

# Language and Society Newsletter

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## Editor's Message

Dear Colleagues:

The Fall 2016 issue contains a **letter from the RC25 President**, reflecting on the role of the studies of language and society to understand the current social changes and struggles.

The newsletter also includes the **RC25 Business Meeting Report** at Vienna, and several pictures to remember RC25 participation during the Vienna Forum. We organized 18 sessions, including 5 joint sessions and 2 roundtable sessions (composed of a total of 8 tables). Thanks to all of you for making such successful meeting possible!

This issue also includes information regarding the **schedule** for the next ISA World Conference in **Toronto, 2018**.

You will also find **letters from the Secretary and Treasurer** providing updated information on the status of the activities organized by the RC25 Committee, including membership information, RC25 Vienna reception, RC25 Awards, RC25 Grants, and the RC25 journal.

The newsletter also includes information on conferences, jobs, publishing opportunities, ISA resources and news from members. We would like to thank all the members that collaborated with this section, and encourage other members to contribute in the future.

In these uncertain global times, where discourses of hate and discrimination inundate the public sphere, we hope our RC25 Language and Society can be a productive space for debate and discussion, and a voice of awareness and reflexivity.

If you have any suggestions or criticisms, please contact me at: [valle@fordham.edu](mailto:valle@fordham.edu)

**Trinidad Valle**

Fordham University (New York, USA)  
Newsletter Editor



Vienna Forum, Roundtable Session



Vienna Forum, Panel Session

## Letter from the President

Dear Research Committee 25  
Language and Society members,

Thanks to Trinidad Valle for putting all together the information from our members and our RC25 activities. Usually, this semester, between a Forum and a World Congress is a relatively quiet moment that can allow us to make some reflections on Language and Society. Then, let me talk about a few impressions from my last research stay.

After a relatively long stay (7 months) in the United States during last year (El Paso, Texas), I am more concerned about the importance of “claims of truth”, a main avenue in our research committee, which involve questions that affects strongly to our society, particularly legitimacy and power relations, both at local and national levels. The contest between the two main candidates in the US elections has been an incredible fieldwork for an US foreigner to see till what extend studies on language and society are useful to understand main trends of social change and its surrounding struggles. Word and text battles at Facebook, Twitter, Washington Post, New York Times... have had unexpected results for a large number of specialists. “Claims of truth” have been the main fight arena, both before and after the polls. This is a key area for further analysis at RC25.

Returning to Europe last October, I have observed increased fears related to globalization and diversity, which are fostering diverse types of populism and new legitimization of inequalities. From little communities and regions to big countries.

I would like to conclude by addressing a different point. The last speaker of Resígaro, an indigenous Amazonian language, was killed last month. Some journalists information available online will allow you to check social and linguistic dimensions of this news.

Please, think critically about the above comments when you will be thinking in organizing a session within RC25 for the upcoming World Congress of Sociology at Toronto.

Best regards,

**Amado Alarcón**

RC25 President.  
Universidad Rovira i Virgili, Spain



## Letter from the Secretary

Dear RC25's members,

First, it was really nice to meet several of you at Vienna, making the numerous emails to you less abstract and adding faces to the names I write.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2016, RC25 has 160 members in good standing (RC25 membership policy relies on being both RC25 and ISA member). Beyond the organisation of sessions dedicated to Sociology of Language, members may benefit from other opportunities. I would like to highlight one of them, informing you about the existence of SAGE Research Methods website. It is available only to ISA members in good standing. Login details are sent individually when asked for them to ISA secretariat.

Thank you for being RC25 members, and wishing you enjoy it as much as I,

Best regards,

**Dr. Stéphanie Cassilde**  
Centre d'Études en Habitat Durable  
(Charleroi, Belgium)

### 1) RC25 awards: Outgoing chair column

Being chair from 2010, it is rewarding to be able to transfer the awards chair position to another person; it means it works. I am happy that Cecilio Lapresta-Rey agreed to take this responsibility on. Beyond ensuring the

continuity of RC25 awards, Cecilio will create a distinction in order to celebrate the RC25 members who assumed so much responsibilities and support that make RC25 what it is nowadays. I am looking forward assisting to this event.

I would like to express my gratitude to 2010 RC25 executive board, who offered me the opportunity to enter in this creative and scientific process. I warmly thank past and current executive board for the wonderful support they brought to me.

Also, I thank all the scholars who participate to the three awards committee I had the honour and the pleasure to chair. I learnt a lot through their scientific insight about the eligible articles.

**Dr. Stéphanie Cassilde**, as outgoing chair of RC25 awards

### 2) Update of RC25 members geographical area

A first presentation was done in autumn 2014 newsletter on the basis of the membership list. Doing the same exercise today illustrates some changes. Beyond an increase in membership (from 111 to 160 between 2014 and 2016), the Figures 1 and 2 illustrate (for fun) patterns in terms of members' geographical location, and Figure 3 shows the current repartitions of these from a country point of view.

