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The Social World in the Twenty First Century: Ambivalent Legacies and Rising Challenges

by Piotr Sztompka, ISA Vice-President for Programme

The Program Committee of ISA was constituted immediately after the World Congress at Montreal in 1998. A half of the members represent the Executive Committee of ISA, and a half is made of invited eminent scholars from the wider membership of the Association. The Program Committee is chaired by Piotr Sztompka, ISA Vice-President for Program. For the first time, the Vice-President for Research was invited to be a member of the Program Committee in order to represent the interests and concerns of the Research Committees and present a link with other important body: the Research Council. ISA President, Alberto Martinelli is also a member.

The full composition of the Program Committee of ISA is:

Chair: Piotr Sztompka, Poland,

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The Program Committee made its priority to speed up the preparations for the next World Congress at Brisbane to be held in July 2002, so that the frame program would be ready two years ahead of the Congress, allowing the Members ample time to contact the conveners and prepare their contributions.

The program has been subjected to intense and thorough debates at two meetings of ISA Program Committee, at Krakow (Poland) in 1999 and Courmayeur (Italy) in 2000, as well as two meetings of ISA Executive Committee, at Capetown (South Africa) in 1999 and Courmayeur (Italy) in 2000. It was also discussed and evaluated at the meeting of the Research Council at Montreal in 2000. Thus all governing bodies of the Association have given the program

their stamp of approval, and it is now binding and final.

Before presenting it in detail, it is necessary to specify the general assumptions and priorities, which have emerged as the consensus of the Program Committee.

(1) ISA is a scholarly association, and therefore its Congresses have to be truly academic events. This requires consistent emphasis on and enforcement of highest academic standards. The papers presented at the Congress should be carefully and rigorously selected and represent the exemplars of creative and innovative sociological work.

(2) As the world event, the Congress must represent in a balanced manner all aspects of diversity existing in international sociological community, including variety of gender, languages, continental, regional and national traditions. The conveners of the sessions at all levels must keep these considerations in mind.

(3) The Congress participants must be given very rich variety of options, to meet their particular interests, orientations, disciplinary specialization, sociological tastes. This refers also to the sessions of a plenary rank, which should offer a wide possibility of choice.

(4) The participants must be given ample opportunities to present the result of their research in various forms, not only as oral presentations, but also as formally distributed written papers, posters, slide and film shows etc. The sessions must represent wide diversity not only of contents but also of formats.

(5) All sessions should allow for considerable participation of the audience and true academic debate. Therefore the number of orally presented papers must be limited and the time limits enforced. The chairs must pay attention to mobilizing the debate from the audience.

(6) The Research Committees must play fundamental role at the Congress, as the bodies central to academic activities of the Association between the Congresses, which provide for the continuous realization of its scholarly mandate. To defend against

overgrowth of specialization, and mutual isolation, the RC's are encouraged to organize integrative sessions, focussed around central themes of the Congress. Such sessions will be upgraded to the status equivalent with plenary sessions.

(7) In order to safeguard coordination, accountability and clear lines of responsibility for the preparation of the program, the conveners of plenary sessions will be selected from among the members of the Program Committee, with possible co-optation of the members of the Executive Committee. The conveners of the RC sessions will be determined by the Boards of the RC's.

(8) The Congress lasting a full week has specific dynamics and rhythm which must be reflected in the arrangement of the sessions. The core academic work reflecting on the theme of the congress should be concentrated in four central days of the week, with the first and the last day devoted to more solemn public occasions of truly plenary character.

Based on these assumptions and priorities, the Program Committee has worked out the framework program, presented below.

Each day of the Congress has similar time schedule. The plenary and semi-plenary sessions occupy the time slot between 9 a.m until 12. a.m on each day of the Congress. The afternoons and evenings from 13.30 until 22.00 p.m. are taken by the sessions of Research Committees, Thematic Groups, Working Groups, Presentation Sessions of National and Regional Associations, Ad Hoc Sessions, and Meeting the Author symposia.

The week of the Congress, from July 8 to July 13 is divided in the following manner:

On Monday, there is a **Presidential Session I "Global Society or Fragmented World: Trends in Economy, Culture and Politics"**, convened and chaired by Alberto Martinelli, with the cooperation of Margaret Archer.

Next three days focus on the general theme of the Congress: *The Social World in the Twenty First Century: Ambivalent Legacies and Rising Challenges*. Five more specific themes have been selected, and each will be discussed during three days in three

consecutive "thematic sessions". The themes are as follows:

Theme I: Inequity and Exclusion

Convened by Sujata Patel, Elisa Reis and Goran Therborn

Session 1 (on Tuesday) "Markets and inequality"

Session 2 (on Wednesday) "Knowledge and inequality"

Session 3 (on Thursday) "Cultures of exclusion"

Theme II: Knowledge, Creativity and Communication

Convened by Marcel Fournier and Arnaud Sales

Session 1 (on Tuesday) "Knowledge and social change in contemporary societies"

Session 2 (on Wednesday) "The social processes of creativity"

Session 3 (on Thursday) "New information technologies, communication and networks: towards new forms of community?"

Theme III: Sexuality, Families and Forms of Intimacy

Convened by Stella Quah, Bernadette Bawin-Legros and Jake Najman

Session 1 (on Tuesday) "Conceptual and socio-cultural dimensions"

Session 2 (on Wednesday) "Conflict and conflict resolution"

Session 3 (on Thursday) "Cross-cultural meanings in the context of HIV/AIDS"

Theme IV: The Ambivalence of Social Change

Convened by Raquel Sosa Elizaga, Nikita Pokrovsky and Piotr Sztompka

Session 1 (on Tuesday) "The evolving theory of social and cultural trauma"

Session 2 (on Wednesday) "Perceiving and experiencing ambivalent outcomes of change in various countries"

Session 3 (on Thursday) "Coping with and overcoming ambivalence"

Theme V: Difference and Politics

Convened by Nilufer Gole, Jeffrey Alexander and Michel Wieviorka

Session 1 (on Tuesday) "Towards a sociology of difference"

Session 2 (on Wednesday) "Identity and difference"

Session 3 (on Thursday) "Pluralism and difference"

Thus on each of these three days, five thematic sessions at the plenary level will run parallel between 9 and 12 a.m.

On Friday, there will be a set of "Special Sessions" at the plenary level, from 9-12 a.m. devoted to topics which are not immediately and directly related to the general theme of the Congress, but are sufficiently important and relevant to be given high exposure and visibility in the program. Six were selected and will run parallel on Friday:

Special session 1: Focusing on Asia-Pacific

Convened by Christine Inglis and Sujiro Yazawa

Special session 2: National and regional sociologies in the era of globalization.

Convened by Sujata Patel and Göran Therborn

Special session 3: Women's movement at the verge of the XXI century: achievements and new challenges

Convened by Jan-Marie Fritz and Linda Christiansen-Ruffman

Special session 4: New wave of radical mobilization

Convened by Claus Offe and Bert Kländermans (with cooperation by Raquel Sosa Elizaga)

Special session 5: Linking teaching and research: innovative experiences

Convened by Jennifer Platt and Ari Sitas (with cooperation by Roberto Briceno-Leon)

Special session 6: Legal institutions in crisis

Convened by Vincenzo Ferrari (with a co-convenor to be announced later).

