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Letter from the President

Welcome to the May newsletter from the steering board for RC15 (Sociology of Health).

We are now just a few months away from the interim meeting of RC15 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1-4 August 2012, as part of the ISA Forum on ‘Sociology, Social Justice and Democratization’. As you will see we have a full and very exciting program to look forward to, stretching over all four days. We also have joint sessions with RC52 (Professional Groups) and RC19 (Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy). In addition the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss plans for the next ISA World Congress in Yokohama in 2014.

The Newsletter also contains information about a leading journal in the field of health policy, health systems and healthcare services, *Health Policy* and notices for forthcoming conferences and research networks and announcements for new books and book editions.

Any of our members who have ideas or suggestions about our future activities please email me at the address below.

If you haven’t renewed your membership for RC15 and the ISA yet then please do so as soon as possible and also encourage your colleagues to join. The larger the membership the stronger the group is and the more sessions we can run.

Finally I must thank our departing newsletter editor, Ellen Kuhlmann, for all her hard work in putting the newsletter together over recent years. She has done an excellent job and will be a ‘hard act’ to follow.

I look forward to seeing you in Buenos Aires at the end of July.

Best wishes

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*Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM – Joint Session with RC19*
**Towards better healthcare for all: What matters in the transformation of healthcare systems and policy, Part I**

**Session Organizers**
Ellen Kuhlmann, University of Bath, UK; Claus Wendt, Department of Sociology, University of Siegen, Adolf-Reichwein-Str. 2, Siegen 57068 Germany

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**Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Health care choice: Discourses, perceptions and experiences**

**Session Organizers:**
Kirsten Harley, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney Australia; Jonathan Gabe, Centre for Criminology & Sociology, Royal Holloway, University of London United Kingdom; Michael Calnan, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent, University of Kent, Cornwallis North East, Canterbury CT2 7NF UK

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Oral Presentation (id=16792) Navigating back pain care: A sociological study of women's illness pathways within and between intersecting social worlds. E. Kirby and A. Broom

Distributed Paper (id=14552) Choosing ayurveda as a health care practice in Argentina. B. Freidin, M. Ballesteros, M. B. Morejon, and M. Echeconea

Distributed Paper (id=23472) Europe’s mature, reasonable and responsible citizens – health care improvement via individualization?. K. Loer

Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM
The transformation of lives: Making up people through biotechnologies

Session Organizers: Johanne Collin, Pharmacy, University of Montreal, C.P. 6128 succ. Centre-ville, Montreal H3C-3J7 Canada; Annette Leibing, Nursing, University of Montreal, CP 6128, succ. Centre-ville, Montreal, QC H3C3J7 Canada

Oral Presentation (id=9745) Enhancement and evolving polarities: The case of «smart drugs». J. Collin, J. Simard, and H. C. Desrosiers

Oral Presentation (id=24335) Human enhancement and social justice: Is there a right to not enhance?. A. Maturo

Oral Presentation (id=8073) What do the SSRI pills do? users experiences of antidepressants at the crossroads of bodies, minds and medicine. K. Sandell

Oral Presentation (id=3383) Promise and deceit: Pharmakos, drug replacement therapy, and the perils of experience. T. Meyers

Oral Presentation (id=9200) How to fix a broken heart: Stem cells, aging and cardiac disease. A. Leibing

Distributed Paper (id=26442) Deserving and undeserving childless: Infertility treatment and moral discourse. L. Slepickova

Distributed Paper (id=14189) Biopolitics of AIDS in bangui (CAR): What is really supporting the emerging subjectivities?. P. M. David

Distributed Paper (id=14317) Gene as a metaphor: The geneticization of aboriginal identity in Taiwan. Y. Y. Tsai

Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM
Medications and pharmaceuticalization: Continuity and change

Session Organizers: Noemia Lopes, Instituto Superior de Ciências da Saúde Egas Moniz Portugal; Jonathan Gabe, Centre for Criminology & Sociology, Royal Holloway, University of London U.K.

