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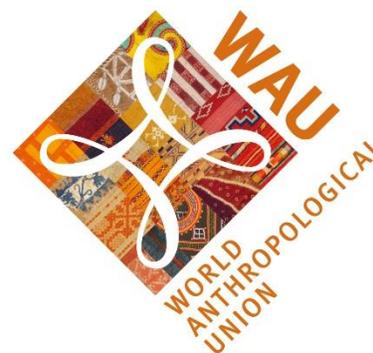
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## Gains

[Florianopolis, Brazil, in 2018](#) saw the formation of [a new IUAES executive](#) as well as [a new steering committee for WAU \(World Anthropological Union\)](#). [The WAU logo](#) has been finalized. At this Congress two new [Honorary Members](#) were elected, Joan P. Mencher of USA and Gustavo Lin Ribeiro of Brazil/Mexico. The late Silvio Coelho dos Santos of Brazil was also conferred Honorary Membership posthumously.

The conference proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> IUAES World Congress in Florianopolis are now available online:

[https://www.iaaes2018.org/conteudo/view?ID\\_CONTEUDO=767](https://www.iaaes2018.org/conteudo/view?ID_CONTEUDO=767)



At the AAA (American Anthropological Association) meeting in San Jose in November 2018, there was a double gain for IUAES as both past and present presidents, Faye V. Harrison and Junji Koizumi were honored with [the AAA Presidential Award](#) for their exemplary contribution anthropology in helping unite global anthropology under the World Anthropological Union (WAU). The past chairs of WCAA, Vesna Vučinić-Nešković and Chandana Mathur, were also honored in the same way.



Past president Faye V. Harrison also made a lasting contribution to IUAES by publishing an article in *The International Encyclopedia of Anthropology* (Wiley, 2018) on the IUAES as an organization. This entry was highly appreciated by all members of the Executive Committee.

Victoria Chenaut, EC member, took the initiative to help prepare a multilingual version of a concise article on the IUAES. The English draft was prepared by Faye V. Harrison, Andrew Spiegel and Subhadra Channa with input from Noel B. Salazar, Junji Koizumi and Heather O'Leary. This is to be translated by Victoria Chenaut and others.



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## Upcoming Events

The most awaited event coming up is the Inter-Congress in Poznan, Poland, to be held on 27-31 August 2019. There will be more than 100 panels, but also roundtables and workshops as well

as films and audiovisual projects. Confirmed keynote speakers are Alisse Waterston (Past President of the American Anthropological Association) and Chris Hahn (Founding Director of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology). It is hoped that the Inter-Congress will be a resounding success. More information about IUAES2019 can be found online: <https://www.iaes2019.org/>.

The IUAES received an application to hold a congress in Croatia in 2020, and it was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. IUAES2020 will be held in Šibenik, Croatia, most likely in the month of October. More will be communicated about this in the next newsletter and through other on-line media.

## Forming Links with Others

AAA is establishing an Open Anthropology Research Repository (OARR). According to Alex W. Barker, President of AAA, it is an AAA initiative to develop a freely accessible repository for all kinds of anthropological knowledge, and it is intended to meet the needs of the colleagues around the world. The OARR will be guided and shaped by a global Advisory Board of which WAU is a component. Six members of WAU are on this Advisory Board and have been engaged in conversation with AAA to reach the terms for this enterprise. In March a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the AAA and the WAU.

The IUAES is a member of [the International Science Council \(ISC\)](#), which was created last year as the result of a merger between the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and as such the IUAES has access to many activities and resources. The following are the inputs from ISC:

1. Under the auspices of the ISC, [the 2018 World Social Science Forum](#) (WSSF) took place in Fukuoka, Japan, 25-28 September 2018. The conference theme was “Security and equality for sustainable futures.”
2. The ISC Members were requested to give input to the Draft Science Action Plan (SAP) 2019-2021, which is the most important ISC plan for action for three years.
3. The ISC members were also required to provide feedback on the draft World Data System (WDS) Strategic Plan (2019-2023).
4. The ISC was given charge to manage the external review of IPBES (The Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services). IUAES members received an online survey on this.
5. Reviews were sought for proposals received under the project Pathways towards Sustainable Development in Africa.
6. ISC sent out an invitation to all its members to review the Global Sustainable Development Report. Heather O’Leary and Thomas Reuter were nominated by the IUAES President as reviewers on behalf of the IUAES, and they were appointed by ISC.