On Saturday there will be the

Presidential Session II: "The uses of sociology", convened by Alberto Martinelli and linked with the closing ceremony and installation of the new President.

In order to allow for true debates the conveners will limit the number of papers at each plenary session to 3 (exceptionally 4). In principle, the appearance at plenaries will be by the orally presented contribution will be by the invitation from the conveners only. But everybody who feels to have an important potential contribution to the topic of any session is strongly encouraged to contact the relevant conveners with the concrete proposal of a paper (a title and an abstract of one page). Were it not possible to include it for oral presentation, there is always a possibility of accepting it for distribution at the session, as a text or a poster. The decision of the conveners will be binding and final. The e-mail addresses of all conveners are given below, to help you approach the right persons.

The integrative, focussed sessions of the Research Committees are intended to join forces and combine perspectives of several RC's (minimum three) in reflecting on topics related to the general theme of the Congress, or each of the five more specific congress themes. They will acquire plenary status and run parallel to and in direct competition with the "thematic sessions" and "special sessions" on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 - 12 a.m. Thus there will be four such sessions, the topics of which will not be imposed, but are to be

determined from below, as the fully autonomous initiative and responsibility of the Research Committees. The coordinator of this project is Linda Christiansen-Ruffman in consultation with Arnaud Sales, to whom the projects of such sessions should be directed on the competitive principle. A small committee will be formed out of the members of the Research Coordinating Committee, and this body will make the selection of the "focussed sessions" to be included in the final program.

The regular sessions of the Research Committees in the number related to their current size, will be held in the afternoons and evenings of each congress day. All questions and proposals concerning these should be directed to the Vice-President for Research Arnaud Sales. Each Research Committee will develop its own program and direct calls for papers to its members.

The presentation sessions of national or regional sociological associations will be coordinated by Göran Therborn and Piotr Sztompka. The proposals should be directed to them.

The **Ad Hoc Sessions** need a stamp of acceptance of the Program Committee and the Executive Committee and therefore the proposals should be sent directly before March 1, 2001 to the ISA Secretariat at Madrid. Application for Ad Hoc Sessions should include: Title of Ad Hoc Session(s); Name(s) and full mailing address, fax, phone, e-mail, of the Organizer(s); Short description of the session contents; List of potential contributors.

Please note, that in order to qualify for a place in the Congress program, the potential sessions must involve (a) a substantial number of sociologists, (b) from several countries, (c) who have already engaged ... some collaboration, and (d) whose special interest does not properly fit within the field of an established ISA Research Committee, Working Group or Thematic Group. Maximum of 2 sessions (1:45 minutes each) may be requested to be held at 20:00-21:45. There is a limited number of slots for Ad Hoc Sessions in the congress program, and therefore applications will be evaluated by the ISA Program Committee on their strength on the competitive basis.

The **Meet the Author** Sessions are by invitation from the Vice-President for Program, Piotr Sztompka. They are intended to present to the congress audience some most eminent members of our profession.

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All that remains is to wish you creative inspiration and perseverance in producing the most important contributions to the World Congress at Brisbane, 2002. Let us make it the best Congress of the XXI century!

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Timetable of Academic Sessions

2002	9:00-12:00	13:30-15:15	15:30-17:15	17:30-19:00	20:00-21:45
Sunday 7 July				Opening Ceremony Reception	
Monday 8 July	Presidential Session I	RC, WG, TG Sessions of National Associations	RC, WG, TG Sessions of Language Communities		RC, WG, TG Ad Hoc Authors Meet the Readers
Tuesday 9 July	5 Parallel Symposia Sessions on the Congress Theme Focused Sessions of RC	RC, WG, TG Sessions of National Associations	RC, WG, TG Sessions of Language Communities		RC, WG, TG Ad Hoc Authors Meet the Readers
Wednesday 10 July	5 Parallel Symposia Sessions on the Congress Theme Focused Sessions of RC	RC, WG, TG Sessions of National Associations	RC, WG, TG Sessions of Language Communities		RC, WG, TG Ad Hoc Authors Meet the Readers
Thursday 11 July	5 Parallel Symposia Sessions on the Congress Theme Focused Sessions of RC	RC, WG, TG Sessions of National Associations	RC, WG, TG Sessions of Language Communities		RC, WG, TG Ad Hoc Authors Meet the Readers
Friday 12 July	7 Parallel Special Sessions Focused Sessions of RC	RC, WG, TG Sessions of National Associations	RC, WG, TG Sessions of Language Communities		RC, WG, TG Ad Hoc Authors Meet the Readers
Saturday 13 July	Presidential Session II and Installation of New President. Prize for distinguish career in sociology	RC, WG, TG	RC, WG, TG		RC, WG, TG Ad Hoc

RC: Research Committee; WG: Working Group; TG: Thematic Group

Research Committees programmes: general guidelines and format

prepared by Arnaud Sales, ISA Vice-President for Research, and approved at the Research Council meeting in Montreal, July 2000.

1. Schedule of the sessions

Afternoons and evenings will be reserved for the activities of the Research Committees (RCs), Working Groups (WGs) and Thematic Groups (TGs). However, the sessions of some national sociological associations and Ad Hoc sessions will have to be held during the same periods. The RCs, WGs, and TGs sessions will last 1 hour 45 minutes and will be held at the following times from July 8 to July 13, 2002:

1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
8:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

2. Sessions allocation

The number of sessions will be allocated based on the number of the ISA members in good standing, according to the below scheme:

ISA membership	Number of regular sessions	Additional special sessions	Total number of sessions
Over 100 members	16	2	18
85-100	14	2	16
70-84	12	2	14
55-69	10	2	12
40-54	8	2	10
25-39	6	2	8

The maximum number of sessions allocated to RCs, WGs, and TGs will be 16 sessions and 2 special sessions. This includes time for a Business Meeting and for a Dinner.

Sessions will be allocated on April 16, 2001 on the basis of a number of ISA members in good standing each RC, WG, TG has at that date. If, however, at a pre-registration deadline in January 2002, a RC, WG, TG proves to have a higher number of paper givers already registered to the Congress, it will be granted additional regular session(s).

Members in good standing are individual members who have paid both ISA and RC and/or WG, TG membership dues for the current year.

3. Diversification of the form of sessions

RCs, WGs, and TGs are encouraged to diversify the form of their sessions to enhance the often monotonous format of their sessions. It is proposed to organize the following types of sessions during the Congress:

Regular Sessions

It is recommended that each RC, WG, TG regular session uses its 1 hour 45 minutes in order to accommodate four 20-minute presentations and 20 to 25 minutes of collective discussion. All other papers should be listed as distributed papers in their relevant sessions or included in the Poster Sessions.

