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Internationalizing the ISA

Internationalizing an international organization may seem to be a curious objective. Yet, the reality is, as everyone knows, that the International Sociological Association, like every other world scholarly associations today, is less international than it should be and claims to be.

The historical construction of the social sciences and the geopolitics of the world-system are the two major constraining parameters within which our association lives. Both are obvious. The social sciences emerged, as university disciplines, only in the late nineteenth century, and originally primarily in five countries: Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and the United States. To be sure, by 1945 they came to be established formally in many other countries, and almost everywhere in the period since 1945. But the geographic spread of their organizational strength remains lopsided.

The historical reality is compounded and maintained by the fact that financial resources are equally lopsided in their distribution, which means that sociologists in the "South" do not have at their distribution many of the elementary facilities that are available to many sociologists in the "North": adequate library facilities, rapid communications networks (today, access to the Internet), research funds, travel funds, adequate salaries, and all the other material bases of our work.

The ISA is in no position to affect significantly these constraints. The question is what can it do to minimize their negative effects? The first question is, why should the Association care? The answer seems to me obvious, but I am not sure everyone really agrees. Sociologists have always had, as one of their basic premises, that social realities are socially constructed, and that if one constructs them differently, the outcome will be different. Few sociologists are "essentialists", which means, in this case, that few sociologists believe that the reason that sociology is stronger in some countries than in others has to do with biology or climate or virtually unchangeable cultural differences. In addition, sociologists have tended to believe that one's social perspective, and hence one's intellectual perspective, varies according to one's social position. Many sociologists derive from this premise the belief that the search for plausible representations of social reality is enhanced by bringing to bear on this reality a multiplicity of perspectives.

This is all, as I say, introductory verities but worth underlining. Indeed, what I have said constitutes virtual pieties, to which constant obeisance is made. But little is done about it. What in fact can we do? For there is a third constraint for an association like the ISA. It is very poor, and cannot by largesse compensate in any significant way for lopsided distribution of world resources for scholarship.

The first thing ISA can do - the easiest financially, but perhaps the most important intellectually - is to transform the norms. We need to recognize that, however much we aim at and/or believe in the possibility of universal propositions, the weight of our particularism (our varying social locations) is today so great, and so consequential for the nature of our research and our interpretation of its results, that we must systematically take it into account in both the social science we do and our reflections upon this social science. The particularism that we all bring to bear on our work not only determine/influence/distort our evaluations of reality (that is to say, reflect our politics in the broad sense of the term) but determine/influence/distort in many (complex) ways our epistemologies. The former effect is more visible than the latter.

We can ameliorate the situation in two ways: from the top down and from the bottom up. Both are necessary. Both are already going on. Both need to be reinforced. To ameliorate the situation from the top down means that an organization like the ISA needs to be constantly conscious of the importance of allowing space for all points of view and working hard at overcoming the numerical underrepresentation in our ranks of any points of view by overrepresenting them proportionately in our allocation of invitations to play intellectual roles at our congresses and colloquia. We must regard this not as acts of social welfare or even social justice but as acts required in order to maximize collective intellectual gain.

The bottom up is more important and more difficult. In reality, sociology (and all modes of knowledge) will only be truly international when there are strong multiple bases. What is important is that there are

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vibrant nodes of work in different loci, each of which has a real internal life and sufficient interaction to create its own minitraditions and sense of priorities. One mechanism is regional associations. I was recently invited to attend the XXth Congress of the Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología. I do not know what the first nineteen were like, but I can say that the twentieth was extremely alive intellectually (2000 delegates, including a significant group of students, with their own sessions) and with a distinctive and unmistakable Latin American voice. Another mechanism is publications of the region, circulating first of all in the region and addressing its issues in terms of its modes of analyses. Of course, if, and to the extent that, one can create very strong singular research loci with outreach in the region, the worldwide impact will be perhaps greatest.

I am in no sense calling for the creation of solid institutional bases for a world sociology. Only when these regional bases are truly vibrant, and truly original, will be able

to begin to overcome the particularist variety of universalist claims which now prevails. It was this concern that led to my previous letter on the languages of scholarship. Far from being an administrative question (the conveniences of communication), the question of multilinguality is another aspect of the effort to construct a "pluralistic universalism".

This letter is full of good sentiments and is short on practical solutions. I invite the members of ISA to offer the richness of their experiences in responses*. The Executive Committee of ISA will take seriously all specific suggestions

of what we can do as an organization to "internationalize" our international association.

* ISA members connected to the Internet may contribute to the electronic Bulletin Board discussion. In order to participate, please, send e-mail to isa@sis.ucm.es. Other members are welcomed to send letters to the ISA Secretariat in Madrid.

Lettre du Président, N° 4, Mai 1996
par Immanuel Wallerstein

L'internationalisation de l'AIS

Internationaliser une organisation internationale peut sembler un objectif curieux. Cependant, la réalité est, chacun sait, que l'Association Internationale de Sociologie, de même que tous les autres associations mondiales de scientifiques, est moins internationale qu'elle ne doit et qu'elle ne prétend l'être.

L'histoire des sciences sociales et la géopolitique mondiale sont les deux paramètres les plus contraignants qui déterminent notre association. Les deux sont évidents. Les sciences sociales furent construites, en tant que disciplines universitaires, seulement à la fin du dix-neuvième siècle et dans cinq pays principalement: le Royaume Uni, la France, l'Allemagne, l'Italie et les Etats-Unis. Certes, vers 1945 elles se constituent formellement dans beaucoup d'autres pays et presque partout ailleurs dans la période après 1945. Mais leurs capacités organisationnelles demeurent déséquilibrées géographiquement.

Cette réalité historique est rendue pire le fait que la distribution des ressources financières est également déséquilibrée, ce qui signifie que les sociologues du "Sud" ne disposent pas des moyens élémentaires dont disposent les sociologues du "Nord": centres de documentation adéquats, réseaux de communication rapides (aujourd'hui, l'accès à Internet), fonds de recherche, fonds de déplacements professionnels, salaires convenables et tout le matériel de base nécessaire à notre travail.

L'Association Internationale de Sociologie n'est pas en mesure de modifier ces contraintes de façon significative. La question est de savoir ce qu'elle peut faire pour minimiser leurs effets négatifs. La première question est: pourquoi l'Association doit-elle s'en préoccuper ? La réponse me semble évidente mais je ne suis pas sûr que tout le monde soit vraiment d'accord. Les sociologues ont toujours admis, entre autres hypothèses de base, que les réalités sociales sont construites socialement et que si quelqu'un les construisait différemment, le résultat serait différent. Peu de sociologues sont "essentialistes", ce qui veut dire, dans ce

cas, que peu de sociologues pensent que la raison pour laquelle la sociologie est plus forte dans certains pays soit en rapport avec la biologie, le climat ou des différences culturelles pratiquement inchangeables. En outre, les sociologues inclinent à penser que la perspective sociale de l'individu, et par conséquence sa perspective intellectuelle, varie selon la position sociale de l'individu. Beaucoup de sociologues tirent de cette hypothèse la conviction que la recherche de représentations plausibles de la réalité sociale est majorée en apportant à cette réalité une multiplicité de perspectives.

Tout cela représente, je le reconnais, des vérités préliminaires mais qui méritent d'être soulignées. En effet, ce que j'ai dit constitue quasiment des dévotions auxquelles hommage est sans cesse rendu. Mais peu de choses sont faites pour en tenir compte. Que pouvons nous faire en fait? Car il existe une troisième contrainte pour une association comme l'AIS. Elle est très pauvre et ne peut, par des largesses, rétablir tant soit peu la distribution déséquilibrée des ressources du monde scientifique.

La première chose que l'AIS peut faire - la plus simple financièrement mais peut être la plus importante intellectuellement - est de transformer les normes. Il nous faut reconnaître que, malgré notre aspiration et/ou notre croyance à la possibilité de propositions universelles, le poids de nos particularités (nos diverses situations sociales) est aujourd'hui si grand et si déterminant pour la nature de notre recherche et notre interprétation des résultats, que nous devons systématiquement en tenir compte aussi bien au niveau de la science sociale que nous pratiquons qu'au niveau de nos réflexions sur cette science sociale. Les particularités que nous tous apportons à notre travail ne déterminent/influencent/déforment pas seulement nos évaluations de la réalité (c'est-à-dire, reflètent notre politique au sens large du terme) mais elles déterminent/influencent/déforment nos épistémologies nombreuses (complexes) façons. Le premier effet est plus

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visible que le second.

Nous pouvons améliorer la situation de deux façons: de haut en bas ou de bas en haut. Les deux sont nécessaires. Les deux sont déjà en marche. Les deux ont besoin d'être renforcées. Améliorer la situation de haut en bas signifie qu'une organisation comme l' AIS a besoin d'être constamment consciente de l'importance de ménager une place à toutes les opinions et de la nécessité de travailler dur pour surmonter la sous-représentation numérique dans nos rangs de nombreuses opinions en les sur-représentant lors de la distribution des invitations à nos congrès et colloques pour qu'elles puissent y jouer un rôle intellectuel. Nous devons considérer ceci non comme un geste de bien-être social, voire de justice sociale, mais comme un acte nécessaire pour maximiser le gain intellectuel collectif.

L'amélioration de bas en haut est plus importante et plus difficile. A vrai dire, la sociologie (et tous les modes de connaissance) ne sera vraiment internationale que quand elle disposera de bases multiples et fortes. Il est important qu'il existe des centres actifs de travail dans différents lieux, possédant chacun une véritable vie interne et une capacité d'interactions suffisante pour engendrer ses propres micro-traditions et sens des priorités. Un premier mécanisme sont les associations régionales. J'ai été récemment invité à assister au XXème Congrès de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología. Je ne sais pas à quoi ressembleront les dix-neuf premiers, mais je peux affirmer que ce vingtième congrès fut extrêmement animé intellectuellement parlant (2000 délégués, y compris un groupe considérable d'étudiants avec leurs propres sessions) et qu'une voix latinoaméricaine distincte et marquée se fit entendre. Un deuxième mécanisme sont les publications de la région, diffusées avant tout dans la région et présentant

leurs résultats en fonction de leurs modes d'analyses. Bien sûr, si, et dans la mesure où, il est possible de créer un lieu de recherche vraiment singulier et très fort qui en plus dépasse le cadre régional, l'impact mondial sera peut être plus important.

Je n'appelle point à l'isolationnisme régional. J'appelle à la création de bases institutionnelles solides pour une sociologie mondiale. A partir du seul moment où ces structures régionales seront vraiment actives, et vraiment originales, nous serons en mesure de surmonter la version particulariste de revendication universaliste qui prédomine aujourd'hui. C'est ce propos qui fut à l'origine de ma précédente lettre sur le langage de la communauté scientifique. Loin d'être une question administrative (les commodités de la communication), la question du plurilinguisme est un autre aspect de l'effort de création d'un "universalisme pluraliste".

Cette lettre est pleine de bons sentiments mais pauvre en solutions pratiques. J'invite les membres de l' AIS à proposer en réponse la richesse de leurs expériences*. Le Comité exécutif de l' AIS examinera avec sérieux toutes les suggestions à propos de ce que nous pouvons faire en tant qu'organisation pour "internationaliser" notre association internationale.

* Les membres de l' AIS connectés à Internet pourront contribuer au Bulletin électronique. Pour participer dans le groupe de discussion électronique, svp, soyez gentille d'envoyer e-mail à isa@sis.ucm.es. Autres membres pourront envoyer lettres au Secrétariat de l' AIS à Madrid.

Carta del Presidente, No. 4, Mayo 1996 por Immanuel Wallerstein

La internacionalización de la AIS

La internacionalización de una organización internacional puede parecer un objetivo curioso. Sin embargo, la realidad es que, como todos sabemos, la Asociación Internacional de Sociología, como cualquier otra asociación académica mundial hoy en día, es menos internacional de lo que debería ser y de lo que pretende.

La construcción histórica de las ciencias sociales y la geopolítica del sistema-mundo son los dos parámetros más coercitivos en los que vive nuestra asociación. Los dos son obvios. Las ciencias sociales emergieron, como disciplinas universitarias, sólo a últimos del siglo XIX, y originariamente en cinco países: Gran Bretaña, Francia, Alemania, Italia y los Estados Unidos. Por cierto, hacia 1945 llegaron a ser establecidas formalmente en otros muchos países, y casi en todos a partir de 1945. Pero la difusión geográfica de su poder organizativo se quedó sesgada.

La realidad histórica está construida y sostenida por el hecho de que los recursos financieros están igualmente desequilibrados, lo cual significa que los sociólogos en el "Sur" no tienen a su disposición muchas de las facilidades

elementales que están disponibles para muchos sociólogos en el "Norte": facilidades suficientes de biblioteca, redes de comunicaciones rápidas (hoy, acceso a Internet), fondos para investigación, fondos para viajes, salarios adecuados, y otras bases materiales para nuestro trabajo.

La AIS no está en situación de influir de manera importante en estas limitaciones. La cuestión es qué se puede hacer para minimizar sus efectos negativos. La primera pregunta es: ¿Porqué la Asociación tiene que preocuparse? La respuesta me parece obvia, pero no estoy seguro de si realmente todos están de acuerdo. Los sociólogos siempre han tenido como una de sus premisas básicas, que las realidades sociales están construidas socialmente, y que si alguien las construye de modo diferente el resultado será diferente. Pocos sociólogos son "esencialistas" lo que significa, en este caso, que pocos sociólogos creen que la razón de que la sociología sea más fuerte en algunos países que en otros tiene que ver con la biología o el clima o con diferencias culturales inalterables. Además, los sociólogos han tendido a creer que una

perspectiva social, y por tanto una perspectiva intelectual, varía según la posición social. Muchos sociólogos deducen de esta premisa la creencia de que la búsqueda de representaciones plausibles de la realidad social se realiza mostrando en esta realidad una multiplicidad de perspectivas.

Todo esto son, como digo, verdades introductorias pero que merece la pena subrayar. En efecto, lo que he dicho constituye una verdad esencial, a la que se hace un constante homenaje. Pero se hace poco sobre ello. ¿Qué podemos hacer?. Porque además hay un tercer límite para una asociación como la AIS. La Asociación es muy pobre, y no puede compensar con generosidad la desequilibrada distribución de los recursos globales para el mundo académico.

La primera cosa que la AIS puede hacer - la más fácil desde un punto de vista financiero, pero probablemente la más importante intelectualmente - es transformar las normas. Necesitamos reconocer que, por mucho que aspiremos y/o creamos en la posibilidad de las proposiciones universales, el peso de nuestro particularismo (nuestras diversas posiciones sociales) es hoy tan grande, y de tanta consecuencia para la naturaleza de nuestra investigación y de nuestra interpretación de sus resultados, que debemos tenerlo en cuenta sistemáticamente tanto en la ciencia social en la que trabajamos como en nuestras reflexiones sobre esta ciencia social. El particularismo que todos mostramos en nuestro trabajo no solo determina/influye/distorsiona nuestras evaluaciones de la realidad (es decir, refleja nuestros principios en el sentido amplio del término) sino que determina/influye/distorsiona de muchas (complejas) maneras nuestras epistemologías. El primer efecto es más visible que el segundo.

Podemos mejorar la situación de dos maneras: de arriba a abajo y de abajo a arriba. Ambas son necesarias. Ambas están en marcha. Ambas necesitan ser reforzadas. Para mejorar la situación de arriba a abajo significa que una organización como la AIS necesita ser constantemente consciente de la importancia de dejar espacio a todos los puntos de vista y esforzarse para superar su baja representación numérica entre nuestras posiciones dándoles una representación proporcional invitándolos a jugar un papel intelectual en nuestros congresos y coloquios. Debemos considerarlo no como un acto de caridad ni siquiera de justicia social sino como acto requerido para maximizar un beneficio intelectual colectivo.

De abajo a arriba es más importante y más difícil. En

realidad, la sociología (y todos los modos de saber) será solo verdaderamente internacional cuando hayan bases múltiples fuertes. Lo importante es que haya vibrantes nodos de trabajo en diferentes lugares, en los que haya una verdadera vida interna y suficiente interacción para crear sus propias

minitradiciones y sentido de prioridades. Un mecanismo son las asociaciones regionales. Recientemente estuve invitado a participar en el XX Congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología. No sé cómo fueron los primeros diecinueve, pero puedo decir que el vigésimo fue extremadamente vivo intelectualmente (2000 delegados, incluyendo un grupo significativo de estudiantes con sus propias sesiones) y con un distinguido e inconfundible carácter latinoamericano. Otro mecanismo son las publicaciones de la región, distribuidas sobretudo en la región y hablando de sus problemas bajo sus propios puntos de análisis. Naturalmente, y hasta cierto punto, si se pueden crear centros de investigación muy fuertes con proyección a toda la región, el impacto mundial será probablemente el más grande.

De ningún modo estoy proponiendo un aislamiento regional. Progongo la creación de bases institucionales sólidas para la sociología mundial. Solo cuando estas bases regionales sean realmente vibrantes, y realmente originales, serán capaces de empezar a sobrepasar la variedad particularista de afirmaciones universalistas que ahora prevalecen. Fue esta preocupación la que me llevó a mi carta anterior sobre el idioma del mundo académico. Lejos de ser un problema administrativo (las conveniencias de la comunicación), el problema del plurilingüismo es otro aspecto del esfuerzo para construir un "universalismo pluralista".

Esta carta está llena de buenos sentimientos y falta de soluciones prácticas. Invito a los miembros de la AIS a responder ofreciendo la riqueza de sus experiencias*. El Comité Ejecutivo de la AIS considerará seriamente todas las sugerencias específicas sobre lo que podemos hacer como una organización para "internacionalizar" nuestra asociación internacional.

* Los miembros de la AIS conectados a Internet pueden participar en el grupo de discusión electrónico enviando un email a isa@sis.ucm.es.

Otros miembros pueden enviar su participación por carta al Secretariado de la AIS en Madrid.

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ISA Regional Conferences

The XIVth World Congress of Sociology at Montreal in 1998 will have its overall theme the heritage of sociology and the future of sociology and the social sciences in the 21st century. This is a big theme and requires full debate. It is a debate that should be prepared. One

of the major ways in which this debate will be prepared will be through a series of regional colloquia that will be held around the same theme during 1996 and 1997.

The intention is to have each major

region discuss these issues from the perspective of the region, its own heritage, its current intellectual and social concerns, its vision of the future of the world of knowledge. Each conference will produce a document set of papers, and this document will be

made available, *before the Congress*, to all those who will be coming to Montreal, and of course to anyone else who wishes to read these books. Thus, it is hoped, the debate at Montreal will build on a prior set of regional debates.

