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# Newsletter

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***From the Editor***

Dear Colleagues,

This newsletter will report on the 2014 World Congress in Yokohama, Japan. This report is in Gary A. Dworkin's presidential message (page 3).

In this newsletter you may find useful information about two very interesting publishing opportunities and information about a proposal for a RC04 journal.

The *Newsletter* continues the publication of ***Global Exchange***, intended to promote not only information exchanges, but also to facilitate collaboration among colleagues, especially collaboration that crosses national boundaries.

As always, members are asked to submit 100-150 word synopses of their on-going or planned research in which member in-put, idea exchanges, and actual research collaboration are encouraged. It is hoped that members will submit descriptions of their research projects to be included in future issues of the *Newsletter*. I encourage more RC04 members to make use of this channel of communication.

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## ***From the President***

Dear Colleagues,

The XVIII World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan was a success for the ISA and especially for RC04. ISA estimated that there were some 6,000 individuals registered to attend the sessions organized by 55 RCs, 5 Working Groups, 7 Thematic Groups, and 6 National Associations. In addition, there were 93 Joint Sessions among groups, 9 Ad Hoc sessions, 4 professional development sessions, and 5 Author Meets Critic sessions. RC04 participants delivered 229 papers that were written and/or presented by 334 participants.

The new RC04 board was elected during the business meeting and retiring board members were presented with a plaque in recognition of their years of service to the RC. Retiring board members included Jeanne Ballantine, vice-president for North America, David Konstantinovskiy, vice-president for Russia, Antonio Teodoro, vice-president for Europe, and Larry Saha, vice-president for Oceania. Collectively, these four colleagues have provided 64 years of service on the RC04 board. New members were elected to replace the four and include Walter Allen, vice-president for North America, Svetlana Sharonova, vice-president for Russia, Kari Kantasalmi, vice-president for Europe, and Carol Reid, vice-president for Oceania. The other board members were re-elected.

It was proposed during the business meeting that RC04 consider publishing its own journal. A representative from Routledge Publishers and Keiko Yokoyama, a member of RC04, presented the matter of an RC04 journal to those attending the meeting. Those present asked that the RC04 board discuss the merits of publishing a journal and afterwards ask the membership for further input. This issue of the *Newsletter* contains the key points raised by the board. The board and I encourage your comments. Please send your thoughts to Marios Vryonides ([M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy](mailto:M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy)) or to me ([gdworkin@uh.edu](mailto:gdworkin@uh.edu)).

ISA has recently placed on their website an announcement about the 2016 Forum of Sociology to be held in Vienna, Austria. RC04 program coordinators are to be announced to ISA by January 15 and session chairs by April 7. Once ISA informs us of the number of sessions RC04 can organize, we shall have a call for sessions in which members submit abstracts for sessions that they would like to organize. Beginning on 3 June and ending on 30 September, members are to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present.

Routledge Publishers also approached Marios Vryonides, Peter Stevens, and me about editing a book on educational inequality, based in part on papers presented at the Yokohama meetings. Marios will serve as senior editor and will provide details in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

Best regards,

Gary Dworkin  
President, RC04 (2014-2018)  
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***Publishing opportunities – Advanced call for contributions***

1.

The first publishing opportunity is for an edited volume to be submitted to Routledge (Taylor and Francis) with the provisional title **Sociology of Education - The Challenge of Global Educational Inequality**. In the coming days I will be sending a separate call for initial expression of interest for chapter contributors and details of the proposal that will be submitted to the publishing house.

**Editors:** Marios Vryonides, Peter Stevens, and Gary Dworkin

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2.

The second publishing opportunity is for a special edition of the journal Revista Lusófona de Educação (RLE).

The Chief Editor of the Journal Revista Lusófona de Educação (RLE) Prof. **Antonio Teodoro** has invited **Gary Dworkin and Marios Vryonides** to be Associated Editors of a Dossier with a selection of papers presented to RC04 ISA Congress 2014. The special focus of this special edition will be on **“New Forms of Educational Inequalities in a Global Perspective”**. Again a separate call will follow the next few days with details for this project.

Instructions to authors at <http://www.scielo.gpeari.mctes.pt/revistas/rle/iinstruc.htm>

The RLE Journal is an international journal (classified by SCOPUS as one of the 400 leading journals in social sciences) with a very good presence in Latin America, especially in Brazil.

Around 6-8 selected papers will be selected and will undergo a peer review procedure.

This special edition will be in English.

## An RC04 Journal?

At the RC04 business meeting in Yokohama, one of our colleagues Professor Keiko Yokoyama indicated that she has been approached by Routledge Publishers to propose a journal on education that could be housed in RC04. Accompanied by Routledge editor Matthew Derbyshire, Professor Yokoyama discussed the matter with the membership attending the meeting. After some discussion the RC04 board and I suggested that we would first consider issues involved in hosting a journal and then open the discussion to the membership.

I initiated the discussion among the board by summarizing additional issues, which included the following: (1) is there a large enough membership base to contribute to and subscribe to the journal (RC04 has almost 250 members); (2) whether the journal will be on-line or in print or both; (3) the cost to RC04 in producing the journal and the issues of royalties to RC04; (4) obviously, would Professor Yokoyama be the editor, or at least during the initial year; how shall we select the editorial board, and will subscriptions cover the expenses of the editor?; (5) how broadly should the scope of the journal be defined (higher ed., all education, globalization, K-12, private vs. public, etc.); (6) could the website and/or *Newsletter* serve the same purpose; should a subscription be included with the RC04 dues, and if so, should dues be raised from the current \$30/four years?

