**HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2016**

**Present:** Severine Deneulin, Caroline Hart, Ravi Kanbur, Hiro Kuribayashi, Sophie Mitra, Zina Nimeh, Henry Richardson, Graciela Tonon, Sridhar Venkatapuram, Gareth Wall, Melanie Walker

**Chair:** Henry Richardson

1. **Treasurer’s Report/Requests**
   1. An investment account has been set up.
   2. Summer school –a $2500 budget with a grant of $1500 from HDCA was approved. Cost of attendance will be $50 per person. In addition, anyone receiving a conference scholarship would get an additional $100 if they plan to attend the summer school.
   3. Request for up to $750 for a Thematic Group dinner was approved.
   4. Up to $1800 was approved for the Fellows’ dinner.
2. **Proposal on call for conference hosts**
   1. A decision was made to send call for 2018/2019 at same time, and then a rolling annual call for hosts for the following conference. Next call is due out in May.
3. **Routledge book series – open access question**
   1. Books give an introduction on topics from the CA perspective. Making them open access is costly – about £5000 per book. A decision was made instead to put the first chapter of each book on the website and look for a sponsor to fund open access for the entire series.
4. **Fellows election slate**
   1. The Fellows slate was approved unanimously.
5. **EC election slate**
   1. The Nominating Committee will finalize the slate, and then it will be submitted to the EC for vote by email.
6. **2016 Conference update**
   1. Submissions: 295 Full academic papers, 17 Thematic panels, 39 Young scholar papers, 5 Roundtables, 23 Posters . Five speakers confirmed.
7. **2017 Conference theme and Program Committee appointees**
   1. The theme of the South Africa conference was approved: "Challenging Inequalities: Human Development and Social Change."
   2. Ravi will extend invitations to the HDCA members of the Program Committee.
8. **AOB**
   1. A decision was made to close the Capabilities and Law Thematic Group as it has been inactive. There is considerable overlap with the Human Rights TG.
9. **Next meeting**
   1. June/July