The ISA has sought to arrange these conferences via maximum local control: local fundraising, local designing of the program, local decision on who should be invited to the conferences. The basic structures are all regional. What ISA has asked is that there be three elements in common: 1) the colloquia be small (25-30 people), so that there be real discussion; 2) in addition to a broad range of persons from the region, the invitees include up to 5 persons from outside the region, so that the discussion not be too parochial; 3) there be a written product at the end, edited locally.

So far, nine regions are en route to organizing such conferences: southern Africa, east and central Europe, Latin America, east Asia, southern Asia, the

Portuguese-speaking world, northern Europe, the Mediterranean, and north America. The ISA (through its President and its Secretariat) offers what assistance it can. The ISA now has a Scientific Secretary, María Luz Moran, who is working with the regional organizers. The ISA has obtained some funds from UNESCO to supplement local fundraising in a very specific way: to bring to the various regional conferences persons from non-OECD countries outside the region of the particular conference. The ISA is organizing the process of publishing the results, although the editing of the volumes will be done by person in each region. And the ISA is hoping to organize an "integrating conference" in late 1997 that would bring together two persons from each regional conference to discuss the issues and create a further volume of papers.

The list of dates, locations, and organizers of the conferences follows:
Southern Africa: June 5-7, 1996;

Durban, South Africa; Organizer: Johann Maree

East & Central Europe: September 14-18, 1996; Cracow, Poland; Organizer: Piotr Sztompka

Latin America: November 24-26, 1996; Colonia Tovar, Venezuela; Organizer: Heinz Sonntag

East Asia: November 22-23, 1996; Seoul, Korea; Organizer: Kye-Choon Ahn

Southern Asia: January/February 1997; Bombay, India; Organizer: Partha Nath Mukherjee

Portuguese-speaking world: Spring 1997; Azores, Portugal; Organizer: Ana Nunes de Almeida

Northern Europe: June 13-15, 1997; Copenhagen, Denmark; Organizer: Peter Gundelach

Mediterranean: end June, 1997; Istanbul, Turkey; Organizer: Caglar Keyder

North America: early August, 1997; Toronto, Canada; Organizer: Alejandro Portes.

Declaración final del XX Congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología

El XX Congreso de ALAS, reunido entre los días 1 y 6 de octubre de 1995 en la Ciudad de México, cuyo tema general fue "AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE: PERSPECTIVAS DE SU RECONSTRUCCIÓN" y que congregó a cerca de 2.000 científicos sociales y estudiantes del continente, analizó en profundidad el momento que vive América Latina y el Caribe. En particular, el objetivo de este evento ha sido llevar a cabo una revisión con sentido crítico y amplio del pensamiento social acuñado en la región, superando las interpretaciones ideologizadas o aquellas que han sido incapaces de dar cuenta de fenómenos novedosos de la vida social.

En sus 45 años de existencia, ALAS se caracterizó siempre por la pluralidad de opiniones y por el incentivo a reflexiones críticas e

independientes sobre las realidades sociales de nuestra región y del mundo. Continuando esa trayectoria, el XX Congreso evidenció que frente a otros momentos de perplejidad de las ciencias sociales latinoamericanas, hoy se observa una creatividad crítica y propositiva plena de alternativas basadas en la participación de los pueblos en las decisiones que les competen. Existió, asimismo, un consenso respecto a la fuerte tensión que vivimos entre la necesidad de extensión de procesos democráticos y las dinámicas de concentración del control de poder y de recursos económicos. Ello lleva a la polarización social, a la marginalización política de crecientes sectores ciudadanos y socava las bases mismas de las democracias existentes.

Esas tendencias, atribuidas al

proceso de globalización económica, de hecho son incentivadas por las políticas neoliberales. Los ajustes estructurales, usando entre otros el mecanismo del "servicio de la deuda externa", implican la desindustrialización, la informalidad en las relaciones de trabajo, la desnacionalización y privatización de importantes riquezas nacionales, la agudización del deterioro ambiental y la profundización aún mayor de las injusticias sociales. Pregonando que no habría alternativas a su amargo remedio, estas políticas definen procesos de reinserción pasiva en un nuevo marco internacional que centraliza las decisiones económicas a escala global, pero deja sus crueles efectos sociales en Estados debilitados, penetrados en buena medida por la corrupción asociada al predominio del

capital financiero internacional el narcotráfico y las descomposición política, y con soberanía severamente limitada para asumir soluciones democráticas a esos problemas.

Las políticas neoliberales, llevadas a cabo por las élites dominantes locales, intentan destruir todas las expresiones organizadas de la voluntad ciudadana y debilitan las políticas sociales, siguiendo la matriz elaborada por los tecnócratas del Fondo Monetario Internacional y del Banco Mundial y otras instituciones del capital financiero internacional. El postulado de un "Estado mínimo" lleva al desmantelamiento de los servicios públicos -los educacionales, de salud y de seguridad social, en primer lugar- y, mientras refuerza sus aparatos represivos retira al Estado de sus responsabilidades sociales, dejadas a cargo de un mercado monopolizado y por tanto concentrador y excluyente.

La educación superior está bajo especial ataque en diversos países. El caso extremo es la reciente intervención militar en la Universidad de San Marcos, en el Perú, que se hace violando la propia legalidad del régimen actual, eliminando las autoridades elegidas e imponiendo un comité interventor para adecuar la universidad a la política del régimen. En algunos países, como es el caso de Argentina, se está intentando lograr los mismos objetivos por vía legislativa. En otros, como en México, se ha llevado a cabo una drástica reducción de la matrícula universitaria. Eso, como en el caso de Nicaragua, afecta especialmente a las carreras de ciencias sociales. Así se busca asfixiar los espacios de reflexión autónoma y debate público que se habían logrado constituir.

Es necesario reafirmar con fuerza cómo esas políticas ponen en

riesgo los avances democráticos conseguidos y tratan de bloquear incluso la reflexión teórica crítica, al difundir que las políticas de ajuste son las únicas posibles. Queremos reiterar que eso es un engaño y una ilusión que se trata de inculcar, para que sus víctimas las acepten como una catástrofe natural. En realidad, existen alternativas democráticas de resolución de las crisis, pero ellas sólo pueden nacer del fortalecimiento de los derechos de ciudadanía, de la constitución de nuevas formas de socialización del poder, que impliquen el reconocimiento y la legitimidad de la diversidad de los componentes de la población y la eliminación de toda forma de discriminación.

El XX Congreso de ALAS reitera que la reconstrucción de América Latina y el Caribe es un proyecto y una esperanza. Implica la integración regional, el uso pleno de sus recursos humanos y materiales, en el marco de un nuevo proyecto civilizatorio, fundado en nuestras propias herencias: la solidaridad social, la igualdad, la reciprocidad y la libertad individual. Todo ello requiere recuperar la iniciativa intelectual, la imaginación, la relación indispensable entre teoría y acción. En este sentido, los científicos sociales somos parte integral de la lucha por una reconstrucción democrática del continente.

El XX Congreso declara igualmente su protesta en contra de la supervivencia del bloqueo del gobierno de EE.UU. contra Cuba, el cual se intenta endurecer aún más con la consideración por el Congreso norteamericano del proyecto Helms-Burton que va en la dirección de ensanchar la extraterritorialidad del mismo.

El XX Congreso de ALAS desarrolló sus labores mediante cuatro conferencias magistrales, trece mesas redondas y 17 comisiones de trabajo. Recibió más de 1.000 ponencias que muestran un amplio cuadro de la producción en las ciencias sociales de la región y abren cauces para un estrecho intercambio entre profesionales, docentes e investigadores y más de 500 instituciones de la región. Asimismo, promovió el Encuentro latinoamericano de estudiantes de ciencias sociales, al cual asistieron más de 700 jóvenes universitarios provenientes de casi todos los países.

El XX Congreso de ALAS rinde homenaje a Florestán Fernández, destacado sociólogo brasileño recientemente fallecido.

El congreso pudo llevarse a cabo en las mejores condiciones, de acuerdo a las tradiciones democráticas y pluralistas de ALAS, gracias a un riguroso y tenaz esfuerzo desarrollado por los anfitriones mexicanos, a la cabeza de los cuales estuvo la doctora Raquel Sosa Elízaga. A ella y los demás integrantes del Comité Organizador Local y del Comité de Patrocinio les expresamos nuestro reconocimiento y gratitud. Reconocemos también los apoyos brindados por la UNESCO, la Fundación Friedrich Ebert y las instituciones académicas y gubernamentales de México.

El XX Congreso de ALAS reitera su llamado a todos los intelectuales y científicos sociales del continente para continuar los esfuerzos en dirección a las utopías concretas que posibiliten el cambio social democrático de nuestras sociedades.

Sociologists and their Work

by Stella R. Quah, ISA Vice-President (Research)

The research activities of ISA members are diverse and growing. Indication of these trends are the topics discussed and the numerous conferences, workshops, seminars, and other scholarly and professional meetings organized by Research Committees (RCs), Working Groups (WGs) and Thematic Groups (TGs) throughout the year. You may get details of these meetings from several sources including the newsletters of RCs, WGs, and TGs, the ISA Home Page at the World Wide Web:

<http://www.ucm.es/OTROS/isa> and the consecutive pages of this issue of the *ISA Bulletin*.

Creating and using electronic media to disseminate and discuss sociological research is a challenge worth the effort. Some RCs have begun implementing the Home Page idea either by setting up their own, or as "guests". Two examples are: RC36 Alienation, Theory & Research has its own Home Page:

<http://construct.haifa.ac.il/~dkalekin/home.htm>

and RC25 Sociolinguistics offers its newsletter at <http://www.comp.lancs.ac.uk/sociology> courtesy of the Department of Sociology, Lancaster University. The printed media equivalent is illustrated by RC33 Logic and Methodology. RC33 published its newsletter as part of the journal *BMS Bulletin de Methodologie Sociologique*. The economy of resources and the wide scope of people reached by these means are striking. Another smart use of current electronic communication is the Internet Conference organized by RC36; paper submitted are "archived" in RC36 Home Page at a stipulated date and readers' responses are collected and "archived" in the same manner.

While the advantages of using electronic media are many, a major obstacle is economic development. Colleagues from countries where institutional support is lacking or where there is no access to the required hardware, cannot participate actively in the 'cyberspace' mode of global communication. Consequently, it is important to continue the effort to disseminate sociological knowledge to and from them through the ISA Abstracts Project.

The first phase of the Abstracts Project commenced in July 1995 and was completed on schedule thanks to the competent collaboration of RC/WG/TG Presidents, Secretaries, authors, and three distinguished scholars whom I invited especially to identify deserving sociological publications for the project (Prof. Yi Chinchun, Academia Sinica, Taiwan; Prof. Santhat Sermsri, Mahidol University, Thailand; and Prof. Fumie Kumagai, Kyorin University, Japan): Twenty-three English-language abstracts were submitted to *Sociological Abstracts* (SA) in January 1996 for the April 1996 issue of SA. These abstracts cover sociological articles originally published in Mandarin, Finnish, Japanese, Hebrew, Croatian and Thai languages, and in sociological

journals not previously included in the SA databases.

The Abstracts Project is now on its regular phase. You are invited to submit abstracts for this project in the following manner:

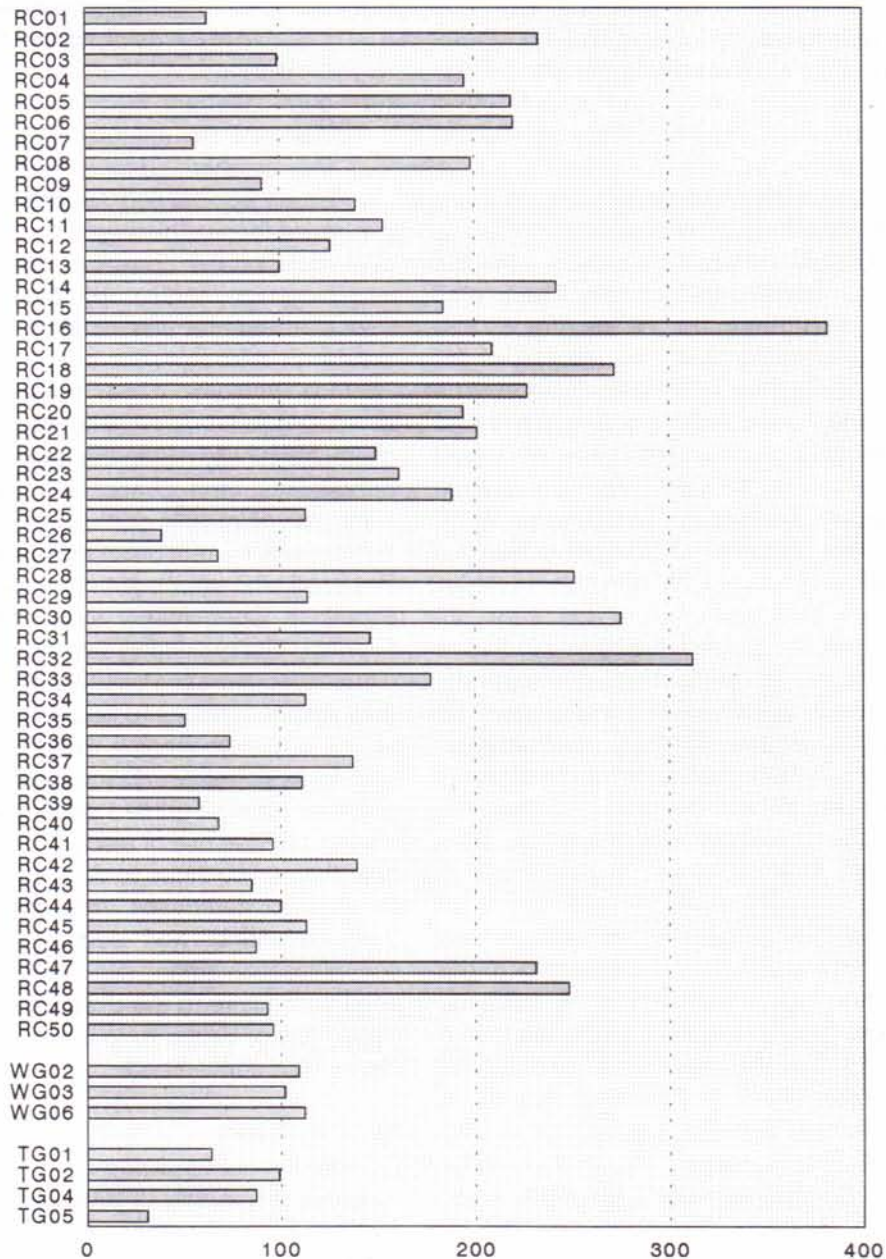
- (1) the articles abstracted should cover theoretical or empirical sociological themes;
- (2) English language abstracts may be submitted continuously throughout the year but the date of publication of the original article should be not more than six months prior to the date of submission of the abstracts to SA;
- (3) the original publication journal should not be already included in the databases of SA or SSCI (Social Science Citation Index);
- (4) each abstract must be submitted to SA using the standard SA abstracting form and instructions which may be obtained from me or from SA, fax: 1-619-8803, Email: socio@cerfnet.com
- (5) send the abstracting form directly to SA together with a copy of the complete original article, in its original language, and a copy of the journal page showing the journal's title, subtitle, and ISSN.

There are, in brief, the highlights in the dissemination of sociological research at ISA. The ISA membership is characteristically rich in the diversity of research endeavors, approaches, and conceptual perspectives. The diversity stimulates all of us in our work provided that we are aware of each other's current development and accomplishments. The fast pace of research activity I have observed across the 50 Research Committees, three Working Groups, and four Thematic Groups during the past two years suggests that our diversity encourages positive exchanges and growth rather than isolation thanks to today's advances in communication technology. Still, there is room for improvement. More RCs should keep informed and send information on research activities through printed and electronic newsletters and by making creative use of electronic communication at the same time that we continue to develop the regular channels such as abstract databases and other bibliographic resources. Your comments and suggestions on how to enhance communication among ISA members are welcome. You may send your ideas to the President or Secretary of your own Committee or Group, or to the ISA Executive Secretary, or to me, at your convenience.

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ISA members' participation in the Research Committees, Working Groups and Thematic Groups (1995).

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Reports from the Research Committees, Working Groups and Thematic Groups of the ISA

Research Committees

Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution (RC01)

Established in 1970

Objectives

To develop professional contacts between sociologists of armed forces and conflict resolution throughout the world; encourage the international exchange of research findings, theoretical developments, and methodologies in the sociology of armed forces and conflict resolution; promote the teaching of course materials dealing with armed forces and conflict resolution at undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels; and promote international meetings and research collaboration in the field of armed forces and conflict resolution.

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Forthcoming activities

1996: interim meeting

Newsletter

Since 1995 published by Nehma Babin, Executive Secretary. Latest issue: June 1995.

Membership

There are about 250 members from 45 countries. Dues: \$50 (25\$ students) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Economy and Society (RC02)

Established in 1978

Objectives

To promote the development of the theory and practice of the sociology of economic life; to improve research and promote meetings in the field of the sociology of economic activity at all national, regional and international levels; to provide information on significant developments in this field, particularly through scholar publications; to unite the professional qualities, social consciousness and experience of its members for work on the problems of the sociology of economic activities throughout the world.

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Forthcoming activities

- Regional Conference, Nottingham, 1996.

- October 24-26, 1996, Université de Montréal, Québec, Canada: **International Conference on Economic Sociology**. Organizers: Arnaud SALES (Groupe de recherche et d'études sur les transformations sociales et économiques GRETSE, Université de Montréal, C.P. 6128, Succ. A, Montréal, Québec, Canada H3C 3J7, tel: 1-514-3437310 or 495-1120, - fax: 1-514-3435722; Email: sales@ere.umontreal.ca), and Kamini ADHIKARI (4F Hemchaya, 40 Ironside Road, Calcutta 700

019, India, tel: 91-33-2475842, fax - 91-33-748490).

Sponsoring Associations (to be confirmed): Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, ISA Research Committee on Economy and Society, Association des Sociologues et Anthropologues de Langue Française, Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association.