Oral Presentation (id=19116) Legalization of functional food in late-modern Japan: A sociological analysis of the state legitimatization of “health food” and “health drug” and some considerations of its implications for the risk-society thesis and the
medicalization of life thesis. K. Kuroda

Oral Presentation (id=22239) Another look at pharmaceuticals. J. Collin and P. M. David

Oral Presentation (id=24976) Controversies and uncertainties on health claims for functional foods in Brazil. M. Grisotti

Oral Presentation (id=16677) High-flying scholars: An empirical study on the decision-making process of scientists using smart pills to enhance performance. S. Sattler, C. Sauer, G. Mehlkop, and P. Graeff

Oral Presentation (id=3279) Regulating drug information in europe: A pyrrhic victory for countervailing forces?. S. Mulinari

Distributed Paper (id=23458) An ethnography of a public pharmacy in Ceilândia, Brazil. S. Fleischer

Distributed Paper (id=14175) Pharmaceuticalization of society through the popular healthy life discourse: The case of Turkey N. Bozok and M. Bozok

Distributed Paper (id=17461) Pharmaceutical and italian health service among consumption and social construction in Italy M. Tognetti Bordogna and S. Olivadoti

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM – Joint Session with RC19
Towards better healthcare for all: What matters in the transformation of healthcare systems and policy, Part II

Session Organizers: Claus Wendt, Department of Sociology, University of Siegen, Adolf-Reichwein-Str. 2, Siegen 57068 Germany, Ellen Kuhlmann, University of Bath, United Kingdom


Oral Presentation Paying for performance in theory and practice: What can we learn from the England and the USA? R. McDonald

Oral Presentation Atención primaria de la salud. continuidades neoliberales en la "asistencia centrada en la persona". L. Gottero

Distributed Paper La problemática del chagas en Argentina. diálogos posibles entre actores involucrados. S. C. Amieva Nefa

Distributed Paper Reconsideration of health and welfare policies:if they are always social justice and democratization. M. Anesaki

Distributed Paper Health policies and the contradiction of health seeking behaviour in Nigeria. A. Asakitiikpi
Thursday, August 2, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

**Sociology of complementary and alternative medicine, Part I**

**Session Organizers:** Nelson Filice de Barros, University of Campinas Brazil; Betina Freidin, Sociology, University of Buenos Aires and CONICET, Buenos Aires Argentina; Anahita Grisoni, Sociology, EHESS, 8, rue du fer à moulin, escalier 5, Paris 75005 France; Joana Almeida, Centre for Criminology and Sociology, Royal Holloway University of London United Kingdom; Albert Banerjee, Re-imagining Long-term Residential Care, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3 Canada; Pamela Siegel, Collective Health, State University of Campinas (Unicamp) Brazil

**Oral Presentation** (id=15066) Médicos que practican medicinas no convencionales: Marginación histórica, nichos de integración institucional, y modalidades de práctica profesional. B. Freidin

**Oral Presentation** (id=18201) Naturopathy actors against biopolitics : An emerging social movement. A. Grisoni

**Oral Presentation** (id=16685) Strategies of CAM to cam’isise health-care in Portugal: The case of acupuncture and homeopathy. J. Almeida

**Oral Presentation** (id=23311) Meditation as cultural laboratory: Non-doership and the ethos of depth. A. Banerjee

**Oral Presentation** (id=10100) Health professionals' perceptions on the use of integrative medicine for cancer patients at the clinics hospital of the state university of campinas, Brazil. P. Siegel, N. Filice de Barros, and J. B. Campello Carvalheira

**Oral Presentation** (id=10697) Ayurvedic healthcare in India: An alternate to allopath?. S. Tewari

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM – Joint Session with RC52

**Professional governance and health human resource management: The challenges of equality, diversity and inclusion, Part I**