Figure 1: Autumn 2014

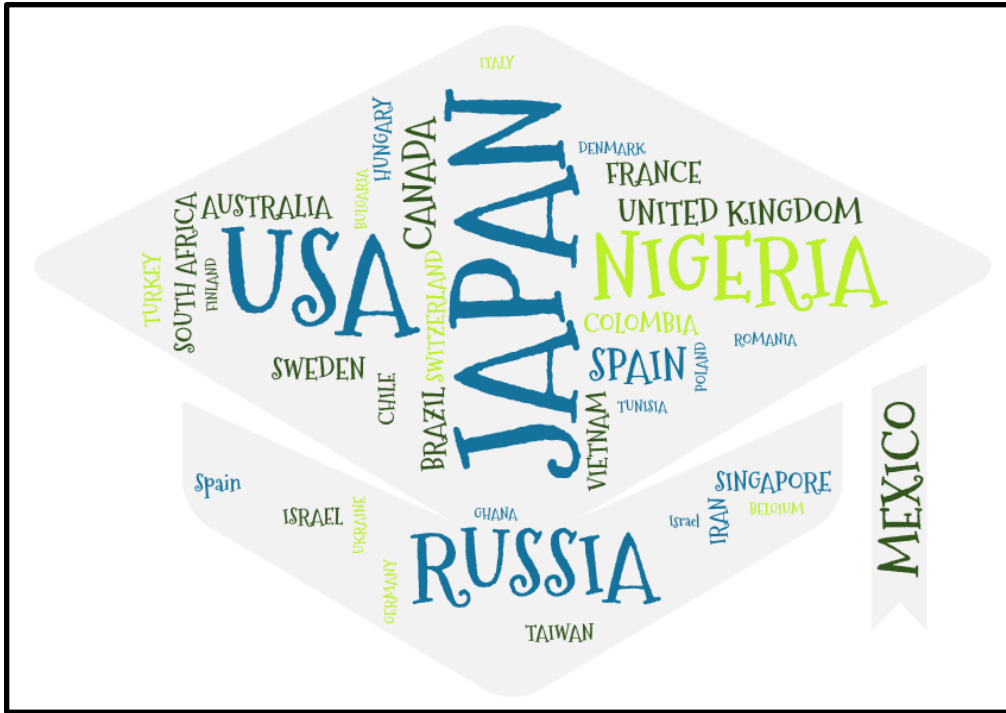
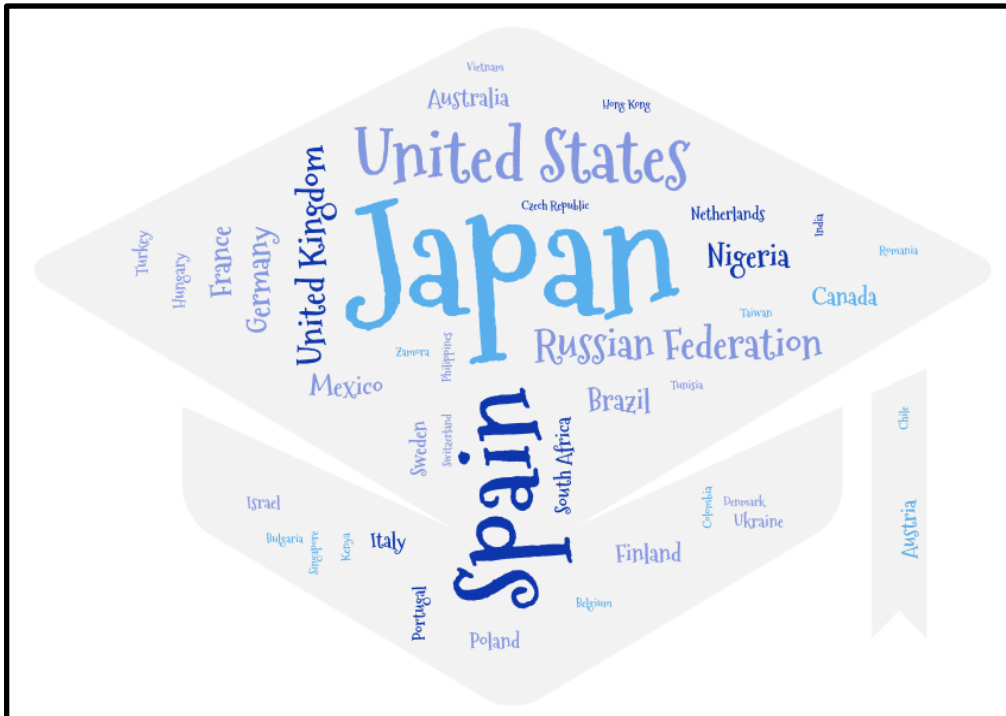


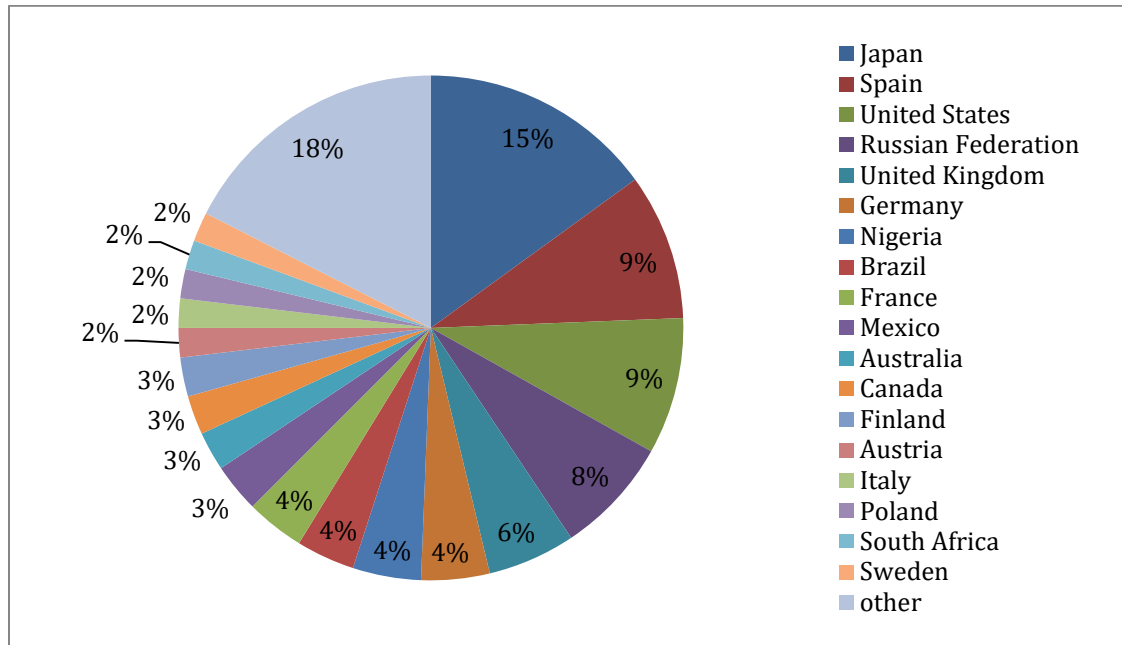
Figure 2: Autumn 2014



Figures realized with Tagul on the basis of the members' working countries.

Currently, RC25's members come from 40 different countries instead of 34 two years ago (see Figure ). The highest number of members is achieved in Japan (as in 2014), then in Spain and the USA, and third in Russia. These four countries sum each 10 members or more, while 16 countries have one single member.