General framework:

Scientific and professional knowledge, qualifications and expertise are at the heart of functional and transformational processes at work within contemporary societies where information and technological skills constitute both challenges and strengths. The phenomenon itself is not new, but its intensification in the past decade has changed and, in some senses, revolutionized the economy, culture and even the exercise of political power. Production and employment structures, corporate strategies, the major - growth in service industries and competitiveness largely depend on numerous types of formal knowledge and the dynamic application of such knowledge. The idea that knowledge, the economy and society are closely interrelated is not new either. It is based on the fact that throughout the ages human societies have distinguished themselves through advanced technologies that have had a major effect on their economy, organization and culture. What is new, however, is the notion that within contemporary societies these interrelations can be deliberately produced, that knowledge acts on knowledge and, most important, that the application of scientific and technical knowledge in highly diverse fields for the purpose of specific economic activities can both increase productivity and transform social life. It is imperative that we take stock of this theme from both an analytical and critical perspective.

The highly specialized training undertaken by individuals and the development of knowledge and its application imply a Governance of Knowledge. As part of a process involving the intellectualization of the economy we need to examine:

1. the challenges posed by knowledge-based economies to the educational system;
2. social settings in which knowledge is developed;
3. transformation of the role of the State and public policies with respect to

- science and technology; and finally
- the new market dynamics for knowledge-based organizations.

This new knowledge-based mode of development poses considerable challenges for the application and marketing of technologies, which in light of the high costs involved, necessitate the sharing of knowledge. We need, therefore, to examine the strategies employed by firms with respect to technological alliances, technological transfers and the marketing of technological innovations. If questions with respect to higher education, science- and technology-related policies, the management of innovations and R&D applications, computerization and the often radical changes in management styles play a central role today in both theory and practice, the consequences for occupations and jobs are by no means insignificant. We therefore need to discuss:

- the future of jobs and the transformation of labour markets in knowledge-based economies;
- the new dynamics associated with knowledge-based workers and professions;
- career paths for knowledge-based workers;
- questions that arise with regard to gender, ethnic and race inequalities in scientific and professional sectors.

Societies driven by knowledge-based economies have fortunately until now generally favoured democratic forms of political organization. But the race to enhance productivity and unfettered competitiveness has led to a disturbing intensification of rationalization, evaluation and control processes that were already fairly extensive. Knowledge-based societies pose many ethical problems, and we need to discuss these issues and consider whether we are prepared to deal with them.

Finally, we must examine the mode of development of knowledge-based economies and, in a broader sense, societies in those regions most affected by gaps in technology and knowledge, i.e., central and eastern European countries, newly industrialized countries and especially underdeveloped countries.

Preliminary Program

- o Science, Technology, Management and the Transformation of Societies: an appraisal;
- o The Governance of Knowledge and Knowledge-Based Economies;
- o The High Cost of Advanced Technology and The Sharing of Knowledge: The Firm Strategies;
- o Restructuring Occupations and Employment in a Knowledge-Based Economy;
- o A Socio-Economic Critique of Rationalization and Control Processes in Knowledge-based Societies;
- o Knowledge-based Economy and Low Developed Countries Challenges;
- o Knowledge-Based Economy in Central and Eastern European Countries;

Proposals for papers must be sent to Professor Arnaud SALES; the proposal must have a title, a 20 lines description, and an indication of the workshop where it could be presented.

Proposals and papers can be presented in English or in French. Proposals will be refereed and the authors will receive notifications before March 31, 1996.

Publication. After the meeting, a selection of the papers will be submitted to an academic editing house as a reader, or to a refereed journal. The acceptance of the proposal and the presentation of the paper in the meeting is independent from, and does not guarantee the further publication in the reader.

Publications

- *Economy and Society: The State of the Art*, Alberto Martinelli and Neil J. Smelser (Eds.), Sage Publications 1992 (also published in *Current Sociology*, vol.38, n°186;2/3, 1990).

- *Donne e Politiche del Debito: Condizione e lavoro femminile nella crisi del debito internazionale*, Mariarosa Dalla Costa and Giovanna F. Dalla Costa (Eds.) Milano, Franco Angeli 1993, based on the proceedings of a session organized at the Madrid Congress 1990.

- *New Technology Policy and Social Innovation in the Firm*, Jorge Niosi and Céline Saint-Pierre (Eds.), Pinter Leicester University 1994, based on the RC02 1992 Conference.

- *Economy and Society Newsletter*, latest issue: October 1995.

- The *Directory* of RC02 listing the names, addresses, research work in progress and recent publications of RC members was published in 1994.

Membership

Dues: \$50 (\$15 discount) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

RC02 has a network of more than 600 social scientists to whom a newsletter is sent; around 140 members are ISA members.

Research Committee on Community Research (RC03)

Established in 1964

Objectives

To promote the development of theory and research on urban and community issues; to create and maintain an international network of scholars dealing with community issues.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

information not available

Newsletter

FAUI Newsletter (Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation Project Newsletter); latest issue No. 24, May 25, 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$30 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociology of Education (RC04)

Established in 1971

Objectives

RC04 is an active group with annual or bi-annual meetings on sociology of education topics. Regular meetings are held at the World Congress of Sociology (every four years) and at the RC's Midterm Conferences (in-between world congresses); in addition, meetings on special topics are held.

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Past President: Abraham YOGEV, Israel

Forthcoming activities

- *Urban Education: Challenges for the Sociology of Education*, The Midterm Conference of the Research Committee on Sociology of Education of the International Sociological Association June, 20-22, 1996, University of California, Los Angeles, USA.

Urban Education has become a most important concern of the sociology of education. The growing process of globalization, encompassing urbanization, technological change, immigration across borders, renewed trends of factionalization, and the hardening of ethnic, national, and racial differences, has rendered a number of the traditional premises of urban education insufficient or obsolete. Gender discrimination, racism, urban violence, homelessness, gang behavior, drug abuse, unwanted pregnancies, and a host of other urban issues, including cognitive and ability tracking, deeply affect the quality of urban education, undermining as well the promise of

urban education as the "great equalizer."

The site of this mid-term conference, Los Angeles, could not be more appropriate for an academic and political discussion about urban education. Once again, Los Angeles has been the bellwether of tensions which are crossing urban America, with the urban revolt of 1992 showing a continuity with the sociological processes which were verified in the Watts uprising of 1964.

Education is supposed to create a sense of universalism as opposed to localism, a sense of tolerance as opposed to racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of violence based on identity differences. It should contribute to democracy and human rights rather than increase the notion of possessive individualism. Urban education should contribute to a sense of belonging rather than social fragmentation. It is also said to contribute to science, technology, and moral and ethical behavior. This mid-term conference, by focusing on urban education issues, will create a forum for academic and political exchange on why the sociology of education can help to remedy the malaise of public education and on the creation of schooling environments and of non-formal education practices built on the premises of social justice, a caring ethic, and individual responsibility.

Information: Urban Education Conference, c/o Nina Moss, 10343 Bunche Hall, University of California, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1447, USA, (310) 825-4571, Email: kmclclaff@ucla.edu.

- Summer 1997, Finland: tba

Newsletter

An informative newsletter is mailed to members twice a year. It contains conference abstracts, research summaries and exchange, opinion papers, members news, conference news, country reports. Latest issue: Spring 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$30 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations (RC05)

Established in 1971

Objectives

To encourage research on ethnic, race and minority relations; to evaluate policies and explore strategies aimed at eradicating racial discrimination and unequal treatment based on ethnicity; and to provide a forum for discussion and dissemination of research in these fields.

Board 1994-1998

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Past-President: Michael BANTON, UK

Forthcoming activities

- May 31 - June 1, 1996, Manila, The Philippines

RC05 will be organising a 2 day conference on **Race and Ethnic Relations at the End of the 20th Century**. Convenor: Christine Inglis, RC05 President.

The conference is organised in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of Sociology (APRCS) to be held in Manila, 28-30 May 1996. One of the panel themes of the APRCS conference is "Ethnicity and Nationalism in the Asia-Pacific Region" which also is being convened by Christine Inglis who can supply further information.

- 1997 South Africa (pending confirmation)
RC05 conference on Democratisation, Race and Ethnic Relations. Information: Wilmot James, Inst for Democracy in South Africa, 183 Main Road, Cape Town, South Africa, fax: 27-21-689-3261, Email: wjames@idasa@mhs.cstat.co.za

Newsletter

Latest issue: June 1995

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Family Research (RC06)

Established in 1959

Objectives

The purpose of the Research Committee on Family Research (CFR) is to encourage family research of high quality within and between countries.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- June 26-30, 1996, Itala Game Reserve, South Africa: 33rd CFR Seminar.

Organizer: N. Siqwana-Ndula, Dept Sociology, Univ Transkei, Private Bag X1, Unitra, Umtata, South Africa, fax 27-471-302 2595 or 2682, Email: sigwana@getafix.utr.ac.za.

- September 1997, Salzburg, Austria: CFR Seminar. Organizer: Rudolf Richter, Univ Vienna, Austria.

Publications

CFR Gazette, a newsletter distributed to RC06 members twice a year. Latest issue: vol.21(2)1995.

Concepts and Definitions of Family: Dialogue between Theory and Practice, edited by Jan Trost and Irene Levin; to be published by Haworth Press in 1996. The volume is based on papers developed for the CFR XXVI Seminar held in Norway 1991.

Membership

Dues: \$40 (discount \$10) for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Futures Research (RC07)

Established in 1971

Objectives

To promote future sociological researches at international level.

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Regional Secretaries: Reimon BACHIKA, Japan, Nadji SAFIR, Algeria.

Forthcoming activities

August 30-31, 1997, Kyoto, Japan.

Seminar on **Trends of Life in the 21st Century**.

Call for papers on:

- o Globalization
- o New life styles and identities
- o Consumer culture
- o Traditional culture
- o Values and religion in modern society
- o The impact of new technologies and work
- o New roles of women
- o Intercultural and ethnic relations
- o Other topics with implications for the emerging culture of the world.

A symposium on **The Future of Religion and Traditional Culture**.

Information: Reimon BACHIKA, Bukkyo University, 96 Murasakino, Kitanobo-cho, Kita-ku, Kyoto 603, JAPAN, Tel: 81-78-27113276, Fax: 81-78-2521337.

At the business meeting held in Bielefeld (1994), it was decided that an evaluation of the Committee will take place in two years time to see if it is stronger than it was at the 1994 Congress. Both President and Secretary General committed themselves to every possible effort in this direction for three years after which, whatever the outcome, they will resign. As a consequence during the two years

a candidate or more for President and a candidate or more for Secretary General will be proposed to the Committee members by mail.

Newsletter

RC07 Newsletter is distributed to some 150 members. Editor: José A. Díaz. Latest issue: No. 11, January 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on History of Sociology (RC08)

Established in 1971

Objectives

To develop international contacts among scholars engaged in studying the history of sociology, to promote research in this field, and to encourage the international dissemination of such research.

Board 1992-1998

President: Lewis A. COSER, 27 Shepard St, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA, tel: 1-617-3547898.

Vice-Presidents: Dirk KASLER, Germany, Jennifer PLATT, UK.

Secretary: Jennifer PLATT, School of Social Sciences, Arts E, Univ Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex BN1 9QN, UK, tel: 44-1273-606755, fax: 44-1273-678466, Email: j.platt@sussex.ac.uk.

Executive Council: Martin ALBROW, UK, Martin BULMER, UK, Nikolai GENOV, Bulgaria, Hans JOAS, Germany, Henrika KUKLICK, USA, Birgitta NEDELMANN, Germany, Guenther ROTH, USA, Edward A. TIRYAKIAN, USA, Kurt H. WOLFF, USA.

Forthcoming activities

May 16-18, 1996, Amsterdam: RCHS conference including the following sessions:

1. Neo-Kantian influences on German sociology;
2. International exchanges in the development of the social sciences;
3. Author meets critics: Donald Levine's "Visions of the Sociological Tradition";
4. Women's contributions to the development of sociology -1;
5. Women's contributions to the development of sociology -2;
6. Sociologists read sociologists -1;
7. Sociologists read sociologists -2;
8. The Columbia circle of sociologists 1930-50;
9. Harvard University as a context for sociology in the 1940's;
10. The knowledge society: the history of an idea;
11. Case studies of important empirical research projects;
12. What are our motives in writing the history of sociology?;
13. General session -1;
14. General session -2.

Conference organizer: Dick PELS, Graduate School of the Social Sciences, University of

Amsterdam, Oude Hoogstraat 24, 1012 CE Amsterdam, The Netherlands, tel: 31-20-6273570, fax:31-20-5252446, Email: dick.pels@philos.rug.nl

Newsletter

RCHS Newsletter is produced two or three times a year; in addition to news of conference plans this also includes lists of members and their addresses, details of new members and their special interests, details of new publications by members, news and notes about such matters as archives, conferences of other bodies, book recommendations, members' work in progress, members' moves and promotions, and obituaries of members who have died. It is hoped to start a series of short accounts of work in the history of sociology in countries whose languages are less widely spoken among the membership, to encourage wider communication. Latest issue: February 1996.

Membership

Dues: \$30 (discount \$15) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments. In 1994 RCHS had 183 members, from 27 different countries; the largest contingents were from the USA, Germany and Canada, followed by the UK, Italy and France.

Research Committee on Social Practice and Social Transformation (RC09)

Established in 1971

Objectives

no Statutes available

Board 1995-1998

President: Reinhard KRECKEL, Institute of Sociology, University of Halle, Emil-Aberhalden-Str. 7, 06108 Halle, Germany.

Vice-President: Wilfried SPOHN, USA.

Secretary: Mustafa KOC, Dept Sociology, Ryerson Univ, 350 Victoria St., Toronto, Ontario M5B 2K3, Canada, tel: 1-416-9795000, fax: 1-416-9795273, Email:mkoc@acs.ryerson.ca.

Members: Zaheer BABER, Singapore, Michal BODEMANN, Canada, Orlando FALS-BORDA, Colombia, Hiroshi KOMAI, Japan, Ulrike SCHUERKENS, France

Forthcoming activities

- ISA-RC09 is organizing a joint meeting titled *Global Restructuring and Transformation of Rurality* with the Canadian Association of Rural Studies (CARS) and ISA RC40 at the annual meeting of the CARS at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ont, Canada. For further information please contact Mustafa Koc, RC09 Secretary.

-Second Regional Conference of RC09 on *Social Change and Transformations, Global Restructuring and Beyond*, Toronto, Canada, 1997. The two-day mini-conference aims to bring researchers and practitioners who are working on the social impacts of globalization, restructuring and social transformations. We are hoping to create partial subsidies for

colleagues from southern hemisphere to join us. This meeting will also help us to work on the preparations for the ISA World Congress going to be held in 1998 in Montreal, Quebec. For session suggestions and further information please contact Mustafa Koc., RC Secretary.

Newsletter

Latest issue: February 1996, Editor: Mustafa Koc, RC Secretary.

Membership

Dues: \$20 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Participation and Self-Management (RC10)

Established in 1978

Objectives

To secure and develop personal and associational/professional contacts between scientists and to unite the professional qualities, social consciousness and experience of its members for work on problems of Participation and Self-Management throughout the world.

Board 1996-1999

President: Alain CHOURAQUI, LEST/CNRS, 35 Ave Jules Ferry, 13626 Aix-en-Provence, France, tel: 33-42-378500, fax: 33-42-267937. *Vice-Presidents:* Antonio LUCAS, Spain, Ake SANDBERG, Sweden.

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Treasurer: Wiking EHLERT, Schillerstrasse 18, 32130 Enger, Germany, fax: 49-541-9694600.

Newsletter Editors: Bruce WILSON & Jenny CROZIER, Australia.

Members: Leslie BROWN, Dasarath CHETTY, Dimitrina DIMITROVA, Vladimir GERSHIKOW, Irena JOUZELIUNIENE, Gérard KESTER, Volkmar KREISSIG, Mamata LAKSHMANNA, Michal PLAGI, Heinz SUNKER, Chris WARHURST.

Forthcoming activities

- June 11-14, 1996, Copenhagen, Denmark. *Theoretical Approaches Toward Democracy in Organizations.* Organized by RC10 in collaboration with the Copenhagen Business School. Organizers: Ann Westenholtz and Marianne Risberg, Institute of Organization and Industrial Sociology, Copenhagen Business School, Blaagaardsgade 23 B, DK-2200 Copenhagen N, Denmark, phone 45-38-153815, Fax 45-38-152828, email: westenholz/foa@cbs.dk.

- Julio 9-12, 1996, Santiago de Chile, Chile. IX Seminario del Subcomité Iberoamericano sobre *Participación y Desarrollo de las Organizaciones Públicas y Privadas*. Tendrá lugar en la sede de la Escuela de Gobierno y Gestión Pública, Instituto de Ciencia Política de la Universidad de Chile.

Las áreas de trabajo:

- o Políticas públicas y participación

- o ciudadana;
- o Participación en las organizaciones municipales;
- o Desarrollo en teorías de las organizaciones: planteamientos comparativos;
- o Organización y participación: teorías y experiencias innovadoras.

Para más información dirigirse a: Prof. Aldo Meneses, Carvajal, Escuela de Gobierno y Gestión Pública, Universidad de Chile, Compañía 1413, Santiago, Chile, Tel/fax: 56-2-6727883.

- September 26-29, 1996, Lake Bled, Slovenia. The second workshop of the RC10 Subcommittee on Privatization of Social Services and Its Alternatives. Proposed topics:

- o Factors and actors relevant for picking-up the specific model(s) of ownership transformation in the field of social services;
- o conceptual advantages and disadvantages of chosen models;
- o conditions and restrictions for the successful privatization of social services;
- o feasible and acceptable methods and means for the privatization and other forms of revitalization of social services;
- o a comparison between industrial and economic democracy in commercial and not for profit organizations;
- o the participation of managers, experts and clients or their associations in the privatization process of social services;
- o changes in power relations among principal stakeholders within privatized (not for profit) organizations;
- o conflictual and co-operative relations between the private and the public services;
- o how to achieve (throughout the privatization process) a meaningful coexistence instead of antagonistic relation between civil society and political state?

Organizing Committee: Eckhard DITTRICH (Germany), Veljko RUS, (Slovenia), and Raymond RUSSELL (USA). For further information and subscription, contact: Professor Veljko Rus, Institute of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva pl.5, 61109 Ljubljana, Slovenia, fax: 386-61-1682339

1997

- Dublin, Ireland. Joint meeting with the Europe Foundation on Direct Participation in Organizational Change. Organizer: Alain Chouraqui, LEST, 35 ave Jules Ferry, 13626 Aix-en-Provence Cedex, France, Fax: 33-42-267937.

- Africa. RC10 & International Association for Economy of Participation: Africa for Participation. Organizer: Gerard Kester, Schutterhoefflaan 15, 3832 GP Leusden, Netherlands, Fax: 31-70-3549851;

- Canary Islands, Spain. Iberoamerican Subcommittee.