Special Integrative Sessions

Special Integrative Sessions connecting three to five RCs,

around a debate on a common theme, opening an intellectual exchange among committees working in closely related fields. RCs organizing a session of this kind will be allocated one additional special session.

Special Session on the Specific Themes of the Congress

RCs organizing a special session focussing on one of the specific themes of the Congress symposia will be allocated one additional special session.

Featured or Keynote Speaker

A session featuring a leading researcher in one of the RCs' fields (between 35 and 60 minutes duration);

Round Tables and Author Meets their Critics sessions

A debate around a current issue of particular importance to the area of research, or around an important recent publication that could be presented by the author(s), with commentators and opening the floor to the audience

Panel Sessions

Some RCs are used to organize panel sessions, which can accommodate a large number of papers around a special theme.

Poster Sessions

Poster sessions allow many participants to present their poster to a small group of persons interested in the subject.

How to present a paper

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should contact as soon as possible Programme Coordinator of her/his choice. All names and addresses are listed below.

Deadlines

May 31, 2001

Session topics and names of session organizers should be received at the ISA Secretariat in Madrid for publication in the ISA Bulletin and on ISA web site, <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa>

January 1, 2002

Deadline for submitting abstracts of accepted papers.

January 1, 2002 Pre-registration deadline

All programme participants (paper givers, session organizers, chairs, discussants, etc.) must register before January 1, 2002. Otherwise their names will not appear in the Programme Book and abstracts of their papers will not be published on Internet.

May 1, 2002

Deadline for submitting last minute changes of sessions programmes to the Congress Secretariat:

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Report on the ISA Research Council Conference 2000 and Business Meeting

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It is under the theme *Social Transformations at the Turn of the Millennium: Sociological Theory and Empirical Research*, that the Research Council of the International Sociology Association, held its 2000 Conference followed by its Business Meeting in Montreal (Canada) on July 28-30, 2000.

The event was organized by a team led by Arnaud Sales, under the auspices of the Department of Sociology at the University of Montreal and the Centre de Recherche Interuniversitaire sur les Transformations et les Régulations Économiques et Sociales. The meeting was held in the ultramodern functional facilities at the École des Hautes Études Commerciales, thanks to the President of Research Committee on the Sociology of Organizations, Jean François Chanlat. Sponsors other than the ISA included l'Association Canadienne des Sociologues de Langue Française and the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. The members of the programme committee were Gérard Boismenu, Vanaja Dhruvarajan, Jules Duchastel, Marcel Fournier, Arnaud Sales, Alberto Martinelli and Piotr Sztompka. Doctoral student Roxanne Bernier coordinated preparations for the conference.

With this conference, the Research Council is pursuing a collaborative research effort on the contribution of specialized branches of sociology to the description, interpretation and explanation of contemporary social transformations, one of the founding theme of sociology as a distinct discipline. Among the social sciences, sociology occupies a privileged position in the study of social change not only because of its traditions, but also because of the range of its branches of specialization. From this point of view, Research Committees are privileged observatories of changes occurring into well-delimited fields.

With more than 50 papers presented at sixteen sessions, the conference represented a good occasion not only for documenting, in a substantive, systematic and profound way, analyses and understandings of contemporary social transformations, but also establishing links between the different areas of research.

Presentations focussed on either the substance or the theoretical conceptualization of these changes. Two plenary sessions punctuated the conference. The opening presentation was by Piotr Sztompka, who spoke on "Social and Cultural Trauma: The Other Side of Social Change", while a roundtable on "The Dynamics of Globalization" saw presentations by Alberto Martinelli, Michael Smith and Arnaud Sales. Possibilities of publishing a selection of the works presented at the Research Council Conference are being explored.

Even though the Conference was held in the height of Summer, participation from Research Committees was high, and it attracted a dynamic audience of colleagues and students. Participants from some 20 countries represented more than 40 Committees and several Working Groups. The meeting has enabled numerous exchanges among participants who, in some cases, sought to pursue inter-committee collaborations. It is also worth mentioning the presence of several members of the Executive Committee of the ISA, of Stephen Crook, representing the Local Organizing Committee of the World Congress of Brisbane, as well as the publishers of journals and other publications associated with the ISA.

Funding for the Conference was secured by the ISA, the Social Sciences Research Council of Canada, Fonds FCAR of Quebec, and the University of Montreal.

Business Meeting

The Research Council Business Meeting, chaired by Arnaud Sales, included much information and discussion. One highlight was the creation of the *Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize for Comparative and Interdisciplinary Research in Social Sciences* to be awarded every 4 years to a sociologist at the World Congress of Sociology in recognition for his/her lifetime accomplishments and achievements in comparative or interdisciplinary research in Social Sciences. The sum to be awarded will most probably be \$US 4,000.

ISA Executive Committee and the Research Council wish to show their gratitude to Mattei Dogan for his personal generosity and that of his Foundation for making this first ISA award possible. The Research Council unanimously elected Alicia Abreu (RC 30), Ann Denis (RC 32), Henri Teune (RC 35) and Arnaud Sales (President of the Research Council) to the prize selection committee.

Alberto Martinelli, President of the ISA, presented the projects and accomplishments of the ISA over his midterm of office: Summer School for young sociologists, cooperation with national and regional associations, a series of manuals on internationalizing the training of sociologists and on line services via the ISA web site.

Arnaud Sales presented a review of recent developments related to the activities of the Research Council:

- Numerous international conferences organized by the Research committees.
- Publication in September 2000 by Sage Publications, London, of the *International Handbook of Sociology*, edited by Stella Quah and Arnaud Sales. This book is the result of the collaborative work of the Research Committees originally presented at the 1997 conference of the Research Council held in Montreal. It covers both contemporary theoretical perspectives as well as the recent developments in specialized areas of Sociology. Royalties will go to the ISA.
- Finally, the ISARC 2000 Conference presented above.

One of the important points on the agenda was preparations for the World Congress in Brisbane 2002. Piotr Sztompka, Vice-President Program, was invited to present the main orientations of the Brisbane program, particularly the plenary sessions and the large thematic symposia to take place in the mornings. Following the discussion it was decided to add 4 integrative sessions to be organized by the Research Committees. This project is coordinated by Linda Christiansen-Ruffman.

Albert Martinelli presented the projects of presidential sessions while Arnaud Sales presented the guidelines and the timetable of the Research Committees sessions which will be held in the afternoons and evenings. The Research Council accepted the proposals.

A matter of importance was the number of sessions allotted to each research Council. The ISA Executive Committee adopted new rules regarding the allocation of the RC sessions. The number of sessions allotted in the Congress will be linked to the number of

members in good standing with ISA within each Research Committee. The Research Council, by a large majority, voted in favour of the new rules.

Members of the Research Council heard a presentation by Stephen Crook, President of the Australian Sociological Association and member of the Brisbane Local Organizing Committee on preparations and facilities for the upcoming World Congress. Research Committees have been asked to indicate as soon as possible the amount of space they need for their activities.

