**HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 8, 2019, 7 pm**

**London, UK**

**Present:** Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti Andrew Crabtree, Jay Drydyk, Oscar Garza, Caroline Hart, Lori Keleher, Stacy Kosko, Ann Mitchell, Rosie Peppin-Vaughan, Ingrid Robeyns, Jack Simpson, Elaine Unterhalter, Krushil Watene

**Remote (via GoToMeeting):** Serene Khader, Sammia Poveda, Graciela Tonon

**Chair:** Ingrid Robeyns

1. **2019 Conference Update**
   1. Far exceeded targets – about 440 paid registrants, 25 volunteers, 10 speakers.
   2. Good community engagement, meeting with groups about the CA and how they could use it.
   3. Four walks were fully subscribed – black history, east London, Covent Garden, queer tour. Graduate Student Network went bowling and did karaoke.
   4. Reduced the young scholar meets senior scholar to one session per day.
   5. Posters – HDCA Fellows were asked to pick a poster to comment on.
   6. Fantastic range of papers, variety, depth of scholarship, pushing boundaries.
   7. 42 people sent messages for 15th anniversary video.
   8. Jay applauds the work they did with civil society and hopes that can be emulated in future conferences.
2. **2019 Summer School Update**
   1. Ended up with 34 students from a variety of countries.
   2. Conference team gave great support with logistics and ordering materials.
   3. Sincere thanks to tutors: Jay Drydyk, Paul Anand, Sridhar Venkatapuram, Guilia Greco, Mario Biggeri.
   4. Attendees provided valuable feedback.
   5. Caroline and Rosie are unable to attend next year’s conference but will help provide support for the summer school.
   6. The summer school complements the main conference – it builds network and community as well as orientates students to the main conference.
3. **2020 Conference Host Update**
   1. Planning is going well. Focus on sustainability. Climate justice in the Pacific Rim is so important and the CA has a lot to offer.
   2. Conftools and the website are being organized.
   3. Important to Krushil and the region to have a summer school. Would also like to explore a pre-conference event for policy makers. Especially relevant for New Zealand as the government has adopted living standard programs based on the capability approach.
4. **2021 Conference Host Update**
   1. Deadline is October 1 for proposals to host the conference.
5. **Long-term Vision and Strategy Committee update**
   1. How often are we going to have annual conferences, how often look to regional events? We are strengthening regional presence already. Are we going to use technology to a greater extent – e.g. the taped session with Amartya Sen?
   2. We’ll be looking at hybrid ideas for the conferences with physical attendance and some online options. This will need to be discussed with individual conference hosts. The current technology isn’t good enough to entirely replace a physical conference.
   3. Caroline – the TGs are very active throughout the year. We could use technology to offer webinars that would appeal to 50-60 people.
6. **Scholarship awards and eligibility; financial support for EC/Non-EC members to attend the conference**
   1. Andrew is chair of scholarship committee – this year Ann and Elaine are also members.
   2. In the past, we gave scholarships to young scholars only. This year it was expanded to include other scholars from developing countries. There are often recipients who drop out because they’re not able to get all the funding they need.
7. **2020 HDCA Budget**
   1. Scholarships – we might give higher amount of scholarships next year, which might reduce the number of people who drop out.
   2. All voted in favor of the budget.
8. **Fundraising update**
   1. Our fundraising appeals will be framed as wanting money to reduce the knowledge gap between global north and south.
9. **Debate Book Series update**
   1. Decision to stay with Routledge as publisher but will try to negotiate cheaper open access fee.
   2. We should diversify and include other types of publications – e.g. research monographs.
   3. Severine will step down in a year. For the short term, we’ll add Melanie as an editor for a 3-year term, and will establish a process for selecting editors going forward.
10. **HDCA Communications Plan**
    1. Jack would like to think about additional things we could do with the HDCA website. e.g. videos made by EC or other HDCA members. Online courses are another option. We can be a portal between the capability approach and those who might use it – e.g. practitioners.
    2. Oscar – impact could be had by promoting joint projects between HDCA thematic groups and outside groups.
    3. Jay – need to do a better job of informing each other what we do; we should encourage members to share. Jack – having a great mapping would be helpful to know who is working within CA in different areas. Andrew – might be worth asking members what’s important to them.
    4. Jack will draft a questionnaire for members and send to EC members for comment.
11. **Proposed changes to nominations/election procedures**
    1. Stacy offered various options for discussion and in some cases provided policy proposals.
    2. Many members don’t really understand what is entailed in serving on the EC and don’t think they could get elected.
    3. It was decided that a more substantive discussion should take place at the next EC meeting.
12. **AOB**
    1. None

Minutes submitted by Kathryn Rosenblum