qualification: Summa cum laude.
- 1993-1994 MSc in Medical Anthropology.
Brunel University, West London, UK.
- 1989-1990 BA in Social and Cultural Anthropology
Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
- 1972-1975 Diploma in Nursing.
University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.

RESEARCH GROUPS MEMBERSHIP

- 2006-2009 Founding member and researcher of PASS International (Partners for Applied
Social Sciences), a Non Profit Organisation for anthropological research in
International Health, based in Belgium. www.pass-international.org
- 2005-2009 Permanent member and researcher of AHCISP, a research group from the
Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology. Autonomous University of
Barcelona. Group Coordinators: Prof. Verena Stolcke & Dr. Montserrat
Ventura: www.uab.cat

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2008 AHCISP-UAB project. Researcher in the project “*Ambivalent identities.
Comparative study of social classification systems*”. Principal Investigator: Verena
Stolcke.
Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain.
- 2007-2008 PASS-International project. Co-Principal Investigator in the project “*Social
vulnerability and community perspectives on malaria prevention, treatment and access to Public
Health Care in Northern Peru*”.
Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium.
- 2007-2008 PASS-International project. Co-PI in the study “*Acceptability of intermittent
preventive treatment in infants (IPTi) for the control of malaria and anaemia in Lambaréné,
Gabon*”. Part of the project “Acceptability and sustainability of IPTi”.
Clinic Foundation for Biomedical Research, Founded by Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation.

- 2006 UAB-PASS-International project. Co-PI in the project “*Malaria control in pregnancy: Community perspectives from Burkina Faso*”. Part of the project “New approaches to improve coverage and compliance of antimalarial treatment for pregnant women in Africa”. Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium. Funded PREMA-EU.
- 2005-2006 UAB-PASS-International project. Co-PI in the project “*Socio-Cultural study of the use of insecticide-treated hammocks nets (ITHs) to prevent malaria in Vietnam*”. Part of the project “Effectiveness of insecticide-treated hammocks nets for controlling forest malaria. A community-based trial”. Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium.
- 2005 Co-PI in the project “*The impact of Buruli ulcer disease on the household and regional economy in the Nyong basin of Cameroon: Evidence for action*”. Lepra Aid Emmaus Switzerland.
- 1995-1997 Researcher in the project “*Community understanding and treatment-seeking for malaria in a holoendemic area of south-eastern Tanzania*”. Swiss Tropical Institute, Switzerland.
- 1993-1994 “*Healing people, healing the planet: New Age in Catalonia*”, MSc Thesis in Medical Anthropology. Supervision: Dr. Mark Nuttall. Brunel University, UK.

MOST RELEVANT LECTURES, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2008 Muela Ribera J. & Peeters, K. Conference titled: “*Medical costs related to linguistic barriers*”, 11th April 2008 at the “Days on Prevention”, in Paris, organised by Parallaxe, Comede and the French Society of Public Health.
- 2007 Muela Ribera, J. & Peeters, K. Workshop titled “*Social Approach of Malaria Control*”, 5th, 6th and 7th December 2007, at the “International colloquium: Malaria control in the Mekong region: Challenges and opportunities”, in Hanoi, organised by the Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium and the National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology, Viet Nam.
- 2007 Muela Ribera, J. Conference titled: “*Health seeking behaviour models in malaria research*”, at the “International colloquium: Malaria control in the Mekong region: Challenges and opportunities”, in Hanoi, organised by the Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine, Belgium and the National Institute for Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology, Viet Nam.
- 2006 Muela Ribera, J. “*Task force*” member in the project: “Women, children, and the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa: Overcoming obstacles to the provision of sexual and reproductive health services through a combined social science/public health perspective”. Barcelona. Organised by Medicus Mundi Catalunya and AEVI-VITA.
- 2006 Muela Ribera, J. Member of the *Scientific Committee* and a conference titled “*Concluding remarks*” at “Social Sciences Contributions to Public Health and to HIV/AIDS programs in Africa”. Barcelona. Organised by Medicus Mundi Catalunya and AEVI-VITA.
- 2006 Peeters, K. & Muela Ribera, J. Conference titled “*Buruli ulcer: An illness of*

exclusion. Lived experiences and social isolation of Buruli patients in Cameroon” at the “9th. Annual Meeting Against the Buruli Ulcer” World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland.

- 2005 Muela Ribera, J. Conference titled “*The rising and fall of traditional healers in Tanzania*”, London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (LSTMH), London.
- 2004 Tami A, van Beers S, Kibona S, Matemba L, Msangi A, Malele I, Ndung'u JM, Matovu E, Magona JW, Kaiser MN, Brun R, Van den Bossche P, Büscher P, Hendrickx G, Gilbert M, Muela Ribera J.; Hausmann-Muela S., Geissler W, Vasall A, Schallig H, Stolcke V, Lever P. “*Innovative knowledge and technologies to support public health decision-making and improve control of human African trypanosomiasis*” [abstract]. In: 6th Annual EANETT Conference, Khartoum, Sudan, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 2004. [s.l.]: [s.n.].
- 2001 Muela Ribera, J. Conference titled “*Communication between health professionals and patients*”, at “Health and immigration, health education and diabetes: North Africans”, organised by Sarda Farriol Foundation, in Barcelona, Spain.
- 2000 Muela Ribera, J. & Hausmann S. course titled “*Shamanism and Spirit Mediumship*” at the Catalan Institute of Anthropology, Barcelona, Spain.
- 1998 Muela Ribera, J. & Hausmann, S. Conference titled “*Illness naming*”, at the “Workshop on People and Medicines in East Africa”, organised by the Danish Bilharziasis Laboratory, in Mbale, Uganda.

