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The World Anthropological Union (WAW) is an inclusive, cooperative forum that invigorates transnational anthropologies. WAW is the interface that unites the missions of the IUAES and the WCAA, galvanizing person-to-person international dialogues and stimulating cooperative exchange among anthropological associations. As a member of the ISC and the CIPSH, WAW represents the ethical and scientific values of the field as the discipline's primary international organization.

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Announcement for Members – Election of IUAES Executives

This year voting is going to take place to elect a new Executive Committee of the IUAES. The new team should be in place before the World Anthropology Congress 2023. The Nominations Committee is working hard to set up the elections in August 2023 on time. **Voting Rights lie with all IUAES members who have been members since the last World Congress held in Brazil in 2019, meaning from 2019-2023.** The new EC will come into effect after the World Anthropology Congress 2023 for the period 2023-2027. All active members will be informed in due time about the election procedure.

Raising a Voice

Shock waves continue to jolt the world, both due to climatic and natural causes and by ruthless political actions. On one hand the earthquake in Turkey and Syria has caused unimaginable damage and at the other end, non-criminal women are being executed in Iran for protesting for their basic rights and are being deprived of education in Afghanistan. Innocent people are falling to mindless gun violence in the USA that tops the chart for violent and unnecessary deaths, yet the world's greatest democracy cannot curb its gun lobby. Under such conditions the role of the intellectuals, scientists and philosophers is being brought into question even more so as politicians are refusing to see reason. The UNFCCC COP meeting concluded on the 20th of November 2022, with little gains in terms of restrictions on carbon emissions. The only step forward was funding for vulnerable countries affected by climate related disasters, which seems a dubious gain at best.

The International Science Council (of which WAU is member) has been bravely facing the situation and engaging in activities and initiatives such as the podcast series broadcast every Thursday in December 2022 that explained what living in times of crises means for science and scientists across the world. This five-part series provided detailed accounts of the complicated relationship between geopolitics and science. On the occasion of the United Nation's Day of Education [the recent suppression of women's education in Afghanistan](#) has been highlighted in the ISC statement.

Science for Ukraine is an initiative by an international group of volunteers supporting the Ukraine academic community. Their recent report '[Beyond Resilience: Professional Challenges, Preferences, and Plans of Ukranian Researches abroad](#)' is available on the ISC website. The ISC webinar on Science, Engagement, Peace and Reconciliation took place on 15th November 2022 and an Ukranian Official made the opening statement.

In January, the IUAES president Junji Koizumi and other officials of WAU received a letter from the ABA (The Brazilian Anthropology Association) president, Andréa Zhouri, denouncing the gross violation of human rights of the Yanomami and the Ye'kuana peoples of the Amazonian region. The link to the letter is: <https://www.abant.org.br/files/2023012663d273d564d74.pdf/> WAU members continue to support and publicize actions taken by these organization, even as they continue their own efforts.

Gains

Ethnology and Anthropology back on the list of disciplines officially recognized in Poland



By Michal Buchowski
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Past President of the Polish
Ethnological Society (2005-19)

In 2018 Polish authorities implemented a reform of higher education that reorganized the list of officially recognized disciplines. Each discipline was now to be represented by a significant and comparable number of scholars. Anthropology/ethnology was merged together with cultural and religious

studies to form a new "discipline" under the label of "cultural and religious studies". Two things should be noted here. First, this decision was a case of the tail wagging the dog, since some disciplines were created essentially for administrative assessment reasons, and thus, to a large extent, arbitrarily. Second, within this new creation, the subject matter of anthropology and ethnology was missing. This meant that although anthropologists continued to work in departments of ethnology and anthropology, teach programs of study under the label of "ethnology", and do research on anthropological topics, the name "ethnology/anthropology" was absent from the officially established nomenclature. As a wise, old saying goes, what is unnamed does not exist.

The Polish anthropological community vigorously protested this decision. Several letters were sent to the ministry by various organizations, including the Polish Ethnological Society, the Committee of Ethnological Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and a number of university departments. A spectacular protest took place at Adam Mickiewicz University when during a lecture delivered on January 14, 2019 by Jarosław Gowin, then Minister of Science and Higher Education. During

the lecture, students stood up with signs labelled "ethnology" and gagged mouths. All letters of protest were then placed in the minister's hands by me personally (<https://glosnielkopolski.pl/poznan-niemy-protest-na-uam-podczas-konferencji-jaroslaw-gowina-zdjecia/ar/13806556>).

