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MESSAGE FROM WCAA CHAIR

Dear WCAA community,

I am writing to invite you all to participate in and promote the Global Survey of Anthropological Practice (GSAP).

After the survey closes at the end of January, its results will be made available to all WCAA delegates. All delegates will then have an opportunity to work on papers that interpret, contextualise and process some of these findings alongside other qualitative, archival and historical data concerning their particular locations. These papers will be presented and discussed at the final GSAP event that will accompany the July 2018 WCAA biennial meeting, with a view to publication subsequently. This is an important milestone – the WCAA has begun functioning as a large-scale international research network during the lifespan of the GSAP project.

I am delighted to report that we have some funding to partially subsidise travel and accommodation costs for many WCAA delegates to enable them to attend the GSAP event/WCAA biennial meeting, which will take place just before the IUAES World Congress in Florianopolis, Brazil, in July 2018. As you all know, Gordon Mathews (*Deja Lu* editor-in-chief, and WCAA delegate for the Hong Kong Anthropological Society) has personally donated US\$20,000 to make this meeting possible. Our sincerest thanks to Gordon, who had instantly followed up on the extraordinary and generous offer he made at the Dubrovnik biennial meeting with a cheque addressed to the WCAA! More recently, the Wenner Gren Foundation has approved a grant led by Greg Acciaioli for the GSAP project, which will provide for travel costs for several WCAA delegates from low and lower-middle income countries. All in all, we are very hopeful that these funds combined will enable us to feature paper presentations from around the world at the final GSAP event.

I would like to close by thanking Greg Acciaioli, Pam McGrath and Adele Millard, the team coordinating the GSAP. Designing this research and gaining the necessary prior approvals has been a long and painstaking process, and they have also worked hard to incorporate as much feedback as possible that they have received from all of you regarding the survey instrument. We also owe thanks to Olga Jubany, for offering to translate the survey into Spanish, and for getting it done in record time. Finally, I am very grateful to all of you for immediately making this project your own, for offering thoughtful feedback and criticism at the design stage, and for commending it to your membership once the survey was launched. The fact that we are already seeing such a strong response to the survey is a testament to your commitment, and indicates that we will have substantial material for collective discussion and reflection when we meet in Florianopolis.

Dr. Chandana Mathur
Chair
World Council of Anthropological Associations

From the WCAA Organising Committee

New Constitution for the World Anthropological Union

We are pleased to inform you that the World Anthropological Union (WAU), a bicameral organisation with separate WCAA and IUAES chambers, has finally come into being. The Review Committee for the Operational Guidelines and Rules and the WAU Constitution submitted, upon completion of its duty on 24th November 2017, the finalized Operational Guidelines and Rules to the Interim Steering Committee of the WAU, the Executive Committee of the IUAES and the Organizing Committee of the WCAA.

The review committee was formed to seek and incorporate comments and suggestions from the membership of both organisations regarding the major WAU governance documents: the Operational Guidelines and Rules (http://www.iuaes.org/wau_ogrs_171124.pdf) and the Constitution of WAU (http://www.iuaes.org/wau_constitution_171124.pdf). It was also the task of the review committee to formally approve these documents after the consultation process. The committee consisted of two members of the IUAES Executive Committee (Thomas Reuter and Mugsy Spiegel with Junji Koizumi as alternate), two members of the WCAA Organizing Committee (Greg Acciaoli and Lorne Holyoak with Carmen Rial as alternate), and one individual chosen from the general membership of WAU (Petr Skalnik).

These approved documents now succeed the Constitutions of both the WCAA and the IUAES, and the WCAA has now formally begun to function as one of the chambers of WAU.

