



Dear Insaniyyat Community,

We send you Season's Greetings for a new light of truth and justice to break through the darkness of our times. Here is an update about Insaniyyat's latest:

International Advisory Board We are delighted to inform you that Alpa Shah has recently agreed to join our International Advisory Board. Since our founding, IAB members have included: Hugh Gusterson, Niko Besnier, Leith Mullings, Lara Deeb, and Nadia Abu El-Haj. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their enduring support.

AAA panel This year's Insaniyyat-sponsored panel at the American Anthropological Association's annual meeting in November 2019, this time in Vancouver, was conducted in collaboration with The Canadian Anthropological Society/La Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie. Organizers Nayrouz Abu Hatoum and Sarah Ihmoud invited panelist to reflect on the post-Oslo political moment, thinking past the impasse of hegemonic "state-building" and "peace process" narratives to take up alternative social and political imaginaries of Palestinian futures. Paper presenters included Hadeel Assali, Kareem Rabie, Nadeem Karkabi, and Amanda Batarseh. I supplied commentary on the papers. A full room of eager panel attendees received Insaniyyat stickers and contributed to a very lively discussion. Panelists and organizers went out for dinner together afterward to dream and brainstorm about Insaniyyat's future endeavors.

World Council of Anthropological Associations In other thrilling news, we are pleased to announce that Insaniyyat has been accepted for membership in the World Council of Anthropological Associations. You can now find Palestine on yet another map of the world, the anthropological world.

Facebook Forum We have also recently launched a Facebook "Insaniyyat Forum" and want to take this opportunity to invite you to join it and get involved in discussions regarding anthropology, Palestine, and both. Please visit, read, make posts, and feel welcome to distribute news of Insaniyyat to others. We would also like this forum to serve as a site for you to communicate with the Insaniyyat community about your own work. Let us know what you are up to!

Committees There are currently six committees working to advance various projects. They include: (1) Anthropological Knowledge in the Arabic Language; (2) Anthropology in the Community; (3) Bylaws; (4) Membership and Outreach; (5) Fundraising; and (6) Publications. If you would like to learn about these committees and how you might contribute, please send a message through: <https://insaniyyat.org/contact>.

Membership Over the last six months, 7 new members joined Insaniyyat, bringing our total membership to 57: 29 Core and 28 Friends.

Banking Unfortunately Insaniyyat has not yet been able to open its own bank account and have been relying on the assistance of friend organizations. Having members and officers from multiple countries and wanting to have easy international access to depositing and making use of funds have proved untenable obstacles thus far. If you have any suggestions, please do let me know.

Donors Insaniyyat has been incredibly fortunate to benefit from the generosity of individual donors, whose names I will refrain from mentioning to respect their privacy. In addition to our institutional supporters, the Palestinian American Research Council (PARC) and the Wenner-Gren Foundation, they have been crucial in helping Insaniyyat get this far and able to keep looking and working toward the future. I wish to take this opportunity to offer the heartfelt thanks of all of Insaniyyat's members.

There are of course many unnamed Insaniyyat members, who have given of their time and energy in the last period, who deserve our sincere thanks as well.

Finally, we welcome any questions, comments, suggestions, ideas that any of you may want to share. Please use the website contact page or the Facebook forum to pass them along.

Yours,

Khaled Furani,

President, Executive Board

on behalf of the Executive Board: Rema Hammami, Vice President; Nadeem Karkabi, Treasurer; Nayrouz Abu Hatoum; Randa May Wahbe; Amahl Bishara; and Rami Salameh