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Editorial

We are pleased to forward this, the first RC05 November Newsletter, for the new presidency period (2010-2014). To a great extent we have kept the format of previous newsletters and thank the immediate past Editor Natividad Gutierrez Chong for facilitating a smooth handover. Some new ideas are introduced also and we welcome members' comments and further suggestions. Please, send material as windows attachment as we are not able to insert pdf data.

We encourage you, the RC05 members and readers, to share your thoughts and research findings with us. Worldwide we are facing enormous challenges as racism is on the rise. In Europe, the European Union respectively, there is a shift to populist right-wing national governments. Increasingly restrictive immigration and citizenship requirements are being used to further diminish the legal status of groups such as asylum seekers or to target settled Muslim population. Interestingly, a significant number of us are working with the feminist approach of intersectionality. Does this mean we have reached a new era of sociological research into social complexity regarding racism, nationalism and ethnic relations?

As sociologists we have an opportunity and responsibility to 'name and shame' racist practices and explore the consequences of state policy in the years ahead. The significance of these issues became evident through the presentations given at RC05 sessions at Gothenburg. We hope that debate can continue through the Newsletter and the list-server. The list-server is now being managed by Scott Poynting who provides further information below.

The Newsletter will be distributed twice a year and you are welcome to forward any items or suggestions to either of us at any time.

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1. The new president's address

Greetings to RC05 members.

First let me thank you for your confidence in electing me President of RC05: I am honored and will do my best to continue in the tradition of the strong and dynamic presidents that we have enjoyed since RC05's inception. I apologize for missing the first two days of sessions in Göteborg, along with the Business meeting and very successful reception afterwards: blame this on some elusive bug I had the misfortune to catch. For the rest of the week I necessarily divided my time between RC05 and obligations I already had to the ISA Executive Committee and to RC32, where I was finishing some commitments (mainly a revision of the Statutes which had to be presented at its Business meeting). I learned a lot from an international approach (and also on policy questions) at the RC05 sessions I attended. I'd like to thank Peter Ratcliffe for being assiduous in his attendance at RC05 sessions – both the sessions which I attended and those from which I was necessarily absent. I'd also like to thank Ulrike M. Vieten for chairing the RC05 session on Monday for which we were co-organizers and co-chairs.

I want to extend my thanks to our past Board, particularly Peter Ratcliffe, Zlatko Skrbis and Natividad Gutierrez Chong, who made our midterm meeting in Barcelona in 2008 and our World Congress activities such successes, and kept us in touch and informed during the past four years. It was a pleasure to make my small contribution as board member to this.

Equally I want to thank the members of our current Board: Floya Anthias, Sirma Bilge (recording secretary), Helma Lutz, Scott Poynting (membership secretary), Vilma Bashi Treiller, Georgina Tsolidis (co-editor, newsletter), Ulrike M. Vieten (co-editor, newsletter), Peter Ratcliffe (treasurer and immediate past president), and Natividad Gutierrez Chong (Vice president) – plus our past presidents who are ex-officio Board members (Heribert Adam, Michael Banton, Christine Inglis, Kogila Moodley and Nira Yuval-Davis). I am looking forward to working with them, and with all of you during the coming four years.

At Georgina's and Ulrike's suggestion I will give you a small sketch of my interests – and then move on to some projects for the future: the success of at least some of them will largely depend on your interest and participation.

I completed my Bachelor's degree (honors) in Sociology at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, after growing up as a minority Protestant Anglophone in Catholic French-speaking Québec, also within Canada, where the 'Quiet Revolution' was an exciting time of social change, followed – during my undergraduate years - by the national Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. Both offered the potential of greater national equity – although at a time when inequalities related to aboriginal (First Nations) Canadians were treated separately. This was the beginning of my interest in race and ethnic questions. After my Master's and Doctorate at the London School of Economics, England, I returned to Canada and worked my way up through the academic ranks at Bishop's University, University of Western Ontario, and, since 1973, at the bilingual (French and English) University of Ottawa (UofO), always in sociology departments. Sabbaticals have taken me to Australia and the Commonwealth Caribbean, while thanks to my students' research, my own teaching and travelling I have become somewhat familiar with ethnic, racial and national issues in other parts of the world. Now 'retired', I am Emerita Professor at UofO, mainly supervising graduate students and continuing with my own research.