**Figure 3: Countries where RC25's members are from (%)**

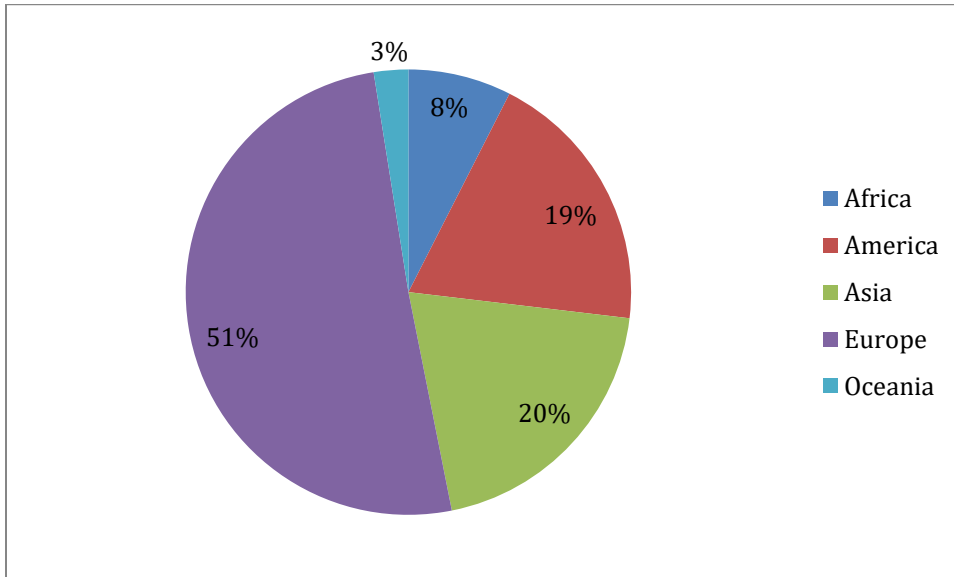


Source: RC25 members list (18<sup>th</sup> November 2016).

The exact number per country is not indicated for an anonymous treatment of the data. Indeed, for example, for 16 countries, there is only one single RC25's member.

From the point of view of continental repartition of RC25's members, 51% work in a European country (instead of 34% in 2014), 19% work in a country located on the American continent (it was 25% in 2014), 20% work in a country situated in Asia (it was 24% in 2014), 8% work in an African country (instead of 15% in 2014), and 3% in a country located in Oceania (same percentage in 2014) (see Figure 4). I would be nice to observe on a longer period which is the relation between the location of the World Congress and/or the Sociological Forum and the evolution of the geographical area of members.

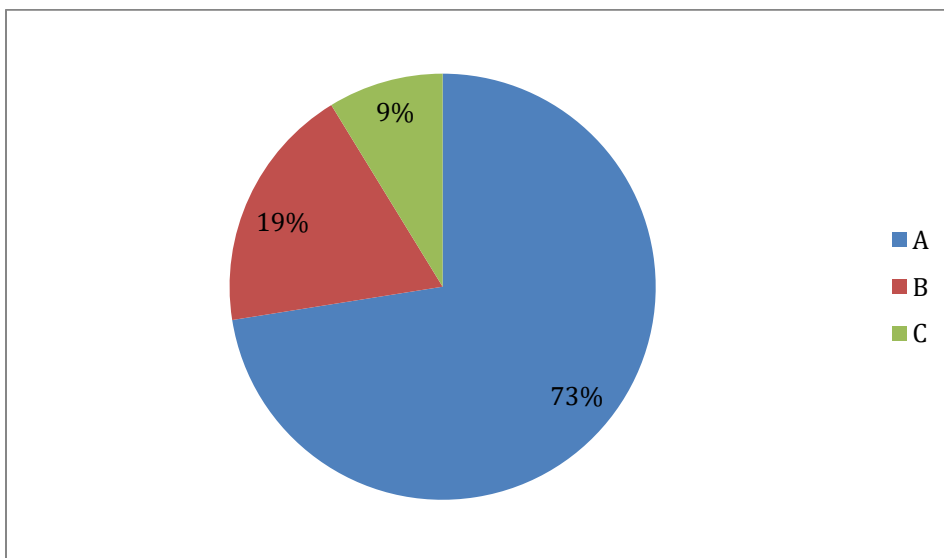
**Figure 4: Continental repartition of RC25's members**



Source: RC25 members list (18<sup>th</sup> November 2016).

ISA follows a classification based on the World Bank ranking of economies in order to give access to different fees amounts to be a member of ISA and to participation to World Congress and to the Forum of Sociology. On the basis of this classification, the place of work of RC25's members is mainly located in economy A countries (73% instead of 67% in 2014), 19% work in an economy B country (it was similar in 2014 with 20%), and 9% work in an economy C country (instead of 13% in 2014) (see Figure ).

**Figure 5: Repartition of RC25's members according to the economy of their working country**



Source: RC25 members list (18<sup>th</sup> November 2016)

### 3) Language, Discourse & Society: Information about the ERIH-Plus index

*Language, Discourse & Society* is currently indexed in the European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH-Plus).<sup>1</sup> I would like to take the opportunity of this newsletter to present this index.

ERIH-Plus  
<https://dbh.nsd.uib.no/publiseringskanaler/erihplus/>

The evolution from ERIH to ERIH-Plus (2014) relies first on the transfer of already indexed journals and publication to the Norwegian Social Science Data Services (NSD), and second to the inclusion of social sciences and humanities. This belongs to the enhancing process for the international visibility. What is also interesting from an RC25 perspective is that ERIH-Plus take into account journals published in all European languages.

A list of all journals listed in this index is available here:

<https://dbh.nsd.uib.no/publiseringskanaler/erihplus/periodical/listApproved>

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<sup>1</sup> The indexation in other database is in preparation. For example, for a Scopus indexation, a journal needs notably to already have several issue (two per year) on a regular period.

I wish knowing the existence of this indexation would support growing submissions to *Language, Discourse & Society*.

**Dr. Stéphanie Cassilde**  
Centre d'Études en Habitat Durable  
(Charleroi, Belgium)

### Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to greet you for your successful participation at the ISA Forum in Vienna in July 2016. As RC25 Treasurer I want to inform you about current RC25 budget, expenses and expected income. RC25's major expenses are devoted to organising the traditional RC25 dinner reception at ISA forums, to payments for services (web domain costs and editorial assistant), RC25 Academic Excellence Award (plaques) and RC25 Grants. Income received comes from the affiliation fees from members and from the ISA Activities Grant.