**Organisers:** Ellen Kuhlmann, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath and Ivy Bourgeault, University of Ottawa

**Oral Presentation** Professionalisation, inequity and power – the professionalization of health promotion workers in Australia. J. Young

**Oral Presentation** Équité d'accès aux professionnels et aux services de santé en langue minoritaire. L. Bouchard and J. Warnke

**Oral Presentation** Skill, gender and race: Shaping the labour market for chemical and anatomical pathologists in KwaZulu-natal. S. Rugguan

**Oral Presentation** Nurses’ career satisfaction in Chinese hospitals. L. Jin and X. Zhang
You work for another: Study on the working conditions of workers in customer service for mobile emergency care in Ceará. A. Marques, M. Lessa and J. Santos

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Obesity: A 21st Century Plague?

Session Organizer: Karen Grant, University of Manitoba, Canada

Oral Presentation (id=20921) Obesity panic and body surveillance: Elementary teachers’ embodiment and responses to obesity messaging. N. Beausoleil and L. Petherick

Oral Presentation (id=21272) Weight trouble: Between eating disorder and obesity myths. M. Ferrari

Oral Presentation (id=13646) Re-visioning ethical responses to fat: From enforcing body norms to exploring the possibilities unique to different bodies. C. Rice

Oral Presentation (id=17090) The stigma of being “overweight” in three European countries. S. Carof

Oral Presentation (id=16928) The role of the fatosphere in obese adults’ sense of inclusion and changing responses to obesity stigma. M. Dickins, S. Thomas, and B. King

Distributed Paper (id=7781) Competing constructions of the Polynesian female body: Obesity and Pacific island women. L. Rodriguez

Distributed Paper (id=18088) Obesidad y nivel socio económico de la población adulta de Argentina. M. Monteverde and E. Pelaez

Distributed Paper (id=25559) Ethnic differences in antenatal and early infancy growth rates, implications for interventions. N. Small

Distributed Paper (id=28495) Global impact and changing local reality: Understanding of overweight and obesity in Japan. C. Shinohara

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM – Joint Session with RC19

Towards better healthcare for all: What matters in the transformation of healthcare systems and policy. Part III

Session Organizers: Ellen Kuhlmann, University of Bath United Kingdom; Claus Wendt, Department of Sociology, University of Siegen, Adolf-Reichwein-Str. 2, Siegen 57068 Germany

Oral Presentation All voices matter: Person-centred care, health inequalities and healthcare professionals, I. Etxeberria, I. Cuartango, A. Zubillaga, P. Diaz-Veiga and U. Diaz

Oral Presentation Learning health policy lessons from other countries’ experiences, C. Wendt and
Presentation  T. Marmor
Oral Presentation Privatization processes and institutional inequalities in health systems - historical patterns and recent reforms in Argentina and El Salvador, A. Tittor
Distributed Papers Health and participation, L. Silva
Distributed Papers Sistema de saúde brasileiro: Mudanças e reconfigurações (1988-2010), R. Jurca
Distributed Papers Universal health care: For whom? C. de Mario

Friday, August 3, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Exploring boundaries of pathology and normality, bodies and minds following the emergence of the new neurosciences: Sociological challenges

Session Organizers: Kerstin Sandell, Centre for Gender Studies, Lund University, Box 117, Lund S-221 00 Sweden; Shai Mulinari, Centre for Gender Studies, Lund University, Allhelgona Kyrkogata 14, Hus M, Lund 221 00 Sweden

Oral Presentation (id=20435) Neurosciences and the social meaning of reality. C. Borelle
Oral Presentation (id=22914) Neuroscience and transformation in clinical practice, reflections on a case study. M. J. Mantilla
Oral Presentation (id=24835) The logic of therapeutic action in the construction of artificial nature. A. Maturo
Oral Presentation (id=16070) Investigating the ‘neuro’ in neuroethics: The implications for neuroethics of the multiplicity of neuroscience and the brain. C. Brosnan