There has been continuity in my research interests over the years, although the specifics have varied considerably. The continuity is represented by my continuing interest in power differentials, and in the intersection (not always labelled as such) of ethnicity/race, gender and social class/socio-economic status as these relate to power differentials. Theoretically I have been most drawn to neo-Weberian analysis, its potential within feminism and (French) feminist materialism, all mainly structural analyses, but also with a more recent interest in identity formation. Over time my interest in power differentials has extended to include an interest in such differentials among (not just within) national groups – particularly those in the economic North and South. As the resident in a former colony (but one which was also a white settler society), to some extent I've experienced (and analyzed) both sides of the coin of domination. Geographically my sites of research have included Canada/Québec, Australia and the Anglophone Caribbean, especially Barbados, and topics have related to educational and employment access, management as a minority occupation for women, variations in paid and unpaid work for women, and the impact of globalization and state policies on it, and on immigrants to Canada (and their children), (almost) always through an intersecting lens which includes ethnicity, race, and sometimes national issues. Most recently, in addition to co-editing more wide-ranging books with Devorah Kalekin-Fishman (*The ISA Handbook in Contemporary Sociology: Conflict, Competition, Cooperation* (2009) and the forthcoming *The Shape of Sociology for the 21st Century: Tradition and Renewal*), I have co-edited a special issue of the *Journal of Intercultural Studies* with Sirma Bilge on 'Women, Intersectionality and Diaspora' and published an article on ethnicity and race in the Caribbean in Sujata Patel's edited book, *The ISA Handbook of Diverse Sociological Traditions* (2010). I am also at the analysis and writing stage for two collaborative projects, one a gendered analysis of society-centered engineering studies in central Canadian universities and the other on Internet access and use (including in identity definition) for minority young people in Barbados and francophone Ontario. In both race/ethnicity are important variables for analysis: in the first, gendered patterns of the study of engineering vary with ethnic origin; while in the other we are particularly interested in the impact of Anglo-American hegemony on Internet use and eventual (ethnic/racial) identity formation of young people in two societies, in one case an official national ethno-linguistic minority (those in francophone schools in Ontario, Canada) and in the other, a nation-state which is a minority internationally (Barbados).

I have also been active, first in national associations in sociology, ethnic relations and feminism – both nominally bilingual (but often effectively English) and French – and then international ones, particularly the ISA. I have greatly enjoyed the stimulation of working

with colleagues from a variety of backgrounds and learning more about their experiences, research questions, interests and ways of approaching sociological questions. In fact it was at my first ISA meeting in 1966 in Evian that I was first introduced to the concept of the 'scheduled' castes, although other castes had of course been integral to my undergraduate education about social differentiation. In the same spirit I am looking forward to working more closely with you, learning from you and having opportunities to share and exchange.

In terms of the next four years, here are some preliminary pieces of information and initiatives I hope we can pursue:

1. Mid-term conference: Unfortunately the locale of the next Forum, in 2012, is still to be determined. The ISA has put out an invitation for proposals to member national associations and will be reaching a decision by very early in 2011 based on the proposals received in October 2010. In Göteborg the 2010-14 RC05 board discussed the merits of holding our mid-term conference with the Forum (location as yet unknown) or independently. We agreed that the merits of mutual fertilization weighed in favor of holding our mid-term conference with the Forum. We will keep you posted as soon as we have more details about the Forum's locale and theme, so we can plan our own mid-term conference and consider with which RCs we may want to initiate plans for joint sponsorship of sessions.
2. A second mid-term conference? We are now a large and geographically diverse RC – not everyone can afford to attend the Forum (wherever it is held) and/or the next World Congress in Yokohama, Japan. I will be discussing with the Board the possibility of holding a (probably smaller) additional mid-term conference in another part of the world (preferably not in the Economic North, which probably excludes my home base of Ottawa). To succeed, we need to have local volunteers – perhaps from the Board, or those active at home and perhaps interested in becoming eventual Board members – in addition to participation by myself and other Board members. I would like to know if such a possibility interests you – please contact me at adenis@uottawa.ca, with an indication of if (and how) you could help with organization. A number of RCs have annual meetings in different parts of the world – perhaps this is an objective we should work towards in RC05 – it could enhance our communication between World Congresses.
3. An 'exchange' and communication corner: This could be another way of enhancing communication, especially (although not only) in the absence of face-to-face contact at our meetings. I envision this as a virtual space in which to invite further contact and exchange with others interested in a particular racism, ethnicity and/or nationalism issue (RC05's mandate) related to our own present research and/or teaching; such exchanges might lead to possible partnerships for an eventual (and possibly cross-national) research initiative or network. To start this off, I have made a couple of entries – my interests contributed to my having this idea in the first place.
4. Recruitment of new members, especially in regions with few RC05 members: in examining our membership list I've been delighted with its geographical diversity, but I am sure that there are other sociologists interested in racism, ethnicity and/or nationalism. I will use the contacts I already have in order to try to increase RC05's geographical diversity, and I urge you to do the same – or to suggest to me potential members whom I might contact.

I also encourage you to share information with other RC05 members – by the newsletter or by our members' e-mail list - about upcoming conferences on ethnicity, racism or nationalism, including calls for papers for such conferences, possible references/reading lists for teaching

(or research) etc. The newsletter will be a good means of sharing information about your recent publications on RC05-related topics with our members.

I look forward to your suggestions, to working with you and, I hope, to meeting many of you.

With best wishes,
Ann Denis

A very brief history of the RC05
- by Michael Banton and Ann Denis -

At the Sixth World Congress of Sociology in 1966 a group worked on the theme 'Cultural or Racial Tensions and International Relations'. At the Seventh Congress in 1970, an ad hoc group met to consider 'Sociology of Race Relations'. A participant from the Soviet Union proposed the constitution of a Research Committee. A resolution to this effect, recommending the title 'Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations', was supported by 28 signatures, from Austria (4), Bulgaria (1), France (4), German Federal Republic (1), Great Britain (8), Italy (1), Poland (1), Turkey (1), USA (2), USSR (5).

