

HDCA Executive Council Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2024

2:30 pm Italy

Present: Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, PB Anand, Sandra Boni, Meera Tiwari, Melanie Walker, Ann Mitchell, Matthias Kramm, Giulia Greco, Mikateko Mathebula, Graciela Tonon, Caroline Hart, Roni Kay O'Dell, Raphael Ng, Arunima Mukherjee

Chair: Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, President

1- Thank you to Melanie

- a. Enrica thanked Melanie for her leadership and highlighted her exceptional contributions. Melanie looks forward to continue her role as Past President.

2- Welcome to Hana and other new EC members

- a. Enrica welcomed the new Administrator Hana Srebotnjak and thanked Kathy for supporting her during the transition. She also welcomed new EC members: Raphael, Mikateko, PB Anand, and Meera, as well as the returning members: Giulia, Caroline, and Graciela.

3- 2024 Conference reflections

- a. Report on the Summer School: 31 students attended from diverse geographical origins. Fees of 15 local students were waived. Sessions were packed and the lectures excellent.
- b. Reflections on the 2024 Conference (full report is coming in December): Out of 40 submissions, 32 accepted, and 29 included in the final program. Registration included 180 in-person attendees and 60 online. Although 27 scholarships were granted, several recipients did not participate. Hybrid models pose challenges.
- c. Different advantages and disadvantages of online and in-person only events were discussed. Two sub-committees will be formed to discuss membership issues and formats of future conferences.
- d. Junior Scholar Meet Senior Scholar program could include mid-career scholars to expand the pool.

4- 2025 Conference Planning

- a. PB Anand gave an update on the planning of the 2025 HDCA Conference in Bradford. Discussions on accommodation, cultural activities, securing university venues, contacting potential Keynote speakers, etc. are all under way. A Call for Papers will be prepared next to circulate in December.

5- 2026 Conference

- a. A proposal has been received and is being revised. The deadline for additional submissions has been extended to December 1, 2024. A conference sub-committee to amongst other discuss the format of the 2026 conference will be formed.

6- Membership subcommittee

- a. Membership fees and different membership categories needs to be discussed further. Involvement of non-paying members in the association needs to be addressed. This conversation is related to the new website development and the content available to paying vs non-paying members. The subcommittee will be composed of a diverse group with regards to gender and geography.

7- AOB

- a. Website: a company that will carry out the redevelopment was chosen by the website subcommittee.
- b. Announcement of a Webinar titled “Promoting Transformative Change Through New Eco-Social Contracts”, taking place on November 26. The event aims to introduce the work of The Global Research and Action Network for a New Eco-Social Contract (GRAN-ESC) to HDCA members.

8- Next Meeting

- a. First half of December

Minutes submitted by Hana Srebotnjak