Gordon Mathews WCAA Benefactor

The Organizing Committee of the WCAA wishes to acknowledge and extend their gratitude to Gordon Mathews, Chair of the Department of Anthropology of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, for the extremely generous donation that he recently extended to the WCAA. Thanks to Professor Mathews (who already contributes enormously to the WCAA as a member of the Organizing Committee himself) the WCAA will be able to provide financial support to many of the WCAA delegates who will be attending the meetings of the WCAA during the IUAES Congress in Florianopolis, Brazil, in July 2018. The WCAA relies primarily on voluntary contributions from its constituent organizations. As such, private donations of this nature can make a critical difference to the functioning of the Council. Thank you, Gordon!

Global Survey of Anthropological Practice

On behalf of the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA), we invite you to participate in the Global Survey of Anthropological Practice (GSAP).

The GSAP is a significant opportunity to learn more about the current state of our international community of practice: who we are, what we know, what we do, and where we do it.

This is the first ever survey of its kind, and has the potential to reach more than 20,000 anthropologists around the world.

More information about the objectives of the GSAP and how the WCAA will manage your information and privacy is provided in the introduction to the survey.

We encourage you to participate in this important survey, which should take around 10 minutes to complete.

TO COMPLETE THE GSAP, FOLLOW THIS LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NWPRG7>

On behalf of our colleagues around the globe, thank you

En nombre del Consejo Mundial de Asociaciones Antropológicas (WCAA), le invitamos a participar en la Encuesta Global de Práctica Antropológica (GSAP).

El GSAP es una oportunidad significativa para aprender más sobre el estado actual de nuestra comunidad de práctica internacional: quiénes somos, qué sabemos, qué hacemos y dónde lo hacemos.

Esta es la primera encuesta de este tipo, y tiene el potencial de llegar a más de 20.000 antropólogos de todo el mundo.

Más información sobre los objetivos de la GSAP y cómo el WCAA le administrará información y privacidad se proporciona en la introducción a la encuesta.

Le animamos a participar en esta importante encuesta, la cual debe tomar alrededor de 10 minutos para completar.

PARA COMPLETAR LA GSAP, SIGA ESTE ENLACE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NWPRG7?lang=es>

En nombre de nuestros colegas de todo el mundo, gracias.

From the Associations

Anthropological Association of the Philippines (UGAT)

The UGAT (Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao, Inc./Anthropological Association of the Philippines) held its 39th Annual Conference last November 9-11, 2017 on the theme "The Struggle for Rights: Anthropological Reflections on What Is, and, What Ought to Be", at Capitol University, Cagayan de Oro City with significant participation from Indigenous Peoples. Perhaps the 40th UGAT conference in 2018 may host a WCAA interim meeting.



2017 UGAT Conference, Cagayan de Oro City, the Philippines

International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)

- SIEF held its 13th international SIEF congress in Göttingen. The congress gathered over 800 ethnologists, folklorists and other scholars from neighbouring disciplines. It was the scenario for further production of SIEF's Ethnological Sensations videos and the setting for our newest documentary that offers a number of answers to the question: "What do ethnologists do?" We hope you will find multiple contexts in which you can use these videos, to describe a certain topic or promote our disciplines.
- Another reminder of the SIEF2017 themes and discussions is under preparation: a special issue of *Zeitschrift für Volkskunde / Journal for European Ethnology and Cultural Analysis (JEECA)*, published by *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Volkskunde*, that will contain papers from the congress highlighting different aspects of the theme of dwelling.

- Owing to the joint efforts of the University of Aberdeen and SIEF, the second SIEF Summer School will take place in June 2018. Scholars will meet in the fishing village of Portsoy, Scotland, to discuss the issues of community entrepreneurship, social resilience and research partnership, giving voice to local communities.
- The next SIEF congress will take place April 14-17, 2019, in Santiago de Compostela. The local organizers, the Institute of Heritage Sciences (Incipit), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) and the University of Santiago de Compostela are already working diligently on hosting the congress delegates in the pre-Easter period. Save the dates in your calendars!
- You can find the complete SIEF newsletter here:
https://www.siefhome.org/downloads/newsletters/sief_news_2017_v2.pdf

