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To: Dr. Saleem Badat  
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation  
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**Subject: Letter of Endorsement - Extimacies: Critical Theory from the Global South**

Dear Dr. Badat,

This letter confirms the commitment of Federal University of ABC (UFABC) to partner in the proposal titled “**Extimacies: Critical Theory from the Global South**” submitted by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HUSS) of The American University in Cairo (AUC) to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in response to the Foundation’s Early Career Scholars opportunity.

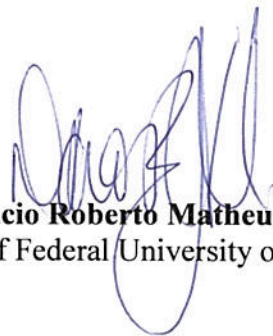
The project aims to examine: (1) the modes through which Critical Theory has been appropriated in the Global South; (2) the production of epistemological and theoretical models in the Global South coterminous with, but separate from, the Global North, thereby highlighting South-South connections; (3) the influence of non-European concepts, theories, and ideas in the Global North, i.e. the conceptual problematics evident from the translation of theoretical models; and, (4) the contours of the conceptual space of ideas that both emerges from and disturbs the North and South binary.

Such project is deeply connected with the broader mission promoted by UFABC, recognized by the interdisciplinary education as well as by its vocational orientation to promote debates on the contemporary social and technological questions developed from local and global perspectives. In this sense, Critical Theory appears already as a fundamental element of our graduate and post-graduate courses. Then, the partner with the project “Extimacies: Critical Theory and Global South” will reinforce the pedagogical bases of our institutions. Among the possible pedagogical strategies, UFABC will incentive academic community to participate and develop courses and debates based on the debates of this project for all the interested people. As a part of our project of global University, we will incentive projects for international interchange among

the evolved institutions to make more and more possible a connection between our students. Finally, we will give support to publicize actions and researches of this project by our communicational official networks. From such supports, we hope to make stronger academic links for an even more Global interchange between our institutions.

It is agreed by both parties that AUC will handle all negotiations (technical and financial) related to this proposal. If the project will be awarded a grant, we will sign a sub-agreement clarifying the terms of the agreement, duties and responsibilities.

We hereby confirm the full support of the project “**Extimacies: Critical Theory from the Global South**”, and are looking forward to work with The American University in Cairo and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



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