Considering the importance that the ISA has always accorded to linguistic diversity in its activities, as witnessed by the Touraine Report¹, Jurgen Hartmann presented by way of example, the language policy of Research Committee on Sociology of Youth. This policy was presented in a previous ISA Bulletin.

In accordance with regulations, the Research Council elected its Nominating Committee for 2002 Elections. It consists of the following 5 members: Soledad Garcia (RC 21) Chair; Han Entzinger (RC31); Devorah Kalekin-Fishman (RC36); Tsunetsugu Munakata (RC49); Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (EC). Reserve members are Gaetan Tremblay (RC14), Wolfgang Glatzer (WG06) and David Segal (RC01).

A part of the Research Council meeting was devoted to the presentation of the publication activities of the ISA by Christine Inglis, Vice-President Publications; to the new format of the *SAGE Series in International Sociology* by Julia Evetts, Editor; to *International Sociology* with Said Arjomand, Editor, and Jennifer Platt who is in charge of the *Book Review Section of International Sociology*.

On the request of Kay Lawson, Research Committee on Political Sociology, participants signed a letter of protest against the imprisonment of Dr Saad Edding Ibrahim by the Egyptian authorities. Dr Ibrahim is editor of the work *Civil Society and Party Politics in the Arab World: Reluctant Democratization* which will be published by Praeger.

As seen, the Research Council agenda was quite packed, but went ahead in a pleasant and productive atmosphere, thanks to the contribution of all its members.

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Rapport sur la Conférence 2000 du Conseil de Recherche et sa réunion administrative

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C'est à Montréal, du 28 au 30 juillet 2000, que s'est tenue la conférence 2000 du Conseil de recherche sur *Les transformations sociales au tournant du millénaire: théorie sociologique et recherche empirique* ainsi que la réunion administrative de ce Conseil constitué des représentants des 53 Comités de Recherche de l'Association. Organisé par une équipe sous la direction d'Arnaud Sales, et placé sous les auspices du Département de sociologie de l'Université de Montréal et du Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur les transformations et les régulations économiques et sociales, ce meeting s'est déroulé dans le décor ultramoderne et remarquablement fonctionnel de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales, grâce à Jean-François Chanlat, Président du Comité de recherche 17, sur la Sociologie des Organisations. Les organisations de parrainage, outre l'AIS, comprenaient l'Association

Canadienne des Sociologues de Langue Française et la Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. Le comité du programme était composé de Gérard Boismenu, Vanaja Dhruvarajan, Jules Duchastel, Marcel Fournier, Arnaud Sales, Alberto Martinelli et Piotr Sztompka. Roxane Bernier, étudiante au doctorat assurait la coordination de la préparation de cette conférence.

Cette conférence internationale proposait au Conseil de Recherche un effort de recherche collectif autour de la contribution des branches spécialisées de la sociologie à la description, l'interprétation et l'explication des transformations sociales contemporaines, l'un des thèmes fondateurs à l'origine de la constitution de la sociologie comme discipline distincte. La sociologie occupe une place privilégiée parmi les sciences sociales

pour l'étude du changement social, non seulement à cause de ses traditions, mais aussi à cause de l'étendue de ses spécialisations. Bien que, parfois, les frontières soient floues entre les champs de recherche, et que la tendance à la spécialisation fragmente la discipline, il faut reconnaître que la recherche empirique et les échanges scientifiques, se déroulent autour d'objets de recherche relativement bien délimités : Sociologie de la population, sociologie de la famille, de la culture, de la santé, sociologie urbaine, sociologie des mouvements sociaux, sociologie des groupes professionnels pour ne prendre que quelques exemples. De ce point de vue, les branches spécialisées de la sociologie peuvent être considérées comme des observatoires privilégiés du changement pour chacun des domaines et problèmes sociaux. Il est d'autant plus important aujourd'hui de mettre en commun ces connaissances et d'établir des liens entre les différents domaines de recherche.

Avec plus de 50 communications présentées dans 16 sessions, constituait une occasion remarquable, non seulement pour documenter de façon substantive, systématique et approfondie l'analyse et la connaissance des transformations sociales contemporaines, mais aussi pour intégrer les connaissances spécialisées. Les participants étaient invités, dans une perspective synthétique, à proposer une analyse des transformations sociales observées au cours des deux dernières décennies relativement à l'objet d'étude privilégié de leur champ spécialisé de recherche (entendu au sens large). Les contributions pouvaient porter tant sur la substance que sur la conceptualisation théorique de ces changements. Afin de conférer une certaine unité aux travaux de cette conférence, une thématique avait été proposée dans l'appel de communications. Deux séances plénières ont ponctué cette conférence. La conférence d'ouverture a été prononcée par Piotr Sztompka sur le thème des "Traumatismes sociaux et culturels: l'autre visage du changement social", tandis qu'une table ronde sur "Les dynamiques de la mondialisation" réunissait Alberto Martinelli, Michael Smith et Arnaud Sales. Nous examinons actuellement les possibilités de publication d'une sélection des travaux présentés dans le cadre de cette conférence du Conseil de Recherche.

Marquée par un taux élevé de participation des comités de recherche, cette conférence a attiré un public actif de collègues et d'étudiants, même si elle se déroulait en plein milieu de l'été. Plus de 40 comités, mais aussi plusieurs Groupes de Travail étaient représentés par des participants venant d'une vingtaine de pays. Cette rencontre a permis de nombreux échanges entre les participants qui ont, dans plusieurs cas, décidé de poursuivre des collaborations inter-comités. Mentionnons aussi la présence de nombreux membres du Comité Exécutif de l'AIS, de Stephen Crook représentant du Comité d'Organisation Locale du Congrès mondial de Brisbane ainsi que des éditeurs des collections et revues liées à notre Association.

Le financement de cette conférence a été assuré par l'Association Internationale de Sociologie, le Conseil de Recherche en Sciences Humaines du Canada, le Fonds FCAR du Québec, et diverses instances de l'Université de Montréal.

La réunion administrative

L'ordre du jour de la réunion administrative du Conseil de Recherche tenu sous la présidence d'Arnaud Sales comportait de nombreux points d'information et de discussion. Mentionnons tout d'abord que l'un des temps forts de ce meeting a été la création du *Prix de la Fondation Mattei Dogan pour la recherche comparative et interdisciplinaire dans les sciences sociales* qui sera accordé lors des Congrès mondiaux de Sociologie à un(e) sociologue en reconnaissance des réalisations et des réussites dans le domaine de la recherche comparative ou de la recherche interdisciplinaire dans les sciences sociales. Le montant du prix sera vraisemblablement de 4,000 US\$. Le Comité Exécutif de l'AIS et le Conseil de Recherche tiennent à témoigner toute leur gratitude à Mattei Dogan pour sa générosité et celle de sa fondation qui

permettent ainsi la création du premier prix de l'AIS. Le Conseil de Recherche a élu à l'unanimité Alicia Abreu (CR 30), Ann Denis (CR 32), Henri Teune (CR 35) et Arnaud Sales (Président du Conseil de Recherche) pour constituer le Comité de nomination de ce prix.

