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NEW INITIATIVES OF THE ISA

YOUNG AUTHORS' MERIT AWARDS

This is a new scheme through which the ISA is trying to live up to its worldwide task of stimulating the development of the discipline and providing encouragement for scholars in all regions. It is aimed at the young sociologists - those in their twenties and thirties - and seeks to bring them into a supportive international framework which will be of service in their future work. Simultaneously our international community will benefit from the early involvement of these creative scholars and the diversity of the cultural contributions they will bring to our invisible college.

Although the final scheme still has to be approved by the Executive Committee, its broad outlines are taking shape and it is useful to communicate these now so that any constructive suggestions received can be incorporated into the final plan - members should write to the Secretariat by January 1st, 1988.

Basically young authors are invited to submit an original, unpublished article of general sociological interest in one of about seven languages. Each language group will have its own jury evaluating papers received, with special provision of extra juries for those writing in English or French as their second language.

The authors of every paper considered worthy of publication will receive a commendation and be listed in the Bulletin. A limited number of articles of outstanding quality will be given merit awards and sent to an overall jury which will select the best for presentation at the World Congress. Prizes will include ISA membership, publication of papers and travel assistance to attend the World Congress.

This scheme will run every four years, with the first young authors being honoured at the 1990 World Congress. Those thinking of participating should keep Summer 1989 in mind as the deadline for submitting their papers. Further details will be widely publicized in 1988 and be available from the Secretariat.

It is crucial to stress at the outset that the ISA recognizes that interests, content, style, approach, and presentation differ from one region to another, determined by the history of sociological development, the specific issues which are critical in different parts of the world, and the differential availability of various kinds of resources. Explicitly then, papers will not be judged by their closeness or conformity to the statistical sophistication or extensive referencing which are only possible to those with access to expensive

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technology and large libraries.

The evaluative criteria used will place more emphasis on the novelty of a view than its grounding in the literature and on a well argued hypothesis rather than on its elaborate quantitative substantiation. Variety of content and substance, mirroring regional concerns, and diversity of conceptualization or literary presentation, reflecting cultural diversity, are not merely acceptable but desirable.

Universal criteria of good sociology there must be, for one community working in and for one world, but these we must disengage from among the regional contributions rather than imposing a culturally biased definition in advance. This search for universals beyond specificities is the most challenging aspect of this project. Although we will be groping our way forward and probably learning most through our mistakes, this should be the greatest collective contribution of the scheme to what the 'development of sociology' really means.

Margaret Archer and Daniel Bertaux

U.N. PEACE MESSENGER CERTIFICATE FOR ISA

Based on the positive experience of the United Nations in observing the International Year of Peace (1986), special recognition was given to those organizations and institutions which made significant and concrete contributions to the programme of the Year. The International Sociological Association together with some 300 organizations and institutions have been selected as honorary "Peace Messengers" and received a special Peace Messenger certificate - an expression of appreciation for efforts made in the context of the Year. A special Peace Messenger presentation ceremony took place on 15 September 1987.

On the below photograph: Jacques Coenen-Huther, ISA representative to UN, receives a Peace Messenger certificate from Jan Martenson, Director General of the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland.



NEWS FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND
AD HOC GROUPS

RC 04

SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

"Education for Learning and Living: Rights of the Third World" is the title of a report on the "Human Rights Violation in Education and Their Causes from a Sociological Point of View" submitted to the Division of Human Rights and Peace of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization in cooperation with the International Social Science Council and the Research Committee on Sociology of Education. The Report was prepared by Asoke Basu (USA), M.O.A. Durojaiye (Nigeria), Jaime Gonzales Joves (Colombia), Cristina Lim-Yuson (Philippines), Alma Cristina Ocampo (Colombia), Noel K. Samaroo (Guyana), S.R. Ubomba-Jaswa (Ghana), Fareeha Zafar (Pakistan).

The project was commissioned by the Division of Human Rights and Peace of the UNESCO via the International Social Science Council (ISSC) to the Research Committee. The Report is being considered for publication by the Division of Human Rights and Peace, UNESCO.

Table of Contents of the Report:

- I. Introduction
"Education for Learning and Living: Rights of the Third World" by Asoke Basu
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 - A. General Approach
Case Study: Nigeria. "Education and Development in Nigeria" by M.O.A. Durojaiye
Case Study: Guyana. "The Political Economy of Education in Guyana: Implications for Human Rights" by Noel K. Samaroo
 - B. Practical Neglect: Women, Development, and Education
Case Study: Pakistan. "Islamization, Development, and the Role of Women in Pakistan" by Fareeha Zafar
Case Study: Ghana. "Women, Education, and Right in Ghana" by S.R. Ubomba-Jaswa
- III. Living and Development
 - A. Children and Rights
Case Study: Philippines. "Children and Human Rights in the Philippines, an Advocacy for Basic Education" by Cristina Lim-Yuson
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Case Study: Colombia. "System of Values, Human Rights, and Education in Colombia" by Alma Cristina Ocampo and Jaime Gonzales Joves

RC 05

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RC 09

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RC 10

PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL, AND SELF-MANAGEMENT

The election process has been completed and the new composition of the executive board for the period from 1987 to 1991 is as follows:

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SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT

At the ICSS Board meeting in Finland (August 1987), a new Executive Board for 1988-1992 was confirmed and, as per the ICSS constitution, agreed to divide the executive offices as follows:

President: Maria Allison

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The ISA Secretariat would like to use this opportunity to thank Professor Alan G. Ingham, the out-going President, for his cooperation during last eight years when he served on the ICSS Executive Board first as the ICSS representative to ISA, second as ICSS President.

RC 33

LOGIC AND METHODOLOGY IN SOCIOLOGY

Following up the first international conference on methodology jointly sponsored by RC 33 and the Dutch Sociometric Society, held in Amsterdam in the Fall 1984, another conference crossing disciplinary boundaries to include all social sciences is planned for May 30 - June 3, 1988.

Anuska Ferligoj (Ljubljana, Yugoslavia) and Willem Saris (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) have taken the lead in organizing this conference which - in addition to RC 33 - is co-sponsored by the Section on Methodology and Statistics of the Yugoslav Sociological Association, the Research Institute of the Faculty of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism of the Edvard Kardelj University in Ljubljana, and the Sociometric Research Foundation, Amsterdam.

The International Organizing Committee consists of: Vladimir Andreyenkov (USSR), Kenneth Bailey (USA), Norman Blaikie (Australia), Anuska Ferligoj (Yugoslavia), Manfred Kuechler (USA), Karl van Meter (France), Ray Pawson (UK), Willem Saris (The Netherlands).

The Local Organizing Committee includes: Anuska Ferligoj (Ljubljana), Konstantin Momirovic (Zagreb), Marija Bogdanovic (Belgrade), Cveto Trampuz and Niko Tos (Ljubljana).

Papers in any of the following areas of social science methodology are sought: general methodology, research design, concept analysis, operationalisation, data collection techniques, sampling, measurement, scaling, statistical data analysis, statistical software, modelling and simulation. Extended abstracts of 2-3 pages should be submitted to the local organizing committee by December 1, 1987: Anuska Ferligoj

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RC 38

BIOGRAPHY AND SOCIETY

Resulting from the mail ballot held in December 1986 in which 42 members participated out of 137, the Board of the Committee for 1986-1990 is composed as follows:

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RC 39

SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTERS

A recent volume produced under the auspices of the Committee is now available: Sociology of Disasters: Contributions of Sociology to Disaster Research. Editors: R. Dynes, B. De Marchi and C. Pelanda. Published by Franco Angeli, Italy, 1987. (457 pages).

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Neil Britton: Toward a reconceptualization of disaster for the enhancement of social preparation
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WG

SOCIOLOGY OF AGRICULTURE

First sessions on sociology of agriculture organized by the Group within the ISA framework, were at the X World Congress of Sociology in Mexico, August 1982.

In July 1984, the Group was granted by the ISA Executive Committee the official status of Ad Hoc Group on Sociology of Agriculture / Sociologie de l'Agriculture. Larry Busch (University of Kentucky, USA) was nominated acting chairman of the group during the preliminary meeting in Mexico (1982). He requested that Alessandro Bonanno (University of

Kentucky, USA) act as pro-tempore secretary until the next world congress (1986).

In 1986 the Ad Hoc Group on Sociology of Agriculture was promoted to a Working Group.

During the New Delhi Congress (August, 1986) candidates for various offices were nominated and members were asked to vote for the president, the secretary and three additional members. The president, the secretary and three members will form the Council. We have just been informed that Larry Busch (Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, USA) and Alessandro Bonanno (Department of Rural Sociology, University of Missouri, Columbia, USA) have been elected President and Secretary, respectively.

Publications

At the request of the editor, a proposal for a special issue of the Revue Internationale de Sociologie on the "Cultural, Structural, and Technological Changes in World Agriculture" has been submitted. This special issue will contain five papers each written by a scholar from a different part of the world. The issue will be edited by Lawrence Busch of the University of Kentucky for the Working Group.

Since November 1984 the Group has been producing a Newsletter circulated to all its members, ca. 70 scholars representing all areas of the world.