European Association of Social Anthropologists

1. On Politics and Precarity in Academia: Anthropological Perspectives

In November 2017 about 70 scholars met at the University of Bern to attend the EASA AGM seminar. In three workshops participants discussed how the interplay of political constraints and the unpredictability of life trajectories shape, shift and discipline academic pathways, in particular under authoritarian and austerity policies. Özlem Biner in her keynote focused on the production of “dangerous knowledge” in authoritarian regimes. This meeting provided relevant comparative insights to issues of exclusion, uncertainties as normalcy and shared responsibilities. Furthermore, it contributed to a policy paper for upcoming discussion, lobbying and political interventions. A survey among EASA members will be launched by the PrecAnthroGroup to provide better information for future collaborations.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) Seminar of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) organised in collaboration with the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, PrecAnthro Group and the Swiss Anthropological Association. Read the full program here

<https://easaonline.org/about/agm/agm2017.shtml>

2. Staying, Moving, Settling: Call for Panels opens for EASA2018 in Stockholm (14-17 August 2018)

The Call for Panels is open for the next biennial EASA conference "Staying, Moving, Settling" that will be hosted by the Department of Social Anthropology at Stockholm University in Stockholm, Sweden on August 14 - 17, 2018. Join us for four days of panels, labs, plenary discussions and more.

To propose a panel, please go to the [EASA2018 website](#) to read the [theme](#) and [the rules and instructions](#). The Call for Panels closes on January 31st.

3. EASA newsletter

[EASA newsletter 70, October 2017](#) is now out

<https://www.easaonline.org/newsletter/70-1017/index.shtml>

On Politics and Precarities in Academia Anthropological Perspectives

Keynote

Özlem Biner

London School of Economics and Political Science

EASA Annual General Meeting

Department of Social Anthropology
University of Bern, Switzerland

**Production of 'Dangerous
Knowledge', Violation of Academic
Freedom and Precarious Solidarities
in the Age of Authoritarianism**

18:00

**Thursday 16 November 2017
Room F021, Lerchenweg 36**

www.anthro.unibe.ch

Brazilian Anthropological Association (ABA)

WCAA Meeting

Bica d'Água, a guesthouse near the University, will be the official hotel for the delegates during the WCAA biennial meeting in July 2018. Reservations through the tourist agency Campos. More info and other options at: <http://gustavofln.wixsite.com/campuseventos/antropologia-2018-ingles>

233 Panels

The IUAES Congress received 233 panel proposals that are being analyzed by the Congressional International Scientific Committee. In December, it will open the registrations to submit papers in the approved panels, which will run until February 28, 2018.

Coming from more than 40 countries on 5 continents, the congress already has almost 700 participants enrolled to date.

In Brazil, the anthropological mobilization is strong and we already have several local commissions preparing cultural activities, festivals and anthropological tours to traditional communities (indigenous, quilombolas, communities of fishers) and urban groups. Children and young people who will accompany their parents to the congress will have specially organized activities for their age groups.

Several pre- and post- events are also being planned in other Brazilian cities (Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Salvador, Porto Alegre) to allow the participants of the 18th IUAES World Congress to meet other Brazilian universities. Information about pre- and post- events will be posted soon on the congress website.

Weekly new information about the congress is posted on the website (<http://www.iaes2018.org>) and on the Facebook page (IUAES Brazil). We invite WCAA members to access the Facebook page of the congress and to replicate in their timelines.

Post event in Rio

The first post-event registered at the 18th IUAES World Congress will be in Rio de Janeiro. The theme of the event is “Immigration and Material Culture: Matters on people and objects circulation”, it will be held at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro on July 23rd to 28th, 2018. For further information write to patriciareinheimer2007@gmail.com

Prize

Bela Feldman-Bianco received the Gilberto Velho Academic Excellence Award in Anthropology from the National Association of Graduate Studies and Research in Social Sciences (Anpocs). The prize was delivered by Carmen Rial (photo).



