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Dear Professor Depeyrot,

As the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at The New School for General Studies in New York City, I would like to support Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Gustav Peebles' application to join your very interesting international research project entitled "European monetary unifications, from Antiquity to modern times." As I understand the project, its purpose is to bring together an international range of scholars working on the question of monetary union and the European Community in a series of several conferences and working groups over the next few years.

Knowing Professor Peebles' research project, I can say with certainty that he is well qualified and motivated to contribute to the research team's larger goals. Most of his research revolves around the question of currency and state-formation, with a book currently in press that studies the euro and its predecessors in the context of the Scandinavian Monetary Union of the mid-nineteenth century. The centerpiece of his research, how currency can contribute to social cohesion, as distinct from more standard theories of state-organized social cohesion such as brute force, 'invented traditions' and laws, seems very clearly relevant to the larger group's research project.

Working with a large group of international social scientists interested in similar historical issues promises to have immense impact on the direction and quality of Professor Peebles' future scholarship. It also seems quite likely that Professor Peebles' expertise in the history of the Scandinavian Monetary Union, one of the world's most successful monetary unions to date, will be of immense help to the other participants of the research program.

The New School for General Studies supports this project and Professor Peebles' role in it. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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