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The health workforce governance continuum: Good professionals, safer patients and the right to health care

Session Organizer: Stephanie Short, Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Sydney Australia

Oral Presentation (id=2719) Dependence, trust and agency? exploring contingency within the lay-professional interface. S. Meyer and P. Brown
Oral Presentation (id=29573) A case study of health workforce governance change in Australia. F. Pacey, K. Harley, C. Veitch, and S. Short
Oral Presentation (id=17599) Medical profession and medical error prevention in Hungary. E. Kovacs and G. Szócska
Oral Presentation (id=10748) Mobility of filipino nurses: Interviews in Australia and the Philippines.
Presentation  S. Short and K. Marcus
Oral Presentation  (id=19907) Improving access to educational materials in sub saharan health professions schools. H. Mercer

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Health Inequalities across European Health Systems

Session  Mara Tognetti, University of Milan-Bicocca Italy; Annalisa Ornaghi, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca, via Bicocca degli Arcimboldi 8, Milan 20126 Italy
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Oral Presentation  (id=17203) Health inequalities across europe: Do welfare arrangements make a difference?. E. Dahl and K. van der Wel
Oral Presentation  (id=21301) Inequities of access to health care in Italy: The role of socioeconomic status. V. Glorioso and S. V. Subramanian
Oral Presentation  (id=17818) The “brave new world” of prevention and healthier life – changing responsibilities for health care and consequences for disparities in health systems. K. Loer
Oral Presentation  (id=17323) Global challenges and local needs – how european mobility of medical doctors affects on health inequalities, findings of health PROMeTHEUS. E. Kovacs, E. Girasek, E. Eke, and M. Szócska
Distributed Paper  (id=2200) Evidence of drop in healthy life expectancy: Data and discussion of explanatory hypothesis. V. Gennaro and M. L. Corradi
Distributed Paper  (id=9864) Soins infirmiers et inegalites de sante. G. Cotichelli
Distributed Paper  (id=23126) Atención a la transexualidad en los sistemas sanitarios públicos: Variabilidad o sesgos?. A. Perez Camporeale and M. Franco
Distributed Paper  (id=27021) Bibliometric analysis of research on health inequalities. L. Bouchard, M. Albertini, and R. Batista

Friday, August 3, 2012: 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM – Joint Session with RC52

Professional governance and health human resource management: the challenges of equality, diversity and inclusion. Part II

Organisers:  Ivy Bourgeault, University of Ottawa, Canada, Ellen Kuhlmann, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath, UK,

Oral Presentation  (id=15768) International human resource management (IHRM) as a practice of globalising nursing work: The case of transnational nurse recruitment. T. Cleland Silva
Oral Presentation (id=25330) The governance of internationally educated health professionals: Remaking inequalities or making sustainability?. J. Sousa Ribeiro

Distributed Paper (id=22767) Care givers of Swedish children with concentration problem: What care user's parents do not know or expect?. K. Sanaei

Distributed Paper (id=25702) A critical analysis of Philippine supreme court rulings on the mentally ill. P. Miranda

Distributed Paper (id=26002) Health professionals, patients and reflexive governance in liquid global times– putting the ‘public’ back into public health and health rights. S. M. Khoo

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM – Joint Session with RC19
Towards better healthcare for all: What matters in the transformation of healthcare systems and policy, Part IV
Session Organizers: Claus Wendt, Department of Sociology, University of Siegen, Germany; Ellen Kuhlmann, University of Bath, United Kingdom

Oral Presentation (id=20215) Innovative maternal child health programs: Argentina’s plan nacer. A. Idiart

Oral Presentation (id=13142) Participación y espacio público en la reforma de salud en Chile. M. Fernandez Araya

Oral Presentation (id=25664) Surrogacy and gamete donation: The commoditization of the human body, differences in healthcare systems and cross border reproductive care. C. Delaunay