Bela Feldman-Bianco (left) receives the Gilberto Velho Prize from Carmen Rial.

International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)

1. The Review Committee for the Operational Guidelines and Rules and the WAU Constitution completed its duty on 24th November 2017. [The WAU Constitution](#) and [the Operational Guidelines and Rules](#) are now fully in effect and will supersede the present IUAES Statutes and WCAA Constitution. All members of the IUAES and the WCAA now belong to the newly established WAU, the World Anthropological Union.
2. The [call for proposals for the 19th World Congress in 2022/2023 and for IUAES Inter-Congresses after 2019](#) is open.
3. [The 18th IUAES World Congress, "World \(of\) Encounters: The Past, Present and Future of Anthropological Knowledge,"](#) will be held in Florianópolis, Brazil, on 16-20 July 2018. All important dates are [here](#). Forward any inquiry to: <http://www.iaaes2018.org/site/contato>.
4. The IUAES Inter-Congress 2019 will be held in Poznań, Poland. The organizer is Michal Buchowski, President of the Polish Ethnological Society and Professor and Chair of the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at Adam Mickiewicz University. The proposed date for the Inter-Congress is 27-31 August 2019.
5. The report of [CASCA/IUAES2017 Conference](#) is now available [here](#).
6. The IUAES is calling for new members. Please circulate [the call for members of the IUAES chamber of WAU](#) among your colleagues as widely as possible.
7. The IUAES has revised its [membership fees](#) both for individual members and corporate members.
8. [The September 2017 issue of IUAES NEWS](#) has been published.
9. [IUAES Financial Report 2016](#) is now available at the "Annual financial reports" section of the ["Minutes and Reports" page](#) of the IUAES website.
10. [The application for IUAES Commission on Anthropology of Sports](#) was approved. The Commission has started its activities.
11. [IUAES Commission on Anthropology and Education](#), as well as [IUAES Commission on Theoretical Anthropology](#), are calling for new members.
12. ICSU ([International Council for Science](#)) and ISSC ([International Social Science Council](#)), both of which the IUAES is a member, decided to merge and form [a single global council](#) in 2018.

Madrid Institute of Anthropology (IMA)

MAAM4

4^a MAAM-Muestra de Antropología Audiovisual de Madrid 2017 (4th Audiovisual Anthropology Exhibition of Madrid) organized by the IMA (Instituto Madrileño de Antropología), Universidad Autónoma, UNED, Antropología en Acción ONG and AntropoDocs and Films at the Museo Nacional de Antropología de Madrid has been a success at full capacity for the two days of sessions. The 4th MAAM is consolidated as a reference in Audiovisual Anthropology in Spanish and the organizers have created the first course in Audiovisual Anthropology and Transmedia:

<http://cursoantropologiaaudiovisual.com/>. We are planning for the next show in 2018, MAAM5, with a special focus on Asia. Registration is already open: <https://ima.org.es/4amaam4-2017-muestra-antropologia-audiovisual-madrid-ima/>

IMA

4MAAM4

4ª MUESTRA DE ANTROPOLOGÍA AUDIOVISUAL DE MADRID
20-21 octubre 2017

PROGRAMA

Afrika, una mirada diferente

-Viernes 20 de octubre 2017. 18:00h-21:00h
Proyección: "Gurumbé, canciones de tu memoria negra". 2016. España. 72'
Coloquio y preguntas con el director Miguel Ángel Rosales.
Entrega Diploma de Reconocimiento



-Sábado 21 de octubre 2017 18:00-21:00h
Proyección: "L'Eau sacrée". (El Agua Sagrada) 2016. Bélgica, Rwanda. 55'
Director: Olivier Jourdain.
Coloquio sobre feminidad en África
Entrega Diploma de Reconocimiento

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MUSEO NACIONAL DE ANTROPOLOGÍA

