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Restore “Anthropology / Ethnology” to the Classification of Domains and Disciplines

Honorable Mr. Deputy Prime Minister,

We are writing in support of our Polish scholarly colleagues of Ethnology who ask that your government restore the designation of “Anthropology / Ethnology” as distinct discipline, as we understand that there are administrative plans for renaming the discipline into Cultural and Religious Studies.

We would like to emphasize the close connections between our colleagues of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at Warsaw University and the Saxo Institute, Ethnology Section, University of Copenhagen. Throughout the past years, we have had a high level of mobility among students and staff within the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, and the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology in Warsaw has generously hosted fieldwork excursions from Copenhagen University on several occasions. During these visits, students of Ethnology have travelled to Warsaw to do fieldwork and learn more on central aspects of Poland's culture and history. Through this collaboration, several times led by Prof. Agnieszka Koscińska, the students' theoretical knowledge of European and Polish affairs, as well as their analytical and methodological skills have remarkably improved. Further, we know our Polish colleagues as extremely active scholars, participating and contributing to international research, such as Assistant Professor Renata Hryciuk being a member of the editorial board of the international, A-ranked journal for Ethnology *Ethnologia Europaea*.

We sincerely hope that you will reconsider the plans for renaming the discipline of Ethnology and include Ethnology/Cultural Anthropology in the official classification of domains and disciplines, so that our international networks and cooperation

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with our Polish colleagues of Ethnology will be easily recognizable also in future collaboration.

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Yours Sincerely



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