The RC was officially recognised by the ISA in 1971. Its presidents hold office for the four years following their election. They have been: 1970 Pierre Bessaignet (France); 1974& 1978 John Rex (UK), 1982 Marshall Murphree (Zimbabwe); 1986 Heribert Adam (Canada); 1990 Michael Banton (UK); 1994 Christine Inglis (Australia); 1998 Kogila Adam-Moodley (Canada); 2002 Nira Yuval-Davies (UK); 2004 Peter Radcliffe (UK); 2010 Ann Denis (Canada).

The name of RC05 was formally changed in 2006 to 'Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations'. As Peter Radcliffe explained in his formal request to ISA for this change: "most members of RC05 (if not all) have long been uncomfortable, to say the least, with the inclusion of the terms 'race' and 'minority' in the RCs title because of controversy surrounding them. A major focus of all current work in the field is racism, nationalism, culture/ethnicity and faith. Out of all possible titles floated, the Board decided to put Racism, nationalism and ethnic relations to the members in Durban. This was agreed unanimously."

Another important change in RC05 has been the expansion of its membership: it is now one of the largest RCs in ISA. Our membership also diversified, although it remains concentrated in Category A countries.

New Members of the Executive Board

- **Floya Anthias, U.K.**
Professor of Sociology and Social Justice, Roehampton University

I am currently Professor of Sociology and Social Justice at Roehampton University but have also worked as Professor of Sociology at the University of Greenwich and Oxford Brookes University. I was educated at the London School of Economics where I read Sociology and then took a Masters degree at the University of Birmingham followed by a Teaching Diploma in Higher Education at Garnett College. I gained my PhD from the

University of London's Bedford College in 1981 ('Ethnicity and Class among Greek Cypriot Migrants: A Study in the conceptualisation of Ethnicity').

My primary research interests are in the areas of social divisions and identities and my work has been devoted to trying to understand and theorise these in terms of social boundaries and hierarchies. This has also entailed a concern with social exclusion and inequality and migration, ethnicity, gender and multiculturalism. My main academic writings have been devoted to exploring the connections between different forms of social hierarchy and inequality with a particular concern with the links between gender, race and class (often referred to as intersectionality) as forms of social identity and difference and forms of social stratification. In addition, issues of migration, particularly as they link to labour market disadvantages and class position have been central to my work. I also have an interest in the Southern Mediterranean and have undertaken a range of research on Cyprus and Cypriot migration and settlement. My theoretical and substantive research contributions have included theorising race, racism and ethnicity, interrogating the links between race and class and gender and class, theorising social divisions and stratification, diaspora and hybridity, narratives of identity and belonging, multiculturalism, the connections between multiculturalism and feminism, women migrants in the labour market, self employment (including research on the restaurant and catering sectors), and issues of generational change, looking at minority youth. Recent funded research projects have included examining exclusion and identity amongst young Cypriots and young Asians, self-employment practices amongst women and minorities, the chances of the children of ethnic entrepreneurs and the position and integration practices of female migrants in the labour force. My books include *Woman, Nation, State* (co-edited with Nira Yuval Davis, Macmillan, 1989), *Racialised Boundaries: race, nation, colour, class and the anti racist struggle* (co-authored with Nira Yuval Davis, Routledge 1993), *Ethnicity, Class, Gender and Migration: Greek Cypriots in Britain* (Avebury Press, 1992), *Thinking about the Social and Thinking about Social Divisions* (edited, Greenwich University Press 1997), *Into the Margins: Migration and Exclusion in Southern Europe*, (co-edited, Ashgate 1999), *Gender and Migration in Southern Europe: women on the move*, (co-edited, Berg, 2000) and *Rethinking antiracisms: from theory to practice* (co-edited Routledge 2002). I have also written numerous articles, particularly on theoretical issues around race and ethnicity, and on theorising social divisions, intersectionality and stratification. My most recent work has been developing the concept of translocational positionality as a way of addressing some of the difficulties identified with concepts of hybridity, identity and intersectionality. I have also written on the concept of social capital incorporating it within a wider frame relating to understanding social hierarchy.

- **Sirma Bilge, Canada**

A tenured associate professor of sociology at Université de Montreal, where she teaches the sociology of ethnic relations, gender and sexualities and postcolonial theories, Sirma Bilge is also the founder and the director of the Intersectionality Research Unit that existed at CEETUM (Centre for Ethnic Studies of Montreal Universities) between 2005-2010.

She is an elected member of the Executive Board of the Research Committee (RC05) on Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations of the International Sociological Association (ISA), as well as an elected regional representative for Canada within the ISA Research Committee (RC32) on Women in Society.