Oral Presentation (id=27807) The right of giving Birth in Brazil: Civil society participation in national policy for humanization of childbirth. A. M. B. D. Lima

Distributed Paper (id=15502) Social exclusion and women’s health in Nigeria. C. Muoghalu

Distributed Paper (id=22751) Public-private partnerships and micro health insurance schemes in India: A sociological perspective. B. Suna

Distributed Paper (id=23014) Impact of contacts with the health workers during pregnancy on child immunization in India: Propensity score matching analysis. P. Dixit

Distributed Paper (id=23503) Política de incentivos de la programa nacional de ETS/SIDA: Comparando dos implementaciones. O. M. Bernardi

Distributed Paper (id=9399) Universal health care or universal nightmare? Two types of insurance, two meanings of universal, two options for health care reform. C. Chaufan

Men’s health: Intersections between culture and science
Session Organizer: Elianne Riska, Swedish School of Social Science Finland

Oral Presentation (id=14361) Concepts of gender and masculinity between primary healthcare professionals in Brazil. R. Machin and M. T. Couto

Oral Presentation (id=16818) Masculinity, moralities and being cared for: An exploration of experiences of living and dying in a hospice. A. Broom and E. Kirby

Oral Presentation (id=9224) “boys with the toys”. hegemonies of men over reproduction: Biomedical childbirth made in Czech Republic. I. Smidova

Oral Presentation (id=23021) Are fathers accepted around here? Implicit and explicit messages about parenthood in Slovak media and legislation. M. Petrjanosova, M. Popper, I. Luksik, and G. Bianchi

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Men and reproduction

Session Organizer: Maria Lohan, Queen's University Belfast Northern Ireland; Lorraine Culley, Health and Life Sciences, De Montfort University United Kingdom; William Marsiglio, Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida

Oral Presentation (id=21915) Gay men, surrogacy and parenthood. D. Murphy

Oral Presentation (id=23741) Uncertainty and reproductive responsibility: Men and assisted reproduction in Chile. F. Herrera

Oral Presentation (id=11569) Anticipating and ‘experiencing’ birth: Men, essentialisms and reproductive discourses. T. Miller

Oral Presentation (id=10592) Men's experiences of antenatal screening: A grounded theory analysis. S. Dheensa, B. Williams, and A. Metcalfe

Distributed Paper (id=13984) Swedish men's fertility intentions and behaviors. G. Kaufman and L. Olah

Distributed Paper (id=2080) The new arab man: Emergent masculinities, reproductive technologies, and islam in the middle east. M. Inhorn

Distributed Paper (id=19247) Heterosexual men and parenthood decision-making in South Africa: Attending to the invisible norm. T. Morison

Distributed Paper (id=6948) Facilitating transition to fatherhood the role antenatal education classes. L. Andrews, J. Lalor, and D. Devane

Distributed Paper (id=9630) Stereotypes about fathers and family planning. G. Bianchi, M. Popper, I. Luksik, and M. Petrjanosova

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The role of the 'Third Sector' in health care reforms
Session Organizer: Guido Giarelli, University "Magna Graecia", Italy


Oral Presentation (id=24161) 'the default position should always be service user involvement, end of story, it's not an opt in!' A third sector reform strategy for irish mental health services?. L. Brosnan

Oral Presentation (id=27505) Third sector in health care reform in Portugal: A social partnership or a public expense?. P. Campaniço, C. Pinto, and V. Mourão

Oral Presentation (id=22756) The quality of social-health services and the role of social activism in Tuscany. R. Biancheri and S. Cervia

Oral Presentation (id=4202) Patients and community participation. M. Hosoda

Distributed Paper (id=21475) New sociological strategic model for public health in a modern world including third sector reflections. G. S. Reinbacher

Distributed Paper (id=13759) Health cost, marginalization and third sector in India: Implications for the migrant construction workers. M. Akram