- Russia. Subcommittee on Privatization;

Organizers: V.Gerchikov, M.Voeykov, Inst Economics, M.Lavrentiev 17, 630090 Novosibirsk, Rusia.

Publications

RC10 Newsletter, editors: Bruce Wilson & Jenny Crozier (URCOT, Level 1, 171 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia, tel: 61-3-96634555, fax: 61-3-96634443, e-mail: zbruce@minyos.its.rmit.edu.au); Latest issue: No.33, January 1996.

Noticias SI RC10: boletín del Subcomité Iberoamericano Participación y Autogestión. Editor: Antonio Lucas Marín, (Facultad CC. Información, Universidad Complutense, 28049 Madrid, Spain, e-mail: lucas@ccinf.ucm.es Número recién: 10 Marzo 1996.

Membership

Dues: \$40 (discount \$20) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociology of Aging (RC11)

Established in 1975

Objectives

The purpose of the Research Committee on Sociology of Aging (RC11) is to encourage research of high quality on aging within and between countries.

Board 1994-1998

President: Alan WALKER, Dept Sociological Studies, Sheffield Univ, Sheffield S10 2TN, UK, tel: 44-114-2768555, fax: 44-114-2768125, Email: a.c.walker@sheffield.ac.uk.

Vice-Presidents: Lars ANDERSON, Sweden, Neena CHAPPELL, Canada.

Secretary-Treasurer: Stanley R. INGMAN, Texas Inst for Research & Education on Aging, POB 13438, Denton, TX 76203-6438, USA, tel: 1-817-5652298, fax: 1-817-5654370, Email: ingman@scs.unt.edu.

Members: Jay GUBRIUM, USA, Anne Marie GUILLEMARD, France, Wim van den HEUVEL, Netherlands, Victor MINICHIELLO, Australia, P.K.B NAYAR, India, Susan SZEMAN, Hungary, Sachiko MATSUMURA, Japan, Nana APT, Ghana, Bralini NALINI, India.

Forthcoming activities

- August 19-21, 1996, Trivandrum, India: RC11 inter-congress on "Role of the Family in the Care of the Elderly: Existing Patterns and Emerging Trends in Developed and Developing Countries". The organizers have identified a number of sub-themes for sessions and papers:

- o sociology of family care giving;
- o cultural definitions of aging and family care;
- o work, retirement, and the family;
- o government policies and programs for the elderly and their families;
- o emergence of the old-old and oldest-old;
- o health, illness, and family care;
- o implications of long-term care of the elderly;
- o longevity and care needs of care givers;
- o coping with the emotional problems of

- o family-based elderly;
- o hospital-family relationship in the care of the elderly;
- o food and nutrition of the elderly in the family;
- o living arrangements of the elderly;
- o co-residence and neighborhood residence;
- o old age, widowhood, and the family;
- o social integration of the elderly living in families;
- o social network and social integration;
- o inter-generational integration;
- o gender relations in old age;
- o family change and elderly care;
- o elderly abuse in the family

The list is only indicative and not exhaustive.

Participants are welcome to choose other relevant topics. Preliminary registration, abstracts, and proposals for sessions are invited. Further details about the Inter-Congress can be obtained from Dr. P.K.B. Nayar, Centre for Gerontological Studies, Aswathi, Temple Road, Ullloor, Trivandrum 695 011, India, fax: 91-471-448502, phone: 91-471-441084

The inter-congress is jointly sponsored by the Centre for Gerontological Studies, Trivandrum, and the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Kerala State Branch.

Newsletter

Published by the Secretary-Treasurer, Stanley R. Ingman. Latest issue: March 1996.

Membership

Dues: \$20 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

In 1994 RC11 had approximately 120 members which, given the tremendous popularity of gerontology in the world today, seems very low. A membership drive should be the major activity of the new president.

Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RC12)

Established in 1962

Objectives

The Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL) shall act as a free association of scholars active in sociology of law or socio-legal studies all around the world, whatever their nationality, opinion and scientific or methodological tendency.

Board 1994-1998

President: Mavis MACLEAN, Cntr Socio-Legal Studies, Wolfson College, Linton Road, Oxford OX2 6UD, UK, tel: 44-865-52967, fax: 44-865-274125, Email: mavis.maclean@wolfson.oxford.ac.uk.

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Forthcoming activities

- July 10-13, 1996, Glasgow, UK: Joint International Conference of the American Law and Society Association and the ISA RC12 Sociology of Law. Theme: "Globalization and the Quest for Justice". The deadline for submission of proposals is January 4, 1996 to: Law and Society Association, Program Committee, Hamshire House, Box 33615, Univ Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-3615, USA, fax: 1-413-5451640, tel: 1-413-5454617. Local arrangements: Peter Robson, The Law School, 173 Cathedral Street, Glasgow G4 0RQ, UK, fax 44-141-5531546.

RCSL Working Groups

* WG on Comparative Studies of Legal Professions

Chair: William Felstiner, Dept Sociology, Univ California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9430, USA, fax 1-805-8933234, Email: felstine@alishaw.ucsb.edu

* WG on Social and Legal Systems

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* WG on Law and Communication

Chair: Alberto Febbrajo, Dept Studies on Social Change, Univ Macerata, Piaggis dell'Universita, 62100 Macerata, Italy, fax 39-733-235869.

* WG on Law and Politics

Chair: Oscar Correas, Dept Sociology, Fac Law, Univ Barcelona, 08034 Barcelona, Spain, fax 34-3-4024584.

* WG on Human Rights

Chair: Stephan Parmentier, Law and Society Institute, Faculty of Law, Catholic Univ Leuven, 10 Hooverplein, 3000 Leuven, Belgium, fax 32-16-285478.

* WG Thesaurus

Chairs: André-Jean Arnaud and Pierre Yves Raccah, CNRS, 4 rue de Sicile, Paris 75004, France, fax 33-1-42779090.

* WG on Gender and Equality

Chair: Fanny Tabak, Nucleo de Estudos sobre la Mulher, Pontificia Universidade Catolica, R. Marques de S. Vicente 225, Gavea, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil CEP 22453, Brasil, fax 55-21-2370261.

Publications

- The RCSL is closely involved in the activities of the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law. Five of the twelve members of its board are appointed by the RCSL and one by ISA Executive Committee. Together with this

Institute, RCSL published *30 years of the Sociology of Law*, Oñati 1991, which is a short history of the RCSL.

- Several collections of works from RCSL conferences or meetings have been published, among others, a volume edited by Vincenzo Ferrari, RCSL President, *Developing sociology of law, a documentary enquiry*, Giuffrè, Milano 1990, which is a panorama of sociology of law in 36 countries and several interpretative chapters.

- RCSL Newsletter: annual, latest issue: 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period. ISA members, contact International Sociological Association for payments. Non-ISA members in the USA, contact the RC12 Secretary, in other countries payments should be made to the Oñati IISL.

Research Committee on Sociology of Leisure (RC13)

Established in 1970

Objectives

To promote international cooperation in the field of the activities of sociology of leisure; to exchange theoretical and practical information among all countries and experts concerning the results of investigations on leisure; to convene international seminars, symposia, meetings on leisure; to prepare and circulate reports about the development and problems of leisure in different countries and regions; to promote organised documentation on leisure in cooperation with other documentation centers; to identify sociological problems in leisure and organize international research projects.

Board 1994-1998

President: Gilles PRONOVOST, Dépt Sciences du Loisir, Université du Québec, CP 500, Trois-Rivières, Québec G9A 5H7, Canada, tel: 1-819-3765133, fax: 1-819-3731988, Email: gilles_pronovost@uqtr.quebec.ca.
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Forthcoming activities

- July 15-19, 1996, Cardiff, Wales, UK: RC13 In-Between Conference to be held during the 4th WLRA World Congress on Free Time and Quality of Life for the 21st Century.

- RC13 meeting on July 13, 1996 will be divided in three parts:

- o Debate: Leisure at the Crossroads (speakers for an against): a debate about the sociology of leisure, starting from the different position papers published in the RC13 Newsletter;
- o Papers and Discussion;
- o Planning for the 1998 ISA World Congress of Sociology.

Members interested in attending or presenting short papers, please contact the conference convenor Francis Lobo, RC13 Secretary. Registration details may be obtained from: WLRA Congress, ILAM, Lower Basildon, Reading, Berks RG8 9NE, UK, tel: 44-1491-874222, fax: 44-1491-874059.

Publications

- The publications of the ISA Bielefeld Congress (1994) papers in *Loisir et Société* will appear in Summer 1996.

- RC13 Newsletter, edited by Francis Lobo, RC13 Secretary. Latest issue: December 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$100 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture (RC14)

Established in 1959

Objectives

To develop international contacts among scholars engaged in studying the sociology of communication, knowledge and culture, to promote research in this field, and to encourage the international dissemination of such research.

Board 1994-1998

President: Paul BEAUD, Inst Sociologie, Lausanne Univ, ISCM BFSH2, 1015 Lausanne, Switzerland, tel: 41-21-6923211, fax: 41-21-6923215, Email: paul.beaud@iscm.unil.ch.
Vice-Presidents: Jeffrey A. HALLEY, USA, Jacques LEENHARDT, France, Robert TESSIER, Canada.
Secretary: Françoise MESSANT-LAURENT, ISCM, Fac. des SSP, BFSH 2, 1015 Lausanne, Switzerland, tel: 41-21-6923213, fax: 41-21-6923215.

Forthcoming activities

Information not available.

Publications

Newsletter: latest issue March 1994

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments. RC14 has more than 500 members who represent all continents, but while there is a quite small representation of Africa, the

participation of the researchers from the Asian continent is growing.

Research Committee on Sociology of Health (RC15)

Established in 1959

Objectives

Research into the sociology of health and illness is the primary objective of RC 15. It supports individual scholars, institutions, and associations that are concerned with such research. It promotes information exchange and scientific meetings at regional, national, and international levels. It encourages the generation of sociological knowledge that enables health professional administrators, officials, and planners to improve the delivery of health services in the domains of prevention, management, cure, and rehabilitation. It also stimulates the thinking of health scholars in search of the most vital concepts and analytical frameworks for understanding health and illness in society.

Board 1994-1998

Chairman: Eugene B. GALLAGHER, Dept of Behavioral Sciences, University of Kentucky, College of Medicine Office Bld, Lexington, KY 40536-0086, USA, tel: 1-606-3235804, fax: 1-606-3235350, Email: bsceb@ukcc.uky.edu.
Members: Akawasi AIDOO, Senegal, Hans-Ulrich DEPPE, German, Vicente NAVARRO, USA, Santhar SERMSRI, Thailand, Judith SHUVAL, Israel.
Past Chairperson: Stella R. QUAH, Singapore.
Newsletter Editor: Elianne RISKA, Finland.

Forthcoming activities

- September 27-28, 1996, Tokyo, Japan: participation in the Third International Conference of Health Behavioral Sciences, **Mental and Physical Health in Changing Societies**. This will be an interim meeting for RC15; the conference is being jointly sponsored by RC15 and RC49. Information: Prof. T. Munakata, Institute of Health and Sports Sciences, University of Tsukuba, 1-1-1 Tennoudai, Tsukuba 305, Japan, fax: +81-298-536507 or 81-473-325631.

Newsletter

Latest issue: No.28, September 1995. Editor: Elianne RISKA, Dept Sociology, Abo Akademi University, Gezeliusg. 2A, 20500 Abo, Finland, fax: 358-21-2654808, Email: eriska@aton.abo.fi.

Membership

Dues: \$60 (discount \$20) for a 4-year period (between ISA World Congresses). Contact International Sociological Association for payment.

Research Committee on Sociological Theory (RC16)

Established in 1990

Objectives

The goal of the RC in Sociological Theory is to organize open interrelationship among its various schools, helping resolve its recurring

crises and define its future prospects.

Board 1994-1998

Co-Chairs: Ron EYERMAN (Secretary-Treasurer), Dept Sociology, Univ Lund, Box 114, 22100 Lund, Sweden, tel: 46-46-108864, fax: 46-46-104794. Email: ron.eyerman@soc.lu.se. and Hans JOAS, Germany, Bryan S. TURNER, Australia.
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Forthcoming activities

January 1997, Lund, Sweden: an interterm conference on Sociological Theory: Between Difference and Integration. Information: Ron EYERMAN, RC Secretary.

Publications

- Two publications have so far resulted from RC16 meetings and programs: *Rethinking Progress*, J. Alexander and P. Sztompka (eds.) 1990 Boston: Unwin Hyman, and *Agency and Structure*, P.Sztompka ed., (1994) New York: Gordon Beach.

- A quarterly membership newsletter *Newsletter Theory*, latest issue: May 1994. Editor: Kenneth THOMPSON, Faculty of Social Sciences, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA, UK, fax: 44-908-654488.

Membership

Dues: \$25 for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments. The current membership of RC16 is 253, with members covering all the continents.

Research Committee on Sociology of Organization (RC17)

Established in 1957

Objectives

To establish contacts and to encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of the sociology of organizations throughout the world; to enhance international cooperation and exchange in theoretical and empirical research in the sociology of organizations; to link theoretical and empirical research in the sociology of organizations with related specialist fields or disciplines such as economics, industrial relations, organizational behaviour, and management theory.

Board 1994-1998

President/Secretary: Jean-François CHANLAT, Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, 5255 avenue Decelles, Montréal, Quebec H3T 1V6, Canada, tel: 1-514-3406359, fax: 1-514-3405635.
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Forthcoming activities

- June 15-17, 1996, University of Karlstad, Sweden, RC17 International Symposium on **Work Quo Vadis?**. Organizers: Madelene Falk (e-mail: madelene.falk@hks.se) and Lena Hansson (e-mail: lena.hansson@hks.se), Department of Working Life Science, University of Karlstad, S-651 88 Karlstad, Sweden, fax: 46-54-838448, tel: 46-54-838503, 838544.

- Spring/Summer 1997, Italy, RC17 Seminar on Organization theory in Northern America and Western Europe. Organized by John Hassard (Keele University) and J.F. Chanlat, RC17 President.

- December 1996, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil. RC17 colloquium on Organisations complexes et gestion urbaine. Organized by Tania Fischer (Faculty of Administration, University of Bahia, fax: 55-71-2477297, 3363462, e-mail: npga.dm@ufba.br).

Newsletter

In preparation.

Membership

Dues: \$50 for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Political Sociology (RC18)

Established in 1960

Objectives

The membership of the Research Committee on Political Sociology (CPS) is comprised of sociologists and political scientists and its elected Board officers represent both disciplines and the interests of the two parent international organizations: ISA and IPSA. This interdisciplinary exchange of scholars and ideas lies at the core of the CPS and determines its policies.

Board 1994-1998

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WG Breakdown and Consolidation of Regimes
Chair: Juan Linz, Dept Sociology, Yale
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WG Theory, Law and Structure
Chair: Stein Ugelvik Larsen, Dept Comparative
Politics, Univ Bergen, 5007 Bergen, Norway.

Forthcoming activities

- June 30 - July 3, 1996, Vancouver, Canada:
CPS paper panels on political sociology topics
at the Annual Scientific meeting of the
International Society of Political Psychology
(ISSP). Organizer: Richard G. Braungart, RC18
President.

- July 7-11, 1996, Durban, South Africa: CPS
paper panels on political sociological topics at
the 1996 Congress of the South African
Sociological
Association. Organizer: Richard G. Braungart,
RC18 President.

- Spring 1997, Bergen, Norway: CPS
conference on 'Party Systems and Voter
Alignments'. Organizer: Lauri Karvonen, RC18
Secretary.

Newsletter

CPS Newsletter appeared sporadically until
1993, when it began to be published biannually.
Latest issue: 1/1996.

Membership

Dues: \$15 till July 1998 to be paid directly to the
CPS President, or £10 paid to the CPS
Secretary. The CPS membership is currently
165, representing 34 different countries.

Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy (RC19)

Established in 1968

Objectives

The aim of the Research Committee on
Sociology of Poverty, Social Welfare and Social
Policy is to encourage research of high quality
(a) on the sources and character of social
problems; (b) the planning and administration
of social programmes; and more generally, (c)
on public policies and intervention strategies
aimed at alleviating social problems and
influencing the society in that regard.

Board 1994-1998

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Members: Francis G. CASTLES, Australia, Ian
GOUGH, USA, John MYLES, USA,

Irene WENNEMO, Sweden, Walter KORPI,
Sweden (Ex-officio).

Forthcoming activities

- 1996 August, Canberra, Australia: RC19
conference.

- 1997, Copenhagen, Denmark: RC19
conference.

Newsletter

Latest issue: January 1995

Membership

Dues: contact RC19 Secretary/Treasurer.
The number of members, who have paid their
membership fees has developed as follows:
1987 = 17, 1990 = 40, 1991 = 68, 1992 = 88,
1993 = 107, 1994 = 114, October 1995 = 168.
RC19 has some non-paying members, coming
from former socialist countries and third world
countries. They are included in the above
figures. In 1995 the members represented 33
countries.

Research Committee on Comparative Sociology (RC20)

Established in 1986

Objectives

The primary objective of the Research
Committee on Comparative Sociology is to
advance research in the field of comparative
sociology by encouraging research,
conferences and publication in the field. The
RC20 seeks to facilitate scholarly
communication in the domain of international
comparisons.

Board 1994-1998

President: Mattei DOGAN, CNRS, 72 Blvd
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Members: Martin HEISLER, USA, John MARTZ,
USA, Vladimir RUKAVISHNIKOV, Russia, Erwin
SCHEUCH, Germany.

Forthcoming activities

No information available.

Current Projects

- Advanced Pluralist Democracies, in
collaboration with the journal *Studies in
Comparative International Development*, edited
by John Martz.

- Basic Values in Twenty-five Industrial
Societies, secondary analysis of surveys
1980-1994, with the collaboration of several
members of the RC.

Task Groups

The task group on comparative survey research
led by F. Turner has established a network of
interested scholars in twelve countries. The RC
intends to promote other research groups in the
near future.

Publications

- Special issue of the *International Social
Science Journal on Comparative Political
Sociology*, May 1993, with the collaboration of
seven members of the RC: Riggs, Merkl, Lipset,
Weffort, Carballo de Cillely, Turner and Dogan.

- *Comparing Nations: Concepts, Strategies and
Substance*, edited by M. Dogan and
A. Kazancigil, Oxford: B.H. Blackwell, 1994.

