



# Happy Holidays!

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This year, 2020.

... the less we speak of it, the better, right? Still, it needs to be said that:

In the face of this unabated crisis, we stand in solidarity with all colleagues worldwide who are precariously employed or who lost their jobs, with those who are struggling to cover their health and social insurances, and those who find it challenging to take care of themselves and their loved ones in these trying times.

Despite the challenges faced by everyone in this weird field, Allegra saw



incredibly diverse and creative submissions this year, and we are much encouraged by the many authors who approached us (with a much increased regional spread!), by the efforts of our beloved “care reviewers” who did such wonderful and generous work to help the posts to publication, and by the trust and commitment of our engaged guest editors and other cooperation partners. Hooray for our Allies!

Our final team meeting of the year reminded us that Allegra would not be Allegra if it were not for our positive spirit. After many attempts, we managed to cast this into words that you will find on our website now, a slogan to get ready for 2021:

***Allegra: Anthropology for Radical Optimism***

This is who we are, this is what we do. All you other radical, subversive, insurgent optimists are invited to join.

But now we feel tired, drained even, and in need of a winter break. “Hibernation”, somebody said. Sounds great. So we’ll eat a cup of [pine needles](#) to pad our stomachs, and see you on the flip side:

**We will reconvene from January 8th, 2021 onwards.**

Until next year – and remember: stay safe, stay sane, stay prudent.

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