Her current work engages with the intersections of social formations of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and class, and examines precisely how notions of national/ethnic sameness and otherness articulate themselves through gender and sexual regulation. More broadly, her work attempts to grapple with the intertwined politics of gender, sexuality and race within the context of nationalism, which also includes a concern about the current deployments of feminist and queer politics in the patrolling of the boundaries of western nations. The empirical fields of these inquiries have been carried out first through funded research projects dealing with conjugal aspirations and matrimonial practices among Montreal youth of migrant background. A new federal funding (SSHRC) obtained in April 2010 for a new research project entitled *Migrant Masculinities and Western Imagination: An Intersectional Study of a Contemporary Representational Regime* will offer new insights into the ways in which 'western' immigration/integration and citizenship debates are framed in newly gendered and sexualized terms, in particular through the construction of archaic and dangerous masculinities belonging to other cultures that are either to be reformed or excluded.

Drawing on postcolonial theory, recent queer of colour critique of (homo)nationalism, and anti-racist feminist intersectionality theorizing, her work aims to offer empirically grounded insights into the prevailing workings of contemporary gender and sexual normativities in operating inclusions to and exclusions from the national body politic. In sum, while reckoning that the issues of gender and sexualities have always been inextricably intertwined with the politics of race, nation and empire, in her work, Sirma aims to interrogate what is really "new" about the contemporary politics of racialized sexualities and sexual nationalisms.

She co-edited (with Ann Denis) a thematic issue for the *Journal of Intercultural Studies* (February 2010) on "Women, Intersectionality and Diasporas", and (with Barbara Thériault) a special issue for *Sociologie et Sociétés*, on "Border-crossers". She recently organized (with Paul Scheibelhofer) at the 17th World Congress of Sociology in Gothenburg a double session on "Confronting the Politics of Racialized Sexualities" (i. On regulating minority gender and sexualities; ii. From hetero- to homonationalism) which is to be transformed into an edited volume in a peer-reviewed scholarly journal, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, in the course of the next year. The tentative title of this project, whose proposal has been accepted is: *The new politics of racialized sexualities*.

Some recent publications are:

Bilge, Sirma. 2010. "Beyond Subordination vs. Resistance: An Intersectional Approach to the Agency of Veiled Muslim Women", *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, vol. 31, no.1, pp. 9-28.

Bilge, Sirma. 2010. "...alors que nous, Québécois, nos femmes sont égales à nous, et nous les aimons ainsi": la patrouille des frontières au nom de l'égalité de genre dans une "nation" en quête de souveraineté", ["... whereas, us the Quebecois people, our women are our equals and we love them that way": The boundary-patrolling in the name of gender equality in a sovereignty-seeking nation"], *Sociologie et Sociétés*, vol. 42, n° 1, pp. 197-226.

Bilge, Sirma (in press). "De l'analogie à l'articulation: Théoriser la différenciation sociale et l'inégalité complexe", ["From analogy to articulation: Theorizing social differentiation and complex inequality"], *L'homme et la société*, no. 176-177, avril-septembre 2010, 22p.

Bilge, Sirma & Olivier Roy. 2010. "La discrimination intersectionnelle: la naissance et le développement d'un concept et les paradoxes de sa mise en application en droit antidiscriminatoire", ["Intersectional discrimination: Genesis and development of a concept

and its paradoxical applications in anti-discriminatory law"], *Revue Canadienne Droit et Société/Canadian Journal of Law and Society*, vol. 25, no. 1, pp. 51-74.

Bilge, Sirma. 2010. "Recent Feminist Outlooks on Intersectionality", *Diogenes*, no. 225, pp. 58-72. (English translation of "Théorisations féministes de l'intersectionnalité").

Bilge, Sirma. 2009. "Théorisations féministes de l'intersectionnalité", *Diogenes*, no. 225, pp. 158-176.

Bilge, Sirma. 2008. "Between Gender and Cultural Equality", in Engin F. Isin, (ed.), *Recasting the Social in Citizenship*, University of Toronto Press, pp. 100-133.

- **Natividad Gutiérrez Chong, Mexico**

Gutiérrez Chong was born in Mexico City. She is a sociologist from the National University of Mexico, UNAM and holds an Msc and PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London. She is a senior lecturer and researcher based at the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales. She is the chief editor of *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*. She is the Vice-president of the Research Committee on Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations (RC05), International Sociological Association and former editor of RC05 Newsletter. She was a founding member of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (LSE), and Editor of the Newsletter Ethnicity, Race and Nationalism (RC05). <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa>. She also forms part of the Steering Committee of the Association for Research of Ethnicity and Nationalism in the Americas ARENA, University of South Carolina <http://www.cas.sc.edu/arena>. She has coordinated several national and international projects related with ethnicity and nationalisms in Latin America and China, as well as ethnic politics in contemporary states. She is currently researching on ethnic conflicts, the plurinational state, and the democratic agenda for ethnic peoples.

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(2007) *Women, Ethnicity and Nationalisms in Latin America*, Ashgate, Hampshire,

(2004) *Mujeres y Nacionalismo: De la independencia a la nación del nuevo milenio* N Gutiérrez (ed) Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, UNAM.

(2001) *Mitos nacionalistas e identidades étnicas. Los intelectuales indígenas y el estado mexicano*, IIS, CONACULTA – FONCA y Plaza y Valdés.