Future meeting

The Group will hold four sessions at the World Congress of Rural Sociology in Bologna (Italy), July 1988. All colleagues interested in participating in the Congress should send the title and abstract of their paper by October 10, 1987 to:

Alessandro Bonanno
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University of Missouri
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WG

SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

From the Report of Activities submitted by Harsha N. Mookherjee

In August 1986 at the XI World Congress of Sociology (New Delhi, India) by the decision of the Executive Committee, the Research Committee on Sociology of Mental Health has been demoted to Working Group status, due to the continued inactivity of this group.

At a meeting of this Working Group on August 21, 1986, the new board was elected, consisting of two persons who were willing to develop activities so as to regain a research committee status. They are:

Chairperson: Ad H. van der Zwaan

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Secretary-Treasurer: Harsha N. Mookherjee

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Future meetings

Members of the Group were invited to participate in an interdisciplinary session on "The Impact of Advancing Science and Technology on Human Rights with Special Reference to Mental Health" organized at the World Congress of the World Federation of Mental Health, scheduled for October 1987 in Cairo, Egypt.

A mid-term conference on Sociology of Mental Health is planned for 1988. The venue, dates, and theme to

be announced.

Membership dues

US \$12 for the period 1987-1990 to be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Exemption of dues can be granted to the members from countries with restricted currency exchange. Please contact the Chairperson or the Secretary-Treasurer.

AD HOC GROUP

SOCIAL INDICATORS RESEARCH

Since 1970 members of the Group participated in various sessions held at the consecutive World Congresses of Sociology. At the X World Congress of Sociology (Mexico 1982) Rudolf Andorka (University of Economics, Budapest, Hungary), acted as the organizer and chairman of the Symposium "Social Indicators: Their Role in Social Development". This was a continuation of the work initiated at the similar symposium held at the IX World Congress (Uppsala 1978), organized by Erik Allardt and Gennady Osipov.

At the XI World Congress of Sociology (New Delhi 1986) the Group had five sessions:

Session 1: Social Reporting on Different Levels: Regional, Special Problem Areas, National and International

Session 2: Social Indicators in Asia, Africa and Australia

Session 3: Social Surveys as Sources of Social Indicators

Session 4: Social Indicator Systems

Session 5: Quality of Life Measurement

Plans are being made for a conference to be held in Budapest (Hungary) in late August 1988. For further information, contact Alex C. Michalos, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2W1.

A scholarly journal Social Indicators Research edited by A.C. Michalos, has been issued since 1974, and has published 2 volumes a year for the past 4 years and is going to regular publication 6 times a year in 1988. It began as a quarterly, but the supply of good manuscripts has warranted an expansion of its output. Price: \$ 37,50. Orders accompanied with a check payable to the Istituto Di Sociologia Internazionale should be directed to Bruna De Marchi, Institute of International Sociology, Mass Emergencies Program, Via Malta 2, 34170 Gorizia, Italy.

HISTORIES OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

(Continued, see Bulletin 27, 29-33, 36, 40)

Prepared by Kurt Jonassohn and Sergio Contreras

HISTORY OF RC 06

FAMILY RESEARCH

ORIGINS

A group of independent persons interested in family sociology began in 1954 a seminar to encourage sociologists to do cross-national studies on the family. Led by Nels Anderson (then Director of the UNESCO Institute of Social Sciences in Cologne, FRG) it attracted to its meetings scholars from Eastern and Western Europe and from the USA. Since 1985 they held one meeting yearly, and three volumes of reports were published until 1959. These seminars took place in Cologne (FRG) 1954, Sevres (France) 1955, Cologne

(FRG) 1956, Wageningen (The Netherlands) 1957, and Madrid (Spain) 1958.

Nels Anderson was in charge of the secretariat of the Seminar until the UNESCO Institute finished its work in 1958-59. Reuben Hill and John Mogeey petitioned the ISA at the Congress held in Stressa (Italy) in 1959, to recognize this group as its Sub-Committee on Family Research.

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

The first president of the Sub-Committee was Reuben Hill (USA). Other members of the group were: E.G. Arboleya (Spain), G. Baumert (FRG) who would be secretary of the Sub-Committee until his death in 1963, V. Bonac (Yugoslavia), H. Christensen (USA), G. Karlsson (Sweden), J. Mogeey (USA) and L. Rosenmayr (Austria).

In 1962, the year of the Vth World Congress of Sociology held in Washington, the Committee experienced a first stage of growth. That year the Committee had 20 members coming from 15 countries: USA (4), France (2), GDR (2), Austria (1), Belgium (1), India (1), Israel (1), Japan (1), The Netherlands (1), Norway (1), Poland (1), Spain (1), Sweden (1), USSR (1) and Yugoslavia (1).

Three years later, the membership was 22 individuals coming from 17 countries: USA (3), Belgium (2), France (2), USSR (2), Austria (1), England (1), GDR (1), India (1), Israel (1), Japan (1), Mexico (1), The Netherlands (1), Norway (1), Poland (1), Spain (1), Sweden (1), and Yugoslavia (1). John Mogeey took charge of the Secretariat and Pierre de Bie (Belgium) became treasurer.

This Board was renewed by election, for the first time, in Varna (1970). The Research Committee president Reuben Hill was elected as the President of the ISA and Gerrit A. Kooy (The Netherlands), who had been supposed to succeed him in 1974, had to succeed Reuben Hill immediately. The new Board was as follows (1970-1974):

Chairperson: Gerrit A. Kooy (The Netherlands)
 Delegate to the Research Council
 Secretary: John Mogeey (USA)
 Alternate to the Research Council

Members:
 Pierre de Bie (Belgium), Ds. Behnam (Iran), Anatoli Kharchev (USSR), Andrée Michel (France), Marvin Sussman (USA), Harold T. Christensen (USA)

In 1973, the Board reported 70 paid-up members. The election in Toronto (1974) of a new Board, consisting of a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary and three members at large, meant a deconcentration of power in comparison with the former situation when the ISA nominated the president and secretary, and incorporated 2 board members from the socialist countries. Also in Toronto the new Constitution of the Committee was approved. The Board elected for the period 1974-1978 was:

President: John Mogeey (ISA)
 Delegate to the Research Council
 Vice-Presidents: Robert Rapoport (United Kingdom) and Jerzy Piotrowski (Poland)
 Secretary: Wilfried Dumon (Belgium)
 Members-at-large: Joan Aldous (USA), Elina Haavio-Mannila (Finland), Herta Kuhrig (GDR)

In the first months of 1978, there was held an election by mail ballot of the new Board. In July 1978, one month before the IXth World Congress of Sociology in Uppsala (Sweden), 180 persons were reported to be members of the Committee. The newly elected Board was as follows:

Chairman: Veronica Stolte-Heiskanen (Finland)
 Delegate to the Research Council
 Vice-Chairmen: Jan Trost (Sweden)

Jerzy Piotrowski (Poland)
 Members-at-large:
 David Kirk (Canada)
 Clio Presvelou (Belgium)
 Judit Sas (Hungary)
 Secretary: Wilfried Dumon (Belgium)
 Alternate to the Research Council

The following officers were elected for 1982-1986:
 President: Lászlo Cseh-Szombathy (Hungary)
 First Vice-President: Betty Cogswell (USA)
 Second Vice-President: Hiroko Nishimura (Japan)
 Secretary: Orjan Hultaker
 Members at large:
 Ruza First (Yugoslavia)
 Louis Roussel (France)
 Andrzej Tymowski (Poland)

The Board members for 1986-1990 are:
 President: Jan Trost (Sweden)
 First Vice-President: Katja Boh (Yugoslavia)
 Second Vice-President: Hans Bertram (FRG)
 Secretary/Treasurer: Don Edgar (Australia)

Below there are the figures of members by country for the years 1975, 1979 and 1986.

	1975	1979	1986
Argentina	0	1	0
Australia	3	5	160
Austria	0	3	2
Belgium	3	10	5
Brazil	0	2	0
Canada	8	8	15
Colombia	0	0	2
Czechoslovakia	1	0	0
Denmark	0	1	1
Finland	0	5	5
France	3	9	17
FRG	5	9	16
GDR	0	3	0
Ghana	1	0	0
Greece	1	1	0
Guyana	0	1	0
Hungary	2	7	3
Iceland	0	1	0
Indonesia	0	0	2
Iran	0	2	0
Ireland	1	3	1
Israel	0	2	1
Italy	1	3	5
Japan	2	5	12
Kenya	0	1	0
Kuwait	0	1	0
Mexico	2	1	0
Netherlands	3	14	11
New Zealand	0	0	5
Nigeria	0	2	3
Norway	0	2	3
P.R. China	0	0	1
Poland	11	9	1
Singapore	1	1	2
South Africa	2	1	2
South Korea	0	0	1
Spain	0	2	3
Sweden	2	7	6
Switzerland	4	7	6
USSR	1	1	1
United Kingdom	3	7	8
USA	34	78	100
Venezuela	1	1	0
Yugoslavia	0	3	2
TOTAL	95	219	402

(23 countries) (37 countries) (31 countries)

MEETINGS

Immediately after its establishment, the Sub-Committee on the Family accepted to continue the organization of the International Seminars on Family Research (CFRIS). The first one organized by the Sub-Committee as such, was the 6th International Seminar on Family, held in Opatija (Yugoslavia), 18-24 September 1961, upon invitation by the Yugoslav Council of Child Welfare. The main theme of the meeting was "Family and Urbanization", and the Committee members were able to define the theme to be discussed at the Vth World Congress of Sociology, that would take place the following year in Washington, D.C. (USA). Three members of the Committee attended the Seminar which had ca. 20 participants, mainly from Yugoslavia (10) and the USA (4); other countries represented were FRG (1), Belgium (1), France (1), The Netherlands (1) and United Kingdom (1).

