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Dear Mr. Deputy Prime Minister,

As members of the Consortium for the European Joint Master in Anthropology « CREOLE – Cultural Differences and Transnational Processes », which counts as a member the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, we are writing this letter to express our concern about the situation of Anthropology / Ethnology in Poland. We also want to state our strong support for our Polish colleagues in their endeavour to bring back Anthropology / Ethnology into the official Polish lists of academic disciplines and domains.

Anthropology/Ethnology exists since the 19th century as a well-recognized discipline across the world, in academic spheres and beyond. Our letter intends to join the large series of letters and protests sent to you this winter, emanating from Polish institutions such as the Committee of Ethnological Sciences (KNE) and the Polish Ethnological Society (PTL), as well as foreign National and International organisations (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), Société Internationale d’Ethnologie et de Folklore (SIEF), European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), French Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), and so on), In order to justify the necessity to have Anthropology / Ethnology listed again in the classification of domains (*dziedziny*) and disciplines (*dyscypliny*) in your country, as it is done everywhere else.

Our Joint Master Program CREOLE was founded ten years ago to promote a closer collaboration between six European Universities, to encourage and foster knowledge circulation through students and staff exchanges across Europe. We are delighted that the renowned Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan has joined us; its participation is very valuable within this Programme. Polish anthropologists have always been active in Anthropology, beginning with Bronisław Malinowski who played a central role in the constitution of our discipline. We therefore believe that hiding this specific discipline under the general fuzzy label of “Studies of Culture and Religion” brings a serious risk, not only of concealing the important work done by Polish anthropologists/ethnologists and Polish Departments of Anthropology/Ethnology, but also of jeopardizing their international collaborations.



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We thereby respectfully ask you to reconsider the situation and to recognize again Anthropology/Ethnology as an academic discipline and domain. We sincerely hope that our appeal will be heard.

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