Distributed Paper (id=11135) Tercer sector y el cáncer en Brasil. L. K. Almeida Silva and F. O. Barros Junior

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

**Sociology of health and health care**
Organizer: Ivy Bourgeault, University of Ottawa, Canada

Oral Presentation (id=3211) Transnational families and chronic illness: Care between two health systems. A. G. Lizardi-Gómez

Oral Presentation (id=5144) Creature comforts: Social networks, pets and the management of long-term illness in the UK. A. Rogers, H. Brooks, I. Vassilev, J. Pilgrim, D. Reeves, and D. Kapidia

Oral Presentation (id=9390) You must not confuse poverty with laziness: A case study on the power of discourse to reproduce diabetes inequalities . C. Chaufan, S. Constantino, and M. Davis

Oral Presentation (id=7263) The exemplary adults and the challenge of seeking care for sexually transmitted infections among older adults in Nigeria. O. Agunbiade

Oral Presentation (id=10051) Deciding integration amidst disparate 'cultures' of HIV and tuberculosis care. A. Daftary

An adaptive and integrative scientific research collaboration: The clinical trial of the sutherlandia (lessertia frutescense) herb in South Africa. O. Oloyede

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 04:15 PM - 05:45 PM

Sociology of complementary and alternative medicine. Part II

Organizer: Nelson Filice de Barros, University of Campinas, Brazil

Categorías profesionales y las prácticas integrativas y complementarias. P. Siegel and N. Filice de Barros

New objects and social actors produced by positive evidence of the use of complementary and integrative practices in the field of oral health. C. Gonçalo and N. Barros

(Sobre la categorización de medicinas no convencionales. A. Idoyaga Molina

The practice of shamanism in the eastern region of Nepal. S. Bhattarai and D. N. Jha

La contribución de la religión afro-brasileña para la promoción de la salud en Brasil. M. L. Mello and S. Oliveira

The use of traditional medicine and complementary and alternative medicine by type 2 diabetes patients as a marker of social distinction in Brazil. C. Spadacio and N. Barros
Conference Calls

Third Biennial Bilingual Conference of the Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health

Call for Abstracts

Sociological Contributions to Health Equity

**When**
October 25th-27th 2012

**Where**
Venue TBA Ottawa, Ontario

**Important Dates**
- **May 14th** Deadline to submit a structured abstract for a paper presentation
- **June 30th** Decisions on posters/papers
- **August 31st** Early bird registration deadline
- **September 30th** Presenter Registration & Submission of Powerpoint Presentation for Translation

**Conference Fees** *(includes costs of translation, breakfast & lunch)*
- Before August 30th: Students: $175 Associates/Regular: $400

**Membership Fees (2 Years)**
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- Associates $120 + taxes
CONFIRMED PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS [October 25th]
- Teaching the Sociology of Health
- CIHR Funding Reforms & What this Means for Sociologists

KEYNOTE SPEAKER tba

SESSION TOPICS [October 26th to 27th]
- Conceptualizations of Vulnerabilities
- Gender, Ethnicity and or Class - Intersectionalities
  - Governmentality & the Body
  - Healthcare Disparities
- Geography of Equity - Healthy Communities & Workplaces
- Interprofessional & Intersectoral Collaboration for Health Equity

CLOSING PANEL:
Innovative Methods to Study Health Equity Sociologically

CONTACT INFORMATION
Online abstract submission & registration available at www.cssh-sccs.ca
All inquiries may be addressed to info@cssh-sccs.ca

*If you are interested in organizing a Pre conference Workshop or Invited Session, please contact info@cssh-sccs.ca before May 14th

ISA RC52 ‘Professional Groups’ Interim Conference
Professions and Enterprise
11-12 November 2012, University Campus Suffolk, Ipswich, UK

RC15 has longstanding collaborations and overlapping research areas with RC52. This RC52 Interim Conference includes a number of sessions specifically related to healthcare and policy. Ipswich is easily accessible from all London Airports and located about one hour by train from London Liverpool Street. Deadline for submitting your abstract is 18 May 2012 to isaprophessions@ucs.ac.uk. For further information please visit the ISA RC52 website or contact ISA RC52 President and local organizer Mike Saks (email: m.saks@ucs.ac.uk).
Forthcoming Conferences

Fourth UK-US Medical Sociology Conference
14-16 June 2012, Queen's University in Belfast

Registration is now open for The FOURTH UK-US MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE which will be held from June 14-16 at Queen's University in Belfast.