Alberto Martinelli, Président de l'AIS présenta les projets et réalisations de L'AIS en cours de mandat: École d'été pour les jeunes sociologues, relations avec les Associations nationales et régionales, série de manuels pour internationaliser la formation des sociologues, services du site Web de l'AIS.

Arnaud Sales présenta ensuite les développements reliés aux activités du Conseil de Recherche:

- Nombreuses conférences internationales organisées par les comités de recherche dont il faut souligner le dynamisme.

- Publication en septembre 2000 chez Sage Publications, Londres de l'ouvrage de 568 pages édité par Stella Quah et Arnaud Sales, *International Handbook of Sociology*, qui résulte du travail des Comités de recherche originellement présentés lors de la Conférence 1997 du Conseil de Recherche à Montréal. Cet ouvrage reflète tant les perspectives théoriques contemporaines que la production récente de la sociologie spécialisée. Les royalties reviendront à l'AIS.

- Finalement, la conférence ISARC 2000 sur les transformations sociales présentée plus haut.

L'un des points importants de l'agenda concernait la préparation du Congrès mondial de Brisbane de 2002.

Piotr Sztompka, Vice-président Programme fut invité à présenter les principales orientations du programme de Brisbane, en particulier les sessions plénières et les grands symposiums thématiques qui se dérouleront le matin. Suite à la discussion, il fut décidé d'introduire 4 sessions d'intégration organisées par les Comités de recherche. Ce projet sera coordonné par Linda Christiansen-Ruffman.

Alberto Martinelli présenta ensuite les projets de sessions pré-séminaires, tandis qu'A. Sales présenta les lignes directrices, le format et l'horaire des sessions des Comités de recherche qui se tiendront au cours de l'après-midi et de la soirée. Ces orientations ont été acceptées par le Research Council.

Un point important concernait le nombre de sessions devant être allouées à chaque comité de recherche. Le Comité exécutif de l'AIS a en effet adopté de nouvelles règles d'allocation des sessions établissant un lien entre le nombre de membres en règle de l'AIS de chaque comité et le nombre de sessions allouées lors des congrès. Le Conseil de Recherche, par une importante majorité, s'est dit en accord avec ces nouvelles règles.

Finalement, les membres du Conseil de Recherche ont pu entendre une présentation de Stephen Crook Président de l'Association Sociological Association et membre du Comité d'Organisation Locale de Brisbane sur les préparatifs et les services du futur congrès mondial. Les comités de recherche doivent faire part le plus tôt possible de leurs besoins en espaces pour la réalisation de leurs activités.

Compte tenu de l'importance qu'a toujours accordée l'AIS à la diversité linguistique dans son fonctionnement, comme en témoigne le Rapport Touraine¹, Jürgen Hartmann a présenté à titre d'exemple la politique des langues du CR 34 sur la jeunesse. Cette politique a été présentée un Bulletin précédent.

En accord avec les statuts, le Research Council a élu son Comité de nomination pour les élections de 2002. Il est composé des cinq membres suivants:

Soledad Garcia (CR21) Chair, Han Entzinger (CR31), Devorah Kalekin-Fishman (CR36), Tsunetsugu Munakata (CR49), Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (CE). Gaetan Tremblay (CR14), Wolfgang Glatzer (GT06) et David Segal (CR01) formeront la liste de réserve.

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Une partie de la réunion du Conseil de Recherche, fût consacrée à la présentation générale des activités de publications de l'AIS par Christine Inglis, Vice-Présidente aux Publications, puis à la nouvelle formule des *SAGE Series in International Sociology*, par Julia Evetts, Éditrice, à *International Sociology* avec Said Arjomand, Éditeur, et Jennifer Platt, responsable de la *Book Review Section* d'International Sociology.

Les participants, ont aussi, sur proposition de Kay Lawson CRC 18 Sociologie Politique, été invités à signer une lettre collective protestant contre l'emprisonnement du Dr Saad Eddin Ibrahim par

les autorités égyptiennes. Il s'agit de l'éditeur de l'ouvrage à paraître chez Praeger, *Civil Society and Party Politics in the Arab World: Reluctant Democratization*.

Comme on le voit, le programme de ce Research Council était chargé, mais il s'est déroulé dans une atmosphère agréable et productive grâce à la contribution de chacun de ses membres.

1.- *Le savoir social et la multiplicité des langues et des cultures. Rapport du Bureau de sociologie internationale.* Alain Toruaine. ISA 1998.

ISA International Laboratory for Ph.D. Students in Sociology

Theme: Methodology of Research Projects

Oñati, Spain, September 4-11, 2000

by Alberto Martinelli, ISA President

In my role as ISA President, I decided to give priority to programs aiming at developing the knowledge foundations, methodological skills and theoretical competences of young sociologists all over the world. This decision is coherent with three major goals that I am convinced an international scientific association should pursue: first, the formation of young scholars (where young means young entrants in the profession of researching and teaching, whatever their age; preparing the new sociologists is our most valuable investment, since it contributes to the reproduction of a competent and dynamic sociological community. Second, the effort to build a true international association, creating occasions for young sociologists to meet, work together and build long lasting intellectual relations; the creation of a true international sociological community also implies the widening of opportunities for sociologists coming from developing countries, who are usually cut off from post-graduate education and research projects. Third, the need to improve the standard scientific quality of sociological research and to enhance the prestige of the discipline; a major way to achieve this goal is the systematic development of the methodological competence and research skills of young scholars.

On the basis of these assumptions the ISA together with UNESCO organized the first edition of the ISA International Laboratory on the Methodology of Sociological Research which took place in Oñati, Spain, between the 4th and the 11th of September 2000.

The Laboratory was a real success, which went far beyond our best expectations, in spite of the fact that things had to be organized on such a short notice by the ISA Secretariat.

The Selection Committee - formed by Jan Fritz (chair), Juan Díez-Nicolás, Bert Klaundermans, and myself - had to perform a tough task in selecting 18 doctoral students out of 114 applications from different countries, with different academic background, conceptual paradigms and research projects, and - most important - all of a high quality. The final list of participants included 12 women and 6 men, 3 from Africa, 3 from Asia, 5 from Europe, 2 from Latin America, 3 from North America, 1 from Oceania (1 from the Middle East dropped at the last minute).

The program - which is reproduced below- was focussed on the thorough and detailed discussion of the doctoral dissertations of the participants, with the intense involvement of all and the maieutic role of the three permanent faculty members (Jan, Bert and myself), who-together with Juan - also taught more formal lectures on the most important sociological methods and research strategies.

The general atmosphere was very encouraging and stimulating. The relations between faculty and students were optimal. The participants were eager to share their views, projects, problems, and experiences, generous in providing suggestions and constructive criticisms to the others, enthusiastic in their 'discovery' of different cultural attitudes, intellectual preferences and life styles. All of them are convinced that they received a lot from the laboratory and I can add that all of them also gave a lot to the others. They had THE experience of their lives thus far, as all of them told me. I was informed recently that they are already very busy e-mailing and organizing.

