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CC: Maria Angela Cunico, Alexandre Garcia Costa da Silva

Re: Significance of *Vibrant* for the world anthropological community

Dear Dr. Chaimovich Guralnik,

The World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) has learned that the CNPq has decided to discontinue its funding for the journal *Vibrant*, which has played a critical role in bringing the work of Brazilian anthropologists to their colleagues around the world. This development will impact on Anthropology globally and, more particularly, the dissemination of the work of Brazilian anthropologists.

As a global network of more than fifty national and international anthropological associations dedicated to promoting worldwide communication and cooperation in anthropology, the WCAA is particularly well placed to recognise the extraordinary value of the *Vibrant* project. Although it is known that Brazilian anthropological research is flourishing, the vast majority of the international anthropological profession would have no direct knowledge of this body of work if *Vibrant* did not make it available in the English, French and Spanish languages. *Vibrant* has played a significant role in amplifying the global impact of Brazilian anthropology, and the closure of the journal, which is crucially dependent upon the funding it receives from CNPq, would be an enormous tragedy for Brazilian social science as well as international anthropology.

The support of CNPq to *Vibrant* is invaluable and it has provided a vital lifeline for the journal over the years. WCAA would like to implore you to restore this funding so as to allow our Brazilian colleagues to continue to contribute to the global practice of anthropology. We look forward to your positive consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

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