



REPORT ON THE SECOND ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY

UPDATE FROM YOUR RC34 PRESIDENT

The 2012 ISA Forum on *Social Justice and Democratization* is now a pleasant memory for those who attended. Set in the *University of Buenos Aires* massive Faculty of Economics, which occupies an entire block in Buenos Aires, the ISA was able to find room for all sessions in all Research Committees, Thematic Groups, and Working Groups, along with plenaries and meetings. For those who are interested, the online programme is still available for searching or download at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/>.

RC34 was acknowledged as offering a strong programme and I thank all of those who contributed to its success. Along with the Session Chairs, the *Programme Committee*, comprising *Howard Williamson, Ani Wierenga* and me, processed some 180 abstract submissions for our 16 allotted sessions. Two sessions had so many submissions that they needed to be broken down into “roundtables,” an interesting innovation suggested by the ISA. This involved special sessions where as many as

five roundtables occurred simultaneously among the people presenting papers that have the most in common. Many thanks to all the Session Chairs for their diligence and cooperation, and of course to Howard and Ani. Hundreds of emails were exchanged among us, and several Skype video conference calls bridging three continents were necessary to make many decisions in short time-frames—no small feat given the different time zones among Canada, the UK, and Australia!

In a number of ways, the Forum was a test-run for the next *World Congress* in *Yokohama, Japan*, both in terms of the Calls for Sessions and Abstracts, and in organizing and running sessions. The General Meeting was held on August 4, and the minutes could be posted on IBYR. During this meeting, these various conference organization issues were discussed, and we are committed to making the submission of abstracts

and delivery of papers as smooth running and rewarding as possible for the World Congress.

The ISA already has plans in place for the *2014 World Congress* in *Yokohama* and the lessons learned from the Forum will be used to create an even more rewarding experience there. I will



keep everyone posted concerning developments via the RC34 mailing list so make sure that I have your current email address. And everyone can view ISA postings concerning the WC at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>

Sincerely,
James Côté

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NEW BOOK ON TEENAGE SUICIDE AMONG INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN LATIN AMERICA

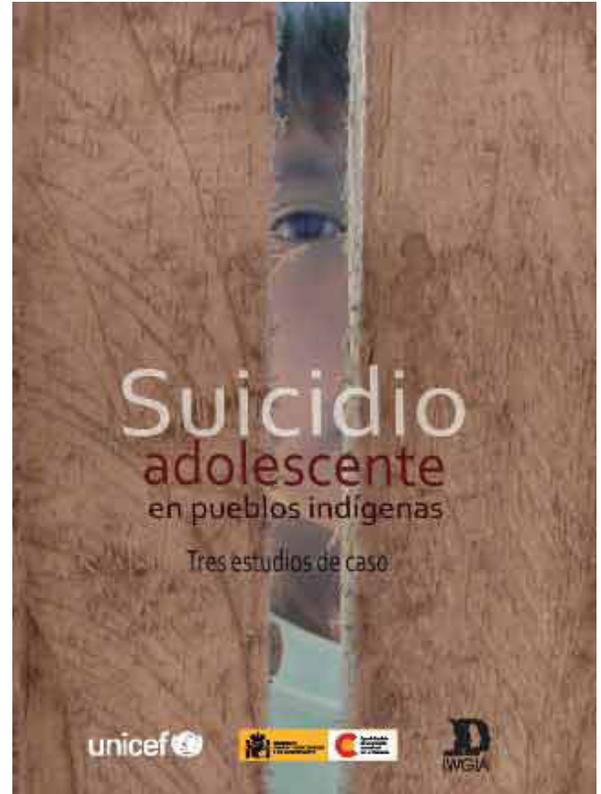
The continuous discrimination against indigenous peoples, drastic changes in their environment, the systematic violation of their rights and the exclusion from decisions that affect their future, have traumatic individual and collective consequences for indigenous peoples. One response to this situation of hopelessness seems to be the increase in suicide among indigenous children and young people.