- Newsletter of May 1994 included "Comparative
Sociology in Perspective" prepared by F. Turner
for the R.C. was presented at the ISA Research
Council in Oñati, Spain, April 1992. In this report
are discussed the objectives of the RC.

Membership

Dues: contact RC20 Secretary.

Research Committee on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development (RC21)

Established in 1970

Objectives

To promote the development of theory and
research in the sociology of urban and regional
development; to create an international
community among scholars in the field of
sociology of urban and regional development.

RC21 listserver

RC21 e-mail listserver is shared with members
of the ASA Community and Urban Section. In
order to subscribe to the listserver send a
message to: Majordomo@email.rutgers.edu
with the following command in the body of your
message:
suscribe comurb_r21 your_e-mail_address

Board 1995-1998

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Hungary, Jens TONBOE, Denmark.
Ex-officio: C. PICKVANCE, UK, Michael
HARLOE, UK.

Newsletter Editor: N. BUCK, UK.

Forthcoming activities

- 2-5 July 1996. *New Urban Forms, New
Housing Forms. Diverse Paths of Change in
the Asia Pacific Region*. A joint conference of
RC21 and RC43 (Housing and Built
Environment). Held at the University of
Queensland, The Hawken Building, Brisbane,
Queensland, Australia. Information: Patick
MULLINS, Department of Anthropology and
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61-7-33651544, Phone: 61-7-33651544, Email:

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Publications

- The Urban Affairs Quarterly will be renamed *Urban Affairs Review*, and will be published six times per year rather than four. The new editor will be Robyne Turner (Florida Atlantic University).

- *Urbadata* is a database of bibliographic information on many aspects of urban development in Brazil.

- *Les Annales de la Recherche Urbaine* is supported by the French ministry for urbanism, and contains a mix of policy and academic material. It is edited by Anne Querrien (France).

- *RC21 Newsletter*, bi-annual (May, November), each issue has had about 8-15 pages. Editor: Nick Buck, ESRC, Univ Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, UK, Fax: 44-1206-873151, Tel: 44-1206-873066, E-mail: nhb@essex.ac.uk. Latest issue: November 1995

Membership

Dues: \$30 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

The number of RC 21 members and newsletter subscribers currently stands at a total of 375 living in over 46 countries and distributed in the different continents as follows: Europe 222, America 122, Australia and New Zealand 14, Asia 13, Africa 1. Out of the total membership 55 have exemption of dues. RC21 has had a growth consolidation from 250 members (July 1990) to 375 actual members.

Research Committee on Sociology of Religion (RC22)

Established in 1959

Objectives

RC22 was established with the intention of opening up a broader range of opportunities for participation in the activities of the ISA in the field of the Sociology of Religion. To this end the RC22 undertakes measures: to secure and develop personal and institutional contacts amongst sociologists of religion throughout the world; to encourage the international dissemination and exchange of information on significant developments in the sociology of religion and to promote the development of scientific activities in the sociology world wide; to facilitate and promote international meetings and research in the field of the sociology of religion; to help the non-represented countries to use the RC22 resources and its facilities.

Board 1994-1998

President: Raymond LEMIEUX, Groupe de recherche en sciences de la religion, Pavillon Felix-Antoine-Savard, Université Laval, Québec G1K 7P4, Canada, tel: 1-418-6563399, fax: 1-418-6562809.

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Liaison Officers:

Association for the Sociology of Religion:
William H. SWATOS, USA

International Society for the Sociology of Religion: Grace DAVIE, UK

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion:
Eileen BARKER, UK

Forthcoming activities

no information available.

Publications Newsletter

Send out annually to 1880 sociologists working on religion around the world.

Editor: William E. Biernatzki, Saint Louis University, USA. Latest issue: 18/19, 1994-95.

Membership

Contact RC22 Secretary.

Research Committee on Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23)

Established in 1966

Objectives

To secure and develop personal and collegial contacts between sociologists of science throughout the world; to encourage the international dissemination and exchange of information, developments and activities in the field of sociology of science; to facilitate and promote international meetings and research; to help actively individuals and organisations in countries not represented to use the Committee and its facilities.

Board 1994-1998

President: Simon SCHWARTZMAN, Rua Antonio Vieira 17 Apt 1201, 22010-100 Leme, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, tel: 55-21-2951830, fax: 55-21-2951830, Email: sschwartz@omega.lncc.br.

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Past-President: Stuart BLUME, Netherlands.

Forthcoming activities

- 25-27 September 1996.

Mexico City. RC23 International Conference on *Technological Learning, Innovations, and Industrial Policies: National and International Experiences*. The Conference aims at gathering persons that have worked on technology development in enterprises in Latin America, people that are experiencing

day-to-day work in technology and production in plants in industry and also policy people that are involved in the definition of industrial and technological policies. The meeting wishes to set technological learning as a core element in the science and technology policy debates and agenda. Tentative list of themes of the meeting:

- o Technological learning in industry in Latin America
- o The technical relations between firms and their environments
- o The role of research and development
- o Case studies of innovative developments in firms
- o Formation and manpower policies in innovation
- o Regional and industrial development
- o Learning and entrepreneurial development
- o Technological culture and organization
- o Effects of the environmental policies on technological learning
- o Industrial and technological policies

Proposal for papers or round tables can be sent by email to: Rigas Arvanitis, rigasa@cueyat1.uam.mx or Daniel Villacencio, vcdh3758@cueyat1.uam.mx. By normal mail to: Daniel Villavicencio/Rigas Arvanitis, Maestria Economía y Gestión del Cambio Tecnológico, UAM-Xochimilco, 1100 Calz. del Hueso, Colonia Villa Quietud, Coyoacan, 04960 Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: 52-5-7245279, Fax: 52-5-7245172.

- October 10-13, 1996, Bielefeld, Germany. RC21 will organize 4 sessions during the annual meeting of EASST and 4S:

1. The concept of knowledge society in various cultural contexts
2. Influences and trends of globalization and localization on culture in science and technology
3. The sociology of public statistics
4. Professional mobility of scientific elite in former eastern countries; intellectual elite as a factor of social-cultural change.

Contact RC23 Secretary for further information.

Call for papers

If you want to contribute to the session No. 3 on the Sociology of Public Statistics, please send by email your abstract and a brief vitae (pure text or file attached), or fax it to+55-21-275-1410, Simon Schwartzman: sschwartz@omega.lncc.br.

The issue:

Public statistics are a very interesting case of concept and reality construction - on one hand, they are like any other statistics produced by social scientists and economists everywhere, bounded by the achievements and limitations of the disciplines (statistics itself, plus economics, epidemiology, sociology, whatever., each of which with its own statistical "culture", so to speak). On the other hand, they tend to become "official" (and as such, by the way, cannot have "errors", not even of the statistical kind), are caught in public debates, reach the mass media, are subject to intense political dispute and may have strong policy implications. What should be understood by "poverty", "inflation", "employment", "national product", you name it, is far from sheer technical matters. Between

disciplines, on one hand, and governments and public on the other, stand the institutions - national and international organizations, occupying very often an uneasy place between academy and bureaucracy (for an excellent overview, see Alain Desrosiers, *La Politique des Grands Nombres - histoire de la raison statistique*, Paris, La Découverte, 1993). What is the future of public statistics (and the corresponding social classifications they produce) in a modern (or post-modern) society? How are these issues handled in less developed countries? Are the classifications bound to meltdown? As different groups look for different concepts and classifications, are we heading towards some kind of "statistical pluralism"? Is there a tendency for the public to withhold information and refuse to be classified? Is this trend compensated by the generalization of administrative registers? How the official statistical community reacts to these trends? And, last but not least, what do these trends tell us about the scientific and technical fields associated with them?

Newsletter

The number 0 of "the 23 Newsletter/La lettre du 23" has been published on December 1995. Afterwards the newsletter will be published regularly two times per year. Next issue expected in May, 1996. Editor: Rigas Arvanitis: rigas@mail.internet.com.mx.

Membership

Dues: \$20 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Environment and Society (RC24)

Established in 1971

Objectives

To secure and develop personal and associational/professional contacts between scientists and to unite the professional qualities, social consciousness and experience of its members for work on problems of Environment and Society throughout the world; to encourage the international dissemination and exchange of information on significant developments and to promote the development of scientific activities in the field of Environment and Society; to facilitate and promote meetings, communication and research projects at all national, regional and international levels.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- 20-23 March 1997, Woudschoten, The Netherlands: RC24 conference on Sociological Theory and the Environment; organizer August Gijswijt, RC Secretary.

Plans to evaluate forms of collaboration with scholars involved in research on human dimensions of global environments change within various national and international research programmes (including the Human Dimensions programme of the ISSC, the Environment R&D programme of the European Commission and other relevant research programmes in Europe, North America, Japan and the developing countries). Jeffrey Broadbent (Dept Sociology, Univ Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455-0412, USA, fax: 1-612-62 47020, Email: broad001@maroon.tc.umn.edu invites members to join his project on comparative research on environmental decision-making in Japan, USA, and possibly Germany and the Netherlands.

Newsletter

Latest issue: No. 9, March 1996.

Membership

Dues: contact RC24 Treasurer. The number of members has been steadily increasing, and a mailing list has reached more than 400.

Research Committee on Sociolinguistics (RC25)

Established in 1968

Objectives

The objective of the Research Committee on Sociolinguistics is to advance sociological knowledge concerning language, face-to-face interaction and language-related phenomena.

Board 1994-1998

President: Deirdre BODEN, Dept Sociology, Lancaster Univ, Lancaster LA1 4YL, UK, tel: 44-1524-594146, fax: 44-1524-594256, Email: d.boden@lancaster.ac.uk.
Vice-Presidents: Bates HOFFER, USA, Sandi M. OLIVEIRA, Portugal
Newsletter Editor: Brian DEVLIN, Australia

Forthcoming activities

RC 25 Program for ISA XIV World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada, July 26 - August 1, 1998.
To facilitate the planning of 1998 RCS program, RCS members are welcome to send ideas for panel topics and about proposed individual papers. At this point abstracts are not necessary. If you are willing to organize a complete panel, or if you would like to publish a call for papers on your panel topic, please contact me. We should plan to have at least one panel dealing with the language/social situation in Canada. In Bielefeld we had 18 sessions and several dozen papers on the program. Let's try to match that high level of interest in 1998 as

well. Bates Hoffer, Trinity Univ #47, 715 Stadium Drive, San Antonio TX-78212-7200, USA, Tel: 1-210-736 7369, Fax: 1-210-494 4435, email: bhoffer@vm1.tucc.trinity.edu

Newsletter

Editor: Brian Devlin, Australia. Latest issue: N°7, 1993, WWW version: <http://www.comp.lancs.ac.uk/sociology/index.html>.

Membership

Dues: \$60 (discount \$24) for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice (RC26)

Established in 1971

Objectives

To open up a broader range of opportunities for the participation in the field of Sociotechnics; to secure and develop personal contacts between interested scholars and practitioners; to encourage the international dissemination and exchange of information on significant developments in sociotechnics and related areas, and to promote the development of scientific activities in this field throughout the world.

Board 1994-1998

President: Jon ALEXANDER, Political Science, Carleton Univ, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 5B6 Canada.
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Secretary: Joachim K.H.W. SCHMIDT, SoReGa, Weissemburgstr. 44, PF 13 01 52, Koeln, Germany.

Forthcoming activities

no information available.

Newsletter

Latest issue: May 1993.

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociology of Sport (RC27)

Established in 1964

Objectives

The Research Committee on Sociology of Sport was established to achieve the aims of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education and ISA, and in particular, to further research and scholarship related to the social meaning and significance of physical activity and sport; to promote international cooperation in the field of sociology of sport; to identify sociological problems in sport, and where appropriate, organize international research projects concerning same.

Board 1996-1999

President: Josep MAGUIRE, Dept Physical Education, Loughborough Univ, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU, UK, tel: 44-1509-223328, fax: 44-1509-231776, Email: jmaguire@lut.ac.uk.

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ISA Representative: Klaus HEINEMANN, Germany.

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Forthcoming activities

July 10-14, 1996, Dallas, TX, USA.

RC27 sessions at the 1996 International Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress on "Physical Activity, Sport, and Health". July 11: Symposium on the theme of "Olympism"; 4 invited speakers. July 13: Four parallel sessions:

- o Health and Sport: Articulations and Contradictions; Organizer: Genevieve Rail, Canada
- o Social Barriers to Fulfillment in Sport and Physical Activity; Organizer: Mari-kristin Sisjord, Norway
- o Sport: Cross Cultural, Historical, and Global Perspectives; Organizer: Otmar Weiss, Austria
- o Open Papers; Organizer: Lim Burn Jang, Korea

Abstracts of papers for the four RC27 Sessions should be sent to the RC27 General Secretary

Publications

International Review of Sociology of Sport, Editor-in-Chief: Klaus HEINEMANN, Germany;

- **ICSS Bulletin**, Editor: Burn-Jang LIM, Korea, latest issue: N°49, December 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$160 (discount \$120) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Membership has remained fairly stable at around 250, despite the worldwide recession.

Research Committee on Social Stratification (RC28)

Established in 1950

Objectives

RC28 general objectives are to promote high quality research on social stratification and social mobility, and the international exchange of scientific information in this field.

Board 1994-1998

President: Donald J. TREIMAN, Dept Sociology, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1551, USA, tel: 1-310-8251313, fax: 1-310-8202484, Email: treiman@dudley.sscnet.ucla.edu.

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Forthcoming activities

- Semi-annual RC28 Conference, Stockholm, May 31 - June 1, 1996.

General theme: Social Stratification in Modern Welfare States. Sessions themes & chairs:

- o Social Stratification in Modern Welfare States: The Scandinavian Model in Comparative Perspective (Robert Erikson)
- o Gender and Social Stratification (chair tba)
- o Educational Qualification and Labour Market Positions (Shu-Ling Tsai)
- o Occupational Attainment: Temporal and International Variations (Harry Ganzeboom)
- o Income Differences and Inequality of Living Conditions (Johann Fritzell)
- o Explaining Social Stratification: Mechanisms and Processes (Richard Breen)
- o Determinants of Stratification: Ethnicity (Wout Ultee)
- o Stratification and Politics (Geoff Evans)
- o Educational Inequalities (Yossi Shavit)
- o Methodological Issues (chair tba)
- o Contextual Effects on Stratification (Kristen Ringdal)

Organization & further information: Janne Jonsson, Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, S-10691 Stockholm, Sweden, fax: 46-8-154670, Email: janne@sofi.su.se.

- Follow-up Congress in Turku, June 3-4, 1996. Theme: Economic Well-being: Distribution, Mobility, and Life-Style. Papers are welcome on:

- o Income Mobility (studied in Turku)
- o Inheritance of Social Deprivation (e.g. unemployment)
- o Life-Style Mobility
- o Aging, Cohorts, and Social Stratification

Organization & further information: Timo Toivonen, Turku School of Economics, Rehtorinpellonkatu 3, 20500 Turku, Finland, fax: 358-21-6383462, Email: ttoivonen@abo.fi.

- August 13-14, 1996, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. General theme: Intersecting Domains of Stratification: Individuals, Families, and Institutions (in honor of Otis Dudley Duncan).

All papers on related topics are welcome. Organization & further information: Yu Xie, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 1225 S. University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2590, USA, phone: 1-313-998-7141, fax: 1-313-9987415, Email: yuxie@umich.edu.

- Upcoming RC28 events are:

- o Spring 1997 conference, Tel Aviv, Israel;
- o August 1997, Quebec City, Canada, contiguous to the ASA meetings in Toronto
- o January 1998 conference, Taipei, Taiwan
- o Spring 1998, board elections
- o July 26 - August 1, 1998, ISA XIV World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada

Newsletter

RC28 Newsletter is published twice a year; among other things the Newsletter have reported on the conferences of the RC28 by publishing abstracts of the papers presented. Latest issue: December 1995. RC28 maintains an electronic mailing list for announcements. Please write to the Secretary for a free subscription.

Membership

Dues: \$40 (discount \$10) for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments. Members from low income countries and members in special need can request total exemption by writing to the Treasurer. The RC28 Travel Awards Fund subsidizes RC28 members with low income for travel to RC28 conferences and present their work.

Research Committee on Deviance and Social Control (RC29)

Established in 1974

Objectives

The primary goal of the Research Committee on Deviance and Social Control is to expedite communication among scholars interested in cross-cultural research on deviance and social control. In addition it is sensitive to developing areas and different perspectives within the field so that important areas of interest are not excluded.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- July 10-13, 1996. Joint sessions with the International Conference of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law in Glasgow, Scotland. Conference information will be available on the Internet at <http://www-unix.oit.umass.edu/~lsapg/glasgow.htm> or write the Law and Society Association,

Attn: Program Committee, Hampshire House-Box 33615, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-2615, USA, Fax: 1-413-5451640, phone: 1-415-4544617.

- Spring, 1997. A conference on deviance and social control, immigration and the process of European integration, is tentatively scheduled in Bologna, Italia. For expressions of interest and further (later) details, please contact the President of the Research Committee.

Publications

- *Drugs, Law and the State*, Harold Traver and Mark Gaylord (eds.), Hong Kong University Press, 1992 (based on conference sponsored by the Research Committee);
- *Social Changes, Crime and Police*, Jozsaf Vigh and Geza Katona (eds.), Budapest: Eotvos Lorand University, 1993. An English edition is now under preparation with Harwood Press.
- RC29 produces a *Newsletter* 2-3 times annually which is distributed to all of its members. The newsletters are usually 6-12 pages in length. Latest issue: March 1996.

Membership

Dues: \$30 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.
RC29 has presently 347 members from 41 different countries on the mailing list.

Research Committee on Sociology of Work (RC30)

Established in 1970

Objectives

The aims of the Research Committee on Sociology of Work are to establish and encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of sociology of work throughout the world; to enhance international cooperation and exchange in theoretical and empirical research in the sociology of work; to link theoretical and empirical research in the sociology of work with related specialist fields or disciplines such as economics sociology, industrial relations, organisation studies, labour economics, labour law, labour history and critical management theory.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- December 1-5, 1996, Sao Paulo, Brasil. RC30 contributions to the II Congreso Latinoamericano de Sociología del Trabajo.

