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1. What is Anthropology?

Anthropology, in its broadest sense, is the study of human beings. From the biological makeup of the human species, to the sociocultural, economic, spiritual, and linguistic practices of present and past cultures, anthropologists seek to understand patterns of behavior in human societies throughout the globe. Sociocultural anthropologists explore cross-cultural variability in political, economic, kinship, and religious forms of social organization in contemporary societies. Linguistic anthropologists study the multiple ways in which language, culture, and worldview are intertwined, and how language is creatively used by speakers to index particular identities. Archaeologists reconstruct, analyze, and interpret the material remains of past societies to describe their social mores, cultural values, and economic and political institutions. Biological anthropologists study human adaptation, evolution, and the relationship between physiological features and behavioral patterns. Applied anthropologists come from all subfields, and use anthropological knowledge to solve real-world problems, working in areas such as education, international development, medical anthropology, or business, to name a few.

Anthropologists in the twenty-first century have expanded their interests to encompass a tremendous variety of topics of study. Yet whether one studies Amazonian shamans, the culture of Wall Street brokers, or physicists who work at particle accelerators, all anthropologists share a common methodological approach: fieldwork. Although other disciplines now borrow extensively from our methods, anthropologists take pride in having “invented” the ethnographic method—for some, the art—of participant observation. Currently anthropological methodology is applied to numerous fields: from the implementation of public policies to user experience research; from the analysis of social networks to the resolution of war conflicts.

As an academic discipline, Anthropology originated in the 18th and 19th century Anglo-French and American traditions. Nowadays, anthropology is taught in more than 800 universities in Europe and the Americas. In Spain, it was first established as a degree program in 1990, and it is currently taught in the most important Spanish universities.
1.1 The AIBR Association

The AIBR Association (Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists) was founded in November 2002 with the goal of developing a research network of anthropologists in Spain, Portugal and the Americas. It was born of El Rincón del Antropólogo (The Anthropologist’s Corner), a website that became one of the first online social networks of anthropologists in the Spanish-speaking world.

Since its inception, AIBR has created a dynamic space for the exchange of research, news, and communication in Spanish that connects over 8,500 professional anthropologists.

The Association publishes AIBR, Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana (Journal of Iberoamerican Anthropology) which is issued every four months, both in print and online. Currently it is the only journal of Anthropology edited in Spain that has been included in the prestigious Social Sciences Citation Index of ISI Web of Knowledge, published by Thomson Reuters.

Currently the Association has the largest membership of any anthropological organization in Spain, and one of the largest in Latin America (610 active members). AIBR is also linked to a series of institutions and university departments all over Latin America.
1.2 Internal Organization

The Association is managed by a board of directors that provides guidance on matters related to the Association, and ensures that the Association’s journal, *Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana*, is published with the highest quality of standards.

The board of directors are elected by the members of the Association. Members of AIBR have a right to be part of the board of directors by presenting their candidacy in an electoral process held every two years.

1.3 Growth of AIBR

AIBR has generated spaces that did not previously exist in the Spanish-speaking anthropological community:

- **A professional society without territorial boundaries:**
  With 610 members, AIBR is currently one of Latin America’s largest anthropological associations.

- **A renowned scientific journal:**
  *AIBR, Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana*, is now present in more than 50 bibliographical databases and it is subscribed by over 600 libraries and research institutions all over the world. AIBR is one of the few anthropology journals that is offered as an open access publication.

- **A medium for the dissemination of anthropological research:**
  In addition to the research articles published in every journal, every four months AIBR publishes a catalog with the latest book releases on Latin/Iberoamerican and Sociocultural Anthropology.

- **A space for the acknowledgement of anthropological research:**
  With the establishment of the *Annual AIBR Award to the Best Article on Iberoamerican Anthropology*, our Association annually acknowledges outstanding anthropological research.
1.4 Funding

Since its inception, AIBR has functioned as an organization entirely funded by its membership fees and other statutory activities. Its annual budget has been progressively increasing since 2002.

AIBR is not dependent on state subsidies or external grants. Therefore, its economic stability is not affected by elements unrelated to the achievement of its goals.

AIBR is not linked to any political, ideological or religious organization. The society is a non-profit organization that accepts anyone interested in anthropology.

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# Financial Budget 2015

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## Income

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Profits and losses: 318  
EQUITY FORMER YEARS: 7,100  
EQUITY: 7,418  
Balance (Santander Bank and Paypal): 9,955
1.5 Institutional Members

Since 2010 AIBR has offered institutional membership to research centers and university departments. The following institutions are currently members of AIBR.

Université Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3
Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Amérique latine (IHEAL)

CIESAS Pacífico
Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social

Universidad de Murcia
Área de Antropología Social

Universitat Rovira i Virgili
Departament d'Antropologia, Filosofia i Treball Social

Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Departamento de Historia de América II

Universidad Católica de Valencia
Sección Departamental de Antropología Social y Cultural

Universitat de Barcelona
Máster de Antropología Visual, Departament d'Antropologia Cultural i Història d'Amèrica i Àfrica

Universidad de Córdoba
Área de Antropología

Museu Valencià d'Etnologia

Universidad de Castilla la Mancha
Máster Universitario de Antropología Aplicada
2. AIBR, Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana

The peer-reviewed *AIBR, Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana* (Journal of Iberoamerican Anthropology), is currently one of the most important anthropological journals published in Spanish.

Since 2012 the journal has also accepted articles in English. One of our goals for the next few years is to extend our readership to an audience of English-speaking anthropology professionals and students.

As of today, AIBR has over eight thousand five hundred subscribers worldwide.

AIBR is indexed in the SSCI (Social Sciences Citation Index) and holds the highest score (“A” category) in the CIRC index (*Clasificación Integrada de Revistas Científicas*). It is ranked the first among all scientific journals published in Spain in Google Scholar’s H-index. It has been awarded the prestigious *Sello de Calidad de la Fundación Española para la Ciencia y la Tecnología* (Quality mark of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology).
3. AIBR International Conference of Anthropology

This year AIBR will hold its first *International Conference of Anthropology. The Human Being: Cultures, Origins and Destinations*, in Madrid (Spain), July 7-10, 2015.

The Conference will host professionals from more than 30 countries worldwide, and feature over a hundred panels and over 800 participants, including researchers, editors, journalists, students, and professionals from other fields interested in the discipline. The main goal of the conference is to advance anthropological theory by bringing together anthropologists from several countries in Europe and the Americas, and facilitating the exchange of ideas and research findings among them.

The conference aims to create a space that combines traditional forms of dissemination of knowledge—papers, wall posters, keynote addresses—with a wide variety of formats to inspire discussion and debate—roundtables, documentary films, and book presentations. It will also provide opportunities for networking in more informal spaces, like organized tours of Madrid, or a reception organized by the AIBR Association.
4. Become a member of AIBR

We are a dynamic Association made up of people with diverse ideals and interests. AIBR represents an ever expanding group, and it is a meeting point for professionals, students, practitioners, and those who are simply interested in anthropology and want to learn more about our discipline. In addition to receiving privileges derived from joining a professional association, members can benefit from AIBR’s commitment to the promotion and circulation of their scholarship.

Becoming an individual or institutional member of AIBR has numerous advantages. Members of AIBR receive the print journal, the Association’s Newsletter, reduced registration fees in several conferences, opportunities for the promotion of books, events, or activities organized by its members, and access to the AIBR Members’ Intranet.

For more information about benefits and how to become a member, visit http://net.aibr.org

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