Among these letters were those issued by several international organizations: WAU/IUAES/WCAA, EASA, AAA, SIEF, ASA, CNRS, CREOLE M.A. program partners (universities in Barcelona, Bern, Ljubljana, Lyon, Mayothen, Vienna and Poznan), and some individual departments (e.g. Copenhagen). These letters were highly appreciated by Polish scholars, who were and remain very thankful for them. We are certain that all of these acts of solidarity strengthened our voice in the struggle to regain our discipline's name. After four years of struggle, we all have succeeded. Under a regulation of the Ministry issued at the end of October 2022 (<https://dziennikustaw.gov.pl/DU/2022/2/2202>), "ethnology and cultural anthropology" have been placed on the list of discipline officially recognized in Poland. This is a small, but important victory in the ongoing efforts around the globe to keep anthropology alive worldwide.

Michael Buchowski, Past President of the Polish Anthropological Association, informed in November 2022 that the Ministry of Education and Science of Poland has announced that 'ethnology and cultural anthropology' is now recognized as a separate discipline. Members may recall that earlier this subject was taken off the curriculum in Poland and merged under another heading and that [a strong letter of protest](#) had been sent from WAU, signed by Junji Koizumi and Carmen Rial. This gain came on the heels of another one reported earlier about the restoration of anthropology at the Queen's University Belfast.

[The WAU Statement on Human Rights](#), based on the IUAES Statement on Human Rights, was drafted by the task team comprising Andrew 'Mugsy' Spiegel, Virginia Dominguez, and Annapurna Pandey. The new statement was published on the WAU website in December 2022.

The IUAES Archiving Project (now being conceptualized as a WAU project) is steadily moving forward. Junji Koizumi, the chair of the Project, met the administrators of a museum of ethnology which will consider of housing the archival materials. There is a proposal to store virtual materials in the first stage and to collect physical materials in the second stage. It is anticipated that the World Anthropology Congress in Delhi may be the site for collection of great numbers of physical materials.

In January, the Co-Chairs of WAU, Junji Koizumi and Isaac Nyamongo, received a letter from the Institute of Social Science Research, Arizona State University, with regard to [the Cultural Anthropology Methods Program, CAMP](#) (funded by the US National Science Foundation) asking for WAU to partner for the global launch of CAMP in 2024. This has been welcomed by the WAU SC as a step forward for marking the presence of WAU as a strong platform for global collaboration. The process of collaboration was discussed and is being processed.

Moving Forward with WAU

Significant movement has occurred towards achieving a unified WAU encompassing IUAES and WCAA. [The WAU website](#) has been launched by is being built systematically the WAU Steering Committee with Michel Bouchard in charge. He has uploaded the bio-sketches and photographs of [all WAU SC members on the website](#). To strengthen the WAU organization, the existing WAU OGRs were scrutinized by Virginia Dominguez, Noel Salazar, Junji Koizumi and Gordon Mathews with inputs from other members of the WAU SC as well as from IUAES EC and WCAA OC. A significant change would be that in future, the person who organizes the World Congress will become a member of the WAU SC. The World Congress in Delhi in 2023 will be the last of the IUAES congresses and all other forthcoming ones will be organized by WAU and known as WAU congresses.

Junji Koizumi communicated that WAU received a request from Hillary Calan, the Editor-in-Chief of the Wiley International Encyclopaedia of Anthropology, for support from WAU for further editions of the Encyclopaedia. The WAU Steering Committee deliberated and decided to recommend the name of Gordon Mathews, the earlier editor of [Déjà Lu](#), as an Associate Editor of the Encyclopaedia.

The WCAA webinars that were being conducted by Clara Saraiva have now been converted to WAU webinars with Subhadra Channa representing the IUAES. The first of the WAU webinars on the topic of 'Middle Eastern Women' was successfully broadcast on the 13th of February at 14.00 UTC. The participants were Nadia Aghtaie (University of Bristol, U.K.), Nasim Basiri (Oregon State University, U.S.A.), Christian Bromberger (Aix-Marseille Universite, France), and Rukshana Zaman (Indira Gandhi National Open University, India). The WAU Steering Committee decided that 26th September will be the Global Anthropology Day (GAD). It was the 26th September of 2016 when a formalized collaboration between IUAES

and WCAA was approved by the vote of the two organizations and the establishment of WAU was announced.