I would like to welcome all new members who attended the dinner reception in Vienna. I want to express my special gratitude to colleagues, who took great care in finding the venue and organising the dinner reception, so that everybody would feel comfortable and content. This is very important, because such events are some of the rare opportunities to meet, exchange ideas and plan our future events and activities.



This year RC25 has been able to distribute for the first time 4 RC25 registration grants, apart from 6 provided by ISA, to stimulate student participation from A, B and C countries. I think that it will be good to maintain such a policy and turn it into a tradition in the future.

RC25 already has an established tradition in the last several years in awarding young and established scholars, members of our research committee, for their high academic achievement. This year, two RC25 members have been awarded special plaques for academic excellence.

I would like to inform you that our budget is currently stable after the Forum in Vienna and will be growing in the future with increased RC25 membership and the expected second transfer of the ISA Activities Grant.

Looking forward to meeting you at future ISA and RC25 events.

Finally, allow me to use the occasion to send my most cordial wishes for the coming holidays for peace, love and hope to you, your families and loved ones. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

**Nadezhda Georgieva-Stankova**

Trakia University, Bulgaria  
ISA RC25 Treasurer

## RC25 Reception

We would like to reiterate our thanks to Daniele Lipp (ISA liaison) and Christian Karner (RC25 member) for their collaboration with the organization of the RC25 reception. Also, special thanks to Stephanie Cassilde for her work coordinating the reception.



RC25 reception, Vienna Forum

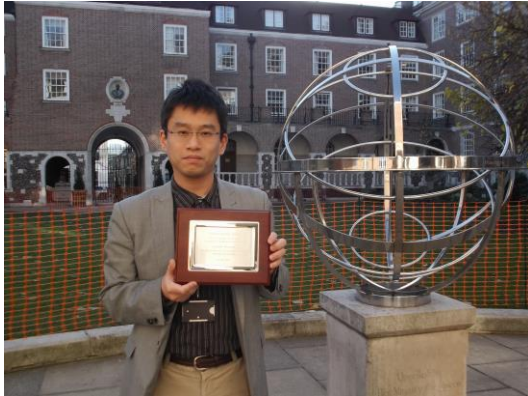


RC25 reception, Vienna Forum

## RC25 Awards

The RC25 Executive Board would like to congratulate once more our RC25 Award winners:

- Tomoaki Miyazaki, RC25 Graduate Student Award, 2016



- Tiffany Dykstra, RC25 Academic Excellence Award, 2016



## News From Members, Conferences, Jobs and Publishing Opportunities

### News From Members (by alphabetic order)

**From: Cassilde, Stephanie (Belgium)**  
**Object: Publication**

Cassilde, S. & Gilson, A. (eds.) (2017). *Psychosocial Health, Work and Language: International Perspectives towards their Categorizations at Work*, Springer, ISBN 978-3-319-50543-5.  
<http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319505435>

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**From: Giorgi, Cristina (Brazil)**  
**Object: Publications**

PASSOS, P. S.; GIORGI, M. C.; BAPTISTA, R. P. Pastoral Afro-Brasileira e Campanha da Fraternidade de 1988: uma análise discursiva das questões raciais no interior da Igreja Católica. *Educere et Educare (Impresso)*, v. 10, p. 599-610, 2015.

GIORGI, M. C.; ALMEIDA, Fabio Sampaio de. A mídia e a manutenção de discursos racistas em vídeo publicitário: 'SIGA A FOLHA?'. *Revista da Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores(as) Negros(as) - ABPN*, v. 7, p. 12-22, 2015.

GIORGI, M. C.; ALMEIDA, F. S. ; PAIVA, M. V. S. . A não representação do negro nas telenovelas brasileiras: o caso ?Gabriela?. *Educere et Educare* (Impresso), v. 10, p. 573-583, 2015.

GIORGI, M. C.; BIAR, L. ; BORGES, R. C. S. . Estudos da linguagem e questões étnico-raciais: contribuições e limites. *Revista da Associação Brasileira de Pesquisadores(as) Negros(as) - ABPN*, v. 7, p. 202-218, 2015.

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**From: Jasso, Guillermina (USA)**

**Object: Publication**

Jasso, Guillermina. 2016. "(In)Equality and (In)Justice." *Civitas – Revista de Ciências Sociais* 16(2):189-217. <http://dx.doi.org/10.15448/1984-7289.2016.2.23118>

Abstract: Understanding the connection between inequality and justice is important because justice is classically regarded as the first line of defense against self-interest and inequality. Absent a strong and clear link between inequality and justice, the sense of justice would not awaken to exert its moral suasion, no matter how great the inequality or how fast its increase. We obtain exact links between economic inequality and three parameters of the justice evaluation distribution – the mean, median, and variance – across a comprehensive set of inequality measures and a substantial starter set of just reward scenarios. This work shows that there is no general necessary connection between inequality and justice. There is, however, a striking pattern in some

situations: as economic inequality increases, the average of the justice evaluations moves deeper into the territory of unjust underreward, and the distribution stretches outward, increasing the gulf between underrewarded and overrewarded and hollowing out the middle class.

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**From: Karner, Christian (United Kingdom)**

**Object: Publication**

Karner, Christian and Bernhard Weicht (eds.) (2016) *The Commonalities of Global Crises: Markets, Communities and Nostalgia*, Palgrave Macmillan.

Karner, Christian and Marek Kazmierczak (2016) 'Palimpsests of the romantic', *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*.

Karner, Christian and David Parker (2016) 'Words and deeds against exclusion: Deprivation, activism and religiosity in inner-city Birmingham', in Guest, M. (ed.) *Death, Life and Laughter*, Routledge.

Sierp, A. and Christian Karner (eds.) (forthcoming/ 2017) 'Dividing united Europe: stereotypes, prejudice, and the European (economic) crisis', *National Identities*. Special journal issue.

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**From: Maree, Claire (Australia)**  
**Object: Publication**

Maree, Claire. 2016. "Sorry Guys!: The discursive construction of queer spatiality in Japanese women-only club flyers" In Erez Levon, Ronald Beline Mendes (eds) Language, Sexuality and Power: Studies in Intersectional Sociolinguistics. New York: Oxford University Press. 2016: 60-87.