The Fourth US-UK Medical Sociology conference is a meeting designed to bring together scholars with common interests in a small group-setting to network, debate, share ideas and forge new ground in medical sociology. Participation is limited to approximately 100 delegates. Previous conferences at Royal Holloway, Edinburgh and Boston have been very successful, so we suggest early registration for participants.

This is a residential conference and thus all participants will stay at one of the conference accommodations options. All attendees take meals together and attend all plenary sessions and working groups. The registration fee is all-inclusive except for accommodation. University accommodation is available at a very reasonable cost. The Conference convenes on June 14 at 5:00 pm and continues through 3:00 pm on June 16.

US and UK Ph.D. students can apply for funding bursaries for Registration and Accommodation (consult the website). Applications for Ph.D. student funding are due by February 15, 2012. Click here (or paste address in browser) to go to conference information and registration webpage: http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/US-UKMedSoc2012/. Our thanks to the Medical Sociology Section of ASA, Foundation for Sociology of Health and Illness, and Queen's University Belfast School of Sociology, Social Work and Social Policy for their support of the conference. Lindsay Prior and Joe Duffy, Queen's University, Belfast; Peter Conrad, Brandeis University, on behalf of the Organizing Committee.
Where to publish?

ISA RC15 members working in the field of health policy, health systems and healthcare services may be interested in the international journal Health Policy. Especially interesting for sociologists:

Health Policy starts a new series on methods in health systems and policies research and invites papers in this category (Editorial, 2012, vol 104).

Facts & Figures
Impact Factor: **1.383**
5-Year Impact Factor: **1.577**
Issues per year: 15
Editor-in-Chief: Reinhard Busse

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/505962/description, or contact RC15 member and Associate Editor Claus Wendt (wendt@soziologie.uni-siegen.de).
Research Networks

"Enhancing the role of medicine in the management of European health systems: implications for control, innovation and user voice"

(COST Action IS0903)

This International Research Network is funded by the European Commission FP7 programme COST; see http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS0903 (European Coordination in Science and Technology) and hosted at the Centre for Innovation in Health Management at the University of Leeds, UK. While the Action focuses on Europe, networking and collaboration includes also other countries. The main objective of this COST Action is to increase empirical, theoretical and policy relevant knowledge about the changing role of medical professionals in the management of healthcare. This Action is rooted in a number of recent trends in healthcare: the growing involvement of doctors in management and changes in medical education, training and career structures. These changes are assumed to be positive, leading to improvements in organization learning and control, innovation and user voice. However the evidence supporting such conclusions remains fragmented. While changes in the relationship between management and medicine have received some attention at national levels, there is less research adopting a rigorous, comparative, interdisciplinary perspective. Focusing on hospital doctors this COST Action aims to address these limitations to advance theoretical, empirical and policy relevant knowledge.

The joint work programme includes:

- Working group meetings
- Scientific workshops and seminars
- Short term scientific missions or exchange visits (STSM’s)
- Training schools and research conferences
- Dissemination

In 2012 conferences will be held in June in Madrid and in November in Milan and additionally, workshops for PhD students, knowledge exchange with practitioners and special sessions at other academic conferences, like for instance at the next EHMA (European Health Management Association) Conference and the ISA RC52 Interim Conference (see announcement).