The IUAES is also a member of [CIPSH \(The International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences\)](#) and our Secretary-General, Noel B. Salazar, is member of the CIPSH Executive Committee. In that capacity, and representing IUAES/WAU, he attended the 5<sup>th</sup> World Humanities Forum (WHF) in Busan, South Korea, at the end of October 2018. The Forum had as theme “The human image in a changing world” and attracted scholars from across the globe. More information about this is available online:

<http://worldhumanitiesforum.com/eng/main/index.php>

Shortly after attending the WHF, our Secretary-General shared the information about a new CIPSH initiative to establish academic humanities chairs-oriented towards a general theme and headed by a chair holder, at universities and other recognized research institutions. Ideally, the designated theme or project should be interdisciplinary in nature and one or more of the supporting institutions should be located in a country or countries different from that of the host institution. Later on the Secretary-General also forwarded the information that the call for chairs had received three applications.

## Raising a Voice

Michal Buchowski, President of the Polish Association of Anthropology, requested a letter of support from WAU (World Anthropological Union). This call was triggered by the decision of the Polish authorities to delete Anthropology/Ethnology from the list of disciplines and put them under the general umbrella of Cultural/Religious studies. The IUAES president Junji Koizumi and the WCAA chair Carmen Rial together drafted [a letter of support](#).

Global solidarity of the anthropological community as well as of allied disciplines was extended to the National Museum of Brazil at Rio de Janeiro, reduced to ashes following a fire in September 2018 in which two centuries of research data and materials were lost. On behalf of WAU a letter of solidarity, signed by both IUAES Presidents and WCAA Chair, was sent to the top officials of the Museum and to President Lia Zanotta Machado of ABA, the Brazilian Association of Anthropology. Distress call was sent across to scholars and institutions across the world, through the institutions and individuals represented by WAU, to extend all possible support to the museum in the form of donations, particularly books. It was also requested that scholars who had material copied from the museum in their possession, should send copies back to enable the replenishment of the museum archives. The museum officials responded by sending a letter of appreciation signed by Prof. John Comerford of the National Museum at Rio de Janeiro.

## Loss

We regret to announce the loss of the following members of the global anthropological community: Cyril Belshaw, who was President of the IUAES (1978-1983) and the organizer of

the IUAES World Congress in Canada in 1983; and Christian Giordano, who was an active member of IUAES Commission on Theoretical Anthropology.

**Cyril Belshaw** (3 December 1921 – 30 November 2018)

Diana Belshaw (daughter)

We are saddened to share the news of Cyril's death just before his 97th birthday. He was a kind and generous man who taught his family to celebrate diversity and adventure, kindness and shared joy. He delighted in good food, travel, politics, gardening, music and his great passion, tennis. He will be mourned by daughter Diana, partner Thomas; granddaughter Eleanor, Liam and their son Arthur Cyril; son Adrian, partner Loreen; granddaughter Juniper, partner Jess; by his extended family Claudia and Kevin and friends around the world.

Cyril was a colonial administrator and economist in the South Pacific before completing his PhD in social anthropology at the London School of Economics. During extensive field work in New Guinea, Fiji and Northern BC, he was supported, as in life, by his wife, Betty. His appointment to the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at UBC began a long career as an international academic, observer, and writer. He continued a family tradition of service as a founding member of CUSO, as Director of a Regional Training Centre for UN Fellows in Vancouver, and with UNESCO, the UN Bureau of Social Affairs, and the International Social Science Council. He served as President of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, as editor of *Current Anthropology*, was an Honorary Life Member of the Royal Anthropological Institute and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Cyril was an unrepentant thinker and writer. His publications ranged from academic studies (*The Indians of British Columbia*, *Under the Ivi Tree*, *Changing Melanesia*) to philosophical and political analyses of the world around him (*Anatomy of a University*, *Towers Besieged: The Dilemma of the Creative University*, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice: An Anthropology of Public Policy*). Towards the end of his life, Cyril imagined a better world for his granddaughters and their children in *Creating Our Destiny*, based on the essay with which he won the Utopian World Championship in 2005.

**Christian Giordano** (27 October 1945 – 29 December 2018)

Petr Skalník

Christian Giordano, emeritus professor of social anthropology at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) died suddenly at the age of 73 in Vilnius (Lithuania) on 29th December 2018. He was vacationing with his beloved Alina Žvinkliene before taking up regular guest teaching of political anthropology at the Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas. Giordano was one of the best educated anthropologists and ethnologists of his generation, an eminent teacher and author of many seminal publications. Giordano's trajectory went through Southern, Eastern and South-eastern Europe as far as Malaysia where he carried out fieldwork during the latter years of his life.