LANGUAGE SKILLS (increasing competence from 1 to 5)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Catalan (mother tongue)	5	5	5
Spanish	5	5	5
English	5	4	4
French	5	4	3

Increasing competence from 1 to 5

PUBLICATIONS

- Muela Ribera, J. and Hausmann-Muela, S. (2008) Malaria and other penuries: Health and gender inequalities in Tanzania (El paludismo y otras penurias: Salud y desigualdades de género en Tanzania). *Quaderns de l'ICA* (accepted for publication).
- Peeters, K., Um Boock, A., Hausmann-Muela, S., Peeters, H., Toomer, E. & Muela Ribera, J. (2008) “It is me who endures but my family that suffers”: Social isolation as a consequence of the household cost burden of Buruli ulcer. *PLoS of Neglected Tropical Diseases* 2(10):e321. Doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0000321
- Hausmann-Muela, S., Muela Ribera, J., Toomer, E., and Peeters Grietens, K. (2008) Cautioning against the 'stigma pitfall' in neglected tropical diseases. Reflection paper: www.pass-international.org
- Muela Ribera, J., Hausmann-Muela, S., Toomer, E., and Peeters Grietens, K. (2008) *Is the use of interpreters in medical consultations justified? – A critical review of the literature*. PASS International and COFETIS-Fosovet, Belgium, www.pass-international.org
- Muela Ribera, J., Hausmann-Muela S., D'Alessandro, U., and Peeters Grietens, K. (2007) Malaria in

pregnancy: What can the social sciences contribute? *PLoS Med* 4(4): e92.

- Muela Ribera, J. (2007) Medical Pluralism in Africa, Alvarez, C., & DiGiacomo, S., eds. "*Women, AIDS and Access to Health Care in Sub-Saharan Africa: Approaches from the Social Sciences*". Published in Spanish, Portuguese and English (www.sidafrica.net; www.medicusmundi.es/catalunya; www.aeci.es/vita).
- Muela Ribera, J. (2007) *Malaria in Lipangalala. Medical pluralism and health-seeking pathways for childhood malaria in an African community* (Malaria en Lipangalala. Pluralismo médico y recorridos asistenciales en una comunidad Africana). Autonomous University of Barcelona, PhD Thesis.
- Clua, M.; Coello, A.; Martínez, M.; Mateo, J.L.; Muela, J.; Ojeda, M.; Stolcke, V. & Ventura, M. (AHCISP-UAB) (2006) For a critical reflection on the concept of "métissage" (Per una reflexió crítica sobre la noció de mestissatge), (in Catalan) *Peripheria*, 4.
- Hausmann Muela, S. and Muela Ribera, J. (2003) Recipe knowledge: a tool for understanding some apparently irrational behaviour. *Anthropology & Medicine* 10(1): 87-105.
- Hausmann Muela, S., Muela Ribera, J. and Nyamongo, I. (2003) Health-seeking behaviour and the health system response. Background paper for the Disease Control Priority Project. www.dcpp.org
- Muela Ribera, J. and Hausmann-Muela, S. (2002) Traditional medicine in WHO programs. In: Opening trenches in the land. Basic and applied research en la UAB. Homage to Ramón Valdés. González Echevarría, A. & Molina, J.L. (Coordinators), Publications of Cultural Anthropology, Autonomous University of Barcelona. (La medicina tradicional en los programas de la OMS. In: *Abriendo surcos en la tierra. Investigación básica y aplicada en la UAB*. Homenaje a Ramón Valdés, González Echevarría, A. & Molina, J.L. (Coord.), Publicacions d'Antropologia Cultural, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.)
- Hausmann Muela, S., Muela Ribera, J., Mushi, A.K. & Tanner, M. (2002) Medical syncretism with reference to malaria in a Tanzanian community. *Social Science and Medicine*, 55:403-413.
- Hausmann Muela, S., Mushi, A.K. & Muela Ribera, J. (2000) Cost and affordability of traditional and government health services in Tanzania: policy implications of a paradox. *Health Policy and Planning*, 15 (3), 296-302.
- Hausmann Muela, S. & Muela Ribera, J. (2000) Illness naming and home treatment practices for malaria - an example from Tanzania. In: Geissler, W. & Meinert, L. (eds.) *Proceedings of a workshop on "People and Medicines in East Africa" held in November 1998 in Mbale, Uganda*, Danish Bilharzias Laboratory (dbl), Copenhagen
- Hausmann Muela, S., Muela Ribera, J. & Tanner, M. (1998) Fake malaria and hidden parasites - the ambiguity of malaria. *Anthropology & Medicine*, 5 (1), 45-61.
- Muela Ribera, J. (1994) *Healing people, healing the planet: New Age in Catalonia*, Brunel University, London. MSc Thesis.