(2001) *Autonomía Étnica en China, Cuadernos de Investigación*, IIS, Plaza y Valdés, México,

(1999) *Nationalist Myths and Ethnic Identities: Indigenous Intellectuals and the Mexican State*, Nebraska University Press, Lincoln and London

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(2001) Dieckhoff Alain and Gutiérrez Natividad *Modern Roots: Studies on National Identity*, Ashgate - UNESCO, Hampshire.

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(2003) "Nacionalismos y etnocentrismos: la escritura maya de Briceida Cuevas y Flor Marlene Herrera" *Revista de Estudios de Género La Ventana*, Universidad de Guadalajara (18) 2003: 169-210.

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(1998) "Arquetipos y estereotipos en la construcción de la identidad nacional de México" en; *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*, 1/1998:81-90.

Nationalist Myths and Ethnic Identities: Indigenous Intellectuals and the Mexican State was nominated by Nebraska University Press to receive the following prizes Clarence H. Haring Prize (University of Notre Dame, 2000). Ralph J. Bunche Award (American Political Science Association, 2000) y Bolton- Johnson (Ohio State University, 2000).

- **Helma Lutz, Germany**

Helma Lutz is a sociologist and an educationalist. She is a professor of women's and gender studies at the department of social sciences at the Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany. Her

teaching and her research interests are concerned with gender, (transnational) migration, ethnicity, nationalism, racism and citizenship. She has a long record of research about the intersection of gender, migration, ethnicity and nationality in European societies and has widely published on these issues in three languages (Dutch, German, and English). Over the last years, she was the director of several research projects dealing the situation of migrant domestic workers and their families in Germany and in other European receiving and sending countries (feminisation of migration; care-drain; care-chains; care-regimes; transnational mothering).

Her most recent monograph in German is: *Vom Weltmarkt in den Privathaushalt. Die 'Neuen Dienstmädchen' im Zeitalter der Globalisierung*. Opladen: Barbara Budrich 2007 and 2008 (second edition) which will be published by ZED press 2010 under the title: *The new maids of Europe*. She is the editor of numerous volumes in German, Dutch and English, among which are the following editions in English: *Framing Intersectionality - Debates on a multi-faceted Concept in Gender Studies*, Aldershot: Ashgate 2011 (co-editor); *Migration and Domestic Work - a European Perspective on a Global Theme*. Aldershot: Ashgate 2008; *Crossing Borders and shifting boundaries*, Opladen: Leske und Budrich 2002(co-editor); *The New Migration in Europe. Social Constructions and Social Realities* London: MacMillan, 1998 (co-editor with Khalid Koser,) and *Crossfires. Nationalism, Racism and Gender in Europe* London: Pluto Press, 1995 (co-editor with Ann Phoenix and Nira Yuval-Davis).

- **Scott Poynting, U.K.**

I am a new member of the RC05 Board, having come on 'board' at the XVII World Congress in July. I have taken on the role of Membership Secretary, a task made immeasurably smoother by the efforts of outgoing Vice-President, Zlatko Skrbis, who had responsibility for membership in that role and thoroughly updated our members database during his term of office. We have 231 members listed, and the ISA Secretariat advises that we have 183 members 'in good standing'. I know that one more rejoined this morning. Over the next four years I'll be doing my best to emulate Zlatko's recruiting efforts, and to make sure as many as possible of our member renew their membership when it becomes due.

Our membership database is a 'virtual' one, hosted at the University of Innsbruck, and I am grateful to Garry Lawton in Information Technology Services there for the smooth transition and maintenance. All RC05 members are automatically subscribed to the RC05 list-server unless they have advised that they don't wish to be (few have). This means that you can send messages to all other members without any restrictions. To do so simply send a message to rc05@lists.uibk.ac.at. Please note that only RC05 members can use this list, and only from the email address registered with their membership.

The editors have asked me to introduce myself. I work at Manchester Metropolitan University, where I am Professor in Sociology. I have been a member of the ISA for about ten years. My recent research interests include Islamophobia, racist hate crime, and immigrant (especially second-generation) young people and their racialisation and criminalisation. Most recently, I am co-author (with Paul Tabar and Greg Noble) of *On Being Lebanese in Australia*, currently in press with LAU Press, Beirut.

- **Peter Ratcliffe, U.K.**

Peter Ratcliffe has worked on issues of race, ethnicity, migration and integration for over three decades. Peter is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick and Director of

the Centre for Rights, Equality and Diversity. He is also Director of the UK National Focal Point for the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. In July 2006, he was elected President of RC05.

Recent research themes include the social and spatial mobility of South Asian communities in Leeds and Bradford and public sector procurement strategies to promote racial equality in employment. His expertise is sought by central and local government, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and a number of major NGOs.

Peter's publications and papers have included *Racism and Reaction: a profile of Handsworth* (1981), *Social Geography and Ethnicity in Britain: geographical spread, spatial concentration and internal migration* (ed., 1996), *'Race' and Housing in Bradford* (1996), *Breaking Down the Barriers: improving Asian access to social rented housing* (2001), "Difference, Diversity and Labour Market Inequalities: towards a generic Common Standard?" (with Michael Orton 2002), 'The use of public sector procurement to enhance 'racial' equality in employment' and 'Working for an Inclusive Britain (2003)'. More recently, he has authored 'Race', Ethnicity and Difference: imagining the inclusive society (2004). His national report on the 'managing diversity' and 'community cohesion' agenda was published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in July 2006. More recently, research for the UK's Audit Commission led to a evaluation of national policy on 'community cohesion' and ultimately a book with Ines Newman, *Promoting Social Cohesion*, to be published by Policy Press in Spring 2011.