Born in Lugano (Switzerland) on 27th October 1945, he kept Italian citizenship throughout his life. He studied anthropology at Heidelberg, law and economic at Bern. His doctoral thesis was published as *Craftsmen and Peasant Associations in the Sicilian Society* (1975, in German). He joined the department of cultural anthropology and European ethnology at Frankfurt am Main with Ina-Maria Greverus as head. With her he co-edited *Sicily – People, Country and the State* (1986, in German). His habilitation thesis was published in 1992 under the title *The Dupes of History. Conquest Mentality and Conquest Rationality in Mediterranean Societies*. (in German). After the change in communist Europe Giordano paid ever more interest to the post-communist societies, especially those of south-eastern Europe. He joined the University of Fribourg as professor of ethnology and became the first head of its Department of Social Anthropology. He gradually built a school of social anthropology there. His theoretical aiming changed to political anthropology and ethnicity studies. Also his works, thus far published in German, Italian and French, became more commonly to appear in English (*Bulgaria. Social and Cultural Landscapes*, co-editor 2000; “Europe: sociocultural overview” in *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, vol. 7: 4917-4923; “The social production of mistrust” (with D. Kostova) in *Postsocialism*, C. M. Hann ed., 2002).

Christian Giordano was active in the IUAES, namely its Commission on Theoretical Anthropology (“Regimes of toleration in nation-states and in consociations: the recognition of ethno-cultural diversity and its dilemmas in a globalized world”, *Social Evolution and History* 12, No. 1: 51-77). He organized several international conferences. One of them was path breaking and published as *Does East Go West? Anthropological Pathways through Postsocialism* (Wien and Berlin 2014). There his essay “Does postsocialism in Eastern Europe mirror postcolonialism?” showed where comparative research on postcommunism might go. Next year Christian Giordano published a selection of what he deemed were his best essays (*Power, Legitimacy, Historical Legacies. A Disenchanted Political Anthropology*, Wien 2015).

Giordano almost incessantly travelled, lectured and attended conferences. He was made *doctor honoris causa* by the University of Timisoara West in Romania and gave many Erasmus lectures around Europe. He co-founded *Anthropological Journal on European Cultures* and served as the editor-in-chief of the book series *Fribourg Studies in Social Anthropology* (published by the Lit Verlag, now more than 50 volumes). He was on boards of a number of journals such as *Ethnologia Balcanica*, *Focaal*, *Etudes Rurales*, *Lithuanian Ethnology: Studies in Social Anthropology and Ethnology*. etc. Since 2014 Giordano was affiliated to Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania as a Visiting Professor.

During the last decade of his life Giordano was engaged in research on Penang in Malaysia. Thus a comparative perspective was born scrutinising European postcommunism and Asian postcolonialism. At the moment of his unexpected death Christian Giordano was about to write a postscript to a collection of papers evaluating critically the three decades of sociocultural anthropology since the demise of communist regimes in eastern part of Europe. As well he

initiated a publication about anthropological fieldwork in countries under communist rule. Its working title is *Recalling Fieldwork. People, Places and Encounters* (both will appear in 2019).

Giordano's "last" article is Political correctness: A form of anthropological "do-goodism" 2018 | ANUAC. VOL. 7, N° 2, DICEMBRE 2018: 235-240. ISSN: 2239-625X – DOI: 10.7340/anuac2239-625X-3514

## 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.)

Remember also that you can share and read news, at any time, through the IUAES social media channels:

<https://www.facebook.com/IUAES-1525250224390454/>

[https://twitter.com/IUAES\\_EC](https://twitter.com/IUAES_EC) (hashtag #IUAES)

Back numbers of *IUAES NEWS* are available at: <http://www.iaes.org/nl/index.html>.

In this context, we also want you to know that the IUAES website will be renewed and integrated into a WAU website. If you have expertise with website building, please get in touch with us. For the new website we are also looking for anthropology-related illustrations (photos, cartoons, etc.). If you have anything that you think would look nice on the website, just send it to the Secretary-General at [s-g@iaes.org](mailto:s-g@iaes.org)

**Note:** The GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) went into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. In the context of the new privacy legislation by the EU, we want to inform you that we only collect personal details strictly necessary for our communication with you. We do not share or sell your data to any third parties. You choose which communication you wish to receive from us. You can unsubscribe from the IUAES Newsletter or any other communication at any time, by sending a message to [s-g@iaes.org](mailto:s-g@iaes.org).

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