

Contextualization on the expulsion of ABA members from the WAU Congress

In recent weeks, the ABA has been confronted with the arbitrary expulsion of two of its members by the organizer of the Anthropology Congress that will take place in Guatemala in November.

This is a unilateral and inexplicable decision that goes against the statutes of the WAU – World Anthropological Union (<https://waunet.org/wau-constitution/>), an organization that, since 2018, has brought together the century-old IUAES – International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences and the WCAA – World Council of Anthropological Associations, a council of national anthropology associations founded in 2004, in Recife, under the leadership of the ABA.

In light of this fact, and in reaffirmation of the democratic values of our Association, the ABA Council took a firm stand by issuing the statement published in this bulletin, which was read by President Luciana Dias at the closing assembly of the RAM in Salvador, on August 8.

In solidarity with this serious incident, the Latin American Association also expressed its indignation by issuing a statement of repudiation of these unwarranted expulsions, read at the same assembly by its President, Veronica Tessaro. In addition, several other leaders representing anthropologies from across Latin America also spoke out against the actions of the organizer of the anthropology congress in Guatemala.