The Network is Chaired by Ian Kirkpatrick, Professor at the Centre for Innovation in Health Management, University of Leeds, UK. It comprises four thematic Working Groups – WG1 Development; WG 2 Control; WG3 User Voice; WG4 Innovation. For further information please visit the website: http://www.dr-in-mgmt.eu/. If you wish to be more active in this new Network then please do not hesitate to contact us on b.lister@leeds.ac.uk.
Current Sociology, Monograph Series, vol 60, no 4 (forthcoming June/July 2012)
Transforming Health Services and Policy: New International Experiences
edited by Ellen Kuhlmann and Ellen Annandale

This special issue builds on papers presented at RC15 sessions at the ISA Congress 2010 in Gothenburg and additional papers from RC52 and RC19.

Researching Transformations in Healthcare Services and Policy in International Perspective: An Introduction
Ellen Kuhlmann and Ellen Annandale

Transformation of the US Healthcare System: Why Is Change So Difficult?
Robert H. Blank

Transformations in the Healthcare System in China
Vivian Lin

Restratification Revisited: The Changing Landscape of Primary Medical Care in England and California
Ruth McDonald

Marketization and Universalism: Crafting the Right Balance in the Turkish Healthcare System
Tuba I. Agartan

Is Decentralization Good for Your Health? Transformations in the Italian NHS
Emmanuele Pavolini and Giovanna Vicarelli

Gatekeeping and Provider Choice in OECD Healthcare Systems
Nadine Reibling and Claus Wendt

Community and Health Sector Partnerships for Primary Prevention in Australia: Developing a Typology
Judy Taylor, Annette Braunack-Mayer, Margaret Cargo, Sarah Larkins, and Robyn Preston

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Willem Tousijn

'Mutual Aid' beyond Formal Institutions: Integrated Home Care in Japan
Takuya Matsushige, Takako Tsuisui and Masaaki Otaga

Mainstreaming Gender into Healthcare: A Scoping Exercise into Policy Transfer in England and Germany
Ellen Kuhlmann and Ellen Annandale

Transforming Health Policy and Services: Challenges for Comparative Research
Viola Burau
Paperback and second edition now available!

The Palgrave Handbook of Gender and Healthcare, Second Edition
edited by Ellen Kuhlmann and Ellen Annandale, Palgrave, May 2012,
paperback 29.90 GBP

This edited Handbook draws state-of-the-art thinking on gender and healthcare together into one compilation. It brings together international experts from different countries and academic disciplines. The collection takes a critical and reflective approach and explores the challenges and opportunities of bringing gender to the heart of health policy, practice and research. Starting with more general issues of gendering health policy, healthcare and human resources and exploring the social patterning of health and illness, key themes in the debates over health reform are then addressed, such as access to services, the organization of care and professional development and education in healthcare. This second edition contains new chapters on: complementary and alternative medicine; end-of-life care; and health human resource policy' as well as updated Introduction and Conclusion chapters. For more information, please visit http://www.palgrave.com


This new textbook opens up the policy-making process for students, uncovering how government decisions around health are really made. Starting from more traditional insights into how ministers and civil servants develop policy with limited knowledge and money, the book goes on to challenge the conception of policy as a rational process, revealing it to be something quite different. The book’s multi-perspective, thematic approach will be especially relevant to students, as will the broad range of case study examples used. Making Health Policy is a pertinent text for students of health policy, social policy, social work, and the sociology of medicine, health and illness. http://www.politybooks.com/book.asp?ref=0745641733.

Gender and Health (Major Themes in Health and Social Sciences), Four Volumes
edited by Kate Hunt and Ellen Annandale, Routledge, 2011

Forthcoming

Researching Health: Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Methods, Second Edition
edited by Mike Saks and Judith Allsop, Sage, 2012
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Note from Newsletter Editor

The next Newsletter No 55 is scheduled for October 2012.
Your notices and Call for Papers that are of interest for RC15 members are very welcome and must be sent as a word file; please note: no pdf files or email announcements will be considered!

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