



**International Sociological Association  
Research Committee on Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and  
Culture RC14**

**NEWSLETTER. WINTER. January 2016.**

Dear Members,  
Welcome to the newsletter of RC14,  
We look forward at meeting as many members as possible in Vienna Forum. That Forum can be a great event for RC 14 and for ISA as well.  
Please remember your registration before April 5, 2016. Participants to the program must achieve their registration before that date, no delay being allowed.  
<http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/registration.htm>

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**The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World -  
Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016**

The call for papers of RC 14 was successfully answered.  
Please find here an account of our sessions in Vienna:

**Number of sessions:** 14 ‘

English, 10, Spanish: 2, French: 2

We received 174 abstracts and accepted 149, including 44 as “distributed

papers”. (For a better organization of the sessions regarding to the number of presenters actually present in Vienna, the session “distributed papers” will possibly be presented as oral presentations).

Abstracts were sent from 37 countries:

Spain : 19	Turkey : 2	Croatia : 1
Mexico : 7	Austria : 2	Hungary : 1
USA : 9	Australia : 2	Ireland : 1
Germany : 14	Iran : 2	Japan : 4
France : 6	Norway : 1	Philippines : 1
India : 10	Romania : 1	Thailand : 1
Colombia : 5	Greece : 3	United Kingdom : 2
Peru : 1	Cameroun : 1	Netherlands : 1
Italy : 3	Brazil : 6	Luxembourg : 1
Canada : 11	Poland : 3	Israel : 1
Argentina : 4	Hong Kong : 1	Sweden : 1
Russia : 4	Czech Republic : 2	Others : 10

*To keep in touch with Futures Forum, follow this link: <http://futureswewant.net/>*

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## **Vienna, 10-14 July: Local organizing committee**

You will find information regarding practical aspects of Vienna Forum at the page of the local organizing committee;

<http://isaforum2016.univie.ac.at/about-vienna/hotel-booking/>

General information about Austria can be found following these links:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/maps/europe/austria/>

<http://www.austria.info/uk>

<https://www.wien.info/en>

Sessions organizers' e-mail addresses:

We have to observe ISA rules as far as it concerns Vienna Forum practical organization; nevertheless, if you have any special questions (such as length of your paper, time disposed, etc.) please refer to your session organizer (you may find sessions' responsible people below):

**Contemporary Communication Issues** (Luc Bonneville, Mail: [luc.bonneville@uottawa.ca](mailto:luc.bonneville@uottawa.ca));

**Contemporary Power, Symbolisms and Narratives by the Media** (Constantopoulou Christiana, Mail: [christiana.constantopoulou@panteion.gr](mailto:christiana.constantopoulou@panteion.gr));

**Globalization, Communication and Social Transformation: Towards a Global Sociology of Communication** (Virendra P. Singh, Mail: [etdrvps@gmail.com](mailto:etdrvps@gmail.com));

**Pouvoirs contemporains, mises en scène, symbolismes et récits:** (Constantopoulou Christiana Mail: [christiana.constantopoulou@panteion.gr](mailto:christiana.constantopoulou@panteion.gr));

**Return to the people:** (Daniela Frumusani/ Adriana Stefanel, Mail: [danifrumusani@psd.ro](mailto:danifrumusani@psd.ro); [adriana.stefanel@fjsc.ro](mailto:adriana.stefanel@fjsc.ro));

**Media Activism,** (Olivier Chantraine, Mail: [ochantraine@dbmail.com](mailto:ochantraine@dbmail.com));

**Fiction Worlds and Struggles,** (Olivier Chantraine, Mail: [ochantraine@dbmail.com](mailto:ochantraine@dbmail.com));

**Visibility and Social Orders. On the Construction of Boundaries and Knowledge in the Contemporary Technological Condition** (Boris Traue, Mail:

[boris.traue@posteo.de](mailto:boris.traue@posteo.de));

**Think Tanks** (M. Gonzalez, F, Gamba, Mails: [mjg221@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mjg221@cam.ac.uk); [fiorenza.gamba@gmail.com](mailto:fiorenza.gamba@gmail.com));

**The Future of the War on Terror** (M. Blain, Mail: [mblain@boisestate.edu](mailto:mblain@boisestate.edu));

**Mobility and Hybridization:** (F. Gamba, Mail : [fiorenza.gamba@gmail.com](mailto:fiorenza.gamba@gmail.com))

**Aportaciones de la Investigación en Comunicación al Desarrollo Social** (Jose Ruiz San Roman, Mail : [jars@ucm.es](mailto:jars@ucm.es));

**Aportaciones de la Comunicación a los Procesos de Participación Social** Jose Ruiz San Roman, Mail : [jars@ucm.es](mailto:jars@ucm.es))

***Notice : RC14 Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 13 July 2016: 02:15 PM - 03:45 PM, Hauptgebäude, Hörsaal 23 : all members are invited to discuss about our RC (forthcoming activities, publications etc.).***

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## RC14 Mailing List Reminder

Our secretary, Pr. Luc Bonneville provides RC14 members who registered to it with information via a mailing list, created after Yokohama Congress.  
For legal reasons, you can only receive this letter if you agree to your registration.