- **Vilna Bashi Treitler, U.S.**

She is Associate Professor of Sociology at the Graduate Center at the City University of New York, and Associate Professor of Black and Hispanic Studies at Baruch College, City University of New York. She studies, writes, and teaches about international migration, race and ethnicity, and qualitative methods of research. Her book *Survival of the Knitted* (Stanford, 2007) is a study of migrant networks' role in socioeconomic and racial adaptation using transnational Caribbean networks as a case. She's now writing an ethnic/racial history of the United States (under contract with Stanford) and studying racialization in families formed by international or transracial adoption. She is honored to serve on the Board of RC05, and to be contributing to collegial work on crucial and timely concerns about Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism.

- **Georgina Tsolidis, Australia**

Before taking up her current position as Professor of Education, University of Ballarat, she worked at Monash University and for the Victorian Government, including for peak bodies concerned with the education of minority students. She conducted the first Government-sponsored Australian study exploring the educational needs and experiences of minority girls, which became the basis for policy, teacher professional development and curriculum development.

She researches on identification with a particular focus on gender and ethnicity in the context of families and schools. She has researched the role the daughters of immigrants play in processes of cultural formation between generations and nations. She is also concerned with schooling as a process that inhibits or facilitates self-fashioned identification and has

completed a recent study that explores this through mainstream and community-based schools.

She was Editor of the *Journal for Intercultural Studies*. She joined RC05 in Brisbane and became a Board member at Gothenburg, co-editing this newsletter with Ulrike Vieten.

Some recent publications include;

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I am based at the Faculty of Social Science, VU Amsterdam working on a comparative and international study on ‘New’ citizen’s inclusion in Britain, the Netherlands and Germany since 1970. This research project is part of an interdisciplinary (Dutch) Research Group on ‘Inclusive Thinking’. Despite my continental European university affiliation my main abode is in North England (Leeds).

Before moving to Britain in 2002 and studying with Prof. Nira Yuval-Davis (Gender & Ethnic Studies; MA at the University of Greenwich; Ph.D. at UEL) I obtained a MA in Social Science (Carl v. Ossietzky University Oldenburg) in 1989, and read Law at Bremen University in the early 90s; both Germany.

Also in the 1990s, I worked professionally with different NGOs and also as a Lecturer and socio-legal expert regarding German Sex Equality Law for several German Federal Authorities, Unions and the West German Radio Station (WDR). Keeping my interest in legal studies I am continuing this stream of work in more recent research on European Union multidimensional non-discrimination Law, its implementation in different EU Member States and critical debates of feminist approaches to intersectional social divisions.

Further, interdisciplinary and international studies of nationalism, cosmopolitanism and globalisation processes; comparative research into transformed notions of citizenship and critical discourses on racism, whiteness, borders and symbolic boundaries in Europe feature as research themes. Hence, I concentrate on social complexity, equality and patterns of democratic participation in European societies.

Between 2003 and 2006 I worked as a Research Assistant to Prof Yuval -Davis, the then president of the RC05, helping to organise the Interim RC05/RC32 conference on Racisms, Sexisms and the Politics of belonging, London in 2004. Also, several publications¹ were a result of this fruitful collaboration in 2006.

Since the ISA World Congress of Sociology in Gothenburg/ Sweden (July 2010), I am member of the Executive Board of the Research Committee (RC05) on Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations of the International Sociological Association (ISA); co-editing with Georgina Tsolidis the RC05 Newsletter.

Recent publications

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Announcements

Hushed Voices Unacknowledged Atrocities of the 20th Century

Edited by Heribert Adam

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Unlike widely reported genocides, such as those in Nazi Germany, Rwanda and Cambodia, some atrocities remain unacknowledged, are denied and excluded from history textbooks. Yet the buried past is important, not only because perpetrators of gross human rights violations should be held accountable, but also because victims and their descendants warrant recognition. Unacknowledged atrocities breed resentment; they taint the collective identity of a nation and cause divisions when future generations challenge the sanitized versions of history. Official silence about past misdeeds suggests complicity and promotes impunity. Above all, non-acknowledgement prevents learning from past injustices. *Hushed Voices* analyzes fifteen key cases of forgotten mass political violence from around the world. In Africa these include massacres in Zanzibar, the Gukurahundi in Zimbabwe, Biafra, the Algerian Harkis, and the Mau Mau anti-colonial rebellion; in the Middle East, the Armenian massacre in Turkey, the Palestinian Nakba and the Hama uprising in Syria are examined; in Asia, the book considers Suharto's slaughter of half a million Indonesians, the actions of Imperial Japan and Gujarati Hindu nationalism; in Europe, the Ukrainian Holodomor, the Spanish Civil War, Dresden and the ethnic cleansing of Germans in Poland and Czechoslovakia after World War II make up the case studies. Theories of ethnic conflict, reconciliation, truth commissions and post-conflict reconstruction are reviewed in the conclusion.