The final comment to be made is that 14 of the students became ISA members (and the remaining 3 might enroll soon) and that they formed a very enthusiastic student committee. We will definitely continue this experience both in this project with UNESCO and in the second project I am organizing in cooperation with the United Nations International Agency on Drug Control and Crime Prevention.

Alberto Martinelli
ISA President

Ph.D. projects presentations by students

(in alphabetical order)

Giedre Baltrusaityte (University Yvtautas Magnus, Vilnius, Lithuania)

"Restructurisation of primary health care and hospitals: research on consumer satisfaction"

Kwame Boadu (University of Ghana)

"Socio-demographic differences in the health status of Ghanaians"

Srinivasan Gayathri (Bharathiar University, India)

"Study of individual, group and organizational antecedents to organizational effectiveness - a multilevel perspective"

Rodrigo Ghiringhelli (Universidade Federal Rio Grande, Brazil)

"Penal justice in contemporary society: Brazil and Argentina. Comparative study of the reforms and performance of the penal mechanisms of formal control in Brazil and Argentina in the ninety's"

Rachael Hamed (University of Auckland, New Zealand)

"Human rights and cultural relativism"

Mark Herkenrath (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

"Transnational corporations, the state and dependent development"

Veronica Kalmus (University of Tartu, Estonia)

"Political information environment and socialization process: Estonian civil education textbooks against the background of other agents of political socialization"

Rehema J.Nchimbi (University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

"Conceptions of women's beauty in rural and urban Tanzania: a history"

Olasunbo Odebo (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)

"Women, work and household: a comparative study of livelihood strategies of urban women in the formal and informal sector in Ibadan, Nigeria"

Erika Owens (University of Florida, USA)

"Marital separation: experience and identity work"

Oleg Patchenkov (Centre of Social Research, St. Petersburg, Russia)

"One square society"

Marketa Rulikova (University Pardubice, Czech Republic)

"The position of the Czech and Slovak political elite toward their integration into the European Union"

Maria Schmeeckle (University of Southern California, USA)

"What makes someone family? Factors affecting the perception of family ties among three generations of white adult children"

Shruti Tambe (University of Pune, India)

"Aurangabad: metaphor of a backward region, politics development in a city in Maharashtra, India"

Rima Wilkes (University of Toronto, Canada)

"Collective action by first nations in Canada, 1981-1999"

Zhao Yandong (Chinese Academy Beijing, China)

"Social capital and the re-employment of laid-off workers in China"

Veronica Zubillaga (University Andres Bello of Caracas, Venezuela)

"Being a man: saving face and losing life. Identity construction in young actors of urban violence in Caracas".

Lectures by faculty members

(in alphabetical order)

Juan Díez-Nicolás (University Complutense, Madrid, Spain)

"Facilities and limitations in international comparative social research"

Jan Marie Fritz (University of Cincinnati, USA)

"Participatory research and the IRB"

Bert Klandermans (Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) "Survey methodology"

Alberto Martinelli (University of Milan, Italy)

Comparative methods in historical perspective

Comments on the Oñati workshop by the participants

Those days spent in Oñati were probably ones of the best in my life in terms of the people met, the ideas shared, the motivation and inspiration got. We had a marvellous atmosphere there. Just imagine: people coming from different parts of the world, with probably different expectations, different experiences, cultural backgrounds but everything worked between us so well, so really well.

The seminar gave me a lot: It deepened my knowledge on methodology and opened my mind to many interesting theoretical insights. Moreover, I was shown the world from many different angles and perspectives, I learned a lot about different cultures, about different experiences and ideas since most of the projects we discussed there represented a piece of distinctive cultural and social framework and the problems characteristic to that. It broadened my world outlook and helped to get rid of some stereotypes. And then there was that special atmosphere of benevolence, of support and of a wish to help. I got back home with my head full of new ideas, motivation, and inspiration for my further work.

So, many thanks to the organisers of the seminar and to all those who shared their experiences, knowledge and friendship in Oñati.

The world after that became somehow closer and broader at once. The seminar is over but we are still there as a group, still continuing to share our ideas - there is still life going on beyond Oñati. I hope it won't end.

Giedre Baltrusaityte

University Yttaus Magnus, Vilnius, Lithuania

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The Oñati Workshop on Methodology of Research organized in Oñati, Spain from September 5-11, 2000 is about the best workshop or conference that I have had the opportunity to participate in. In fact, I have not hidden this fact from my professors and colleagues back in Canada at the Department of Sociology, University of Alberta. What made the workshop exceptionally successful are discussed under four headings: organization; participants; workshop format; and topics of discussion.

1. Organization

The organization was near perfect from start to finish. Credit should be given to the ISA Secretariat, especially the Executive Secretary who did such a wonderful job having to handle single-handedly e-mail correspondence between her office and eighteen successful applicants within a relatively short period of time. There are occasions when such activities, though part of normal administrative routines can be very tasking given the circumstances.

At the residence, there was nothing to complain about; telephone facilities to ensure that participants stayed in touch with their families were available, breakfast and lunch were arranged thus saving participants precious time, and transportation at any time and for whatever purpose was readily available. A map with detailed descriptions and directions to and from any part of the township was made available to all participants. This map was so easy to read and interpret that it did not require any special knowledge of the geography of Oñati, theoretical or practical to locate a particular spot. A combination of all of the above made for a superb organizational effort by the ISA Secretariat and the staff of the IISL.

2. Participants

The diverse nationality of participants was a true reflection of the international character of the ISA. Even though there were only seventeen participants (one participant failed to attend), all parts of the globe seemed to have been represented; countries from north or south, east or west, capitalist or communist/socialist, developed or developing, rich or poor, and what have you. Then there was also a representation of professors and students, even though the latter outnumbered the former in numbers only.

3. Workshop format

What contributed most to the unique character of the workshop was the format of presentation; a combination of both formal and informal procedures. This made for more flexibility whilst not undermining the primary objective of the workshop. Informal clothing and the formal classroom style of presentation instead of the more formal conference type characteristic of such meetings made for a relaxed atmosphere. With each presenter allotted a time of 60 minutes, sometimes extending to ninety minutes, there was sufficient time to discuss exhaustively each paper. As well, due to the small number of participants, the moderator had no difficulty directing the proceedings and making sure everyone had the opportunity to make a contribution.

In addition to the presentation of student participants, each day's session had a professor presenting a paper on a topic in their area of interest. There were four such presentations in all and each one of these was excellent. This format underscored the student/professor participatory and interaction process that characterized this workshop.


4. Topics of discussion

The topics discussed were wide-ranging, just as the methodologies.

As if by design, each participant discussed a research problem related to their country, and it would seem that all types of research methodology under both qualitative and quantitative research designs were covered. Even though the benefit of applying any one method of research was highlighted in individual presentations, there equally was a consensus that pointed in the direction of a combination of sort to achieve maximum benefit.