Over the next month board members expressed their sentiments, concerns, and suggestions. In general, board members were divided on the wisdom of publishing a journal. The following are the major points made by board members:

1. For many scholars the journal must be of high enough quality to be included in a citation index and possibly also have an impact score. Of course, such factors require that the journal has been in operation long enough for such data to be assembled. Board members expressed concerns that the journal would not get enough submissions and a large enough readership to be viable.
2. The experiences of some board members who have edited journals suggest that costs can be high, especially if the journal is in print. Most thought that the journal should be exclusively on-line.
3. Most journals require strong administrative support from the university or center in which it is housed. Such support needs to be sustained beyond the first year of the journal. Funds for the daily operation of the journal will not be available from RC04 or ISA, even with a modest increase in membership dues. Most of the funds in RC04 are used to fund travel grants to attend conferences such as the Forum or the World Congress for members who are from Currency B or C nations.
4. Some board members thought that it would add to the stature of the RC by having an on-line journal and that it might be worth the effort and risk.
5. Board members also suggested that besides our current website, RC04 have a Facebook page as does RC05.

The board and I encourage your comments, suggestions, and also your help should an on-line journal reach fruition. Comments can be addressed to Marios ([M.Vryonides@euc.ac.edu](mailto:M.Vryonides@euc.ac.edu)) or myself ([gworkin@uh.edu](mailto:gworkin@uh.edu)), or they can be placed on the RC04 website ( <http://www.isa-rc04.org/> ) . We look forward to receiving your ideas, suggestions, and comments.

Best regards,

Gary Dworkin , President, RC04 (2014-2018)

## **ISA Forum – Vienna 2016**

***(The following information is copied from the initial message sent to the RC04 President and Secretary by the ISA)***

The theme for the upcoming ISA Forum of Sociology, to be held in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016 is going to be: “The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World.” This theme is meant to provide a platform for the wide spectrum of our many Research Committees (RCs), Working Groups (WGs), and Thematic Groups (TGs) and to encourage forward-oriented research ranging from the tiny worlds in micro situations to the broadest macro dynamics affecting the entire planet. The rather uncommon plural “s” in futures points to the diversity of possibilities, projects, and visions. Social actors aspire, desire, envision, expect, fear, imagine, plan, and ultimately shape in their more or less contentious interactions at multiple scales new conditions. Empirical, theoretical, and normative research from around the world is needed to help tackle the critical problems and opportunities in our age of advanced globalization. While sessions related to the umbrella theme are particularly welcome as a way to connect across RC/WG/TGs, all units are of course free to convene sessions on any topic of their liking.

A call for session proposals will soon circulate. Later on, the anticipated time window for submitting abstracts of proposed papers to the online system is 3 June – 30 September, 2015; followed by abstracts selection 4 October – 24 November, 2015; with acceptance notifications to be sent to authors by 30 November 2015.

## Global Exchange

### Received by Gianluca Manzo

Gianluca Manzo's paper "Educational Choices and Social Interactions: A Formal Model and A Computational Test" (published in *Comparative Social Research*, 30, 47-100, 2013) was awarded the 2014 *Mathematical Sociology Outstanding Article Award* by the American Sociology Association.

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### Received by Kitty te Riele

The book was launched at the BERA (British Educational Research Association) conference in September, by BERA president Ian Menter. The Australian launch will be performed by the AARE president Julianne Moss at the AARE (Australian Association for Research in Education) conference in December.

Brooks, R., Te Riele, K. & Maguire, M. (2014). *Ethics and Education Research*. BERA/SAGE Research Methods in Education Book Series. London: SAGE

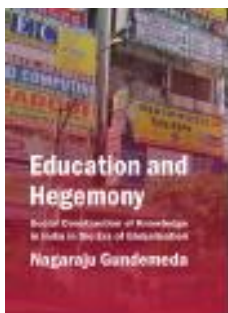
The SAGE website has further information:

<http://www.uk.sagepub.com/books/Book241449>

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### Received by Nagaraju Gundemeda

Nagaraju Gundemeda published a book titled **Education and Hegemony: Social Construction of Knowledge in India in the Era of Globalisation** with Cambridge Scholars publishing house from London. The book captures the linkages between Education and Globalization within the social context of the knowledge economy of India



**Received by Andreas Pöllmann**

*Andreas Pöllmann recent publication*

Pöllmann, A. (2014) ['Capital Intercultural: Hacia la Conceptualización, Operacionalización e Investigación Empírica de un Marcador de Distinción Sociocultural en Ascenso'](#), *Cultura y Representaciones Sociales*, 9(17): 54-73.

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**Received by Ari Antikainen**

Ari Antikainen has published

Antikainen, Ari & Pitkanen, Anne: A history of educational reforms in Finland. In Verdugo, Richard, R.(ed.) 2014- Educational Reform in Europe: History, Culture, and Ideology. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing. pp. 1-24.

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**Received by Karuna Chanana**

*Karuna Chanana, Inclusive secondary education in India: challenges and future directions, Journal of International Cooperation in Education, Centre for International Cooperation in Education, Hiroshima University, Japan, volume 16, No. 2, April 2014, pp. 121-138.*



## 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.

### ■ Board 2014-2018

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### ■ Newsletter

An informative newsletter is mailed to members twice a year. It contains conference abstracts, research summaries and exchange, members' news, conference news, country reports, and the new feature, Global Exchange.

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### ■ Membership

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

### ■ Website

<http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc04.htm>