At the sessions on "Sociology of the Family" which took place during the Vth World Congress of Sociology in September 1962, 4 papers were submitted on the issue "Problems in Human Organization" and 4 others on "Coping with Response Errors and Cultural Equivalence of Interview Guides".

During the 7th International Seminar on Family Research held in Washington (USA), 10-14 September 1962, 28 persons participated in the meetings and discussions. This seminar was partly financed by the US National Institute of Mental Health. Participants came from the following countries: USA (17), France (2), Austria (1), Belgium (1), Denmark (1), FRG (1), India (1), Israel (1), Spain (1), Sweden (1) and Norway (1).

On August 18-24, 1963, a week-long 8th International Seminar on Family Research was conducted in Oslo (Norway), supported by the Institute for Social Research, under the chairmanship of Erik Grønseth. 12 papers were presented.

The 9th International Seminar on Family Research was held in Tokyo (Japan), on September 14-20, 1965, jointly sponsored by the Japanese Sociological Society, the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO and the ISA. This was the first activity of the ISA to be held in Asia. Financing was obtained from these organizations as well as from UNESCO of Paris, the Japanese National Government, the Asia Foundation and the Ford Foundation. The organizing committee was chaired by Takeshi Koyoma. The seminar was organized around two major themes of high interest both in Asia and in the West: "Relations between the Family and the Extended Kin", and "Child Behavior under Varying Family Patterns". 90 participants discussed 29 research papers, divided into two seminar groups. Participants came from Asia and Oceania (22), Europe and the Middle East (8) and the USA (11). About 50 observers, mostly from universities and research centers in Japan, participated on a more restricted basis.

At the VIth World Congress of Sociology held in Evian (France), September 1966, the Research Committee held 4 sessions on Family Research, at which 28 papers were presented by authors coming from USA (8), Algeria (2), Canada (2), Iran (2), Japan (2), Belgium (2), England (1), France (1), Israel (1), Italy (1), Morocco (1), The Netherlands (1), Tunisia (1), USSR (1) and Yugoslavia (1). Sessions were attended by an audience of more than 300 sociologists.

The 10th International Seminar on Family Research accepted an invitation from the Institute for Social Studies and Research in Teheran (Iran) and it took place in March 1968. The meeting consisted of ten sessions where 39 papers were presented.

The 11th International Seminar on Family Research was held on September 4-10, 1970 at Westfield College, University of London (UK). The organizing committee was chaired by Rhona and Robert Rapoport, and financial support came from Nuffield Foundation (London), Tavistock Institute for Human Relations (London) and the Research Committee itself. The theme of this seminar was "Work and Family", 19 papers were presented by people coming from: USA (5), United Kingdom (4), Norway (2), Austria (1), Belgium (1), Denmark (1), Finland (1), FRG (1), Hungary (1), Israel (1), Italy (1). There were 16 other participants in discussions from United Kingdom (12), USA (2), France (1) and Ireland (1).

The program of the VIIth World Congress of Sociology in Varna (1970) included the following sessions on Family Research:

Session 1: Panel-Symposium on Theoretical Perspectives and Research, Methodologies for the Cross-National Research (3 papers)

Session 2: Comparative Analysis of Family Systems (6 papers)

Session 3: Family Responses to Modernization (25 papers)

Session 4: Domesticity, Femininity and the Position of Women (14 papers)

Session 5: Problems of Family Sociology in Socialist Countries

Session 6: Children and Youth within the Family Context (17 papers)

The authors of these 65 papers came from: USA (19), Canada (4), Poland (4), Yugoslavia (4), Belgium (3), United Kingdom (3), India (3), Roumania (3), Bulgaria (2), Finland (2), Hungary (2), Israel (2), The Netherlands (2), USSR (2), France (1), GDR (1), FRG (1), Iran (1), Japan (1), Lebanon (1), Norway (1), South Africa (1), Spain (1), Sweden (1), Ireland (1).

In Moscow, on April 16-23, 1972, there was held the 12th International Seminar on Family Research. The theme of the meeting was "Dynamics of Change in the Position of Women in Society and Family" being sponsored by the Soviet Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Concrete Social Research, and the Section on Family Sociology of the Soviet Sociological Association. Chairman of the organizing committee was A.G. Kharchev.

The 13th International Seminar on Family Research on the theme "The Family Life Cycle of European Societies" was held in Paris, September 24-28, 1973, co-sponsored by the Centre d'Ethnologie Française, CNRS and Ministère des Affaires Culturelles. Jean Cuisenier was the chairman of the organizing committee. At this meeting, an European working group on Divorce Research in Europe was started on the initiative of the group of French scholars, especially L. Roussel.

The program developed by the Committee for the VIII World Congress of Sociology in Toronto (August 1974) included the following sessions:

Session 1: Science and Revolution in Contemporary Family Life

Part I: Theories for Understanding Changes in Conjugal Families in the Contemporary World (11 papers)

Part II: Experimental Designs in Family Research
Session 2: Part I: Changes in the Family as a Socializing Agent in the Contemporary World (18 papers)

Part II: Cross-National Comparative Research (1 paper)

Session 3: Part I: Results in Family Research: A Comparative Perspective (13 papers)

Part II: Interdisciplinary Research (panel)

Session 4: Part I: The Role of the Family Sociologist

as a Scientist in the Revolutions of the Contemporary World (12 papers)

Part II: Joint session with Research Committee on Sex Roles in Society (panel)

These 57 papers were prepared by authors coming from: USA (16), Iran (4), Italy (4), Belgium (3), Canada (2), Israel (2), Japan (2), Poland (2), Roumania (2), Sweden (2), USSR (2), Ecuador (1), Finland (1), Ghana (1), Greece (1), Guatemala (1), Hungary (1), Singapore (1), South Africa (1), Spain (1), Switzerland (1), Turkey (1), United Kingdom (1), Venezuela (2), Zaire (1).

A five-day workshop on "Changing Sex Roles and its Consequences for Family and Society" sponsored by the Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, the Family Research Section of the Yugoslav Sociological Association, the Research Committee on Family Research, the East European Family Sociology Group, and the International Commission on Family Organizations was held in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia), June 16-21, 1975. Some 400 persons attended, about half of them from the USA and another half from Europe. Members of the Committee spoke at 4 of 5 Plenary Sessions and participated actively as leaders or speakers at 10 of 15 workshops. The themes of these workshops were: Alternatives to the Procreative Role for Women, Theory of Cross-Cultural Research and Gender Roles, Couple Dynamics and Equality between Partners, Marriage Contracts and other Legal Strategies for Reaching Sex Role Equality, Experimental Methods of Changing Sex Roles, Training Human Service Professionals, Alternative Family Forms, Gender Role Equality in 2000 A.D., Sex Role Differences in Leisure Time, Socialization and Resocialization for Gender Role Equality, Sex Role Neutrality in Human Service Organizations, Women at Work, Non-reproductive Sex, Social Policy in an Era of Gender Role Equality, Older Women: Adjusting to the New Ways.

On September 1-6, 1975, the 14th International Seminar on Family Research was held in Curaçao (Netherlands Antilles). The theme chosen for the meeting was "Family and Kinship in Middle America and the Caribbean". The number of participants was limited to 27, all of them were to contribute a paper. The participants were hosted by the H. C. van der Schueren School in Curaçao. English and Spanish were the languages of communications. The seminar was chaired by René A. Romer (Netherlands Antilles). Seven sessions were conducted at this meeting.

The working Group on Divorce Research had its first meeting in Louvain (Belgium) on September 25-27, 1974. To the steering committee were elected: R. Chester (UK), W. Dumon (Belgium), G.A. Kooy (The Netherlands) and L. Roussel (France).

The 15th International Seminar on Family Research took place on January 3-9, 1976 in Lomé (Togo), on the theme "Marriage, Parenthood and Fertility in West Africa". Francis Olu Okediji was the chairman of the Program Committee. There were 10 sessions on the following topics:

Session 1: Family Structure (7 papers)
Session 2: Parental Role (6 papers)
Session 3: Conjugal Roles and Fertility (6 papers)
Session 4: Education, Occupation, Female Roles and Fertility (3 papers)
Session 5: Value of Children in Society (6 papers)
Session 6: Concepts of Family Planning (7 papers)
Session 7: Types of Marriage and Fertility (5 papers)
Session 8: Theories of Family Research (3 papers)
Session 9: The Presentation of Work in Family Planning in Ghana and Nigeria (2 reports)
Session 10: Methodology of Family Research (3 papers)

46 papers were presented, and there were 89

participants coming from the following countries: Togo (23), Nigeria (14), Ghana (12), USA (12), UK (5), Cameroon (3), France (3), Benin (2), Ivory Coast (2), Upper Volta (2), Senegal (2), Australia (1), Belgium (1), Finland (1), Kenya (1), Liberia (1), Morocco (1), The Netherlands (1), Switzerland (1) and Yugoslavia (1).

