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TO: Dr. Faye Harrison, President, IUAES
FROM: Dr. Florence E. Babb, Chair, CWA Subcommittee on Teaching and Research
RE: Course syllabi on topics relevant to world anthropologies
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Warm greetings to you and other colleagues in the IUAES. As we have discussed, the AAA Committee on World Anthropologies (CWA) is launching an initiative to bring together course syllabi on topics relevant to the development of world anthropologies. We anticipate that having a broad pool of syllabi from diverse parts of the globe will serve as a valuable resource for the constituent groups of the IUAES and for those who teach on a range of subjects and wish to better represent theory and research produced outside of our usual and more familiar ground. We would like to post all such syllabi on the AAA / CWA websites, making them available to any who desire to access them. Once the project is under way, we would welcome the IUAES to post the link, so that there may be a worldwide exchange of ideas for teaching (which would have positive implications for the exchange of research findings as well).

We appreciate your willingness to reach out to the IUAES membership and encourage members to participate in this initiative. We are now inviting IUAES members to share syllabi for courses that may focus on world anthropologies broadly, or on approaches to anthropological topics that engage scholarship emerging from various parts of the world. Our main objective is to learn how our colleagues across the globe are providing students with learning experiences that get at “other knowledges” produced by anthropologists rather than drawing only on perspectives from their own national positioning--or from the Euro-American tradition. Syllabi might emphasize theoretical, conceptual, or ethnographic contributions at either the undergraduate or graduate level. We recognize that anthropology develops as an established discipline institutionally in different ways in different countries; thus, what is produced in-country in some regions (particularly in the global South) would be very important for entering into deeper dialogues with other knowledges. We furthermore recognize the importance of course syllabi as intellectual property, and would request that individuals who are willing to share their syllabi be acknowledged by anyone drawing ideas from their work.

The CWA Subcommittee on Teaching and Research hopes that this initiative will lead to a productive exchange of teaching ideas and best practices, with model syllabi to consult and to stimulate rich discussion. We look forward to receiving syllabi submitted by anyone who believes that their course syllabus could contribute to this initiative. Would you kindly ask

IUAES members to send suitable syllabi to our staff liaison at the AAA, Carla Fernandez, at cfernandez@aaanet.org

We also ask that contributors kindly include the following information, either on their syllabi or in their email message to Carla Fernandez:

First Name:

Last Name:

Affiliation:

Would you like to have your email displayed so that colleagues may contact you?

Course Title:

Student type (select all that apply): Graduate, undergraduate, or other

Course level: General audience, introductory, intermediate, or advanced

Class size: Up to 20, 20-50, larger than 50

Is this an online class: yes / no

Please accept my gratitude along with that of other members of the CWA. We will keep you apprised of developments with this initiative.

With cordial regards,

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