- July 26 - August 1, 1998, Montréal, Québec, Canada, ISA XIV World Congress of Sociology. RC30 proposed a day-theme sessions and organizers:

- (1) Which way forward for the sociology of work? (¿A dónde va la sociología del trabajo?). Organizer: Juan José Castillo (Spain)
- (2) Sociology of employment: the visible and the invisible (Sociología del empleo: lo visible y lo invisible). Organizer: Diane G. Tremblay (Canada)
- (3) Work in a globalizing economy (El trabajo en la economía globalizada). Organizer: Jorge Carrillo (Mexico).
- (4) Gender, race and ethnicity in the workplace (Género, raza y etnicidad en el trabajo). Organizer: Alice R.P. Abreu (Brazil)
- (5) Work of the future, work of the past (Trabajo del futuro, trabajo del pasado). Organizer: Carlos A. Santiago (Puerto Rico)

Publications

- RC30 Newsletter is circulated to nearly 1000 individuals and institutions throughout the world. The editor of the Newsletter is Alice Abreu, RC30 Secretary. Latest issue: 1, 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$35 for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociology of Migration (RC31)

Established in 1972

Objectives

The goal of the RC31 is to advance sociological knowledge on Sociology of Migration throughout the world. Its general objectives are to promote high quality research on migration and the international exchange of scientific information in this field.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- May 28-31, 1996, Manila, Philippines: RC31 first intercongress meeting on "Labour Migration

in the Asia Pacific Area" organized on the occasion of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference of Sociology. Convenor: Helmut Loiskandi, Dept Sociology, Tokiwa Univ, Mito, Miwa 1-430-1, Ibaraki-ken 310, Japan, tel: 81-292-322511, fax: 81-292-312591.

Publications

- List of Members was published in February 1993;

- *Recent Migration Trends in Europe: Europe's new Architecture*, Maria Beatriz Rocha Trinade (ed.), Universidade Aberta, Instituto de Estudos para o Desenvolvimento, Lisbon 1993, 226 p; the proceedings of the 1992 Intercongress Meeting of RC31 in Lisbon;

- The RC31 Newsletter is published four times a year in the journal International Migration Review (IMR), New York/USA. Each member of RC31 is entitled to a 20% discount on the subscription to the IMR. Catherine Withol de Wenden (Paris) and Lydio F. Tomasi (New York) have undertaken to work as editors of the Newsletter. To make the Newsletter even more informative and worldwide RC31 has established a network of regional editors in Africa: Paulina Makinwa-Adelbusoye (Nigeria), South America: Adela Pellegrino (Uruguay), Caribbean and Central America: Dennis Conway, (USA), Pacific Islands: John Connell (Australia), Australia and New Zealand: A.D. Trlin (New Zealand), East Asia: Manolo I. Abella (Thailand).. Latest issue: N°23, August 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$20 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Currently there are 206 members from 44 countries all over the world: Africa: 10 countries, 14 members; America: 10 countries, 72 members; Asia: 5 countries, 17 members; Australia and New Zealand: 2 countries, 6 members; Europe: 17 countries, 97 members.

Research Committee on Women in Society (RC32)

Established in 1973

Objectives

To promote the development of theory, methods, and practice concerning women in society and the gendered nature of social institutions; to encourage the critical evaluation of current sociological paradigms from the perspective of all subordinate groups, including women; to promote perspectives and foster consciousness concerning women's rights throughout the world; to improve research, organize meetings, and promote other means of communication, cooperation and collaboration among researchers at the national, regional, and international levels; to forge links with the research committees on women in other international social science associations.

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Forthcoming activities

- Competition on Gender Hierarchies and Social
Transformation. RC32 international competition
on Gender Hierarchies and Social
Transformation with an international jury of
respected scholars who judge theoretical work
capable of being used in comparative research
by scholars from less industrialized countries.

Newsletter

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Membership

Dues: \$24 (discount \$12) for a 4-year period.
Contact International Sociological Association
payments.

Research Committee on Logic and Methodology (RC33)

Established in 1973

Objectives

To develop professional contacts between
sociologists interested in logic and methodology
in sociology; to encourage the worldwide
exchange of research findings and theoretical
developments; to promote international
meetings and research collaboration in the field
of logic and methodology in sociology.

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Forthcoming activities

-July 1-5, 1996, University of Essex, Colchester,
UK: RC33 Fourth International Conference of
Social Science Methodology. Organizer: David
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Plenary speakers at the Conference will be:

- Professor Leo Goodmann will deliver the
Clifford C. Clogg Memorial Lecture. This lecture
will be given in honour of Clifford Clogg, a
long-time and valued member of the RC 33,
who died suddenly in 1995. Clifford Clogg was a
plenary speaker at the last Social Science
Methodology Conference, and a student of
Professor Goodmann. Leo Goodmann is a
Professor in the Departments of Sociology and
Statistics at the University of California, Berkeley
in the United States.

- Dr. Jean Martin will speak on the issues
related to Quality in Social Research. Dr. Martin
is Assistant Director of the Social Survey
Division of the British Office of Population
Censuses and Surveys.

- Professor Robert Alford, Professor of
Sociology in the Graduate Center at the City
University of New York, will deliver a plenary
lecture entitled "Towards a Theory of Data and
Evidence".

Participation and Abstracts: Organisation of the
Conference is proceeding well. Over 400
abstracts have been received from scholars
throughout the world, including a large number
from the countries of Central and Eastern
Europe and from the former Soviet Union. This
is perhaps a reflection of the availability of
special fellowships for scholars from transitional
countries. Scholarships for post-graduate
students from European Union countries are
also available from the Organisers, courtesy of
the UK Economic and Social Research Council.

Newsletter

Over the last four years, RC33 has regularly
published twice a year its RC33 Newsletter as
the opening part of the quarterly scientific
journal *Bulletin de Méthodologie Sociologique*
(BMS).

As of early 1994, RC33 Newsletter has been
online on Internet at rc33@ext.jussieu.fr where
there is also a file with members' names and
addresses. Latest issue: No.50, March 1996.

At the same time, an RC33 "listserv" (automatic
electronic mail distribution list) was set up for all
RC33 session organizers for the Bielefeld
congress who had email addresses. RC33
past-president Karl M. van Meter is in the
process of extending this RC33 listserv to all
1990-1994 RC33 who have email addresses.
They will be encouraged to pay their RC33 and
ISA dues in order to remain on the listserv.
New members will, of course, be immediately
added to the listserv. For further information

concerning the BMS or RC 33, send and email
message to bms@ext.jussieu.fr, tel/fax a
message to 33-1-40518519, or write to BMS, 59
rue Pouchet, 75017 Paris, FRANCE.

The BMS also moderates a computer listserv,
BMSL; for information on how BSML works,
send an email message containing only HELP
to listserv@ext.jussieu.fr.

Membership

Dues: contact RC33 Secretary. Membership in
RC33 remains at a rather high level but varies
according to the nationality of the board
members. This means that during the
1990-1994 period, RC33 had less North
American members than during the preceding
1986-1990 period, but more Western European
members.

Research Committee on Sociology of Youth (RC34)

Established in 1975

Objectives

The aim of RC34 is to contribute to the
development of theory and practice of youth
sociology and youth research on an
international level, uniting professional
knowledge, scientific consciousness, and social
commitment of its members to work on
problems and issues of youth on a local,
regional, and international level.

See also on the Internet the Nordic Youth
Research Information at
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Forthcoming activities

- RC34 participates together with a Portuguese
colleague in the planning of a youth research
conference for Southern Europe. Moreover, it is
planned to organize a conference for European
extraterritorial communities, initiated by the Canary
Islands authorities.

- Trans-national (institutional) cooperation. RC34 has started a new sort of quasi-institutional co-operation with the United Nations and Unesco as well as with the Council of Europe. This cooperation is based on smaller bilateral consultations and projects, e.g. a contribution to the UN-Report on The Global Situation of Youth in the 1990's (1993), exchanges of information-input with the (new) INFO-YOUTH network of Unesco (1994) and specified consultations with the Council of Europe's programs regarding the improvement of youth research and youth information policy in Europe. In view of the 10th anniversary of the (UN) International Youth Year (1995) and in view of the parallel anti-racist campaign of the European youth ministers in the Council of Europe (1995), the endeavours of those networks are supported.

Publications

Realized in co-operation with RC 34:
- Ruza First-Dilic (ed.), *European Youth and New Technologies: A Comparative Analysis of 12 European Countries*, in co-operation with the European Coordination Centre for Research and Documentation in Social Sciences, Vienna 1991;
- Deutsches Jugendinstitut (Ed.), *Jugend - Wirtschaft - Politik: Lernen und arbeiten in Europa, Internationale Texte (BD.2)*, Muenchen 1993;
- *RC34 Newsletter: International Bulletin of Youth Research (IBYR)*, edited by Ladislav Machacek, Bratislava; Latest issue: No. 11, 1995;
- Databank-Network of Global Researchers (Membership of RC34), in charge: Sylvia Trnka, Vienna.

Membership

Dues: \$30 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.
The active (paying) membership of RC34 at present consists of 115 youth researchers from the world, 61% of whom are located within (Eastern and Western) Europe, while the other 39% are unevenly distributed between Asia (18%), Northern America (USA/Canada) 7%, the former Soviet Union (CIS) 5%, the Arab Countries (incl. Israel) 4%, Latin America (3%), Oceania (2%); (black) Africa is still missing at all. This profile shows a heavy "euro-centric" imbalance, which needs to be overcome in the future.

Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis (RC35)

Established in 1978

Objectives

Scientific meetings of the Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis (COCTA) are held during Congresses of the ISA, and at other times. COCTA participates in other modes of exchange, such as the internet e-mail discussion group COCTA-L; maintains special scientific exchanges and joint programs with research committees of the same name within the International Political Sciences Association and within the International Social Science Council.

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Forthcoming activities

1996, Roma, Italy: a COCTA meeting;

Newsletter

will be published in Winter 1995/96;

Membership

Dues: \$10 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Alienation Theory and Research (RC36)

Established in 1972

Objectives

It is the main objective of the RC36 to promote the development of alienation theory and research within the social sciences and allied disciplines.

Board 1995-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- RC36 Internet Conference, May 1996. Theme: Relating the impact of computer communication on and for alienation or de-alienation. The conference / symposium will consist of papers collected between May 10, 1996 and May 24, 1996. The papers will be archived in our homepage (see below), and responses will be archived from May 28, 1996 - June 4, 1996. For further details please see on the Internet the www home page of the committee at <http://construct.haifa.ac.il/~dkalekin/home.htm>.

- RC36 Seminar, Finland, July 5-7, 1996.

Theme: Cultural meanings and alienation: micro and macro frameworks. Please submit two copies of an abstract to Professor Pirkkoliisa Ahponen by February 15, 1996. The address:

Department of Social Policy and Philosophy, University of Joensuu, Box 111, 80101 Joensuu, Finland. E-mail: ahponen@joyal.joensuu.fi

- We are planning another interim seminar to take place in the USA in 1997.

Publications

- The 1990 Congress volume *Alienation, Society, and the Individual Continuity and Change in Theory and Research*, edited by Felix Geyer and Walter R. Heinz, Transaction Publishers, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, June 1992.

- The 1994 Congress volume *Postmodernity, Alienation, and Ethnicity*, edited by Felix Geyer (in press).

- Since the 1990 ISA World Congress, the *RC36 Newsletter* was published and mailed to 250 persons, of whom most have a rather 'fuzzy' membership status. The latest Newsletter, No. 12, was sent out in December, 1995. Because theories of alienation are relevant to issues in postmodernity - and in post-postmodernity -, we expect an upsurge of interest and dues-paying toward the next ISA World Congress in 1998.

Membership

Dues: \$25 (discount \$15) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociology of Arts (RC37)

Established in 1979

Objectives

To encourage research of high quality on the arts and culture more generally, within and between countries. To fulfill this purpose the Committee engages in the following activities: it organizes sessions of the Sociology of the Arts at the meetings of the ISA; it sponsors international seminars on topics of theoretical, methodological or substantive importance in this field; it arranges for publication on matters related to research; develops an international roster of sociologists of the arts and culture, and organizations involved in similar pursuit; it fosters cross-national sociological research through the international membership in the research committee meetings, newsletter and other correspondence; it seeks to keep its members informed of RC37 activities; it engages in additional activities to disseminate its activities and encourage intellectual networks in and among many countries.

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Forthcoming activities

- 23-24 August 1996, Brussels, Belgium: midterm conference to be held jointly with the AISLF;

On the aesthetic posture

Call for Papers

To a large extent, sociology of art has defined itself by opposition to aesthetics. The stake was both to criticize any claim of autonomy for the works of art and aesthetic judgment, and to bring back to its social and historical determinations the feeling of aesthetical pleasure, often lived and reported as immediate and subjective. Now that the point has been made, it may be possible and useful to "revisit" aesthetics' relationships with sociology on a less warlike mood. Not to regress back, but to incorporate into our analyses the reality of a social construction of multiple abilities and skills, and provide a detailed and specific display of related to the arts practices. As an indicative proposal, following themes could be treated--without any limitation or prescription!

(1) How can we analyse (following for instance the model of the "social biographies of things" by I. Kopytoff & A. Appadurai, or of H. Becker's "artworlds") the production of objets which follow a specific "career", the one of aesthetic objects, or live the "life" of a work of art, and how can we define those careers: procedures of production, of appreciation, evaluation, selection, diffusion, destruction, aso.

(2) How can we analyse the production of specific abilities and postures, little by little developed in order to "practise" art appreciation? Instead of opposing both, can we go from the more corporal aspects of sensation to the social forms of learning aesthetic pleasure? How do we learn we must contemplate, estimate, compare, decontextualise works, how do we feel obliged to produce a judgment, to over-examine one's own taste for something, to participate to highly ritual ceremonies, or to add "social" or political interpretations to a former apolitical evaluation of works and situations, aso?

(3) How can we take into account the role of the multiple devices, material settings, means of transportation or recording (exhibits, concerts, medias, video, recordings, aso.)? They take in charge an important part of requirements made by the aesthetic posture and of properties attributed to the works. Often in a silent way, they carry the inscription of these aesthetic objects or situations into other logics (market, politics, social or sexual critique, aso).

More generally, other themes may be proposed,

as

- studies around amateurs and practices,
- can theories of action and of emotion bring us something?
- relationships between body and aesthetical norms,
- the reciprocal game between institutions and tastes or creation: if these define themselves against institutions, then they also depend upon them,
- relations between "centres" and minorities or peripheries ("gender", ethnicity, Third World, aso.) contesting aesthetical norms and producing or promoting other forms of art or other aesthetical postures, aso.

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Newsletter

Published twice a year; includes bibliography of recent books or texts. Latest issue: No. 26, Winter 1995/Spring 1996.

Membership

Dues: \$40 (discount \$12) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments. RC37 had 153 members in 1994.

Research Committee on Biography and Society (RC38)

Established in 1984

Objectives

The purposes of the RC38 are: to help develop a better understanding of the relations between individual lives, the social structures and historical processes within which they take shape and which they contribute to shape, and the individual accounts of biographical experience (such as life stories or autobiographies); to promote meetings in this field at national, regional and international level; to circulate information about advances in this field, whether in sociology or in other disciplines; and develop links among all scholars working in this domain.

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SMOLICZ, Australia, Paul THOMPSON, UK

Forthcoming activities

A meeting of the board will be held in Amsterdam on June 16, 1996. On June 17th and 18th there will be an International Experts Meeting on 'The Use of Life-Story Approaches in History and Sociology', in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Contact: Kathy DAVIS, k.davis@fsw.ruu.nl, or Helma LUTZ, h.lutz@fsw.ruu.nl, for more information.

Publications

- Directory of members, February 1995
- RC38 Newsletter published at least once a year; Latest issue: January 1996.

Membership

Dues: contact RC38 Secretary

Research Committee on Sociology of Disasters (RC39)

Established in 1986

Objectives

To provide a forum where academics and practitioners can share information about all aspects of disasters.

Board 1994-1998

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Newsletter editor: George ROGERS, Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77845-3137, USA.

Editors IJMED: Ronald PERRY, USA, Wolf DOMBROWSKY, USA

Forthcoming activities

- Annual meeting and presentation of papers by graduate students at annual meeting of American Sociological Association. A separate group meets at the annual meeting of the European Sociological Association. In Washington in July, 1996, RC39 will present its first "builder" award to a pioneer in Sociology of Disaster, Charles FRITZ. The award is named the Samuel Henry Prince Award after the original scholar in the field.

- July 26 - August 1, 1998. Plans for ISA World Congress in Montreal (Canada). The next World Congress is not until 1998, but plans are already underway for some sessions. By announcing some topics in advance, hopefully people will be encouraged to carry out research specifically aimed at topics on the agenda. Among the sessions already planned are:

- o a session on gender issues by Betty Morrow that will follow up on the excellent paper that she and Elaine Enerson

produced for Bielefeld regarding gendered disaster research. She will organize this session and is more than willing to hear from those interested;

- o a session looking at Tom Drabek's book, *Human System Responses to Disaster* - which, by then, will have been around for more than a decade. A number of scholars will comment on the impact the book has had since its appearance. Drabek will then be asked to react to those comments.

Please, contact RC President Joe Scanlon to offer suggestions and ideas, or for additional information.

Publications

- *Unscheduled Events*, is the newsletter of the RC39 and is published three times a year. Latest issue: vol.14, No. 1, March 1996. Notes from the Editor: Email uevents@archone.tamu.edu to express your interest in an electronic *Unscheduled Events* (UE). Short articles, calls for papers, or conference announcements may also be electronically submitted for publication in the newsletter. Descriptions of hazard study centers, of not more than 359 words, may also be published. UE will also publish dissertation and thesis abstracts as they become available. Please encourage students to submit a brief single paragraph at an appropriate time.

- *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disaster*, an official journal of RC39, is published triannually. It is concerned with the social and behavioral aspects of relatively sudden collective stress situations typically referred to as disasters or mass emergencies. Subscription \$20 per year. Current special issues in preparation include one on Latin America (Editor, Allan Lavell) and one on methodology of disaster research (Editor, Robert Stallings). On Internet at <http://www.ias.unt.edu:9510/mead/mead.html>.

Membership

Dues: \$140 for a four-year period or \$35 annually. Dues may be paid to the ISA or to the RC39 secretary-treasurer, David Neal. The RC39 had a total of 290 members in 1995: 217 individual members (131 members were from the United States, and the remaining members were international members; all continents except Antarctica were represented among the category of individual memberships) and 73 organizational memberships (30 of the memberships were from within the United States, the other 43 were international organizational memberships; North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia accounted for the memberships).

Research Committee on Sociology of Agriculture (RC40)

Established in 1988

Objectives

To promote and encourage scientific analysis of the social organization of agriculture and food systems; organization of the substantive content of the RC40 sessions of the quadrennial meetings of the ISA World Congress of Sociology; organization of additional

international meetings.