The European Working Group on Divorce Research held its 4th meeting in Uppsala (Sweden), on September 27-29, 1976. The group decided to hold a special meeting, open to all other members of the ISA, at the IX World Congress in Uppsala.

Sessions at the IX World Congress of Sociology were coordinated by Jan Trost (Sweden) and were held under the general topics of: Marriage and Family, Sex Roles, Social Change, Violence, Demography, Family and Work, Divorce.

The 16th International Seminar on Family Research on "Child and the Family" was held in St. Peter, Minnesota (USA) on August 20-24, 1979. It was sponsored by the Research Committee and the International Section of the National Council on Family Relations, and by the Research and Theory Section of the same Council. The seminar was organized during the International Year of the Child, and attracted some 32 participants; Floyd M. Martinson chaired the organizing committee; following is the program of sessions where 21 papers were presented:

Session 1: Opening session
Session 2: Change
Session 3: Stability
Session 4: Socialization and Alienation
Session 5: Violence and Instability
Session 6: Antecedents of Competence
Session 7: Themes and Values
Session 8: Methods and Directions
Session 9: The Future of Child and Family (panel)

The 1979 symposium of the European Working Group on Divorce Research was organized by the French team and the Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques in France. Ten papers were presented.

"The Child and the Family in Changing Society" was the theme of the 17th CFRIS held in Helsinki (Finland), on November 26-30, 1979. 65 family researchers from 16 countries participated in the seminar, and 30 papers were presented. The program was:

Theme 1: Relevant theoretical and conceptual interdisciplinary approaches
Theme 2: Consequences of emerging family forms for the child
Theme 3: Sex-roles socializations in childhood
Theme 4: Problems to identify development in the contemporary family
Theme 5: Demographic changes and the position of the child
Theme 6: Policy implications of family research on the child

The 18th CFRIS was held in Uppsala (Sweden) on June 16-19, 1980 on the theme "Family and Disaster". It was organized by Orjan Hultaker and Jan Trost, and co-sponsored by the Swedish Civil Defense Administration, the European Working Group on Divorce Research. The program included:

Session 1: Isolation
Session 2: Adaptation of the Family in Disaster
Session 3: Nuclear Plants and the Family
Session 4: Theory on Family and Disaster
Session 5: Traditional and Modern Society during Disaster
Session 6: Individual Stress within Family Framework

There were 19 papers presented at the Seminar.

The 7th meeting of the European Working Group on Divorce Research took place in Madrid (Spain) on November 6-8, 1980. As usual, the subject of the papers was free, but one session topic was "The Influence of Law Changes on Divorce".

The 19th CFRIS was held in Louvain (Belgium) from August 30 through September 4, 1981. The theme was "Divorce and Remarriage"; the seminar was organized by the Research Committee and the Sociological Research Institute of the Catholic University of Louvain. Topics were as follows:

Divorce and Society / Society and Divorce
Divorce Procedures and Strategies
Divorce Counseling and Couple Therapy
Cross Cultural Research on the Consequences of Divorce: methods and techniques, results
The Consequences of Divorce: for children, for divorcees, for the society.
Remarriage and demarriage status of divorcees after divorcee status of marriage in relation to divorce
Theories on the Consequences of Divorce.

Sessions at the X World Congress of Sociology (Mexico 1982) were coordinated by Irving Tallman (USA):

Session 1: Social Theory and Social Policy
Session 2: Kinship in Industrializing and Industrialized Countries
Session 3: Advancements in Theory and Methodology in Family Research
Session 4: Work and Family Roles
Session 5 (jointly with RC on Sociology of Leisure): Leisure and the Family
Session 6: The Family in Latin America
Session 7: Marriage and Family Relations
Session 8: Women, The Family, and Social Development
Session 9: Family Sociology: A European Perspective

The XXth CFRIS on "Social Change and Family Policies" took place in Melbourne (Australia) on August 20-24, 1985. It was organized by Don Edgar, Director of the Institute of Family Studies in Melbourne. More than 200 people attended the seminar, of whom about 70 came from overseas. 66 papers were presented together with 20 discussant papers. Authors came from 15 countries. The proceedings from the seminar are published in five volumes by the Institute of Family Studies, Melbourne.

On June 8-13, 1986 the Committee held its XXI CFRIS in Jerusalem, organized by Lea Shamgar-Handelman at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, on the topic of "Alternative Patterns of Family Life in Modern Societies". The last part of the seminar included a stay at a kibbutz. The presentations will be published in 1987.

At the XIth World Congress of Sociology (New Delhi, August 1986) the CFR had eight lively and well attended sessions organized by Stella Quah of the National University of Singapore:

Session 1: Marital Dissolution
Session 2: Sharing Roles in the Family
Session 3: Family Conflict and Conflict Resolution
Session 4: Changes in Family Structure
Session 5: Problems of Socialization
Session 6: Social Policy and the Family: The Dilemma of State-Family Boundaries
Session 8: Theoretical Development of the Field
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ORIGINS

The Sociology of Law has by now a long tradition in the field of historical and theoretical studies. In the field of empirical research, however, the discipline has developed more recently. Although there are many examples of research in the sociology of law which were carried out between the First and Second World Wars, it can be said that only in the Post-War period, and especially in the last two decades, has this research taken a notable dimension in the USA (1950's and 1960's), in the Scandinavian countries and in other countries of Western and Eastern Europe.

It was precisely in consideration of the recent development of empirical research and the need to relate this research to the tradition of historical and theoretical studies, that a group of well known specialists in sociology proposed to the ISA to organize an informal session during the V World Congress of Sociology (Washington D.C., 1962). The proposal was accepted and the informal session took place in Washington on two consecutive days, presided by W.M. Evan (USA) and Adam Podgorecki (Poland). At the end of the meeting it was voted to set up a Research Committee on Sociology of Law. The ISA Executive Committee acting on this recommendation decided to grant full Research Committee status to the newly founded group.

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

In 1962 the group consisted of 16 persons, directed by the following board:
President: Renato Treves (Italy)
Vice-President: Adam Podgorecki (Poland)
Secretary: William M. Evan (USA)

The other 13 members came from: USA (2), Denmark (1), France (1), FRG (1), Israel (1), Japan (1), Mexico (1), Norway (1), Sweden (1), UK (1), USSR (1) and Yugoslavia (1).

In 1963 there was an additional member from the Soviet Union, and in 1964 a Hungarian member joined the Committee.

During the Research Committee meeting held in Varese

(Italy) in September 1968 the reorganization of the Committee was decided upon. Two working groups were constituted, one located in Copenhagen presided by B. Kutschinski, for research on "Knowledge and Opinion about Law", and another in Milano presided by Renato Treves for "Documentation on Sociology of Law". The Board of the Research Committee consisted of:
President: Renato Treves (Italy)
Vice-President: Adam Podgorecki (Poland)
Secretary: William M. Evan (USA)
Members: R. Aphorpe
Wilhem Aubert (Norway)
Richard D. Schwartz (USA)

At the VII World Congress of Sociology in Varna (1970), the Board invited Peter Vinke (The Netherlands) to form and preside a third working group on "Codification of Empirical Findings in the Sociology of Law".

Moreover, a council of advisers was appointed with the task to evaluate the membership of the Research Committee, and to organize its future scientific activities. Members of the Council were:

Brit-Mari Blegvad Persson (Denmark)
Maria Borucka-Arctowa (Poland)
Jan Glastra van Loon (The Netherlands)
V. Goldschmidt (Denmark)
Dimitri Kalogeropoulos (France)
V.P. Kasimirtschuk (USSR)
W. Kaupen (FRG)
T. Kawashima (Japan)
H. Klette (Sweden)
V.N. Kudriavtsev (USSR)
Kalmar Kulcsar (Hungary)
B. Kutschinsky (Denmark)
D. Mandic (Yugoslavia)
A. Pagani (Italy)
M. Reh binder (FRG)
J. Skolnik (USA)
Jean van Houtte (Belgium)
Severin Carlos Versele (Belgium)
Peter Vinke (The Netherlands)

In 1969-70 the working group on "Knowledge and Opinion about Law" counted 23 members from 17 countries.

During a meeting held in 1971, 13 members were admitted to the Committee; they came from Poland (2), UK (2), Brazil (1), Canada (1), Finland (1), Italy (1), Japan (1), Spain (1), Sweden (1), USA (1) and USSR (1).

A new Board was elected by mail ballot in 1974. Based on art. 3 of the Statutes of the Committee, the Board was formed by a President and 5 members, all elected by the Committee, and by associate members (former presidents of the Committee and the chairmen of the Committee's working groups). The new Board was:
President: Jan Glastra van Loon (The Netherlands)
Vice-Presidents: Adam Podgorecki (Poland)
Jack Ladinsky (USA)

Secretary: Jean van Houtte (Belgium)

Elected Members:
Colin M. Campbell (UK)
Jacek Kurczewski (Poland)
Jack Ladinsky (USA)
Richard Schwartz (USA)

Associate Members:

Wolfgang Kaupen (FRG) - Chairman of the Working Group on Knowledge and Opinions about Law (KOL)
Adam Podgorecki (Poland) - Chairman of the Working Group on Theoretical Hypotheses in Sociology of Law
Renato Treves (Italy) - former President of the Research Committee and Chairman of the Working Group on Documentation in Sociology of Law
Adam Podgorecki continued as the Delegate to Research Council, and Renato Treves as the Alternate.

