

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2016

Present: Severine Deneulin, Barbara Ky, Caroline Hart (left call at 8:00 am), Ravi Kanbur, Hiro Kuribayashi, Zina Nimeh, Henry Richardson, Sophie Mitra, Melanie Walker, Gareth Wall

Chair: Henry Richardson

1. Treasurer's Report

- a. Bank accounts were transferred to First Republic. Investment funds will be set up when the current market volatility has settled down.
- b. John Hammock agreed to continue as HDCA Assistant Treasurer so that there would be a second US-based signatory.
- c. UNDP HDRO will continue financial support for the ul Haq lecture at the annual conference for two years.

2. Maitreyee – survey response and next steps

- a. 46 respondents. Reasons for reading Maitreyee: general interest, increasing knowledge, interest in particular topics. Some use it for teaching. Shorter pieces/ introduction to topics are particularly useful. Suggested future topics: health, education, children migration, and human rights.
- b. Other comments/suggestions from respondents: online forum for doctoral students and for people teaching in CA; translation into other languages – e.g. Portugese.
- c. Moving forward – we can start planning to get issues in the pipeline so that we can get back to 2 issues/yr.

3. Summer School update

- a. Will run Mon. 29- Tue. 30 August. Will introduce students to foundational concepts, core themes in CA. Opportunity for researchers to get feedback on their work. Maximum 20 participants.
- b. Possible Format - four 90-minute sessions, with breaks in-between. Or more formalized plenary session in the morning, and workshops in the afternoon.

4. Thematic Group coordinators proposal

- a. Currently 16 TGs. Most coordinators serve for a few years.
- b. Recommendations: coordinators' meeting each quarter; encourage organization of events in external venues; terms of 3 years; maximum of 4 coordinators per TG. How to fill a vacant position – it will be advertised and existing members can nominate someone. If there is more than one nominee, there will be an election.

- c. Ways to add more benefits to the position: more visibility, e.g. a time during conference where coordinators can showcase their work; the website could showcase TG activity.

5. Fellows' renewal/election

- a. Renewal invitations were sent and most have responded.
- b. According to the process set out in the HDCA Book of Regulations, nominations for new Fellows will be solicited from current Fellows and HDCA members. A slate will be approved by the EC, and an online will be held.

6. 2016 Conference update

- a. Twenty-three submissions have been received already. A number of keynote speakers have been confirmed.
- b. Accommodations –a list of recommended hotels will be made available.
- c. Pre-conference events will be held on Aug. 31.
- d. An optional tour will be offered to participants for Sat. evening at the end of the conference.

7. AOB

- a. Gareth suggested that we consider inviting bids for conferences more than 2 years out. Henry will appoint a committee to study this and put forward a proposal.

8. Next meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held in March 2016. Not first or last week.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Rosenblum