

# LETTER FROM THE BRAZILIAN FORUM OF INSTITUTES FOR ADVANCED STUDY

## Preamble

We, directors of Institutes for Advanced Study of Brazilian universities, imbued with the purpose of combining efforts to create and develop cooperative programs, activities, projects and actions, both national and international, that might contribute significantly to academic, scientific, technological and cultural progress, gathered at the Second National Meeting of Institutes for Advanced Study, declare that:

1. Aware that the mission of Institutes for Advanced Study furthers institutional objectives that prioritize free public education, social inclusion, sustainability, worldwide standards and quality education;
2. Aware that inter-institutional academic collaboration and the exchange of scholars, researchers, technicians and students between universities and national and international institutions are paramount goals of the Institutes;
3. Aware that the activities accomplished through partnerships, covenants and agreements seek to enhance multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary discussion on contemporary social and scientific issues, bringing into academic debate issues of relevance and complexity from the sciences and the humanities;
4. Aware that the Institutes for Advanced Study are propitious spaces for the advancement of knowledge and the development of structuring programs articulated with global research networks; and
5. Also aware of the need to bring knowledge to bear and to support national public policies,

Resolve to promulgate the:

## CHARTER OF PORTO ALEGRE

The directors of Institutes and Centers for Advanced Study of Brazilian universities, gathered at the Rio Grande do Sul Federal University, in the city of Porto Alegre on August 23 and 24, 2013, after ample debate about the objectives, projects and institutional goals, establish by means of this Charter a proposal to create the **Forum of Institutes for Advanced Study** (FIEAs) as a venue to reflect on challenges and urgent issues, to promote and disseminate prospective studies and research, and to anticipate the future of the university, in order to enhance public discussion on great contemporary social, cultural and scientific subjects from the perspective of transdisciplinarity.