Between May and June 1978, new elections were held by mail ballot. 79 ballots were received, with the following results:

President: Jan Glastra van Loon (The Netherlands)
Vice-Presidents: Richard L. Abel (USA) and Colin M. Campbell (UK)
Secretary: Jean van Houtte (Belgium)
Elected Members: Vincenzo Ferrari (Italy), Adam Podgorecki (Poland)
Associate Members: Philip S.C. Lewis (UK) - Chairman of the Working Group on Legal Profession, Renato Treves (Italy) - former President of the Research Committee and Chairman of the Working Group on Documentation in Sociology of Law

In May 1980, Jan Glastra van Loon announced his resignation as president. This was accepted by the Board at the Madison meeting (USA) in June 1980.

The membership list, reported in 1980 to the Research Council of the ISA, included names of 191 persons coming from the following 33 countries: (USA) 45, England (23), Italy (21), FRG (16), The Netherlands (9), Canada (8), Poland (8), Belgium (6), France (6), Japan (6), USSR (5), Denmark (4), Spain (4), Sweden (4), India (4), Brasil (3), Norway (2), Yugoslavia (2), Argentina (1), Austria (1), Australia (1), Ecuador (1), Finland (1), Hungary (1), Kenya (1), Ireland (1), North Ireland (1), Nigeria (1), Philippines (1), Portugal (1), South Africa (1), Sri Lanka (1), Venezuela (1).

For the period 1982-1986 the following officers were elected on the Board:

President: Jean van Houtte (Belgium)
Vice-Presidents: R. Abel (USA) and Vincenzo Ferrari (Italy)
Secretary: E. Blankenburg (The Netherlands)
Board Members: A.J. Arnaud (France), Adam Podgorecki (Canada), P. Lewis (UK), Renato Treves (Italy)

For the period 1986-1990 the Board of officers looks like follows:

President: Jean van Houtte (Belgium)
Elected Members: E. Blankenburg (The Netherlands), Jacques Commaille (France), William Evan (USA), Alberto Febrajo (Italy), V. Gessner (FRG), Boaventura de Sousa Santos (Portugal), Radi Vassilev-Radev (Bulgaria)
Associate Members: Vincenzo Ferrari (Italy), Terence Halliday (USA), Adam Podgorecki (Canada), Renato Treves (Italy)
Consultative Member: J.S. Gandhi (India)

MEETINGS

The Research Committee held its first meeting in the Castle of Chatillon, in St. Vicent (Italy) on September 9-13, 1964. This meeting was held jointly with the conference organized by the Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale. Its task was the discussion on the initial results of the large research project on "The Administration of Justice and the Changing Italian Society". Nine members attended the meeting.

The second meeting was held in Warsaw, June 2-5, 1965 and was organized by Adam Podgorecki in collaboration with the Polish Sociological Association. Four papers were discussed there.

The meeting held during the VI World Congress of Sociology (Evan 1966), included the following activities of the Committee:

- (a) Reserved meetings on "Definition of Sociology of Law" (5 papers) and on "Comparative Problems" (3 papers)
- (b) Open meetings on "Empirical Research: (i) in Scandinavia (6 papers), (ii) in other countries (4

papers)

(c) Round table on "Cross-National Research" where W.M. Evan presented his paper on "Sociological Almanac of Legal Systems"

On September 9-13, 1968 in Varese (Italy), the Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale organized an international meeting on the sociology of law: the First International Days on Sociology of Law, to discuss the latest results of the Italian research on the administration of justice. The members of the Committee were invited to participate and some of them, particularly A. Podgorecki, O. Mandic and K. Swingmann contributed actively with interesting considerations of a comparative character.

On April 9-12, 1969 at the Centre de Sociologie du Droit et de la Justice de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles, took place an International Seminar on Sociology of Law and Opinion about Law, organized and presided by S.C. Versele, director of research of the Institute of Sociology at the same University. The Committee gave its support to this initiative. During the seminar, the RC's most important contribution was made by the research group on Knowledge and Opinion about Law, which promoted a debate on the methodological and organizational problems connected with cross-national research. The Working Group on Documentation in Sociology of Law presented a book "Nuovi Sviluppi della Sociologia del Diritto", edited by R. Treves, containing several contributions on the development of study and research in different countries and a bibliography of about 300 items regarding publications of materials in the period considered (1966-67), followed by two bibliographical appendices dedicated to juridical anthropology and jurimetrics.

In Warsaw (Poland), October 27-29, 1969, took place a conference on Sociology of Moral and Law organized by Adam Podgorecki. Several members of the Committee participated and many contributions were discussed.

At the VII World Congress of Sociology in Varna (1970), the Research Committee held 3 open and 2 closed meetings. Every open meeting was attended by about 100 experts and every paper submitted gave rise to several contributions and interesting debate. Session 1: Social Engineering: the Function of Law as an Agent of Social Change (15 papers)
Session 2: Legal Agents of Social Change (13 papers)
Session 3: Public Opinion about Law and Legal Reforms (16 papers)

The Second International Symposium on Sociology of Law was held on September 17-19, 1971 in Varese (Italy). The program was:

- Open Session: Report by R. Treves
Session 1: Recent Findings in the Area of the Research on Knowledge and Opinion about Law
Session 2: Sociology of Law for Legal Education
Session 3: The Role of the Jurist in Society

From the 18th through 21st of September 1972, the Committee held the Third International Symposium in the Netherlands, first in Nordwijk and then at the University of Leiden, Law Faculty, organized by Peter Vinke and having the following program:

- Opening Session
Session 1: Legal and Sociological Education
Session 2: Anthropological versus Sociological Approach to Law
Session 3: The Position of the Legal System in Various Countries
Session 4: Research on Criminality
Session 5: Current and Possible Future Research
Session 6: Sociology of Law in Contemporary Society
More than 20 papers were presented and discussed at

the Symposium.

The Fourth International Symposium was held in Cambridge (UK) on September 25-28, 1973 on "Access to the Legal System"

Sessions held during the VIII World Congress of Sociology (Toronto 1974) and a special session sponsored by the Centro di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale dealt with the following themes:

A. Sessions of the Research Committee

Session 1: The Theory of Sociology of Law (8 papers)

Session 2: Organizational Theory, Effectiveness and the Law (6 papers)

Session 3: Comparative Study on Deviance, Violence and Conformity

Session 4: Judicial Decision-Making and Alternatives (4 papers)

B. Special Session coordinated by Renato Treves: The Problem of Teaching Sociology of Law (3 papers)

The authors of these papers came from 10 countries: USA (8), FRG (2), Japan (2), Poland (2), USSR (2), Denmark (2), UK (1), Hungary (1), Norway (1), Spain (1).

A meeting in Tokyo, September 1-4, 1975. The Committee in collaboration with the Japanese Organizing Committee, chaired by Takeyoshi Kawashima, organized a symposium on "Theory in the Sociology of Law". The themes were:

1. Theory in the Sociology of Law (15 papers)

2. Law in Modern Japan (7 papers)

3. Law in Developing Societies (8 papers)

There were 57 participants from Japan (31), USA (5), FRG (3), Poland (3), UK (3), USSR (3), Belgium (1), Finland (1), The Netherlands (1), Hungary (1), India (1), Kenya (1), Norway (1), Sri Lanka (1) and the United Arab Republic (1).

A conference on "Sociology of Law and Legal Sciences" was held in Balatonszeplak (Hungary) on September 26-29, 1976. There were sessions on Documentation in the Field of Sociology of Law, The Teaching of Sociology of Law, Knowledge and Opinions about Law. Another main topic was Law and Economic Order.

A meeting of the Research Committee held in Saarbrücken on September 5-8, 1977. The theme of the conference was "The Impact of the Research in the Sociology of Law on Government Action". The Special Research Section in Theory and Sociology of Law in the Law and Economics Faculty of Saarland University were the hosts. There were more than 100 participants from 16 countries.

During the IX World Congress of Sociology held in Uppsala (1978), the Committee organized the following sessions:

Session 1: Major Theoretical Issues in Sociology of Law (6 papers)

Session 2 (jointly with the Research Committees on Sociotechnics and Deviance and Social Control: Evaluation of Crime Prevention Problems

Session 3: Legal Professions (2 papers)

Session 4: "Traditional" versus "Modern" Legal Systems (7 papers)

Session 5: Family Law (11 papers)

Session 6: Changing Conceptions of the State (3 papers)

Session 7: Research in Progress (8 papers)

The authors of these 42 papers came from 16 countries: Italy (9), USA (5), Belgium (4), FRG (4), UK (3), Japan (3), Poland (3), Australia (2), Denmark (2), Canada (1), France (1), India (1), Kenya (1), Sweden (1), Switzerland (1), Yugoslavia (1).