Events

Pre-Congress events

The University School of Law and Legal studies, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, organized an International Congress as a Pre-Congress event leading to the World Anthropology Congress in Delhi in October 2023. The theme of the conference was 'The Uprooted Identities of Nomadic People: The Issues of Structural Marginalization and Struggle for Legal Status'. It was held on the premises on the 9th and 10th of January 2023 and President Junji Koizumi attended online. The chief co-ordinator of the conference was Prof. Deepshikha Aggarwal, who is also an active member of the Local Organizing Committee.

19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress in Delhi (14th-20th October 2023)

A lot of activities are already underway. The Call for Panels for World Anthropology Congress closed on the 14th of February 2023, and the organizer have received a total of 180 panel submissions of which only 32 are in an off-line mode. The panels have been sent to the members of the Scientific Committee for evaluation, and [the call for abstracts](#) is open now. The deadline for submission is 30th April 2023.

It has been suggested that the donation received from the journal *Critique of Anthropology* be used for a Critique of Anthropology Plenary for Early Career Scholars. Heather O'Leary and Indrani Mukherjee of the Scientific committee have been put in charge of organizing this event.

The organisers have now created [a Facebook page](#) dedicated to the latest updates from the Congress. Follow the page <https://www.facebook.com/19th-IUAES-WAU-World-Anthropology-Congress-2023-New-Delhi-India-105770842230667/>.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS NOW OPEN. You may submit your abstract under the panel of your choice. Deadline: 30 April 2023. <https://iuaes2023delhi.org/panelabstract.aspx>

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From the Desk of the Secretary-General

For anthropologists across the world, 2023 is definitely a long-awaited year. After 5 long years, a global pandemic, and many other events in our lives, we have the opportunity again to meet and exchange during the [19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress](#) in Delhi, India (14-20 October). If you are not yet involved, please check out the congress website to discover all the possibilities for participation, both on-site and online. The next World Anthropology Congress will take place in 2027 (only 4 years of waiting!) and WAU is still looking for candidates. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or ideas you may have in this respect or related to organizing a WAU Congress (previously called IUAES Inter-Congress).

2023 is also special for another reason: IUAES celebrates its 75th anniversary! In the years after the Second World War, UNESCO launched various initiatives to build a more peaceful, tolerant, and cohesive world. This included the formation or consolidation of international scientific umbrella organizations. The launching of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences in 1948 was marked by a World Congress in Brussels, Belgium. However, the cycle of congresses actually predate the foundation of IUAES (and go back as far as 1865). No wonder, then, that congresses are still the backbone of our intellectual activity and work towards a global community of anthropologists. To mark this important anniversary, we are still looking for all kinds of historical materials (both in-kind and in electronic format) to complete our archives. Please get in touch if you have things to share! If enough people send in things, we are planning to have an exhibit in New Delhi. Afterwards, all materials will find a place in a permanent archive that will also be accessible online.

A 75th anniversary is referred to as a diamond jubilee. Diamonds are among the strongest substances on Earth, as well as one of the most desired. IUAES has withered a number of internal and external storms over the years. With the formation of WAU in 2018, our association stands strong and is well prepared for the future. However, the future can only be built together, so we count on your input and cooperation to make IUAES-WAU the place to be for all anthropologists and everything anthropological!

Events from Associated Organizations

Our members are regularly updated about the events from organizations with which WAU is now affiliated, the main one being [ISC \(International Science Council\)](#). From September 2022, ISC has initiated its [Global Knowledge Dialogues](#) and the first one took place in Cape Town, South Africa, on 5th December 2022, paving the way for further dialogues to be held in Latin

America, Asia-Pacific and Europe. The Global Knowledge Dialogues in Africa was followed by [World Science Forum 2022](#) from 6-9th December.

The ISC also launched seven short films that were supported by the Transformations to Sustainability Programme. These can be seen <https://stories.council.science/transformations-sustainability/>.

2023 Mid-term Meeting of ISC Members will take place in Paris on 10-12th May 2023, under the umbrella theme 'Capitalizing on Synergies in Science'. Noel Salazar will represent WAU at this meeting as agreed upon unanimously at the WAU Steering Committee.

