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RC 20
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December 2015 Newsletter

Strasbourg: 26 January, 2016

Dear colleagues,

This edition of the “Winter” newsletter has been held back to make place for important information regarding the ISA Vienna World Forum. You will find the (hopefully final) programme hereunder

I am glad to inform you that the RC 20 conference organised here two years ago on “Sociological Schools of Thought and Comparative Analysis” is now published as a special issue of the journal “Comparative Sociology”. I would like to express my gratitude to David Weakliem, the Editor-in-Chief and a member of our board, for his efficient assistance in the publication of this piece.

I wish you all a very fruitful 2016.

*Jean-Pascal Daloz
RC 20 President*

ISA 3rd Forum of Sociology
Vienna (July 2016)

Program (subject to modifications)

Sunday, July 10, 2016

09:00 AM-10:30 AM

Contextualizing Cases and Types through Qualitative Multi-Level Analysis

Joint session of RC20 Comparative Sociology , RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology [host committee] and WG02 Historical and Comparative Sociology

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Comparison in Ethnographic Research

Joint session of RC20 Comparative Sociology and RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology [host committee]

12:30 AM-02:00 PM

The Complex Discursivity of Global Futures in the Making: Analyzing Transnational Orders of Discourse

Joint session of RC20 Comparative Sociology and RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology [host committee]

02:15 AM-03:45 PM

Biographies – Figurations – Discourses: The Dialectic of Individuals and Society in the (Empirical) Study of Individual and Collective Hi/stories

Session Organizers

Artur BOGNER, University of Bayreuth, Germany,
Robert VAN KRIEKEN, University of Sydney, Australia

Monday, July 11, 2016

09:00 AM-10:30 AM

Current Research in the Comparative Study of Institutions

Session Organizer

Hanno SCHOLTZ, University of Konstanz, Germany

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Declining Middle Classes: Challenging Classical Theories of Social Distinction through Consumption

Session Organizer(s)

Sofia ULVER, University of Lund, Sweden

02:15 AM-03:45 PM

Universities: From Organizational Anarchy to Institutional Anarchy?

Session Organizer

Hugues DRAELANTS, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

04:00 PM-05:30 PM

Comparative Capitalism: Trajectories of Social and Economic Change in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union since 1991

Session Organizers

Andrey REZAEV, St. Petersburg State University, Russia,
David WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

09:00 AM-10:30 AM

World Values on a Comparative Perspective

Session Organizer

Marita CARBALLO, voicesconsultancy, Argentina

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Political Representation in Comparative Perspective

Session Organizer

Jean-Pascal DALOZ, CNRS - Université de Strasbourg, France

02:15 AM-03:45 PM

Urban Neighbourhoods and Culture-Led Revitalization: Comparative Processes, Entanglements, and (Un)Intended Effects

Session Organizer

Sonia BOOKMAN, University of Manitoba, Canada

04:00 PM-05:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

09:00 AM-10:30 AM

Analysing the Global/Regional/National/Local Divide. Comparative Perspectives on a “Blurred” Relationship

Session Organizers

Thomas LAUX, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany,

Thomas KERN, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany,

Michael HOELSCHER, German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer, Germany

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Current Research in Comparative Sociology (Qualitative Methodology)

Session Organizer

Jean-Pascal DALOZ, CNRS -Université de Strasbourg, France

04:00 PM-05:30 PM

Health Inequalities in Comparative Perspective

Joint session of RC15 Sociology of Health [host committee] and RC20 Comparative Sociology

Thursday, July 14, 2016

09:00 AM-10:30 AM

Contextualizing Inter- and Multinational Survey Research: Discussing Regional Perspectives on Effects and Outcomes of Global Trends /Linear and Non-Linear (Multi-Level) Modelling with Aggregate or Regional Data for Policy Analysis and Evidence-Based Counselling

Joint session of RC20 Comparative Sociology and RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology [host committee]

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

Recent Quantitative Research in Comparative Sociology – Part I

Session Organizer

David WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA

02:15 AM-03:45 PM

Recent Quantitative Research in Comparative Sociology – Part II

Session Organizer

Frederick C. TURNER, University of Connecticut, USA

04:00 PM-05:30 PM

Civilization, Decivilization, and International Relations – Current Trends

Session Organizer

Stephen VERTIGANS, Robert Gordon University, United Kingdom

Recent publications by RC 20 members

Comparative Sociology, vol. 14/4 (2015), special issue on:
'Sociological Schools of Thought and Comparative Analysis'
Guest Editor: Jean-Pascal Daloz

Articles

JEAN-PASCAL DALOZ, Grand Theories and the Challenge of Comparative Analysis

ANDREY V. REZAEV, DMTRII M. ZHIKHAREVICH AND PAVEL LISITSYN, The Marxian Materialist Interpretation of History and Comparative Sociology

FUMIYA ONAKA, Max Weber and Comparison

LARS MJØSET, Stein Rokkan's Methodology of Macro-Historical Comparison

STEPHEN MENNELL, Sociogenesis and Psychogenesis: Norbert Elias's Historical Social Psychology as a Research Tradition in Comparative Sociology

NIILO KAUPPI AND DAVID SWARTZ, Global Bourdieu

HANNO SCHOLTZ, Rational Choice Theory in Comparative Sociology

- CARBALLO, Marita, Chapter on "Religion in the World: the state of Affairs"
Voice of the People /Gallup International (2015) Pages 122-136.

- CARBALLO, Marita and Ricardo Hermelo, *Culture Matters in Russia and Everywhere*, Lexington books (2015).

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