Maree, Claire. 2016. "Weddings and white dresses: Media and sexual citizenship in Japan" Sexualities [Special Issue on Rethinking Sexual Citizenship in the Asia-Pacific Region], 2016 (DOI: 10.1177/1363460716645790).

**From: Maree, Claire (Australia)**  
**Object: Research projects**

"Writing Identity onto the Screen: Subtitles and captions in Japanese media". Dr. Claire Maree. (January 2015-December 2017 Australian Research Council-Discovery Project, DP150102964).

Summary: This project analyses how varieties of language (dialect, gendered speech styles, youth slang ) are written onto the screen in audiovisual media (television, film) as subtitles and impact-captions (text superimposed by a television opaque projector). It explores the attitudes held by editors, producers and translators towards language which influence this process. It will use Japanese global media, which is well-known for its heavy use of text-on-screen and its rich diversity of

language styles, as a case study. This will lead to a greater understanding of textual representation of identity in contemporary digital media.

"Thirty Years of Talk: A Panel Study of Kobe Women's Interview Discourse." (Australian Research Council-Discovery Project, DP170102598). Dr Claire Maree; Professor Kaori Okano; Dr Ikuko Nakane; Dr Shimako Iwasaki; Dr Lidia Tanaka; Dr Chie Takagi

Summary: This project investigates life transitions and traces the language use of a group of women over 30 years. It analyses shifts and changes in the women's language, discourse and identities by examining ethnographic data of a longitudinal research project into working-class women's life trajectories in Kobe, Japan. It is an interdisciplinary collaboration between linguistics and social/cultural anthropology. The project aims to bring new insights into issues of language, gender, class and mobility in Japan in the context of transition from young adulthood to middle adulthood in a rapidly changing contemporary Asia.

**From: Maree, Claire (Australia)**  
**Object: Conference (organizer)**

"Language and Global Media" International Workshop and Masterclass<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

(Supported by "Writing Identity onto the screen: Subtitles and captions in Japanese Media" (DP150102964); Asia Institute (University of Melbourne); Arts Faculty (University of Melbourne); Japanese Studies Association of Australia (JSAA);

Research Unit in Public Cultures (RUPC; University of Melbourne); Japan Foundation). Venue: University of Melbourne, Australia (November 16, 17, 18, 2016)

Researchers engaged in writing system research, global media research, discourse studies, language and identity studies, translation studies, gender and queer studies, where invited to present on their current research in relation to the workshop theme of 'language and global media'.

For more details: <http://blogs.unimelb.edu.au/writing-identity/>

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**From: Oeij, Peter R. A. (Netherlands)**  
**Object: Publication**

Peter R.A. Oeij , Steven Dhondt , Jeff Gaspersz , (2016) "Mindful infrastructure as an enabler of innovation resilience behaviour in innovation teams", Team Performance Management, Vol. 22 Iss: 7/8, pp.334 – 353

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/full/10.1108/TPM-12-2015-0058>

**Abstract:** This paper aims to investigate the principles of high reliability organisations (HROs), present in safety and crisis teams, as applied to innovation teams. Safety and crisis teams cannot fail, as failure leads to disaster and casualties. Innovation teams cannot fail either, as

this harms the organisations' competitiveness and effectiveness. Do HRO principles, rooted in mindful infrastructure, enable innovation resilience behaviour (IRB)? **Design/methodology/approach:** A study of 18 innovation projects performed by project teams was carried out. A survey by team members/leaders of these teams was completed; team members/leaders of other projects were added to achieve a larger sample. Mindful infrastructure consists of team psychological safety, team learning, complexity leadership and team voice. The analyses assessed the teams' mindful infrastructures as a causal condition enabling IRB. **Findings:** Applying qualitative comparative analysis (QCA), the findings indicate that mindful infrastructure enables team IRB, which is a set of team behaviours indicating their resilience when encountering critical incidents. Teams apply different "paths" to IRB.

**From: From: Oeij, Peter R. A. (Netherlands)**  
**Object: Research Project**

**SI-Drive:** First Comparative Analysis on the Worldwide Mapping of Social Innovations

We issued the eleventh edition of the eNewsletter of SI-DRIVE last week. You can find the eNewsletter here: [https://www.si-drive.eu/static/newsletter/11/si-newsletter\\_11.html](https://www.si-drive.eu/static/newsletter/11/si-newsletter_11.html)

You can also register to the SI-DRIVE web page (<https://www.si-drive.eu/wp-login.php?action=register>). When

registered, you will receive the next eNewsletter automatically.

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**From: Pascale, Celine, Marie (USA)**

Pascale, Celine-Marie. 2016. Discourses of the North Atlantic: Epistemology & Hegemony. *Qualitative Inquiry*. 22(4): 219-227.

Pascale, Celine-Marie. 2016. Vernacular Epistemologies of Risk: The Crisis in Fukushima. *Current Sociology* 0011392115627284.

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**From: Susen, Simon (UK)**  
**Object: Publications**

Susen, Simon (2017) 'Hermeneutic Bourdieu', in Lisa Adkins, Caragh Brosnan, and Steven Threadgold (eds.) *Bourdieuian Prospects*, London: Routledge, pp. 132-159.

<https://www.routledge.com/Bourdieuian-Prospects/Adkins-Brosnan-Threadgold/p/book/9781138845084>

Susen, Simon (2016) 'Reconstructing the Self: A Goffmanian Perspective', in Harry F. Dahms and Eric R. Lybeck (eds.) *Reconstructing Social Theory, History and Practice*, Book Series: *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, Volume 35, Bingley: Emerald, pp. 111-143.

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/series/cpst>

Susen, Simon (2016) 'The Sociological Challenge of Reflexivity in Bourdieusian Thought', in Derek Robbins (ed.) *The Anthem Companion to Pierre Bourdieu*, London: Anthem Press, pp. 49-93.

<http://www.anthempress.com/the-anthem-companion-to-pierre-bourdieu>

Susen, Simon (2016) 'Further Reflections on the "Postmodern Turn" in the Social Sciences: A Reply to William Outhwaite', *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, Online First, pp. 1-10.