[The United Nation's 2003 Water Conference](#) was held in New York from 22-24th March 2023 and is set to gather momentum to achieve the internationally agreed water related goals and targets, as part of the implementation of [the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028](#). Heather O'Leary represented WAU at this important event.

Noel Salazar has reported that the [CIPSH](#) has announced January 14, as [World Logic Day](#), beginning from January 2021. This day is particularly relevant as the pandemic reminds us of the value of systemic thinking, critical analysis and logical actions. The CIPSH Conference is to be held in Tokyo in the 23rd and 24th of August 2023, focused on logic and other topics, and the WAU Steering Committee decided to nominate Noel Salazar as the WAU representative.

Opportunities for Members

The ISC has announced [the selection of 66 Foundation Fellows](#) and more are going to be nominated on a regular basis. Details of nomination requirements and process can be found in the Call for Nomination Brochure of the ISC and members are advised to liaison with Sarah Moore for more information at [sarah.moore\[at\]council.science](mailto:sarah.moore[at]council.science).

[The Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research](#) is being presented by ISC along with ISC members of the University of Bergen and the European Consortium for Political Research. The deadline for nominations is till the 30th of April.

Members are advised to keep looking at the ISC website for more opportunities.

Media and External Relations

The domain of media and external relations is managed by IUAES Vice President Saša Missoni. He reported that the Instagram Profile and the Facebook Page has been fairly stable and show increase in readership at the time of release of the Newsletter and at the time of the Human Rights webinar. He also reported analytics about Twitter and LinkedIn.

Commissions News

A new commission has been proposed by Leah Junck and Katrien Pye on Digital Anthropology. Leah had worked as an intern with Heather O’Leary for some time, and very successfully. The Chair of the Commission on Study of Difference, Discrimination and Marginalization (SDMM) Andrew Spiegel reported that on the basis of the papers presented at the panels and roundtables generated by the Commission at the Yucatan Congress, a special issue of *Dialectical Anthropology*, 47(1), 2023, guest edited by Jonatan Kurtzwelly and Andrew D. Spiegel, has been published. The journal has expressed continued interest in the debates on identity politics generated by the commission and will take it forward in future issues as well.



The Urban Commission is holding its Field training and Research Seminar on ‘Urban Research: Theory and Methods’ at Montecantini Terme , Italy, from 21-27th July 2023. Those interested can apply <https://www.internationalurban-symposium.com/2023-field-training-school/>. This will be followed by a conference on Urban Inequalities at the same place. This Commission regularly publishes its online journal *Urbanities*.

The Commission on Middle East had held a successful annual Conference at Istanbul, Turkey, in September 7-9, 2022. The conference, under the broad title “The Middle East from the Margin” was conducted in a hybrid form in cooperation with the Institut Français d’Études Anatoliennes (IFEA) and the Orient-Institut in Istanbul in the central yet historic neighborhood of the district Pera (Beyoglu). Three-day stationary sessions (with several participants connecting via the Internet) were held in the building of the Consulate of the Republic of France and were led by the Chair of the Commission Dr. Soheila Shahshahani (Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran). The technical side of the event was taken care of by Dr. Katja Rieck (Orient-Institute, Istanbul) and its organization was supported by the Executive Secretary of the Commission Dr. Farniyaz Zaker (Oxford University). Two of the Commission’s Regional Representatives attended in person: Dr. Soraya Tremayne (Oxford University) and Dr. Mary Hegland (Santa Clara University). A detailed conference program with abstracts and participant profiles was distributed on site and was also available electronically prior to the start of the proceedings. This long-awaited event brought together more than 50 scholars from different academic centers who presented their original research within 12 panels, among others devoted to: education, ethnohistory, visual anthropology, political participation of women, popular culture, Middle Eastern youth, modernity, sports, non-governmental formations, and political and media culture. The scholarly part of the conference was accompanied by a rich cultural program and on-side discussions, which were held at the French Institute and streamed online, arranged, and hosted by Mina Rad, Iranian-French documentary filmmaker and producer. This Commission has a journal, *Anthropology of the Middle East* that is published regularly by Berghahn Publications, under the

editorship of Prof. Soheila Shahshahani. Please check out www.journals.berghahnbooks.com/amc.

Call for Member Participation

If you have relevant information that you, as a member of the IUAES, wants to share with other members in the next newsletter, please get in touch with the newsletter editors. (Please note that publication in IUAES NEWS is subject to our editorial policy.)

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