Viernes 20 y sábado 21 de octubre, a las 18:00h
Salón de actos del museo (acceso por Pº Infanta Isabel, 11) MADRID
www.ima.org.es/grupos/antropologia-audiovisual/
fb: fb.me/maamadrid

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Argentinean Association of Graduates in Anthropology (CGA)

Association publication: PUBLICAR-En Antropología y Ciencias Sociales:

<http://ppct.caicyt.gov.ar/index.php/publicar/index>

Association web site: www.cga.org.ar

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cgantropologia>

CGA organized its participation in conferences and congresses throughout 2017 starting from the following axis/query/ question:

“Anthropologies in the present context of South America: What for, who for, and where to?”

In the current context of crisis that Latin American countries are going through caused by the political turn that their governments have taken in the last years, added to the campaign of discredit suffered by science in general, though more pointedly by social and human sciences, among them, in particular, the anthropological sciences, we intend to reflect upon the place that our discipline occupies in the local scientific fields as well as the role it plays in the present sociopolitical and cultural scenarios.

We aim in this way to generate space for reflection and debate on the role played by the anthropological sciences including all of the academic /professional/applied fields that they work on, and, facing the future, the challenge of the ever changing social and political situation in the region.

Links with more information: <http://ram2017.com.ar/?p=77>

<http://www.soc.unicen.edu.ar/index.php/avisos/2589-vi-jornadas-de-antropologia-social-del-centro>

Anthropology Southern Africa (AsnA)

Anthropology Southern Africa was thrilled to be hosted in Malawi this year. The significance is not to be underestimated as this was the first annual conference outside of South Africa for over a decade.

We are very excited that the University of Botswana will be hosting the 2018 conference. The proposed dates are: Thursday September 27th - Saturday 29th with registration opening on the afternoon of Wednesday September 26th.

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

The American Anthropological Association was pleased to host 15 WCAA delegates at its Annual Meeting in Washington, beginning 29th November. In addition, two other items of note.

Climate Change Conference of Parties-23, Bonn, Germany



AAA gained consultative party status to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in the past year, and sent a delegation to the Conference of Parties-23 this past month in Bonn, Germany with travel support from the National Science Foundation. The delegation distributed [AAA's report on human dimensions of climate change](#), met with prominent researchers, advocates, and politicians, and screened two showings of *The Anthropologist*, featuring climate change specialist Susan Crate. The delegation [published several blog posts from Bonn](#) about

their experience. We are looking ahead to COP-24 in Katowice, Poland, where we hope to collaborate with an even larger constellation of anthropologists.

Call for Papers: Africa in the World, Johannesburg 25-28 May 2018

An interdisciplinary conference is set for 25-28 May, 2018 in Johannesburg, organized by the American Anthropological Association and the African Studies Association, with additional participation from Anthropology Southern Africa, TMALI/UNISA, the University of Witwatersrand, and the University of Pretoria.



Who speaks with authority about Africa's contemporary successes and failures? Is "the African Library" restricted to "europhone" scholarship? To what extent is post-colonialism a relevant lens through which we regard contemporary patterns, processes, and institutions? What is the state of African Studies? Is post-colonialism still a relevant framework for studying Africa's contemporary successes and failures? Who is allowed to theorize Africa? Are "Europhone" intellectuals the only scholars of Africa? These are just a few of the questions framing *Shifting Boundaries of Knowledge Production about Africa*, a conference dedicated to exploring new theoretical and practical approaches to the study of Africa's past, present, and future. This three-day conference will bring together some of the most eminent, dynamic, and engaged scholars who will address important topical themes in African Studies across the humanities and social sciences, from historiography, literature, linguistics, anthropology, politics, and technological transformations to art and popular culture. The Call for Papers is available at: www.africaintheworld.org

Italian Society for Cultural Anthropology

After a long process of negotiation, on 18 September 2017 WCAA member ANUAC (Associazione Nazionale Universitaria Antropologi Culturali), merged with AISEA (Associazione Italiana per le Scienze Etno-Antropologiche).