Cultural Diversity in Russian Cities

The Urban Landscape in the post-Soviet Era

Published 2010

Edited by Cordula Gdaniec

ISBN 978-1-84545-665-8

Cultural diversity — the multitude of different lifestyles that are not necessarily based on ethnic culture — is a catchphrase increasingly used in place of multiculturalism and in conjunction with globalization. Even though it is often used as a slogan it does capture a widespread phenomenon that cities must contend with in dealing with their increasingly diverse populations. The contributors examine how Russian cities are responding and through case studies from Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novosibirsk, and Sochi explore the ways in which different cultures are inscribed into urban spaces, when and where they are present in public space, and where and how they carve out their private spaces. Through its unique exploration of the Russian example, this volume addresses the implications of the fragmented urban landscape on cultural practices and discourses, ethnicity, lifestyles and subcultures, and economic practices, and in doing so provides important insights applicable to a global context.

Young British Muslims: Identity, Culture, Politics and the Media,

Nahid Afrose Kabir,

Edinburgh University Press,

October 2010
ISBN 978 0 7486 4133 8

In Britain's highly politicized social climate in the aftermath of the 7/7 London bombings, this book provides an in-depth understanding of British Muslim identity. The author conducted ethnographic fieldwork in the form of in-depth, semi-structured interviews of over 200 young Muslims in five British cities: London, Leicester, Bradford, Leeds and Cardiff. Kabir's careful analysis of interview responses offers insights into the hopes and aspirations of British Muslims from remarkably diverse ethnicities. By emphasizing the importance of biculturalism, the author conveys a realistic and hopeful vision for their successful integration into British society.

- The editors of the [*Journal of Intercultural Studies*](#) have selected 9 [Editor's Pick](#) articles which are now free to view, available until 31st of December

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Secularism, racism *and the politics of belonging* a conference on race, religion, and public policy

University of East London - Thursday 27 January 2011

organised by
CMRB and Runnymede Trust

This conference explores the ways in which questions of race, religion and religious affiliation operate in state policies and civil society in Britain and beyond.

It examines how matters of faith are constructed in relation to old and new forms of racism and to other contemporary political projects of belonging. It considers the implications for citizenship and social solidarity in the context of "the Big Society".

These issues will be examined in relation to specific questions which have occupied the British public in recent years: constructions of "faith communities" in relation to ethnic identities, the place of religion in equality legislation and legal pluralism, debates about dress codes, and the effect of particular forms of religious education, including separate faith schools

The conference brings together academics and researchers, community activists, race equality groups, and leading figures from secular as well as Christian, Muslim and Jewish organisations.

Speakers include:

Baroness Prof Haleh Afshar, *York University*; **Gita Sahgal**, writer and film-maker;
Dr AbdoolKarim Vakil, *Kings College London*; **Cassandra Balchin**, *Muslim Women's Network*;
Dr Sawirti Saharso, *VU University, Amsterdam*; **Prof Karima Bennoune**, *Rutgers University*;
Rania Hafez, *University of East London*; **Marieme Helie-Lucas**, *Women Living Under Muslim Laws*;
Jonathan Bartley, *Ekklesia*; **Dr Rob Berkeley**, *Runnymede Trust*;
Prof Philip Marfleet, *University of East London*; **Prof Nira Yuval-Davis**, *University of East London*;

Admission to the conference is free but places are limited. For further information and to reserve a place please send an email to: s.thorpe@uel.ac.uk

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Minutes from the Gothenburg RC05 Business meeting

ISA XVII World Congress of Sociology RC05 Business meeting held Tuesday July 13 July, 2010.

Present

Peter Ratcliffe (President) , Zlatko Skrbis (Vice President, Membership), Natividad Gutierrez Chong (Vice President, Newsletter) Peter Gale, Scott Poynting, Georgina Tsolidis, Pete Sanderson, Sirma Bilge, Paul Scheibelhofer, Shamser Scnha, Vicki Harman, Karin Murj, Ipek Demir, Oscar Prieto-Flores, Helma Lutz, Karin Peters, Ulrike M. Vieten, Xin Liu, Chyong-fang Ko, Enzo Colombo, Jeanette Rhedding-Jones, Shobha Hamal Gurung, Monte Koloukeur, Diana Hulinar, Anders Neergaard, John Solomos, Claire Alexander, Caroline Knowles, Mette Anderson, Alice Feldman, Monica Zbaner-Anguilo, Shana Hunter, Pauline Leonard, Kohei Yoshida, Ahmad Regali, Novolino Lulistievsky.

1. Welcome

Welcome and introduction by the President, Peter Ratcliffe (PR).

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

(8 September 2008, ISA World Forum, Barcelona – circulated)

4. Matters arising

- a) The matter of a book prize had not progressed and it was recommended that this issue be taken up by the incoming Executive Board.
- b) A decision was taken by the meeting not to establish a formal link between RC 05 and the Journal of Intercultural Studies given there are a number of journals associated with RC 05.