The annual Conference for 1979 was organized in Cagliari (Italy) on 19-22 September. There were sessions on the following topics:

Session 1: Law, State and Political Power

Session 2: The Family and the Law

Session 3: Legal Profession

Session 4: Law and Dispute Treatment

Session 5: Research in Progress

Session 6: Documentation

The Committee and the Law and Society Association (USA) sponsored a joint meeting at the University of Madison, Wisconsin (USA) on June 5-8, 1980. It was based on 6 groups of 8 or 9 parallel panels, where 186 papers were presented. The authors came from the following countries: US (131), UK (10), Canada (9), Australia (4), FRG (4), Belgium (3), India (3), Japan (3), Nigeria (3), Yugoslavia (2), Colombia (1), Denmark (1), France (1), Malaysia (1), Mexico (1), The Netherlands (1), New Guinea (1), Peru (1), Poland (1), South Africa (1), Venezuela (1), United Arab Republic (1), Belgium (1), and Australia (1).

Jean Van Houtte participated in the 2nd International Congress of Legal Science organized by the International Centre of Legal Science in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) on September 7-12, 1980. The theme of the Congress was "The Working of Law in Society, Nationally and Internationally" and Jean van Houtte assisted in his role of a member of the Board of the Research Committee.

A meeting of the Committee was organized in Oxford (UK) on September 24-27, 1981, in collaboration with the Center for Legal Studies (Wolfson College). Four workshops were on the program:

1. Law and Economy

2. Interactionist Analysis of Legal Processes (both civil and criminal)

3. Language Use in Legal Settings

4. Labor Law and Industrial Relations

Special sessions were organized concerning research in progress.

In Mexico City during the X World Congress of Sociology (1982) seven sessions were coordinated by Jean van Houtte:

Session 1: Theory and Methodology in Sociology of Law

Session 2: Legal Systems and Social Systems

Session 3: Legal Professions

Session 4: Law in Action

Session 5: Dispute Institutions

Session 6: Law and Social Change in Latin America

Session 7: Research in Progress

The average number of persons attending the sessions was about 60. The session on "Law and Social Change in Latin America" was attended by more than 100 persons.

From September 7-10, 1983 at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, the Committee held a meeting in which 110 scholars participated. The topics of the sessions were:

- Litigation research: legal aid costs and benefits of government by regulation

- Family law

- Legal anthropology

- Beyond formal justice

- Law, economic order and industrial relations

- Current sociology of law in Italy, Japan and Argentina

- Legal profession

- European Institute of Sociology of Law

Most papers were published prior to the meeting by the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Law, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

In August 1985 a successful meeting on fundamental issues of sociology of law under the title "Les fondements scientifiques de la sociologie de droit / Scientific foundations of sociology of law", was held by the Committee in Aix-en-Provence (France). About

250 participants attended plenary meetings as well as various workshops.

Several items of the Committee's activities were discussed as well:

- A report on the activities of the Working Group on Social and Legal Systems, prepared by Adam Podgorecki (Canada), informed the Board about the forthcoming publication of the group as well as about its continuing meetings and activities.

- The Research Committee's Working Group on Legal Professions has completed a comparative survey to be published in 2 volumes by the University of California Press. Philip Lewis, a chairman of the Working Group, upon accomplishing this successful survey, has left the chairmanship to Terence Halliday (USA).

- A new Working Group on Legal Culture Comparisons was established under the chairmanship of Erhard Blankenburg (The Netherlands). The group is primarily concentrating on the indicator comparisons, over time and between countries, of the use of litigation in courts.

- A Working Group on International Inquiry into the Development of Sociology of Law will be coordinating a documentation to be published within two years. Chairman: Vincenzo Ferrari (Italy).

- Vincenzo Ferrari took over from Renato Treves the responsibility of editing documentation of the work of the Research Committee in Sociologia del Diritto.

At the XI World Congress of Sociology (New Delhi 1986) various sessions were coordinated by Erhard Blankenburg (The Netherlands):

Session 1: Oppressive Social and Legal Systems-Hidden and Manifest Forms

Session 2: Comparative Studies of Legal Profession

Session 3: Research in Progress

Session 4: International Inquiry into the Development of Sociology of Law

Session 5: Research in Progress

Session 6 organized by the Institute of Sociology of Law for Europe: Economic and Social Change and the Law

A special post-Congress seminar on Law and Social Change took place at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi.

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Blegvad, B.M., C.M. Campbell and C.J. Schuyt (eds): European Yearbook in Law and Sociology 1977, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1977. Belongs to the series "European Studies in Law and Sociology" established under the program of the Institute of Sociology of Law for Europe, and set up in collaboration with the Research Committee.

The Research Committee does not publish a separate newsletter. Instead, it publishes Documentation as part of Sociologia del Diritto which appears twice a year. Documentation includes not only reports on meetings, but also brief reports on the sociology of law in various countries together with bibliographies and summaries of articles. In 1980 the Research Committee announced that publication would in future appear once a year.

— HISTORY OF RC 14
— SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE, KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNICATION

I. SOCIOLOGY OF KNOWLEDGE

ORIGINS

At the IV World Congress of Sociology (Milano and Stresa, 1959) an additional session was held on Saturday morning, 12 September 1959, in order to discuss the formation of a Research Committee on Sociology of Knowledge. The meeting was suggested by Tom Bottomore, then Executive Secretary of the ISA, who invited Kurt Wolff (USA) to organize and chair the session.

Lucien Goldmann, Talcott Parsons, Alexander von Schelting and Kurt Wolff requested the President of the ISA, T.H. Marshall, to authorize a day-long meeting at the V World Congress of Sociology (Washington, D.C. 1962). Kurt Wolff chaired that session on the sociology of knowledge, at which 23 papers were presented by authors coming from: USA (7), France (4), USSR (2), Brazil (1), Czechoslovakia (1), GDR (1), India (1), Italy (1), Mexico (1), The Netherlands (1), Poland (1), Taiwan (1), UK (1).

In 1965 Kurt Wolff was asked by the ISA Executive Committee to organize a Research Committee on Sociology of Knowledge, to be formally constituted at the VI World Congress of Sociology (Evian 1966).

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

The first and only president of the Research Committee was Kurt Wolff (USA). It is not known how many members the Committee had. The Board elected at the VI World Congress in Evian (1966) was:

President: Kurt H. Wolff (USA)

Secretary: V. Milic (Yugoslavia) - replaced by Jerzy Szacki (Poland) at the VII World Congress, Varna 1970.

ACTIVITIES

In Evian, September 1966, the Research Committee of Knowledge as such participated for the first time in a world congress: VI World Congress of Sociology. 19 papers were presented at its sessions and the authors came from 12 countries: USA (6), Argentina (2), France (2), Canada (1), Denmark (1), FRG (1), Hungary (1), Israel (1), Italy (1), Poland (1), and UK (1).

The second and last participation of this Research Committee in a world congress was in Varna (1970) at the VII World Congress of Sociology. The Committee held two scientific meetings on "Society and Consciousness" where 18 contributions from various countries were discussed: USA (4), Bulgaria (3), Canada (2), France (2), UK (2), Argentina (1), Denmark (1), Italy (1), The Netherlands (1) and Romania (1).

The Research Committee was discontinued by the Executive Committee of the ISA in April 1972, after a long period of inactivity and the resignation of its president, Kurt Wolff. In a letter dated February 21st, 1972, Kurt Wolff resigned stating that "the job has been, especially since Varna, far more a source of frustration than of gratification", and that it proved very difficult for him to communicate with members and to raise a relevant project of international activity.

PUBLICATIONS

Transactions of the IV World Congress of Sociology, London, 1961.

Vol. II: contains a report on the discussion written by Kurt H. Wolff

Vol. IV: "The Sociology of Knowledge" - contains an editorial note by Kurt H. Wolff, 6 papers presented at the Congress, and the discussion.

Norman Birnbaum: Sociological Study of Ideology, in: Current Sociology, vol. IX, no. 2 (1960)

Transactions of the V World Congress of Sociology, Louvain, 1964.

Vol. IV: contains 3 papers, "Introduction" by Kurt H. Wolff, and the reports on the Committee's two sessions.

Alberto Izzo: The Sociology of Knowledge in Italy, Bologna, Riccardo Patron, 1966.

Kurt H. Wolff: The Sociology of Knowledge in the USA, in: Current Sociology, vol. XV, no. 1 (1967).

Transactions of the VII World Congress of Sociology, Sofia, 1973.

Vol. IV: contains 3 papers presented at the Congress.

II. SOCIOLOGY OF MASS COMMUNICATION

ORIGINS

It seems that the first paper on mass communication problems ever presented at a world congress of sociology was Alphons Silbermann's "Sociological Aspects of Radio Music" submitted at the II World Congress of Sociology, Liège (Belgium), August 1953.

Six years later, during the IV World Congress of

Sociology (Milano and Stressa, 1959), a section was devoted to "Application of Sociological Knowledge to Mass Communication". It is not known exactly how many papers were delivered at the meeting, but the publication Transactions of the IV World Congress of Sociology, vol. III, contains the introductory paper of the session chairman, Morris Janowitz, and Robert Schulze. There are also 7 abstracts written by scholars coming from: USA (3), UK (1), FRG (1), Norway (1) and Yugoslavia (1). The report of the discussion included 5 other references to papers submitted at the Congress.

At the end of the Congress, the ISA Executive Committee approved the establishment of the Research Committee on Mass Communication.