RC40 Listserv

An electronic bulletin board has been set up by Gianluca Brunori, Dip Economia dell'Agricoltura, Pisa University, Italy, listserv@vm.cnuce.cnr.it

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming meetings

- July 22-26, 1996, Bucharest, Romania: World Congress of Rural Sociology.

- RC40 is also making preparations for a miniconference, in 1997, on "Agricultural Commodity Systems in Comparative Perspective". The overall goal of the miniconference will be to draw theoretical and empirical conclusions on the commodity systems approach, including discussion on such issues as: the role of the state; differences among types of commodity chains; types of labor used and labor relations; ecological consequences of transformation practices; and levels of concentration among various actors.

- A miniconference on "The Global Agro-Food Sector and Transnational Corporations" will be organized for the 1998 ISA World Congress in Montreal.

- 1997: US Rural Sociological Society Meetings, Toronto, Canada. Abstracts of proposed papers should be sent to Raymond Jussaume, RC40 Secretary.

Publications

Two volumes were published of conference papers:

- Alessandro Bonnano (ed.), *The Agriculture and Food Sector in the New Global Era*, New Delhi: Concept, 1992; and Alessandro Bonnano, Lawrence Busch, William H. Friedland, Lourdes Gouveia, and Enzo Mingione (eds.), *From Columbus to ConAgra: The Globalization of Agriculture and Food*, Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 1994. In addition, a Spanish language version of the latter book, *La Globalización del sector agro-alimentaria*, Madrid: Edita, 1994, will be published shortly.

- Following a Workshop organized by Philip McMichael of Cornell University held in conjunction with the 1991 annual meeting of the US Rural Sociological Society, *The Global Restructuring of Agro-Food Systems*, Philip McMichael (ed.), was published by Trent

University Press.

- May 1992: A Workshop on the Globalization of the Agriculture and Food Sector was held in Petersborough, Ontario (Canada) at Trent University. This Workshop drew a number of papers which are presently in the publication process. The volume, with the tentative title *Conceptualizing Globalization and Restructuring*, is being edited by Mustafa Koc of Ryerson Polytechnic University (Toronto) and Terry Marsden, University of Cardiff (UK).

- August 1993: Held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the European Sociological Association in Wageningen, The Netherlands, the Workshop on Concepts of the State in a Changing Global Agro-Food System, was built around six papers, each of which examined particular aspects of agriculture as reflected by state changes and adaptations under the impact of globalization. These papers were published as Vol. 4 of the *International Journal of the Sociology of Agriculture and Food*.

- Volume 5 of the *International Journal of the Sociology of Agriculture and Food* will be published shortly. Interested subscribers should contact Raymond Jussaume, Secretary.

-RC40 Newsletter, latest issue: October 1995.

Membership

Dues: contact RC40 Secretary.

Research Committee on Sociology of Population (RC41)

Established in 1988

Objectives

To pursue a broadly based approach to the interrelationship between sociological and demographic phenomena. Specifically, the RC41 is concerned with how sociological phenomena affect population structure and processes and vice versa. Both macro and micro approaches are encouraged as well as research addressed to integrating these two levels of analysis. The RC41 will focus on conceptual and methodological development with the primary goal being an integrated and cumulative approach to the study of the articulation between population and social structure. Emphasis will be placed on cross-cultural research with a maximum exchange of research findings. Special attention is given to policy-relevant research.

Board 1994-1998

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Activities

See on the Internet the RC41 www home page

at <http://www.usu.edu/~isarc41>.

Newsletter

The first newsletter (four pages) was produced in Summer 1993. Latest issue: not available.

Membership

Dues: \$20 (discount \$10) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Social Psychology (RC42)

Established in 1988

Objectives

The aim of RC42 is to contribute to the development of theory and research in social psychology on an international level, uniting professional and scientific interests of its members to work together on a local, regional, and international level.

Board 1994-1998

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Newsletter Editor: Tina UYS, South Africa.

Forthcoming activities

Information not available.

Newsletter

Not available.

Membership

Dues: contact RC42 Secretary.

Research Committee on Housing & the Built Environment (RC43)

Established in 1990

Objectives

To create an international community among scholars in the field of housing and the built environment; to promote the development of social science theory and research on housing and the built environment; to contribute to informed decisions regarding intervention in and invention of housing and the built environments supportive of human needs.

Board 1994-1998

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Newsletter Editor: Edward G. GOETZ, USA.
Past President: Leslie KILMARTIN, Australia.
Founding President: Elizabeth HUTTMAN, USA.

Forthcoming activities

- July 1996, Brisbane, Australia: Joint RC21-RC43 conference. In addition to providing a forum for taking forward the debate on the overall agenda for urban research, the conference will provide a long overdue opportunity to discuss the range of urban and regional research issues in the context of the substantial research that has been going on in Australia, as well as the major changes taking place in the Pacific rim and east Asia. For further information as well as offers of papers, please contact: Pat Mullins, Dept Anthropology and Sociology, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, QLD, Australia, Fax: 61-7-33653544, E-mail: p.mullins@mailbox.uq.oz.au.

- June 4-7, 1997, Alexandria, Virginia, USA: RC43 International Conference on Housing and the Built Environment (see on the Internet the [www home page at http://www.arch.vt.edu/rc43.html](http://www.arch.vt.edu/rc43.html)). The conference will examine four themes: the future of government & housing; changing roles of the profit and nonprofit sectors; housing trends and prospects for marginalized populations; social science and policy perspectives on new technologies and designs that are transforming the built environment. Information: Edward Goetz, Univ Minnesota, Housing Program, 240 McNeal Hall, St. Paul, MN 55108, USA fax: 612-6242750, Email: egoetz@che2.che.umn.edu

Publications

- Notes, RC43 newsletter. Latest issue: vol.17, No. 1, January 1996.
- Plans for 1996 include the publication of a new Directory of Members.

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Labour Movements (RC44)

Established in 1990

Objectives

To encourage international research on labour movements with a focus on their role both in industrial relations and in the political arena. For more information see on the Internet the RC44 [www home page at](http://www.homepage)

<http://pluto.mscc.huji.ac.il/~mshalev/welcome.htm>.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- 7-11 July 1996, Durban, South Africa. The South African Sociological Association Industrial Sociology working group would like to invite you to give a paper at the 1996 SASA Conference. The main purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for southern African sociologists to present their work in progress. Alongside this programme various ISA sessions will be organised. The Industrial Sociology working group will be organising some sessions in conjunction with the RC44 Labour Movements group.

In line with the broader theme for the Conference, the papers for the Industrial Sociology / Labour Movement sessions will fall under the theme: **Labour Movements and Societal Transformations**. Important issues that are currently facing Industrial sociologists in southern Africa include the new Labour Relations Act, new institutional arrangements (NEDLAC), and the new challenges that face organised labour and the world of work as South Africa increases its participation in the world economy.

Further information about the Industrial Sociology / Labour Movements Sessions can be directed to: Felicity Glenn, Dept of Sociology, Univ Natal, Private Bag X01, Scottsville 3209, SOUTH AFRICA, E-mail: Glenn@socio.unp.ac.za.
Information about Conference registration: Charles Crothers, Dept of Sociology, Univ Natal, Private Bag X10, Dalbridge Durban 4014, SOUTH AFRICA, Fax: 31-260-2302, E-mail: crothers@mtb.und.ac.za.

Newsletter

To date RC44 has produced four Newsletters. In 1993 it was awarded a Newsletter grant, and that facilitated more regular Newsletter production. A separate Newsletter Editor will be elected, allowing greater concentration on effort in its production. Editor: Richard Hyman, e-mail: r.hyman@warwick.ac.uk. Latest issue: March 1996.

Membership

Dues: \$20 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.
RC44 has succeeded in recruiting 111 ISA members from 22 different countries.

Research Committee on Rational Choice (RC45)

Established in 1990

Objectives

no Statutes available.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

-14-15 August, 1996, New York, USA.

Joint Conference on Rational Choice of the Rational Choice Section of the American Sociological Association and the Research Committee on Rational Choice of the International Sociological Association. The conference will provide an opportunity to discuss new developments in Rational Choice Theory. The papers to be presented should deal with applying rational actor theory to specific explanatory problems, confront hypotheses derived from rational actor theory with conflicting propositions, and provide, if possible, empirical evidence for the models presented.

The following are the topics under which the papers will be organized:

- o Collective Action and Political Processes. Organizer: William Brustein.
- o Sociology and History. Organizer: Edgar Kiser.
- o Institutions and Institutional Design. Organizer: Michael Hechter.
- o Organizations: Emergence, Functioning and the Effects. Organizer: Werner Raub.
- o Networks and Social Capital. Organizer: Guillermina Jasso.
- o New Developments in Rational Actor Theory. Organizer: Peter Abell.

Please, send an abstract to the organizer of the topic that best fits your paper. Should you wish to present a paper that does not fit into any of these topics, contact Douglas Heckathorn, E-mail: heckath@uconnvm.edu or Karl-Dieter Opp, E-mail: opp@sozio.uni-leipzig.de.

Newsletter

"Agora", joint newsletter with the ASA Section on Rational Choice. Editor: RC45 Secretary Siegwart Lindeberg.

Membership

Dues: \$20 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Clinical Sociology (RC46)

Established in 1992

Objectives

The aims of the RC46 are: to advance knowledge in all areas of clinical sociology throughout the world; to provide a common meeting ground for clinical sociologists and others interested in clinical sociological knowledge; to encourage international cooperation in clinical sociology research; to promote training and educational opportunities to further the development of clinical sociology; to develop bonds with other disciplines and other specializations in sociology.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

No information available.

Publications

- The 1990 and 1992 conferences resulted in the publication of two books *L'analyse clinique dans les sciences humaines* edited by Eugene Enriquez, Gilles Houle, Jacques Rheaume, and Robert Sevigny (Montreal: Saint-Martin, 1993) and *Sociologies cliniques* edited by Vincent de Gauljac and Shirley Roy (Paris: Hommes et Perspectives, 1993).

- RC46 sends two newsletters a year to all members and the full membership or segments receive special mailings. The executive board members receive a newsletter at least three times a year. Latest issue: June 1994

Membership

Dues: \$30 (discount \$15) for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

RC46 current mailing list includes 510 people and the Committee is in process of reducing this list to a manageable, dues-paying number.

Research Committee on Social Classes and Social Movements (RC47)

Established in 1993

Objectives

No Statutes available.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

May 17-19, 1996, University of California at Santa Cruz, USA: RC47 International Conference on Globalization and Collective Action: Strategies and Prospects for Oppositional Politics.

Planned sessions:

- o Collective Action at the End of the Global Century (Plenary Session);
- o The Future of Identity Politics: New Vistas of Cultural Representation;
- o Redefining the Citizen: Globalization, Immigration and the Nation State;
- o Urban Movements, the City and the New Global Order;
- o The Restructuring of North/South Relations and Implications for Collective Action;
- o Movements of the Right;
- o Oppositional Politics: A World Issue;
- o Collective Action, Institutions and Global Effects;

Organizers: Barbara EPSTEIN, UCSC, History of Consciousness Board, 2332 Carleton, Berkeley, CA 94704, USA. Margit Mayer (Germany), Alan Scott (UK), Henri Lustiger-Thaler (USA), Pierre Hamel (Canada), Brian Elliott (Canada).

Publications

- In March, 1995, Sage published a book prepared by members of RC47 as part of the Sage's agreement with the ISA Publication Committee to publish international series in sociology. This volume, edited by Louis Maheu, is entitled *Social Movements and Social Classes: The Future of Collective Action*.

- RC47 Newsletter, edited by Pierre Hamel (Institut d'urbanisme, Université de Montréal, C.P. 6128, Succ. Centre-ville, Montréal, Québec, Canada H3C 3J7), Henri Lustiger-Thaler, USA, and Alan Scott, UK; published 2-3 times a year. Latest issue: Fall 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments. RC47 mailing list numbers about 350, and the newsletter is mailed to nearly 700 individuals.

Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action & Social Change (RC48)

Established in 1994

Objectives

To foster intellectual, academic and scholarly exchanges between researchers of broadly defined social movements, social change and collective action.

Board 1994-1998

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Members: Wanda DRESSLER, France, Tova BENSKI, Israel, Johan OLIVIER, South Africa, Gary Alan FINE, USA.

Editor Newsletter: Bronislaw MISZTAL.

Forthcoming activities

- October 2-5, 1996, University of Basque Country, Vitoria, Spain: Second European Conference on Social Movements. Central theme "Constructing Europe from Below. Civil Society and Social Movements in the Process of European Integration". Different sessions will be dedicated to the analysis of the following areas:

1. Social movement theory
2. Methodological approaches in the field of social movements
3. Social movements in a comparative perspective
4. Social movements in the process of European integration
5. Collective violence, social movements and protest
6. Mass media, public discourse and social movements
7. Civil society, protest and social movements
8. The cultural dimension of social movements
9. Transformation of society, social change and protest

Other 12 different sessions will be dedicated to the analysis of themes not mention before, so you can send us your proposals and we hope to accomodate it in our programme. Abstracts of the proposed papers should be sent to: Benjamin Tejerina, Dept Sociologia 2, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad del Pais Vasco, Apartado 644, 48080 Bilbao, Spain, tel: 34-4-4647700, fax: 34-4-4648299, Email: cjptemob@lg.ehu.es.

- Spring 1997, Israel: Social Movements Conference to be organized by T.Benski with RC48 support;

- Summer 1998, Detroit, USA: Conference on Social Movements in East-Central Europe to be

organized by B.Misztal with RC48 support;

Newsletter

Editor: Bronislaw Misztal; published twice a year the Newsletter is shipped to approx. 500 individuals in more than 50 different countries. Latest issue: Autumn 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$20 (discount \$10) for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Research Committee on Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (RC49)

Established in 1959; reinstated in 1994

Objectives

RC49 provides a structure for scholarly disquisition and research collaboration at the international level; does not endorse a particular definition of mental health and illness, rather, the term is meant to be inclusive, ranging from serious psychiatric disorders to subjective feelings of well-being.

Board 1994-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- September 27-28, 1996, Tokyo, Japan: RC49 interim conference on the occasion of the Third International Conference of Health Behavioral Sciences, "Mental and Physical Health in Changing Societies". The conference is being jointly sponsored by RC15 and RC49. Information: Prof. T.Munakata, Institute of Health and Sports Science, University of Tsukuba, 1-1-1 Tennoudai, Tsukuba 305, Japan, fax: 81-298-536507 or 81-473-325631.

- 1997, Abeokuta, Nigeria: RC49 interim conference on "The Dimension of Drug Trafficking and Abuse in Nigeria", organized by Prof. Olayiwola Erinoshio, Ogun State University, P.O.Box 636, Ikangba Estate, Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria.

Publications

- *Social Psychiatry Across Cultures: Studies from North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.* (Eds.) Rumik Price, et al., New York (USA), Plenum Publishing, 1995.

- "RC49ers", the biannual newsletter edited by Rumi K.Price, RC49 President, and Wanda Abernathy, Editorial Assistant, fax: 1-314-3620219, Email: wanda@rpk.wustl.edu. Latest issue: vol.1, No.2, August 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments. The RC49 maintains a membership mailing list of 222.

Research Committee on International Tourism (RC50)

Established in 1994

Objectives

To secure and to develop contacts between sociologists of tourism throughout the world; to encourage the international dissemination and exchange of information on significant developments in the sociology of tourism and to promote the development of scientific activities throughout the world; to facilitate and promote international meetings, research and publications in the field of sociology of tourism.

Board 1994-1998

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Vice-President for World Congresses: Marie-Francoise LANFANT, France.

Vice-President for Interim Conferences: Keith HOLLINSHEAD, UK.

Forthcoming activities

- July 4-7, 1996, Jyvaskyla (Finland): Interim Conference on Paradigms in Tourism Research;

Newsletter

Latest issue: June 1995

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments. Some 58 persons are now members in good-standing.

Reports from the Working Groups

Working Group on Sociology of Occupational Groups (WG02)

Established in 1994

Objectives

To establish contacts and to encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of sociology of occupational/professional groups throughout the world; to encourage the international exchange of research findings in the sociology of occupational/professional groups.

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Forthcoming activities

September 11-13, 1996, Nottingham, UK: Interim conference "Occupations and Professions: Changing Patterns, Definitions and Classifications". Organizer: Julia Evetts, School of Social Studies, Univ Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK, tel: 44-115-9515396, fax: 44-115-9515232, email: julia.evetts@nottingham.ac.uk.

Publications

- *Genèse et dynamique des groupes professionnels*, by Yvette Lucas and Claude Dubar, eds., Presses Universitaires de Lille, 1994. Contains papers of the November 1992 International Conference; it is a 415 pages publication including 45 texts by authors from 13 different countries and an extensive bibliography.

- *WG02 Newsletter*, Latest issue: October 1995. Next issue: Spring 1996.

Membership

Dues: contact WG02 Treasurer (C. Dubar).

Working Group on Sociology of Childhood (WG03)

Established in 1994

Objectives

The aim of WG03 is to contribute to the development of sociological and interdisciplinary childhood research, uniting

professional knowledge, scientific rigour, and dedication of its members to work on childhood issues on the national, regional, and international levels.

Board 1996-1998

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Forthcoming activities

A publication of WG03 Newsletter is planned.

Publications

- J. Qvortrup et al. (eds.), *Childhood Matters: Social Theory, Practice and Politics*, Aldershot: Avebury, 1994.

- L. Chisholm et al (eds.), *Growing up in Europe*, Berlin-New York: de Gruyter, 1995. (From a seminar for youth and childhood sociologists).

- J.Brannen and M.O'Brien (eds.) *Childhood and Parenthood*, Institute of Education, University of London, 1995. (From a seminar for youth and childhood sociologists).

- J.Brannen and M.O'Brien (eds.) *Children in Families: Research and Policy*, forthcoming. (From a seminar for youth and childhood sociologists).

- Members of the WG03 have also contributed to new journals, such as *Childhood* (published by SAGE), *Children and Society* (published by Wileys), and *Sociological Studies of Children* (published by JAI-Press).

Membership

Around 115 members.

Working Group on Social Indicators (WG06)

Established in 1988

Objectives

The Working Group on Social Indicators is a Working Group within the International Sociological Association, and fully subscribes to the principles and the spirit of the Association.

Board 1994-1998

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Executive Board: Bruce Heady, Australia, Torbjorn Moum, Norway, Ruut Veenhoven, Netherlands, Ramkrishna Mukherjee, India, Joachim Vogel, Sweden.