So remember to do so, if you did not already did it, sending the following information to Luc Bonneville ([luc.bonneville@uottawa.ca](mailto:luc.bonneville@uottawa.ca))

<b>Subject: "registration on RC14 mailing list"</b>
<b>Name</b>
<b>Mail Address</b>
<b>Day, Month, Year</b>
<b>"as a member of RC 14, I agree to my registration on the mailing list of the committee. I will have at any time the possibility to withdraw from that list:</b>
<b>YES</b>
<b>or</b>
<b>NO"</b>

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## News

*Some parts of our Midterm Conference held in Thessaloniki (Greece) last June are published in the French Journal for Media Research*  
<http://frenchjournalformediaresearch.com/lodel/index.php?id=613> (it's free on-line: we hope you will enjoy reading them).

Some other parts are to be published in a special issue entitled "Récits de la Crise, mythes et réalités de la société contemporaine" - L'Harmattan (collection Logiques Sociales) Paris.

- **French sociologists answer Prime Minister Valls about “Culture of excuse” ...**

In France, in the context of “State of Urgency”, the Prime Minister “Manuel Valls” condemned sociology as participating to a supposed “culture of excuse” by working on explanations of the genesis of “Terror” and “Jihad”. This medieval obscurantism was loudly answered by individual sociologists, like Bernard Lahire as well as by two professional associations of sociologists, AFS and ASES:

**"La sociologie, ce n'est pas la culture de l'excuse !" Tribune de l'ASES et de l'AFS publiée dans le Monde le 14/12/2015**

This platform can be read here:

<http://www.test-afs-socio.fr/drupal/node/4509>

**Interesting Publications:**

Lise Demailly Payet JP Purenne A. « Effets et sens des exigences d' « horizontalité » dans le champ de la santé mentale » in *Tous égaux? Les institutions à l'heure de la symétrie*, L'Harmattan, 2016 .

Presented here : <http://www.aislf.org/spip.php?article3051>

"Information Infrastructure(s). Boundaries, Ecologies, Multiplicity" (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014) edited Giuseppina Pelegrino & Alessandro Mongili January 2015.

The book springs from a shared research interest on Information Infrastructures, promoted through several sessions coordinated at international conferences. It is composed of 14 chapters authored by researchers having an international orientation towards the topic and working in different European countries. More info, extracts and details at

<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/information-infrastructures>

- **New doctoral program** of communication at University of Ottawa:  
<http://arts.uottawa.ca/communication/en/news/new-doctoral-program-communication>

- Check **publication opportunities**:  
[http://www.isa-sociology.org/publications\\_opportunities.php](http://www.isa-sociology.org/publications_opportunities.php)

Ethics of Debt

Call for papers

Special Issue of Finance and Society

Submissions: February 15, 2016

The Relevance of Sociology for Understanding Contemporary Latin America

Call for Papers

Special issue of Revista de Estudios Sociales

Abstracts: February 29, 2016

Migratory Crises and Political Conceptions of Human Movement

Call for Papers

Special Issue of Colombia Internacional

Abstracts: February 29, 2016

Gender and religions, freedom, identity and limits

Call for Papers

Special Issue of AboutGender

Abstracts: April 15, 2016

Local and Global Democracy

Call for Papers

Special Issue of Glocalism

Submissions: April 30, 2016

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Keep informed of sociological commitments and news, through “Global Dialogue”:

<http://isa-global-dialogue.net/>

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<http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/sociopedia-isa/index.htm>

**“Living Social Science” - a new concept**

**Aims and Scope**

Sociopedia.isa is an online journal that publishes review articles in the social sciences. Entries provide a 'state-of-the-art' review of the literature on a particular topic.

Sociopedia.isa provides 'living social science' as peer reviewed articles are published quickly after being accepted. In addition, entries are regularly updated and can be commented on. Since 2013, the 8-10 best entries of Sociopedia.isa are included in the annual review issue of 'Current Sociology'.

Sociopedia.isa was founded in 2010 as a joint venture of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and SAGE. Since its foundation, Sociopedia.isa has published more than fifty entries on a variety of topics. Some of these entries were also published in French and/or Spanish and/or commented on. The first batch of publications was updated in 2013.

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## Call for Book Reviewers

### International Sociology Reviews (ISR)

*International Sociology Reviews* (ISR), an official journal of the ISA, is considering proposals for book reviews and review essays. The list of books available for review is constantly updated and can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.pitt.edu/~isrb/BooksReview.html>

Reviewers must have a Ph.D., or at least be advanced graduate students already writing their doctoral dissertations. They must have sufficient expertise in the field of the book they propose to review. It is essential that they have good writing skills. ISA membership is not required.

In addition, we welcome proposals to review recent sociological knowledge produced in formats other than books, such as audio-visual materials, specialized workshops, special issues of other journals, electronic resources, debates in national or regional scholarly societies, and other formats and venues.

All reviewers must follow our guidelines and familiarize themselves with the skills required to do a good review, both of which are available through the link above.

Proposals to review books not listed on our site are considered, provided that they are relevant to ISR's mission.

Proposals to write reviews of material not available in English are particularly encouraged.

All prospective reviewers must adhere to our ethics and conflict of interest policy: they are expected to not have close personal or collegial relations to the authors of materials they propose to review.

Unsolicited reviews are not accepted. Please do not send a review without first proposing it and having it approved by the editor.

Please send all inquiries or proposals to: [isrb@pitt.edu](mailto:isrb@pitt.edu)  
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