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**In support of the ABA motion
regarding the globalization of anthropological research
(Oficio n° 028/2020/ABA)**

The Steering Committee of the World Anthropological Union (WAU) has read and endorses the important motion proposed by the Brazilian Anthropological Association (ABA) with respect to the globalization of anthropological research. Those scholars who do not belong to the Euro-American power centres that control academia have experienced neglect and marginalization, especially in bibliographies and references as well as in the acknowledgment of their works and the lack of support for local journals. Anthropological research and theorizing has classically flowed from the power centres to the peripheries, with the researcher from the centre using the periphery as an instrumental means towards creating knowledge. If we wish to transcend the past of our discipline, it is imperative to work towards greater equity in the future where all anthropologies, all scholars and all institutions have a fair chance of representation in academia. The points chartered out by the ABA are a pioneering effort towards this objective.

The Wenner-Gren Foundation has already begun their Engaged Research Projects towards this end. It is not just desirable but imperative that academicians and researchers be given participatory and equivalent status in any research project that takes place on their home turf and not simply be acknowledged for their help in the preface of a book. There should also be a deconstruction of academic centres as known producers of knowledge to the exclusion of others.

We wholeheartedly endorse the efforts of the ABA and look towards greater achievements by the collective efforts of anthropologists across the globe towards a truly equitable and shared academia. WAU remains committed to taking this effort further through its internal diversity and inclusive approach.

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