5. Statement from outgoing RC05 President – Peter Ratcliffe (2006-2010)

PR paid tribute to the support he had received and the efforts of Zlatko Skrbis (ZS) and Natividad Gutierrez Chong (NGC). He stated that the incoming President needed similar support. He suggested that his achievements were best judged by others. He commented on the organisation of the previous two conferences and stated that while some difficulties had been experienced with the company contracted, the conferences had been successful. RC 05 had filled every available slot and had requested additional

sessions which were filled also. Contact between meetings was important and efforts to maintain on-going dialogue needed to be explored and maintained.

RC 05 was one of the largest groups and had been successful applying for all available ISA grants. At April 2010 the closing balance was 5163.74 (pounds). A Summary Report was circulated and final accounts would be submitted after impending debts were cleared, including the cost of the Congress reception to follow. Future challenges included the differential impact of the global financial crisis on minorities and the bureaucratic control on the nature of academic work, which is likely to impact most on the already vulnerable.

6. Elections to RC05 Executive Board (ZS)

Z.S. announced that Ann Dennis has been elected President. He congratulated her and explained that she was not in attendance because she had been admitted to hospital. He introduced the new Executive Board members as follows;

Floya Anthias
Sirma Bilge
Helma Lutz
Scott Poynting
Vilma Bashi Treiller
Georgina Tsolidis
Ulrike M. Vieten
Peter Ratcliffe
Natividad Gutierrez Chong

7. Statement from new RC05 President

Held over.

8. Membership Report (ZS)

Currently, there were 178 members, which is slightly below the largest membership (190 in 2008). A separate data-base had been constructed for members who were non-paying. Renewal reminders were not sent and people were asked to check that they were financial and renew their membership accordingly.

The e-list was explained to members on joining. This had proved successful with lively discussion on matters such as bibliographical material.

9. RC05 Newsletter (NGC)

The newsletter was the primary vehicle for communication and facilitated RC 05 developing and maintaining cohesion. There is a statutory obligation to produce at least two newsletters each year.

10. The future of RC05 (President/All)

A call was made for members to consider inviting relevant groups from respective national associations to affiliate with RC 05.
The e-list was recommended for further use.

The idea of holding an Interim Meeting was discussed at length, including in Cyprus. A decision was held over given there was some ambiguity as to the venue for the next ISA Forum.

While it was considered appropriate for RC 05 to have an advocacy role, it was recommended that the new Executive Board explore a process whereby statements such as that issued in Durban on the Middle East, could be made on behalf of the membership.

11. Any other business.

There were concerns about the conference including the lack of facilities (e.g. water for speakers and others). Some abstracts had not been published although there was some ambiguity as to whether this was an oversight of the organisers. Maps could have been clearer. The inappropriate spelling of participants' names due to a range of technical issues was inappropriate. Some felt the printing of abstracts was considered costly and environmentally unfriendly.

Meeting closed
9 pm.

Exchange and Communication (proposed by Ann Denis)

This section offers the opportunity of identifying themes for further exchange. It can be a proxy for informal chats at conferences by which a conversation about topic(s) of mutual interest can begin – and could lead to further exchange, conference participation, research cooperation The themes below (the first in this section) relate to research, but this could equally be a forum for exchange of ideas and resources about teaching. We encourage you to consider this additional means of linking with (perhaps hitherto unknown) others, and we also encourage you to respond to queries/ invitations about expressions of interest that others may launch in this section. Ideally some of our exchanges will be cross-national.

1. Ethnicity/race), Gender and (university) Engineering Studies.

I would be interested in making contact with colleagues interested in ethnic/racial variations in interest in university studies in engineering (and among its subfields), particularly as these are associated with gender variations in interest/enrolment. Much of the analysis of which I am aware has centered on North American (and to a lesser extent European) students, with little differentiation by their ethnicity/race. Is the under-representation of women in engineering geo-culturally specific? Associated with the cultures of particular ethnicities/races (and if so, why)? A result of systemic discrimination? As we begin the analysis of our Canadian data, the interdisciplinary team of which I am a part is interested in exploring both the 'what' and 'why' associated with these queries, and would welcome exchanges with others (RC05 members or others to whom you might refer us) who share this research interest (and might also perhaps share their own relevant data). Please contact Ann Denis - adenis@uottawa.ca.

2. Ethnicity/race, Gender, Social Status and Internet Use

I am interested in communicating with others interested in associations between ethnicity/race – as ‘identity’ or (real or putative) ‘origin(s)’ and Internet use – especially as this association may intersect with gender and/or social status. Some questions for reflection include: How might we conceptualize ethnicity/race in this context? What is the salience of cultural practices in such analysis – are they indicators of ethnic/racial identity? What is the impact of the virtual communications of the Internet on diasporic relations? What is the meaning of linguistic use on the Internet when analyzing ethnicity/race (pragmatism? A statement of identity? Or...)? How (if at all) does the existence of hegemonic language(s) on the Internet affect the articulation (fluid or more fixed) of ethnic/racial identities, expressions of racism? These are among the questions raised by our study of Internet use by Barbadian students and by students attending minority French schools in Ontario, Canada. We would be interested in pursuing such questions with others. Please contact Ann Denis – adenis@uottawa.ca
