

EASA Executive Committee Supports Polish Anthropologists and Ethnologists in their Anti-Discrimination Action

The Executive Committee of the European Association of Social Anthropologists supports the anti-discrimination initiative of our colleagues – Polish anthropologists and ethnologists - who have organized a collaborative action to speak out against the spread of racism, homophobia, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance and hatred in Poland and beyond. We support their inclusive efforts, which bring together anthropologists and ethnologists from different groups, departments and professional associations to address and take steps to confront the spreading danger of bigotry and prejudice against Otherness.

EASA is committed to promoting anthropological research and education to improve the understanding of world societies. We are dedicated to humanistic values which stress the equality of diverse ways of life and being in the world that we all share. The members of the Executive Committee are alarmed by the normalization of hatred in public discourse worldwide, but as representatives of a European organization, we are particularly concerned with these developments in Europe, a continent that only recently emerged from the anguish and consequences of a war waged on racist principles that destroyed much of the human and cultural diversity integral to European life for thousands of years. We oppose the anti-immigrant rhetoric, wedded as it is to growing intolerance toward the Other living within our borders, aimed to incite irrational fears and mobilize political actions that are threatening to pluralism and democracy in Europe.

We stand with our Polish colleagues and support their extraordinary public convention on November 23, 2016 in Poznań set to bring attention to these alarming developments and address them through anthropological knowledge, understanding and sensibility.

Yours,



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(on behalf of the Executive Committee)