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10767-016-9230-x>

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**From: Vinson, Alexandra (USA)**

Vinson, Alexandra. 2016. 'Constrained collaboration': Patient empowerment discourse as resource for countervailing power. *Sociology of Health & Illness*. 38 (8): 1364-1378.

**Abstract:** Countervailing powers constrain the authority and autonomy of the medical profession. One countervailing power is patient consumerism, a movement with roots in health social movements. Patient empowerment discourses that emerge from health social movements suggest that active patienthood is a normative good, and that patients should inform themselves, claim their expertise, and participate in their care. Yet, little is known about how patient empowerment is understood by

physicians. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in an American medical school, this article examines how physicians teach medical students to carry out patient encounters while adhering to American cultural expectations of a collaborative physician–patient relationship. Overt medical paternalism is characterised by professors as ‘here’s the orders’ paternalism, and shown to be counterproductive to ‘closing the deal’ – achieving patient agreement to a course of treatment. To explain how physicians accomplish their therapeutic goals without violating cultural mandates of patient empowerment I develop the concept of ‘constrained collaboration’. This analysis of constrained collaboration contrasts with structural- level narratives of diminishing professional authority and contributes to a theory of the micro-level reproduction of medical authority as a set of interactional practices.

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**From: Yamada, Mieko (USA)**  
**Object: Publication**

Yamada, Mieko. (2015). *The Role of English Teaching in Modern Japan: Diversity and Multiculturalism through English Language Education in a Globalized Era*. Oxford, UK and New York, NY: Routledge.

**Abstract:** The Role of English Teaching in Modern Japan examines the complex nature of Japan’s promotion of English as a Foreign Language (EFL). In globalized societies where people with different native languages communicate

through English, multicultural and multilinguistic interactions are widely created. This book takes the opportunity to look at Japan and examines how these multiple realities have affected its English language teaching within the domestic context.

The myth of Japan’s racial and ethnic homogeneity may hinder many Japanese in recognizing realities of its own minority groups such as Ainu, *Zainichi* Koreans, and Brazilian Japanese, who are in the same EFL classrooms. Acknowledging a variety of English uses and users in Japan, this book emphasizes the influence of Japan’s recent domestic diversity on its EFL curriculum and urges that such changes should be addressed. It suggests new directions for incorporating multicultural perspectives in order to develop English language education in Japan and other Asian contexts where English is often taught as a foreign language.

**From: Yamada, Mieko (USA)**  
**Object: Conference**

C. LaFontaine, C. Meadows, and M. Yamada. “A study of anonymous responses on the wall on a higher education campus,” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, Greenwood Village, CO, October 8, 2016

Yamada, M. “Focus on local diversity and learn about global community: incorporating diversity and social justice into Japan’s English language education.” Third ISA Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, July 11, 2016

Yamada, M. "Teaching English for promoting social justice: implications from a study of Japanese students' perceptions of EFL education." International Society for Language Studies 2016 Conference, Normal, IL, June 24, 2016



Panel session, Vienna Forum

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## Conferences, Jobs and Publishing Opportunities

From: **ISA**  
Object: Conferences, Jobs and Publishing opportunities

For conferences: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/calls-for-papers/>

For job openings: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/opportunities/job-openings/>

For publishing: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/opportunities/publication-opportunities/>

For fellowship/grants/prizes: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/opportunities/fellowships-courses-prizes/>

**112th ASA Annual Meeting** (August 12-15, 2017. Montréal, Québec)

The theme for the 2017 Annual Meeting will be "Culture, Inequalities, and Social Inclusion across the Globe." CFP deadline: **January 11, 2017**. For more information, visit the ASA website:

<http://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting-2017>

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**New Horizons in the Ethnography of Communication** (Riverdale, NY, USA, Jun. 6-8, 2017)

<http://www.nca-lsi.org/2016/10/04/cfp-new-horizons-ethnography-communication-conference/>

DEADLINE for panels, papers, working sessions, data sessions, research in progress, and class activity sessions Jan. 3, 2017.

[newhorizonsinec@gmail.com](mailto:newhorizonsinec@gmail.com)

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## Call For Papers

**ESC: English Studies in Canada Special Issue on "Transitions"**

Co-Edited by Mark Simpson and Michael O'Driscoll

Deadline for submission: February 1, 2017. Please direct your correspondence to [dms7@ualberta.ca](mailto:dms7@ualberta.ca) and [mo@ualberta.ca](mailto:mo@ualberta.ca).

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=1339170282760815&id=137501809594341](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1339170282760815&id=137501809594341)



**iMean 5 Conference on Language and Change** (University of West England, Bristol, UK, Apr. 6- 8, 2017)

<http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/cahe/research/bristolcentreforlinguistics/events/i-meanconference.aspx>

Deadline for papers Jan. 5, 2017.

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## **RC25 Business Meeting Report, Vienna, Austria 2016**

Wednesday, July 13, 2016: 4:00 PM-7:50 PM.

The Executive Board members present were: Amado Alarcón, Stéphanie Cassilde, Keiji Fujiyoshi, and Trinidad Valle. Nadezhda Georgieva-Stankova and Federico Farini were not able to attend the business meeting.

Approximately 20 RC25 members also attended.

Amado Alarcón, President of RC25, called the meeting to order and welcomed new members. He also presented the executive board for new members.

### **Business At Hand**

#### **Vienna (2016): Overview and lessons for Toronto**

##### **Amado Alarcón, President**

Amado Alarcón offered a summary of the achievements of RC25 through the

organization of RC25 program for the Third ISA Forum of Sociology.

- 18 sessions, including 5 joint sessions and 2 roundtable sessions (respectively composed of 5 and 3 tables) were organized for Vienna.
- The call for sessions was very successful: from one Congress/Forum to another, each time the program is improved, and with a wider audience.
- The roundtable sessions are a success, even if the presentation conditions differ from usual oral presentation. As presenters rather prefer usual presentation than roundtable sessions, the number of tables for roundtable session will be decreased for Toronto, which implies restrictions in the acceptance for oral presentations, as there won't be enough time slot for all oral presenters.
- RC25 benefited from the strong help of Daniele Lipp and Christian Karner for the organization of the dinner. (Christian Karner also kindly collaborated writing an article on Vienna for the RC25 newsletter). The executive board strongly thanked them.