Conclusion

In conclusion, one cannot fail to acknowledge the individual contributions of professors and student participants alike to the success of the workshop. For the students, due recognition must be given to the fact that they were the eighteen students selected from a large pool of Ph.D students from universities across the world. And the fact that they passed the critical selection criteria of the ISA Selection Committee speaks volumes to their ability. This was amply demonstrated in the presentations made. On behalf of the other participants, I would say that this workshop was a wonderful experience with a lasting memory. Thanks to the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and UNESCO for making this workshop possible.

 Kwame Boadu
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I never had the chance to participate in a meeting like the ISA laboratory in Oñati, last September. So, I enjoyed the workshop a lot and the information and knowledge shared with other participants has been very useful for the work in my Ph.D. thesis. I hope that ISA can continue to promote this kind of interaction among young researchers from too different countries and social contexts.

Many thanks!

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Oñatiko Gemeinschaft

 Stepping off the plane at Bilbao, after travelling for 30 hours from the furthest part of the world, I knew little of what to expect of the International Sociological Association's inaugural Methodology Laboratory for doctoral students. A rollicking taxi ride to Oñati squeezed in between Rehema from Dar es Salaam, and my sister, Mary, with Maria from L.A. up front, seemed to presage that we were in for a long, strenuous but companionable journey of global discovery. Arrival at the residence also showed that there was a lot of baggage being lost.

As a mature doctoral student from New Zealand I was honoured and even more surprised that I was selected to attend the laboratory over two of my admirable Auckland colleagues who do a lot more 'method' than me. I was nervous that I'd be the only subjectivist there and, dare I say it, the only post-colonial feminist. However, it turned out that the seventeen of us brought not only a wide range of often intersecting methodological and theoretical skills and understandings but also great generosity and curiosity which made the laboratory such an intellectual and collegial success.

The first day within the ancient stones of the old university began with introductions and housekeeping. Our convenors were the indefatigable Jan Marie Fritz, Bert Klandermans and Alberto Martinelli. Bert began by stating that we should all formulate one or two questions for each presenter and that he would ask us for contributions at random. Apart from the first day when Bert called on me whilst deep in the throes of jetlag this precaution was hardly necessary as each person's presentation stimulated a host of questions, clarifications and suggestions. Erica and Maria were first

up, impressing us with their professional presentation skills and composure. They certainly raised the benchmark for presenting. Erica's definition of marital separation became a bit of catch phrase as we gradually learnt more about each other, 'How married are you?'

Each day's session was punctuated by a long Basque lunch and a return to the University for the evening session. Intellectually and sometimes corporally exacting the lab certainly gave me a new appreciation of the virtues of quantitative and formal qualitative methods, areas I have had little to do with since beginning the doctorate. Kwame, Rima, Mark and Gayathri certainly shone as the quantitative boffins and I have taken my new found respect for statistical methods back to my department, recommending that at Auckland we ensure that all Sociology majors have a firm grounding in all facets of research methodology. I have also been encouraging my colleagues to get involved in further ISA activities.

Shruti, Giedre, Marketa, Rehema, Oleg, Zhou, the two Veronicas, Sunbo, Rodrigo, all of you - I shall remember you always and your manifold issues, questions, approaches and world views. In that privileged space of Oñati, in that precious week of academic fellowship, we got to know one another to varying degrees. For doctoral students who are usually involved in a fairly solitary course of study the opportunity to mix with peers was fabulous. Not only could we indulge in shop talk, without the fear of boring our partners, family and friends but we also began to recognise each other's personal particularities. I caught myself speaking the precise English of my room-mate, Veronica K while Erica complained of picking up my antipodean drawl. I still fondly remember Shruti's 'isn't it?' We were always on the look out for a good vegetarian meal. We learnt who were the champion shoppers, the tenderest of hearts, the most talented Indian dancers and singers, the most gently stubborn, and the best fun of all. Thank you ISA and thank you Oñati and thank you the Oñati group for a wonderful life-enriching experience.

Rachael Hamed
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In these short notes about the wonderful experiences gained from the international laboratory in sociology I will not focus on the mental shine of the professors, or the perfect work done by the organisers, or the excellence of my fellow doctoral students. I would lack positive adjectives to describe these three aspects the way they deserve, and to give a true reflection of this past reality. Instead I will focus on a by-product of this event: some thoughts about current sociology I generated during the workshop.

My first observation concerns the globalisation of sociology: the discipline has spread over the world in all its methodological varieties and sub-fields. It seems totally incorrect to argue that quantitative methods dominate in one part of the globe, and qualitative methods are prevalent in the other; neither is it possible to speak about distinctive Chinese or, say, Lithuanian sociology. The globalisation of the discipline must have affected its academic curricula since doctoral students from different countries discuss with ease each others theoretical and methodological equipment. To put it simply: we speak the same language, both in the direct and metaphorical sense of the word.

The second observation is about the richness and scope of the discipline: academic interests of young sociologists range from conceptions of beauty to socio-demographic differences in health status, from coping strategies of laid-off workers and young criminals to attitudes of political elite, and from the observation of one city square to the comparison of developing economies. Different aspects of social reality, both hardly accessible and seldom subject to common imagination, were highlighted in the presentations by my fellow students.

My third thought concerns the position of sociology in the academy and on the market. A number of colleagues shared my recognition that sociology is far from being among the top disciplines in terms of prestige and money involved – a matter which, from time to time, may cause motivational and existential problems for a young sociologist. Paradoxically, the very fact of this common recognition gave to me additional motivation and strength to continue on the track – a resource I appreciate even more than all the valuable comments on my research project.

Veronika Kalmus
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The workshop in Oñati was one of the nicest experiences I've ever had. Although there are no words to describe this great event properly, I would like to highlight some points:

- The group discussions about our Ph.D. projects were extremely interesting and enormously helpful. I got more moral support, critical feedback and constructive inputs than I had ever gotten before.

- The workshop also strengthened my love for sociology, for it reminded me of the huge variety of interesting topics and research methods that our profession consists of.

- In our "informal" sessions - walking through the beautiful hills of the Basque Country or drinking coffee and beer on the main square of Oñati - we could learn many interesting things about the cultures and countries that were represented. What languages are there in Nigeria? What does a typical dinner in Russia consist of? Do arranged marriages in India still exist?

- Last but not least: We all became real friends! And, thanks to the Internet, these friendships seem to last! Almost every day I find a new message with useful information and personal greetings in my Oñati mailbox.

In short words: The ISA workshop was just great! It created strong emotional ties and an informal network that makes research more efficient and life more colourful!

I really want to thank all the people who made this workshop possible. And special thanks to Jan-Marie Fritz, Bert Kländermans and Alberto Martinelli. You took great care of us!

Mark Herkenrath
University of Zurich, Switzerland

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I think you already received a lot of letters from the participants of the Laboratory with expression of wonderful feelings and great satisfaction on participation this event, with great thanks to all organizers of the Laboratory and to ISA in general. I just can join these letters!