On the same day members of the two associations founded a new, national anthropological society named SIAC (Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale). The unification of the two main national anthropological associations in a single scholarly society represents a little historical event within the Italian, relatively small anthropological community.

While as ANUAC international delegate to the WCAA we regret to give the news of the dissolution of our association, as SIAC founding member we are proud to make the announcement of the institution of the new society, and wish to congratulate its Executive Committee formed by representatives of the two associations and chaired by SIAC President Ferdinando Mirizzi, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Basilicata, Italy.

The international peer-reviewed, open access journals *Anuac* (<http://ojs.unica.it/index.php/anuac/index>), formerly the flagship journal of ANUAC, and *Etno-Antropologia* (<http://www.rivisteclub.it/riviste/index.php/etnoantropologia>), formerly the flagship journal of AISEA, both continue regularly their publications, and are now published by the newly founded society SIAC.

We are confident that the new society will soon apply to join the WCAA, and we look forward to seeing SIAC contributing to make anthropology more relevant at the global level as a WCAA member.

While awaiting the launch of the SIAC dedicated website, all news concerning SIAC activities and initiatives may be found on the ANUAC website at <http://www.anuac.it/>.

Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)

Culture: the Newsletter of CASCA published its most recent issue in October on the theme of Data. Notable articles include Mike Callaghan's description of how the obsession with big data is "decidedly, almost quaintly, old-fashioned," an account of Mapuche struggles over land and state violence in Patagonia, commentary on the Canada 150 Research Chairs program and ten life lessons from Homa Hoodfar who was imprisoned last year for 112 days in Iran. Culture is published twice a year in the fall and spring and can be accessed through our website: <https://cascacultureblog.wordpress.com/>

CASCA is pleased to announce that our 2018 annual meeting will take place at the Universidad de Oriente located in the beautiful and historic city of Santiago de Cuba from the 16th to the 20th of May. Drawing upon a key metaphor used by ethnographer Fernando Ortiz, the conference takes as its theme *contrapunteo*, understood as the interweaving of two or more independent melodies working together to form a rich harmonic texture. CASCA-CUBA wishes to address how *contrapunteo* can offer new avenues to understand relationships, knowledge, history and power. Please visit our website for more information or to register: <https://cascacuba.com/>



PORTUGUESE ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

★ APA2019 WILL TAKE PLACE IN LISBON BETWEEN JUNE 4 AND 8, 2019

The 7th Congress of the Portuguese Anthropological Association – APA2019 - will take place in Lisbon between June 4 and 8, 2019, the same week we are also celebrating the 30th anniversary of APA, officially founded on June 6, 1989. Save this week in your calendar and follow our official Facebook page to keep up with all the updates on APA2019.

Further info on APA website: <http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/vii-congresso-apa/>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/apantropologia/>

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★ APA PROMOTES A DEBATE ABOUT “THE WORKS OF ANTHROPOLOGISTS OUTSIDE THE ACADEMIA”

On the last October 28, APA promoted a debate about the works of anthropologists outside de academia. The morning session was dedicated to the testimonies and personal examples of professional practices in several areas in which those graduated in Anthropology have worked: from the environment to tourism, to local authorities, to cultural heritage, to social intervention. After lunch, some other professional areas -- already set up or under construction -- were presented and discussed, particularly addressed to those graduated in Anthropology or accessible to them and where they are intended to have a proper and recognized place. The debate gathered about 40 people, mostly young PhD scholars and undergraduated students.

Further info on APA website: <http://www.apantropologia.org/apa/vii-forum-apa-os-trabalhos-dos-antropologos-fora-da-academia/>



This newsletter is edited by Lorne Holyoak, Secretary of the WCAA, with support from the co-editor, Carmen Rial.

Editor's note: As always, the newsletter is titled in three languages. This edition is titled in English, Korean and Zulu.