### **Financial Issues**

#### **Amado Alarcón, President, presents the main points prepared by Nadezhda Georgieva- Stankova, Treasurer**

RC25 is in a good financial shape. The main cost as usual was the dinner.

Broadly, RC25 paid a 40% of the dinner bill on the 12th July, considering consumptions outside the menu. Three out of our RC25 four grants were distributed (one recipient did not attend the conference). Other expenses will be the plaques of Awards recipients. In Toronto 2018, with the renewal of the Board, a detailed budget will be presented.

## Membership

### **Stéphanie Cassilde, Secretary**

Stéphanie Cassilde presented the situation regarding membership. Currently, RC25 has 159 members (as of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016). This increase of about 50 members since Yokohama is strongly related to emphasis in mandatory membership for Vienna (as in previous conferences); membership will also be mandatory for Toronto. Having more than 150 members means that RC25 will receive more session slots for Toronto than for Yokohama.<sup>2</sup>

## Website and Social Media

### **Keiji Fujiyoshi, Webmaster**

Keiji Fujiyoshi reminded that RC25 Facebook page was launched in November 2014. The relation between RC25 FB page, the newsletter and the website, which have different publication frequencies, should be clarified, the overall objective being an improvement of RC25 communication about various activities of members. Keiji Fujiyoshi already thanked all members that would be interested to share their opinion on these matters.

## Newsletter

### **Trinidad Valle, Newsletter Editor**

Trinidad Valle first thanked all the contributors (34 contributions) to the newsletter. She underlined the publication of two essays (one essay from Vanessa Brexta discussing the Yokohama World Congress and another essay from Christian Karner providing a sociological framework of Vienna). She wishes to encourage such submissions, and for this purpose a new section called "Opinion Columns" has been created, where members could write essays, for example on the basis of sessions thematic, in order to build a space for interaction among members.

Trinidad Valle also shared with Keiji Fujiyoshi the concern about the articulation of the newsletter, the website and RC25 FB page. Notably, the time sensitive information (job call, call for publication) should be published on RC25 FB page and on the website to spread the information as soon as possible.

Next newsletter will be published in fall 2016.

## Toronto (2018)

### **Amado Alarcón, President**

Amado Alarcón underlined that even still far away Toronto organisation is already on stage, starting with the call for program coordinator in January 2017. The call for sessions will be open about February-March 2017 to achieve a final list of 18-20 sessions in April 2017. ISA requires this year a

special joint session bringing together at least 4 RCs, which implies to think about it already now (proposals should be submitted by January 2017). All the process will be monitored through ISA system.

Amado Alarcón underlined that one of his objectives is dedicated to practical conditions, having better rooms for RC25. Toronto World Congress will be organized in a Congress Centre, which should secure boxes with real rooms. He will always address this issue exchanging with ISA.

### **RC25 Awards**

#### **Stéphanie Cassilde, as Chair of the Awards**

Stéphanie Cassilde explained that for practical reasons (late schedule because of June issue of *LD&S* delay) but also to offer another dynamic to RC25 awards committee, the final decision was taken during a dinner on the 11th July. This way to proceed reveals being more efficient to discuss evaluation criteria, notably each scholar's interpretation of her/his scale. The two awards were granted and a dedicated report will be transmitted to the executive board. The Graduate Student Award recipient is a member of RC25.

Stéphanie Cassilde also announced that Cecilio Lapresta-Rey was invited to the chair position; he accepted and thanked the executive board during the business meeting. Cecilio Lapresta-Rey will take care of RC25 awards, including some modification regarding the process if needed. He will also be in charge of creating a

distinction within RC25 to acknowledge the contribution of members who belong to RC25 for a long time and fostered RC25. This distinction should be validated by ISA.

### **RC25 Journal**

#### **Stéphanie Cassilde, as Editor of LD&S**

Stéphanie Cassilde invited members to read last June issue. She thanked Mark Seilhamer, who were invited (and agreed) to be the guest editor of next June issue. The call will be published and spread in September 2016.

### **RC25 Elections – 2018**

#### **Amado Alarcón, President**

Amado Alarcón reminded that currently, the list of positions is: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, and webmaster. Every member can apply and the election process relies on a self-nomination procedure. He also reminded that some positions can be "double" (according to RC25 By-laws, Pairs of candidates may also be nominated for the position of President, Secretary/Treasurer, or Editor of the Newsletter, to function as Co-President, Co-Secretary/Treasurers or Co-Editors of the Newsletter). The self-nomination forms will be gathered about December 2017 / January 2018 and the elections will electronically take place about March-April 2018.

## RC Council Meeting + Overall Organization of Sessions

### Amado Alarcón, President, and Trinidad Valle, Newsletter Editor, as RC25 Representatives to the Council

Trinidad Valle distributed among members the list of points to be discussed and voted during the Council Meeting on the 15th July. Amado Alarcón and Trinidad Valle assisted to the first meeting on the 11th July, where the list arose. RC25 has one vote and Trinidad Valle wanted members to discuss a couple of points to sustain this vote. Also, this is the occasion to speak about overall organisational matters.

- Translation: a test was done during a session, with a simultaneous translation. This was not efficient. Amado Alarcón underlined that despite having three official languages, in practice this is difficult. A better way offered by Larissa Fialkova would be to speak in Spanish or French, and projecting the powerpoint in English. Erzsebet Barat underlined that this solution does not ensure vivid discussions after the presentation; this solution should be limited to those who really cannot speak in English. Amado Alarcón indicated he will raise this issue about the system as it seems that by default English is mentioned. Also, he indicated that the executive board is available for linguistic issues.
- Number of presentations per session: Amado Alarcón reminded that session organizers are autonomous regard the internal organization of their session, as RC (some RC offer 6 to 8 presentations per session). Christian Karner reminded that ISA announces 15 minutes presentation per communication: the more time, the more the quality of the presentation, so he would rather prefer 3 presentations per session. Amado Alarcón underlined that 10 sessions with 3 presentations means 30 presenters. For Toronto the following will be advised: 4 presentations, and additional distributed papers, if any. This will make the sessions more restrictive, but increasing debate and quality of sessions.
- Discussion: Sergio Moldes-Anaya expressed he wishes more discussion time at the end of the session. Amado Alarcón raised the issue of discussants (which implies articles written in advance, and a lot of work from discussants part): currently the limited number of appearance in the program is not in favour of discussant positions. He offered to ask ISA about excluding discussant positions from the calculation of appearances. Saskia Witteborn underlined the following risk: some discussant's feedbacks seem being a presentation, which lead to audience frustration.

