

To the President of the Fundação para Ciência e Tecnologia (Portuguese National Science Foundation), Prof. Dr Paulo Ferrão

To the Portuguese Science Secretary of State , Prof. Dr. João Sobrinho Teixeira

Our three international Associations, World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA), European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) and Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF) write this letter in support of our Portuguese colleagues in what concerns the incorrect application of the Frascati manual and its use in the FoS classification. This is a serious problem, which the Portuguese colleagues have been discussing with us since 2010.

In the current system of classification applied by all centralized instances of the Portuguese state administration (FCT, DGEC, SEC), the science of anthropology emerges as a "subarea" of another discipline, sociology. As our Portuguese colleagues have expressed, this classification of Anthropology as a subfield of Sociology is not only incorrect, but profoundly hurts the discipline,

We therefore entirely support the Portuguese request for Anthropology to become classified as a "Secondary Scientific Area" of the Main Scientific Area "Social Sciences", and thus regains the position it should have within the Social Sciences in Portugal.


Respectfully,



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