Forthcoming activities

- August 22-25, 1996. University of Northern British Columbia, Canada: World Conference on Quality of Life. Organized by WG06 & International Society for Quality of Life Studies. Organizer: Alex C. Michalos, Fac Management & Administrat., Univ Northern British Columbia, 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9, Canada, tel: 1-6049606697, fax: 1-604-9605544, Email: michalos@unbc.edu. General topics to be explored include the meaning of the idea of a good quality-of-life, ways to measure our movement toward or away from it, and strategies to improve the quality-of-life in all its rich varieties. Presentations are expected on such things as resource conservation, environmental degradation, waste management, forestry management, urban/rural/community development, aging, elder abuse, crime and the justice system, family life, friendship, feminist studies, employment, trade and globalization, health, happiness, time use, good government, human rights, peace and security, taxation, fiscal and monetary policy, poverty, education, science and technological innovation, sports and other recreation activities.

Newsletter

SINET, the *Social Indicators Network News*, a quarterly newsletter serves to inform those affiliated with WG06, who also subscribe to SINET, with activities of the WG06; Editor: Kenneth C. Land, Dept Sociology, Duke Univ, Box 90088, Durham, NC 27708-0088, USA, fax: 1-919-660-5623, Email: shander@soc.duke.edu. Latest issue: No.44, November 1995.

Membership

Contact WG06 Secretary.

Reports from the Thematic Groups

Thematic Group on Time Use Research (TG01)

Established in 1988

Objectives

To encourage and promote the scientific measurement and analysis of the allocation of time.

Board 1995-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- 2-4 September, 1996, Vienna (Austria), XVIII IATUR Conference.

Anyone wishing to present a paper must submit a title and abstract to session organizer, Andrew S. Harvey, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada, B3H 3C3. Phone: 1-902-4205676, Fax: 1-902-4205129, E-mail:

harvey@shark.stmarys.ca. Papers addressing theoretical or methodological aspects of time use and time use measurement, papers reporting on time use studies and papers addressing questions related to the use of time are invited.

Publications

Stalkov, Z. (ed.) International Conference: Time Budget. Preliminary Issue II. Sofia: Institute of Sociology, Central Board Statistics, Research Committee on Time Budget, Bulgarian Sociological Association.

- ISTAT (1993), Time Use Methodology: Towards Consensus. Roma: Istituto Nazionale di Statistica.

- The November, 1993 issue of Social Indicators Research (Vol.30, Nos. 2-3) was dedicated to time-use research. It presented a number of associated articles from IATUR members; Dr. Andrew S. Harvey was guest editor.

- Kalfs, Nelly and Andrew S. Harvey (eds), Fifteenth Reunion of the International Association for Time Use Research, Amsterdam, 1994

- TG01 Newsletter: It's About Time. Editor: Andrew S. Harvey, TG01 Secretary. Latest issue: February 1995.

Membership

Dues: \$40 for a 4-year period. Contact International Sociological Association for payments.

Thematic Group on Sociocybernetics & Social System Theory (TG02)

Established in 1992

Objectives

No Statutes available

Board 1995-1998

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Forthcoming activities

- August 26-29, 1996, Bucharest, Romania: TG02 interim congress in conjunction with the 10th International Congress of Systems and Cybernetics, organized by the World Organization of Systems and Cybernetics.

CALL FOR PAPERS (prepared by Felix Geyer, TG02 Secretary):

Unfortunately, by the time this reaches you, our February 1, 1996, deadline for submission of 250-word abstracts and 1000-word abridged papers will have passed. However, late proposals can in principle still be accommodated, provided you send at least the abstract as soon as possible, and the abridged paper soon thereafter. To decide first whether this congress is your cup of tea, however, you should react immediately by asking for an electronic copy of our Newsletter, which provides general congress information, as well as Calls for Papers for 14 different sessions. You can then see whether your idea for a paper would fit in one of these sessions. Those intending to deliver a paper will receive a TG02 membership form and questionnaire to be filled out and returned to geyer@siswo.uva.nl. Membership in TG02 is free of charge for ISA members.

We are looking for preferably empirical, but certainly also theoretical papers which apply the principles of general systems theory, first-order

cybernetics and especially second-order cybernetics not just to sociology, but to the social sciences in a broad sense. For our definitions of what does, and what does not fall under these headings, we refer the reader to our recent contribution "The Challenge of Sociocybernetics", *Kybernetes*, 24(4):6-32. While we certainly welcome innovative theoretical papers, including "theory transfers" of sociocybernetic theory from other disciplines to the field of the social sciences, there has been a relative scarcity of empirical studies in the past - hence our preference for theory-driven empirical studies. Obviously, no matter how fertile and stimulating for the social sciences the sociocybernetic paradigm intuitively "feels", sociocybernetics will only be fully accepted by the social science community, and rightly so, when it proves to be truly applicable in empirical research. Such an application is already not easy for first-order cybernetics, but becomes really difficult for second-order cybernetics.

Deadlines for submitting papers:

- *June 1, 1996:* Your full paper should be received here, both in printed form (WordPerfect 5.1 or 6.0) and either on a 3.5 inch diskette or - preferably and faster - by e-mail to geyer@siswo.uva.nl. Definitive acceptance will be given within a week of receipt of your paper. Also, in view of the necessity to finalize the program of the Sociocybernetics Section by this date, I need your definitive assurance that you will indeed come and present your paper, and have acquired the necessary travel funds, visa, etc.

- *November 1, 1996:* After the congress, and provided that a sufficient number of high-quality papers have been presented in the Sociocybernetics Section, an effort will be made to find a reputable publisher who is willing to publish a selection of the papers. By November 1, you will hear from us whether your paper will in principle be included in this selection. If you would like to be included, please do not commit your paper for publication elsewhere until this date.

GENERAL CONGRESS INFORMATION

Place: The congress will be held at the Ecological University, 4-6 Dem. I. Dobrescu Street, 70119 Bucharest 1, Rumania
General information: Prof. Dolphi Drimer, rector. Phone: 401 613 7468, 401 613 0991; fax: 401 615 0326.

Registration fees: authors and WOSC-members: \$ 250; others: \$ 300; young researchers up till 30 years: \$ 150.

Payment: To account 402 4165630 in the name of "Societate Ateneu Roman", at the Commercial Bank Ion Tiriac in Bucharest.

Hotels: A list of seven hotels, offering special congress reductions, is available on demand; prices for singles are from \$30 per night upward. Please contact Felix Geyer geyer@siswo.uva.nl before making your hotel reservation.

Parallel sessions: Apart from plenary opening

and closing sessions, and a buffet-cocktail on Thursday night, there will be a large number of parallel sessions, totalling 22,5 hours, in principle all available to our Sociocybernetics Section:

- o Monday, August 26: 16.00-19.00;
- o Tuesday, August 27: 09.00-11.00, 11.30-14.00, 16.00-19.00;
- o Wednesday, August 28: 09.00-11.00, 11.30-14.00, 16.00-19.00;
- o Thursday, August 29: 09.00-11.00, 11.30-14.00.

Visa, flights, and travel grants: You should obviously take care of your own visa requirements, as well as your travel arrangements. Tarom, the Rumanian airline, is offering special reductions for roundtrips to Bucharest; in case of interest, please contact Felix Geyer geyer@siswo.uva.nl. Letters of support for travel grant applications will be provided on request.

Newsletter

Editor: Tom Burns, Inst Sociology, Univ Uppsala, Box 513, 75120 Uppsala, Sweden, e-mail: tom.burns@soc.uu.se. Latest issue: Vol.1, issue 1, January 1996.

Membership

Contact TG02 Secretary.

Thematic Group on National Movements & Imperialism (TG04)

Established in 1966

Objectives

To carry on an international discussion of national movements, imperialism and related concepts. Member input is requested.

Board 1994-1998

President/Secretary: Peter GRAN, Dept History, Temple Univ, Philadelphia, PA 19122, USA, tel: 1-215-2047461, fax: 1-215-2045891, Email: v5538e@vm.temple.edu.

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Forthcoming activities

Main ongoing and forthcoming activity is work on a book of youth opinion about the nature of a progressive future.

Newsletter

Appearing irregularly at this point.

Membership

Contact TG04 Secretary.

Thematic Group on Famine and Society (TG05)

Established in 1988

Objectives

No Statutes available

Board 1994-1998

President: Sidney WALDRON, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, SUNY, Cortland, NY

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Members: Amrita RANGASAMI, India, Anna Low DEHAVENON, USA, Jean FLOUD, UK, Janardhan B. RAO, India.

Forthcoming activities

-The next Inter-Congress meeting is likely to be held in collaboration with Maxmueller Bhavan, New Delhi in Spring 1996. The theme is tentatively titled "Starvation and Society".

- A workshop on "Food Shortage in Russia" has been proposed and will probably be held in November 1994 in New Delhi.

Publications

- The proceedings of the first international conference on Afro-Asian studies on Social Systems and Food Crisis edited by Jean Floud and Amrita Rangasami have already been published by the Indian Law Institute. The proceedings of the second conference is likely to be published soon.

- A monography titled *Differential Female Mortality and Health Care in South Asia* by Barbara Harriss, a member of Famine and Society has also been published.

- Newsletter: not available

Membership

Contact TG05 President.

Call for Participation and Papers

Sustainability as a Concept of Social Sciences Research Project on Behalf of UNESCO

(Most Programme: Management of Social Transformations)

At present, faced with new global development tendencies and transformation processes, the social sciences also find themselves in a phase of theoretical and conceptual upheaval.

In this situation, and following the UN conference on "Environment and Development" in 1992, sustainable development has become an internationally accepted *Leitbild* for environmental and development policy. What is meant here is a new idea of social development concerned with preserving society's natural pre-conditions and arising from a sense of responsibility towards future generations.

The aim of the project within the MOST programme of UNESCO is to initiate a process of discussion and reflection amongst social science disciplines on whether sustainable development can be formulated as a feasible concept for the

social sciences and how this could be done. There are four key aspects to be considered:

- o perspectives of an environmentally compatible, socially just and democratic development model, limited neither to economic rationalisation nor to technological modernisation;
- o elaboration of new indicator systems for operationalisation, evaluation and testing of development processes and policies;
- o determination of theoretical and methodological consequences for the social science disciplines;
- o improvement of inter-disciplinary co-operation, both within the social sciences and with the natural sciences.

In order to lend a more concrete form to these issues, 15 selected social scientist from a variety of disciplines and from different countries are to compile expert's assessments on the status and perspectives of the debate in their respective disciplines and work spheres. Finally, they will come together at the end of 1996 to participate in a workshop where they will approach the questions under review in greater detail, based on the reports submitted by this stage. Another important objective here is the formulation of

demand for further research and the outlining of future international research programmes.

Interested scholars please contact: Thomas Jaeger, Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Hamburger Allee 45, 60485 Frankfurt am Main, Germany, Tel.: 49-69-700012, Fax: 49-69-777341.

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OBJECTIVES

The aim of the journal is to provide a forum for comparative interdisciplinary studies of southern Europe, along with innovative country and subnational studies, and to encourage work on the region and its social, economic, cultural and political dimensions. In particular we wish to encourage quantitative work and more extensive

study of policy-making. To these ends, the journal will publish regular assessments of the 'state of the art' in major research areas.

COUNTRIES/DISCIPLINES

The principal countries of study will be Portugal, Spain, Italy and Greece. We will consider contributions of high quality on southern France, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey - particularly where there is a strong comparative component. The disciplines can any of the established social sciences - sociology, social policy, social anthropology, political science, political economy. Emphasis will be placed on interdisciplinarity and, where appropriate, empirical and quantitative methodology.

ISSUE AREAS

These cannot be exhaustively defined, but examples include governance, policy-making and political legitimacy; issues of economic development, including distributional and spatial issues; social phenomena and social policy; social anthropological issue including culture and national identity; social, political and economic change in southern Europe; and issues related to European integration.

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Calendar of Future Events

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June 3-4, 1996

RC28 Follow-up Congress in Turku

Place: Turku, Finland

Theme: Economic Well-being:

Distribution, Mobility, and Life-Style

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June 11-14, 1996

RC10 Conference on Theoretical Approaches Toward Democracy in Organizations

Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Organizers: Ann Westenholtz and

Marianne Risberg, Institute of

Organization and Industrial Sociology,

Copenhagen Business School,

Blaagaardsgade 23 B, DK-2200

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June 15-17, 1996

RC17 International Symposium on Work Quo Vadis?

Place: University of Karlstad, Sweden

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Working Life Science, University of

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June 20-22, 1996

RC04 Midterm Conference on Urban Education: Challenges for the Sociology of Education

Place: University of California, Los Angeles, USA

Information: Urban Education

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Bunche Hall, University of California,

405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA

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June 26-30, 1996

RC06 33rd Seminar

Place: Itala Game Reserve, South Africa

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June 30 - July 3, 1996

RC18 paper panel at the Annual Scientific meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology

Place: Vancouver, Canada

Organizer: Richard G. Braungart, Dept

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Maxwell Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244-

1090, USA, tel: 1-315-4432346, fax:

1-315-4434597

July 1-5, 1996,

RC33 Fourth International Conference of Social Science Methodology

Place: University of Essex,

Colchester, UK

Organizer: David Rose, British

Household Panel Study, Univ Essex,

Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4

3SQ, UK, tel: 44-1206-872655, fax:

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July 1 - August 9, 1996

10th Annual Summer Program on Contemporary Mexico

Place: El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City

Information: Gustavo Vega Cánovas,

Centro de Estudios Internacionales, El

Colegio de Mexico, Camino al Ajusco

20, México 10740, DF, tel: 52-5-

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July 2-5, 1996

RC21 and RC43 joint conference

Place: University of Queensland, Australia

Theme: New Urban Forms, New

Housing Forms. Diverse Paths of

Change in the Asia Pacific Region

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Sociology, The University of

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July 4-7, 1996

RC50 Interim Conference on Paradigms in Tourism Research

Place: Jyvaskyla, Finland

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July 5-7, 1996

RC36 Seminar

Place: Joensuu, Finland

Theme: Cultural meanings and

alienation: micro and macro

frameworks

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July 7-11, 1996

RC18 paper panel at the Congress of the South African Sociological Association

Place: Durban, South Africa

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July 7-11, 1996

Joint sessions of the RC44 and the South African Sociological Association Industrial Sociology working group

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July 8-12, 1996

16th General Conference of the International Peace Research Association

Place: University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

Theme: Creating Nonviolent Futures

Program Information: John Synott,

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July 9-12, 1996

**RC10 Subcomité Iberoamericano
seminario sobre Participación y
Desarrollo de las Organizaciones
Públicas y Privadas**

Place: Santiago de Chile, Chile
Información: Prof. Aldo Meneses,
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July 10-13, 1996

**RC12 and RC29 Joint International
Conference with the American Law
and Society Association**

Place: Glasgow, UK
Theme: Globalization and the Quest
for Justice
Information: Peter Robson, The Law
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July 10-14, 1996

**RC27 sessions at the International
Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress on
"Physical Activity, Sport, and
Health**

Place: Dallas, TX, USA
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July 15-19, 1996

**RC13 In-Between Conference to be
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Congress on Free Time and Quality
of Life for the 21st Century**

Place: Cardiff, Wales, UK
Registration: WLRA Congress, ILAM,
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44-1491-874059.

August 13-14, 1996

RC28 seminar

Place: Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
Theme: Intersecting Domains of
Stratification: Individuals, Families,
and Institutions (in honor of Otis
Dudley Duncan)
Information: Yu Xie, Population
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August 14-15, 1996

**RC45 Joint Conference with the
Rational Choice Section of the ASA**

Place: New York; USA
Theme: New developments in
Rational Choice Theory
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August 15-18, 1996

**59th Annual Meeting of the Rural
Sociological Society**

Place: Des Moines, Iowa, USA
Theme: Harvest of Rural Society:
Healthy Families and Communities.
Program Information: Tricia Dyk, Dept
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August 19-21, 1996

**RC11 Inter-congress on Role of the
Family in the Care of the Elderly:
Existing Patterns and Emerging
Trends in Developed and
Developing Countries**

Place: Trivandrum, India
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August 22-25, 1996

**WG06 & International Society for
Quality of Life Studies**

Place: University of Northern British
Columbia, Canada
Theme: World Conference on Quality
of Life
Organizer: Alex C. Michalos, Fac
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August 23-24, 1996

**RC37 midterm conference held
jointly with the AISLF**

Place: Brussels, Belgium
Theme: The aesthetic posture
Information: Antoine Hennion, CSI, 62
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August 25-31, 1996

**3rd International Summer School
on Religion in Europe**

Place: Firenze, Italy
Theme: Religions and Social Crisis:
East and West Europe in comparison
Information: The Summer School
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August 26-29, 1996

**TG02 interim congress in
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International Congress of Systems
and Cybernetics, organized by the
World Organization of Systems and
Cybernetics**

Place: Bucharest, Romania
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September 4-7, 1996

**Interdisciplinary Symposium:
Responsible Environmental
Behavior**

Place: Berne, Switzerland
Topics: determinants of responsible
environmental behavior of individuals *
environmental management in business
and public administration *
environmental education in school and
universities * cultural contexts and
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Information: Symposium Responsible
Environmental Behavior, IKA0,
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September 5-8, 1996

7th International AWID Forum

Place: Washington DC, USA
Theme: Beyond Beijing: from words to
action
Main topics: * women and human
rights * globalization of the economy *
powersharing and political
participation * health and reproductive
rights
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**September 11-13, 1996,
WG02 Interim conference on
Occupations and Professions**

Place: Nottingham, UK
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**Septiembre 25-27, 1996
Coloquio Internacional**

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**September 25-27, 1996
RC23 International Conference on
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Policies: National and
International Experiences**

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**September 26-29, 1996
The second workshop of the RC10
Subcommittee on Privatization of
Social Services and Its Alternatives**

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Third International Conference of
Health Behavioral Sciences**

Place: Tokyo, Japan
Theme: Mental and Physical Health in
Changing Societies
Information: Prof. T. Munakata,
Institute of Health and Sports
Sciences, University of Tsukuba,
1-1-1 Tennoudai, Tsukuba 305,
Japan, fax: 81-298-536507 or
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**October 2-5, 1996
RC48 Second European
Conference on Social Movements**

Place: Vitoria, Spain
Information: Benjamin Tejerina, Dept
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**October 10-13, 1996
RC21 sessions during the annual
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RC02 International Conference on
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**December 1-5, 1996
RC30 contributions to the II
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Space and Time
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RC07 International Seminar**

Place: Kyoto, Japan
Theme: Trends of Life in the 21st
Century
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