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERS

In 1959 the Committee had 15 members coming from France (4), USA (4), Italy (2), UK (2), Belgium (1), FRG (1) and Poland (1). Its first president was George Friedmann (France), and since 1961 the secretary was Edgar Morin (France). There were no substantial changes in the national composition of the Committee during its first years of existence.

The Board elected at the VII World Congress of Sociology (Varna, September 1970) was as follows:

President: Edgar Morin (France) - Alternate to the Research Council

Vice-Presidents: Elihu Katz (Israel) and Igor Petrov (USSR)

Secretary: José Vidal-Beneyto (Spain) - Delegate to the Research Council

Newsletter Editor: Alfred Willener (Switzerland)

The ISA data indicate that in August 1974 the Committee's membership was 24 persons from 14 countries: USA (6), Canada (3), Belgium (2), Italy (2), Switzerland (2), Denmark (1), Finland (1), Ghana (1), Hungary (1), Korea (1), México (1), The Netherlands (1), Sweden (1) and Yugoslavia (1).

At the business meeting held on August 21, 1974, in Toronto, a new board was elected for the term 1974-1978:

President: José Vidal Beneyto (Spain) - Delegate to the Research Council

Secretaries: Marino Livolsi (Italy) and Thelma McCormack (Canada) who resigned in 1975

Members:

Elihu Katz (Israel), Gerald Kline (USA), Kurt Lang (USA), Lawrence H. Streicher (USA), Tamas Szelesko (Hungary), France Vreg (Yugoslavia), Kazimierz Zygułski (Poland)

At a board meeting held in Paris on December 6, 1976, it was agreed to promote contacts and initiatives with similar bodies that might be interested in fostering studies and research in the area. At the same time the board considered advantageous to widen the Committee's interests to the spheres of the Sociology of Culture and Knowledge.

In Paris, on November 25, 1977, the board decided to set up links between the Research Committee and all those working in the field of culture and knowledge. It was agreed with the representatives of the International Association for the Sociology of Knowledge to prepare a joint presentation for the session on "Knowledge and Communication" chaired by the president of the Research Committee at the IX World Congress of Sociology in Uppsala (1978). Depending on the outcome of the experience, the creation of a joint committee was to be considered.

First contact with the International Society for Sociology of Knowledge was initiated by its participation in the VIII World Congress of Sociology (Toronto, 1974). Under its sponsorship there was

organized a session on "Sociology of Knowledge" coordinated by Juan Corradi (Argentina) and Harriet Friedmann (Canada).

Moreover, Alexander Gella chaired a special round-table on "Toward the Sociology of the Intelligentsia".

At the IX World Congress of Sociology (Uppsala 1978) the following board was elected for the period 1978-1982:

President: José Vidal Beneyto (Spain)
Vice-Presidents: Kurt Lang (USA), Jacques Leenhardt (France), Denis McQuail (The Netherlands), Tamas Szecsko (Hungary), Alfred Willener (Switzerland)
Secretary: Marino Livolsi (Italy)

In June 1978, the Research Committee's president, José Vidal Beneyto, asked ISA for a permission to expand Committee's thematic area to "Sociology of Culture and Knowledge".

At that time the Committee had almost 100 members from 24 countries: Austria, Canada, Chile, France, FRG, GDR, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Norway, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA, USSR, Venezuela, Yugoslavia.

The new board elected in Uppsala was enlarged in order to reflect better the Committee's extended interests and broader international representation:

President: José Vidal Beneyto (Spain)
Vice-Presidents: Kurt Lang (USA) - Delegate to the Research Council, Jacques Leenhardt (France), Denis McQuail (The Netherlands), Tamas Szecsko (Hungary), and Alfred Willener (Switzerland)
General Secretary: Marino Livolsi (Italy)
Members: Claudio Aguirre-Bianchi (Chile), Lothar Bisky (GDR), Juan Corradi (Argentina), M. Essayas (Ethiopia), Elihu Katz (Israel), Antonina Klosowska (Poland), Valery Korobeinikov (USSR), William Phelan (Canada), Dieter Prokop (FRG), France Vreg (Yugoslavia)

At the X World Congress of Sociology, Mexico 1982, the following members were elected on the Board for 1982-1986:

President: José Vidal Beneyto (Spain)
Vice-Presidents: Kurt Lang (USA), Jacques Leenhardt (France), Marino Livolsi (Italy), Denis McQuail (The Netherlands), and France Vreg (Yugoslavia)
General Secretariat: Claudio Aguirre-Bianchi and Peter Dahlgren (Sweden), Cécile Rougier (France)

ACTIVITIES

In June 1962 a colloquium on "Film Hero" was organized in Sestri-Levante, Italy. George Friedmann, chairman of the Research Committee, presided the meeting and Edgar Morin, secretary of the Committee, with C. Bremond were scientific directors of the colloquium. 14 participants came from: France (6), Italy (2), Czechoslovakia (1), India (1), Poland (1), Portugal (1), USA (1) and Yugoslavia (1).

At least four papers were presented at the session on Mass Communication held during the V World Congress of Sociology (Washington, September 1962).

On May 12-13, 1963, in the Centre Culturel de Royaumont, French members of the Committee with the assistance of the Centre d'Etudes des Communication de Masse, organized a colloquium on "Culture supérieure et culture de masse". Approximately 15 specialists were present at the meeting, among them Paul Lazarsfeld.

At the VI World Congress of Sociology (Evian, September 1966), 13 papers were presented by scholars coming from: USA (4), Belgium (2), Czechoslovakia (1), FRG (1), France (1), Hungary (1), Italy (1),

Poland (1) and The Netherlands (1).

At the business meeting of the Research Committee, the board decided to concentrate the Committee's activities on an international research project on "Youth and Mass Communication". In 1967 a joint program for this project was elaborated by a wide group of scholars, in particular the Italian team chaired by Francesco Alberoni, then Secretary General of the Committee, and the French team chaired by Edgar Morin, then President of the Committee. In the same year, the French team prepared a specific program to study the current situation, problems and conditions in France.

Although the international research project had a very good start, it could not be continued due to the lack of funds. Many national teams had to renounce for financial reasons, other teams pursued with partial research projects and the results were presented at the VII World Congress of Sociology (Varna 1970).

In 1969 the Committee modified radically its way of working. There was developed a minimal program of basic activities (soliciting participation of scientists and institutions, publication of a bulletin, focusing on major research in the field of sociology of mass communication) which would lead to the development of more complex projects.

At the VII World Congress of Sociology (Varna, September 1970), more than 15 papers were delivered at the Committee's sessions:

Sessions 1 & 2: Research on Future Mass Communication
Sessions 3 & 4: Youth Culture
The authors of these papers came from 8 countries: USA (5), Bulgaria (2), France (2), Poland (1), Romania (1), The Netherlands (1), UK (1) and Yugoslavia (1).

The Committee organized 5 sessions at the VIII World Congress of Sociology (Toronto, August 1974):

Session 1: Epistemology and Theory of Communication
Session 2: Epistemology and Social Issues
Session 3: International Communication
Session 4: New Trends in Communication Research
Authors came from 10 countries: USA (6), Bulgaria (2), Canada (2), The Netherlands (2), Iran (1), Mexico (1), Switzerland (1), UK (1), USSR (1) and Yugoslavia (1).

An international conference on "Ideology and Structure of the Criticism in the Mass Media" was held in Barcelona (Spain) on June 30 - July 3, 1976. It was co-sponsored by the Research Committee and the Spanish Association ANCHE. Two main subjects were discussed: (1) The influence of personal and group ideology on critical practice; (2) Analysis of structures in journalistic practice.

Members of the Committee actively participated in the X General Assembly and Scientific Conference on "Mass Media and Man's View of Society" which was organized by the International Association for Mass Communication Research (IAMCR) on August 30 - September 4, 1976, in Leicester (UK).

On October 20-22, 1977, a preparatory meeting for the IX World Congress of Sociology was held in Trento (Italy). Two subjects were dealt with: (1) Inventory and prospects in mass media research, (2) Organization and creativity in mass communication. The meeting was attended by over 40 scholars from various, mainly European, countries.

An international conference on "Popular Alternatives to the Mass Media" was held on May 24-29, 1978, in Cambrils and Barcelona (Spain). The meeting was co-sponsored by the Research Committee and three Spanish

institutions: Facultad de Ciencias de la Informacion de la Universidad de Madrid, Facultad de Ciencias de la Informacion de la Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Centro de Investigaciones Sociologicas de Madrid. The conference was attended by over 80 scholars, 30 of them Spaniards. 44 papers were presented within three main topics: (1) Radical or critical social sciences and popular communication, (2) Resistance/dissidence and popular communication, (3) Basic movements/new social practices and popular communication.

During the IX World Congress of Sociology, Uppsala 1978, the Research Committee was engaged in the following activities:

- A symposium on "Mass Media and Social Change" where 21 papers were presented by authors coming from: USA (5), Canada (3), UK (2), USSR (2), Finland (1), France (1), FRG (1), Ghana (1), Hungary (1), India (1), Iran (1), Norway (1) and Sweden (1).

- Session 1: Public Opinion - organized in collaboration with the World Association of Public Opinion Research (WAPOR). 3 papers were presented by authors coming from Israel, Nigeria and Yugoslavia.

- Session 2: Knowledge and Communication - conducted in cooperation with the International Society for Sociology of Knowledge. 5 papers were presented by authors coming from USA (3), Canada (1) and France (1).