- Roundtable Sessions: Amado Alarcón offered to maintain roundtable sessions at Toronto, but with a limit of tables (no more than 3).
- Financial Issues: Erzsebet Barat suggested that instead of printing the huge program, coffee may be offered in the morning.

Amado Alarcón, president, closed the business meeting thanking all the participants.

### **RC Council Meeting , July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (focus on elements linked to the business meeting)**

#### **From Trinidad Valle, as RC25 Representatives to the Council**

According with RC25 and other RCs demands, during the ISA Research Council meeting on Friday July 15, agreements were made regarding the number of appearances in the program and the duration of the Forum.

The new rules regarding number of appearances will allow members to appear two times in the programs as presenters (author or co-author of oral, distributed or roundtable paper), and two more times in other roles (chair, co-chair, discussant or critic). The roles of session organizers and Program Coordinator will not be restricted to number of appearances in the program.

Regarding the duration of the forum, a vote was made in favor of maintaining the duration of the Forum in 5 days.

Finally, the new Nomination Committee for the 2018 election of the ISA Executive Board was elected during the meeting, consisting of five members, including RC25 President, Amado Alarcón.

## **XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 2018**

### **Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities**

Toronto, Canada, July 15-21, 2018

Deadlines for the 2018 World  
Congress programme completion:

#### **January 15, 2017**

- Announcing Program Coordinators: RC/WG/TG provide name and contact details of Program Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat.

- Sessions Proposals should be received at the ISA Secretariat for selection process. Guidelines for applying are available on <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/>

a) Integrative Sessions which involve at least 3 Research Committees, 3 National Associations or a combination of the two;

b) Regular sessions by National, Regional, Linguistic and Thematic Associations;

c) Author Meets Critics sessions;

d) Ad Hoc Sessions;

### **February 2 – 15 March 2017**

- Call for Sessions

a) RC/WG/TG session proposer must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform.

b) Invited session organizer (RC/WG/TG, Presidential, Plenary, LOC sessions, etc.) must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform.

### **March 16 - 7 April 2017**

- Final list of Sessions: RC/WG/TG Program Coordinator must finalize a list of sessions. Sessions titles, descriptions and the language in which they will be held (English, French or Spanish), as well as contact details of session organizers (name, affiliation, country, e-mail) will be available on the ISA conference platform run by Confex.
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## **E-Journal Language, Discourse and Society: Call for Articles**

Language, Discourse & Society is an international peer reviewed journal published twice annually (June and December) in electronic form. The journal publishes high-quality articles dedicated to all aspects of sociological analyses of language, discourse and representation.

The editorial board will consider proposed articles based on clear methodological and theoretical commitment to studies of language. Articles must substantially engage theory and/or methods for analyzing language, discourse, representation, or situated talk. Language, Discourse & Society accepts electronic submissions year round. Please send your proposals for the next *varia* issue to: [journal@language-and-society.org](mailto:journal@language-and-society.org) and [stephanie.cassilde@cehd.be](mailto:stephanie.cassilde@cehd.be)

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1. Articles and Book reviews may be submitted in English, French and Spanish.
2. Contributions must be original articles, not published, nor considered simultaneously for publication in any other journal or publisher.
3. There is no standard length: 6,000 – 8,000 words (1000-1500 in the case of book reviews) is a useful working target but where it is justified, longer or shorter pieces can be considered.
4. Title, author or authors name, affiliations, full address (including telephone, fax number and e-mail address) and brief biographical note should be typed on a separate sheet.
5. Include an abstract of 200-300 words summarizing the findings and at most five keywords. Abstract and keywords should appear in English, French and Spanish.
6. Use New Times Roman, 12 point font, 1.5 space, and page numbers.
7. Number figures and photographs

consecutively (Figure 1, Figure 2, etc.). Each one must include a descriptive title.

8. Submissions should use as little formatting as possible. Do not use bold, italic or titles with capital letters.

9. Tables must be numbered (Table 1, Table 2, etc.).

10. Minimize the number of footnotes. Do not include endnotes.

11. Minimize the length of quotations. In case of quotations, referencing in the text should be as follows: (Brunet, 2007:15).

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13. Use a recent version of Microsoft Word for submitting your article.

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## **ISA Resources**

The following section includes information on different activities and resources provided by ISA. In this number, you can find further information on Sociopedia, the Social Justice & Democratization Space and activities for Junior sociologists.

### **Sociopedia**

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.

To find more information on sociopedia.isa, including the structure of entries and commentaries, the submission procedures and the current list of published entries, please visit ISA website: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/sociopedia-isa/>

### **Social Justice and Democratization Space (SJD)**

This is a new initiative of the ISA, the purpose of this site is to build a global community who can access and share resources through an open participatory approach to research, policy, pedagogy and practices on social justice and democratization. Currently, the SJD space includes sub-section with resources on Gender and Human Rights, Social & Economic Inequalities and Public Sociology.

For more information, please go to: <http://sjdspace.sagepub.com>

### **ISA e-Symposium for Sociology**

This is a forum through which ISA members are able to engage in debate, showcasing the diverse work, practices, ideas and voices. Article submissions to the eSymposium must have sociological value and interest for an international community of social scientists, both from the point of pure, scholarly research as well as from applied dimensions.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/esymposium.htm>

### **Junior sociologists Activities**

ISA provides several resources for junior sociologists (students and early-career academics and practitioners). Current resources available include:

- XVII ISA Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists. Candidates must send an original paper that



has not been published. Deadline for submissions is **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. The winners will be invited to participate in the XVIII ISA world Congress of Sociology which will take place in Toronto, Canada, in July 2018. More information at:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/junior-sociologists/worldwide-competition-for-junior-sociologists/>

- PhD Dissertations abstracts database. The database is part of a larger attempt to build a global community of young sociologists. This project has its own Facebook page and twitter account. More information at: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/abstracts-dissertations/>