I think for me personally it was very useful and excellent, I've got a lot of new ideas and found a lot of links with interesting young scholars all over the world! And ISA reached its aim: now PhD student's section in the framework of ISA do exist as a network!

Everyday I receive one-two letters from someone of this Laboratory, we've got a mail list and correspondence works actively. So, thank you very much for this Laboratory - from me personally and on behalf of this "Beyond Oñati List" as we call ourselves now days!

Oleg Patchenkov
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I had an excellent experience in Spain with the ISA group. It was my first time to Europe, and that in itself made my trip extra special. The setting, Oñati, was quite an interesting place to have a conference. The town and surrounding mountains were beautiful. What made Oñati extra interesting, though, was the fact that it was in the heart of the Basque country, an area that considers itself quite separate from the rest of Spain. Lots of sociological issues to ponder, there. The best thing about the conference, though, were the participants! It was so fascinating to share research ideas and stories of our personal lives with each other.

Since there were Ph.D. students from all over the world, I got to see that although our customs were often very different, we shared a lot of common concerns through our training in sociology.

The conference has led me to join the ISA, and to want to continue to be involved giving student input to the executive board. I have also joined the Sociological Practice Association (which Jan Marie Fritz, one of the professors there, told me about). I received valuable feedback about my research project, and felt I had pertinent comments to share with the others about their projects. The professors who coordinated the conference did a great job of challenging and supporting us. I am cheered by the very concept behind having this conference, and believe it was a great success!

Maria Schmееckle
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The trip to the ISA workshop in Oñati was my first experience of going abroad, which provide me abundant opportunities of trying so many things for "the first time". For example, the first trip by plane, the first western meal, the first kissing goodbye (which is rather unpopular in China...) and, of course, the first time to communicate with so many teachers and colleagues in sociology from so many countries. Though we have different nationality, different culture background, and even different academic interest, we do have one thing in common, i.e. the love for sociology. Because of this common love, we became good friends in the short seven days, and the friendship will go on in the rest of our lives.

I also like workshop itself very much. It is a very productive meeting from which every participant learned a lot. I myself received many excellent advice which are very helpful for me to improve my dissertation. Beyond that, in the formal and informal communication with the professors and other participants, I have got a deeper understanding of the sociological methodology than before. The teaching of sociological methodology in China is still not so popular and perfect. I will tell my Chinese colleagues about my experience at the meeting, and try to help to improve the study and teaching of methodology in our country.

As for the organizing of the meeting, I am very satisfied with everything except one little comment. If possible, can we have a look at the abstracts of other participants earlier, for example, a month before the meeting? If we were provided with the material earlier, we can have a better preparation for it and the meeting is sure to be more successful. I hope that I could have more opportunities to participate in other activities held by ISA in future.

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Publications of the ISA

Developments in ISA Publications

by Christine Inglis, ISA Vice-President for Publications

This year there have been a number of important developments in the ISA's range of publications. Elsewhere in this issue the Editors of *Current Sociology*, *International Sociology* and the *Sage Studies in International Sociology* give more details of these changes which are expected to increase their capacity to more effectively undertake the role appropriate for an association which is committed to the development of sociology internationally.

Here I want to tell you briefly that the ISA monograph series, the *Sage Studies in International Sociology*, has now been expanded under its new Editor Julia Evetts, so that, in addition to the publication of individual monographs, there will be 2 special issues of *Current Sociology* each year which will be produced as part of the *SSIS series*. This arrangement is important since it will provide an opportunity for significant, but perhaps less 'commercial', monographs to be published as special issues of *Current Sociology*.

ISA has been concerned for some time about the difficulties in gaining recognition and publicity for books published outside the main English language markets of the USA and the United Kingdom or in languages other than English. As a way of addressing this challenge *International Sociology* has begun a *Book Review* section edited by Jennifer Platt which will bring to an international audience important new books published in languages other than English or from outside the major English language publishing centres.

The ISA Bulletin to go Electronic: Search for Editor

As so much of the ISA's information for its members is now able to be publicised on its Web Page as soon as it becomes available, the ISA has decided to explore ways in which the scope of the ISA members' Bulletin can be expanded so as to address issues of professional interest to sociologists. The new Bulletin will be published electronically with hard copies provided for members who have difficulty in accessing the Internet. Electronic publishing will allow us to get copies of the Bulletin to members more quickly and cheaply than is possible with printed copies.

International Sociology call for manuscripts

Since I took over the Editorship of *International Sociology*, a number of initiatives have been taken to promote library subscriptions in Eurasia and the United States, and to organize thematic special issues, for which I asked the help of the Research Committees (ISA Bulletin, 77 Fall 1998). The second thematic special issue is in print (a double issue on Globalization) and, according to Sage Publications, the subscription figures have begun to rise since last November. Where we remain weak in quantitative and qualitative terms, however, is in the area of individual submissions.

The ISA has over fifty Research Committees which hold some thirty meetings every year. As the ISA membership journal, *International Sociology* is the natural venue for the publication of the best papers

An Editor is now wanted to work on the development of the new-look Bulletin in conjunction with the Publications Committee and the Secretariat. Individuals who are interested in being involved in this innovative development should contact the Vice-President Publications, Christine Inglis c.inglis@edfac.usyd.edu.au. They are asked to send her an Expression of Interest for the position of Editor of the Bulletin which includes information about their experience in electronic publishing, their ideas for the way in which the Bulletin can be developed so as to complement the other ISA publications and to meet the needs of members. Information on the resources they have for undertaking this role should also be indicated.

The closing date for initial Expressions of Interest is 28 February 2001.

Electronic Publishing and the ISA: Call for Suggestions

ISA is now exploring ways in which the new opportunities created by electronic publishing can be used to develop in a cheap and readily accessible fashion a wider range of publications. A committee consisting of Roberto Briceño-León (rbriceño@reacciu.ve), Shujiro Yazawa (cs00180@srv.cc.hit-u.ac.jp) and Christine Inglis (c.inglis@edfac.usyd.edu.au) has been set up to come up with a range of proposals. Members who are interested in this area are very much encouraged to contact members of the committee with their ideas and suggestions.

One area which the ISA is particularly interested in exploring is the use of the new technologies to expand its publishing activities into a range of languages other than English. The ISA recognises that there are already many prestigious journals publishing in languages other than English. Nevertheless the question of whether the ISA should itself also become involved in some publications in languages other than English is an important one. Suggestions about ways in which this can be done within the relatively limited resources of the ISA would be most welcome. Please direct your suggestions to Christine Inglis (c.inglis@edfac.usyd.edu.au).

presented at the meetings of the Research Committees. I therefore appeal to the ISA membership to give us the privilege of first refusal, and to the Presidents of the RCs to develop the habit of encouraging the authors of one or two papers at each of their meetings to submit them to *International Sociology*, or of sending the papers to us directly with a note of recommendation. One good paper from each RC will be more than enough to fill the entire four issues of the journal for the year, and should assure the excellence of *International Sociology* to which we all aspire.

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

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



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