- Session 3: Inventory and Prospects in Mass Media Research - follow-up of the Trento (1977) meeting. 4 papers were presented by authors coming from FRG, The Netherlands, USA and USSR.

- One working group session on "Counter-Culture Creativity" where 9 papers were presented by authors coming from: Canada (2), France (1), Hungary (1), Palestina (1), Sweden (1), USA (1) and USSR (1).

At the business meeting held during the Congress it was decided to establish 12 working groups:

1. Public Opinion and Communication (Coordinator: Gladys Lang)
2. Mass Media and Terrorism (Coordinators: Giovanni Bechelloni & Carlo Marletti)
3. Communication and Literature (Coordinator: Jacques Leenhardt)
4. Counter-Culture and Communication (Coordinator: Alfred Willener)
5. Social Communication Networks (Coordinator: Peter Jozsa)
6. Comparative Analysis of Media Products (Coordinator: Russell Neuman)
7. Sociology of the Cinema (Coordinators: Ignacio Ramonet, Andras Szekfu, Dieter Prokop)
8. Alternatives to Traditional Media (Coordinator: Leonard Henny)
9. Social Production of Images (Coordinator: Claudio Aguirre)
10. Le gaspillage de l'information (Coordinator: Michèle Mattelart)
11. International Media Concentration (Coordinator: Dieter Prokop)
12. Production and Distribution of Cultural Objects (Coordinators: Juan Corradi, W. Phelan, José Vidal Beneyto).

The International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge also sponsored a series of sessions on Sociology of Knowledge during the IX World Congress of Sociology.

The XI Congress of the International Association for Mass Communication Research (IAMCR) was held in September 1978 in Warsaw (Poland). The conference was attended by nearly 500 participants; the Committee was represented by its Vice-President Denis McQuail. Discussions were organized around the theme "Mass Media and National Cultures" and dealt with: the possibility of maintaining an autonomous national

culture in the face of a growing international mass media culture; the potential conflict within a society between a traditional and socially valued culture and a commercial or popular culture of the media; the imbalance of cultural 'strength' between the third world and industrialized 'exporter' countries; the general problem of formulating an appropriate national or international communication policy.

Two international comparative studies were launched by the Committee in 1978: (1) "Prestige Press, Ideology and Public Opinion" involving France, United Kingdom, German Federal Republic, Italy and Spain; (2) "Sociology of Sociological Knowledge".

A Symposium was held in Burgos (Spain) on July 3-7, 1979, on "Culture Industries and Society Models". At the same time the Committee met to discuss its current affairs. Joint meetings were held on the same occasion with IAMCR representatives, with Gilles Pronovost, Executive Secretary of the ISA Research Committee of Leisure, Everet Rogers, President of the International Communication Association (ICA) and Ivan Vitanyi, promotor of a new research committee on Sociology of Expressive Culture.

The Research Committee co-sponsored with the Research Committee on Sociology of Leisure an international conference on "Popular Culture" held on April 23-25, 1980 in Trois-Rivières, Québec (Canada). The Committee was responsible for organizing two working groups: "National Cultures and Popular Cultures" and "Popular and Counter-Culture".

The Board and many members of the Committee took part in the World Congress of the International Association of Mass Communication Research (IAMCR), during the last days of August 1980, in Caracas (Venezuela), on the theme "New Structures of International Communication? The Role of Research".

In 1981 the Committee launched a project on "Press and Public Opinion". It gave an incentive to a symposium on "Ideology, Mass Media and the Production of Reality" organized by the Committee at the X World Congress of Sociology (Mexico 1982).

In the same year, 1981, the Committee coordinated a project on "TV News and Production of Reality" which involved working teams from 16 countries: Canada, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Morocco, Mexico, The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Tunisia, UK, USA, and Yugoslavia. The results of this study were presented during the International Festival of TV Information, October 1984.

For the X World Congress of Sociology, Mexico 1982, the following sessions were co-ordinated by Tamas Szecsko (Hungary) and José Vidal Beneyto (Spain):

- Session 1: The New World Information and Communication Order
Session 2 in collaboration with the International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge: Changing Function of Intellectuals
Session 3: Media Events
Session 4: Communication and Culture in the Developing Nations
Session 5: Communication and Citizenship
Session 6 jointly with WAPOR: Public Opinion and the Media News
Session 7 in collaboration with the International Society for the Sociology of Knowledge: Third World Intellectuals
Session 8: Ideological and Cultural Discourse Analysis
Session 9 jointly with the Research Committee on Sociology of Leisure: Popular Culture
Session 10 jointly with the Research Committee on Sociology of Arts: The Meaning of Culture in

Sociology

The average attendance was high; this was due partly to the participation of a good number of Latin American researchers as Spanish was also being used as a working language. Altogether over 90 papers were presented and discussed.

The Symposium on "Ideology, Mass Media and the Production of Reality" which the Committee organized at the Congress, created a lot of interest among participants. It was based on two international comparative researches that the Committee is carrying on in 18 countries on press and TV news. Around 200 persons attended the Symposium.

A new working group on Political Communication was launched at the World Congress of International Political Science Association in 1982, during the sessions dedicated to the topic of communication which were attended by many members of the Research Committee. This has been followed up in Mexico, and as a consequence some national groups on political communication have been created in several countries.

In cooperation with UNESCO, Claudio Aguirre-Bianchi (Sweden), co-secretary of the Committee, launched in 1983 an international study on "The New World Information and Communication Order (NOMIC)". Seven working teams were set to analyse 20 special cases described in 250 newspapers in 49 countries.

In 1983 Peter Dahlgren, co-secretary of the Committee, with J.M. Barbero, L. Henny and A. Lamberti initiated a research project on tv serials/"soap operas". In January 1984 the Committee organized in Madrid (Spain) a methodological seminar on "Etude des Feuilletons Télévisés: Dallas" which was attended by 27 participants from 10 countries.

An international meeting on "Communication and Life Styles" initiated by the Committee was organized in Ljubljana (Yugoslavia) in November 1985, by the Section for Communication and Public Opinion of the Yugoslav Sociological Association together with the Faculty of Sociology, Political Sciences and Journalism of Edvard Kardelj University, and the city of Ljubljana. Chairperson of the Organizing Committee was France Vreg, and Slavko Splichal was its Coordinator.

The program of the Committee for the XI World Congress of Sociology (New Delhi 1986) included 13 sessions and over 80 papers:

- Session 1: The Reception of Media: the audience experience
- Session 2: Information and Communication Technologies: Third World Perspectives
- Session 3 jointly with RC on Sociology of Youth: Youth Culture and Mass Media
- Session 4: Military Culture and the Media
- Session 5: Participation, Movement and Media
- Session 6 jointly with RC on Sociology of Sport: Sport and the Media
- Session 7: New Directions in the Study of Language and Ideology
- Session 8: TV Discourse: between Information and Culture
- Session 9: Press and Public Opinion
- Session 10: Popular Music and Society
- Session 11 jointly with RC on Sociology of Arts: Myth and Images in the Media Age
- Session 12: TV Serials and Narrativity
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PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter: started in December 1976, edited by the secretariat of the Research Committee

Transactions of the IV World Congress of Sociology, 1961. Vol. III contains an introductory

paper to the Committee's sessions, 7 abstracts and a report on the discussion

Transactions of the V World Congress of Sociology, 1964. Vol. IV contains a paper and 2 reports from the Committee's sessions

Transactions of the VI World Congress of Sociology, 1970. Vol. IV contains two papers presented at the Committee's sessions

Transactions of the VII World Congress of Sociology, 1973. Vol. IV contains 3 papers delivered at the Committee's sessions

Alphons Silbermann: La Sociologie des Communications de Masse, in: Current Sociology, Vol. XVIII, No.3, 1973

Alexander Gella (ed): The Intelligentsia and the Intellectuals. Theory, Method and Case Study. Sage Studies in International Sociology, vol. 5, Sage Publications, Beverly Hills, 1976. Contains papers presented at the VIII World Congress of Sociology.

George H. Lewis: The Sociology of Popular Culture, in: Current Sociology, vol. XXVI, No.3 (1978).

José Vidal Beneyto (ed): Alternativas Populares a las Comunicaciones de Masa, Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas: 1979. Contains papers presented at the conference held in Barcelona, May 1978.

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In 1982 the Committee launched publication of a series Documents de Travail du CKC. So far the following volumes have appeared:

No.1 (June 1982): Telediarios y Produccion de la Realidad / Journaux Télévisés et Production du Réel (multilingual version).

No.2 (June 1982): Produccion de la Realidad y Diarios de Referencia Dominante / Dominant Reference Papers and the Production of Reality (multilingual version).

No.3 (June 1984): G. Lewis (ed): Symbols of Significance. Working Papers in the Study of Culture. Collection of papers presented at the Committee's sessions during the X World Congress of Sociology (Mexico 1982).

Nos.4-8 are devoted to the international research on "Ideology, Mass Media and Production of Reality" launched by the Research Committee in 1981.

No.9 includes papers presented at the 9C conference on "Etude des Feuilletons Télévisés: Dallas" held in Madrid, January 1984.

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Avenida El Cristo de las Cadenas
33071 Oviedo (Asturias), Spain

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