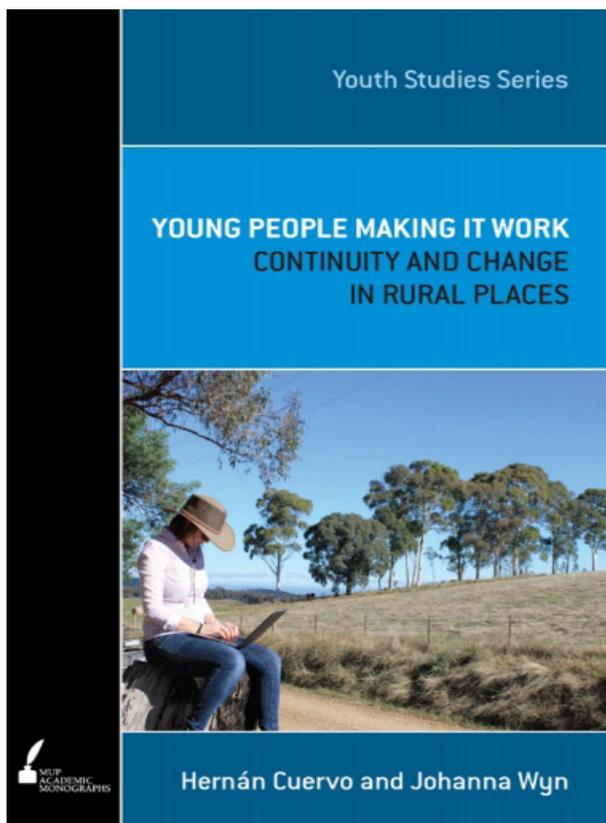
Although the population of Latin America has a comparatively low rate of suicide on a global scale, the rate of suicide by indigenous youth ranks among the highest of different population groups in the region. The figure of suicide for the indigenous Guarani in Brazil is for example 30 times higher than the national average. The rate of indigenous youth suicide is alarmingly increasing, as documented by a new *UNICEF* report.

The report titled “*Suicidio adolescente en pueblos indígenas - Tres estudios de caso*” offers three case studies containing comparative descriptions and analysis of suicide among young indigenous Awajún (Peru), Guarani (Brazil) and Embera (Colombia) peoples.

The research, which was coordinated by the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), focus on conveying the view of indigenous youth in order to seek a closer understanding of this painful situation.

The book was presented in New York at a side event about indigenous children during the 11th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and can be obtained from the regional offices of UNICEF in Latin America, from IWGIA’s web shop. It can also be freely downloaded as a pdf document from IWGIA’s website at <http://www.jovensindigenas.org.br/> or <http://www.iwgia.org/>.





YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING IT WORK CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN RURAL PLACES

BY HERNAN CUERVO AND JOHANNA WYN
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING

Young People Making it Work examines a generation's lives in rural Australia over the past two decades. Against a backdrop of dramatic social, economic and environmental change, the book tells the story of how a generation of young people have strived to remain connected to the people and places that matter to them. It transcends the assumption that rural places are one of deficit and disadvantage to focus on the ways in which powerful narratives of belonging are conceptualised.

Now aged in their late thirties, these are participants in the *Youth Research Centre's Life Patterns* longitudinal study who left school in the early 1990s. They are members of generation X, and like their peers in urban places, they have used education to achieve their goals. Their stories reveal the powerful influence of both family and place on the decisions they have made since leaving secondary school. Cuervo and Wyn draw on contemporary theory from sociology, cultural geography and youth studies to provide new insights about

youth transitions and young adulthood that are relevant not only to the rural context but to all young people.

To purchase a copy of *Young People Making it Work*, please visit the MUP e-store:
<http://web.mup.unimelb.edu.au/e-store/>



CALL FOR PAPERS

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS

Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, an annual series which focuses upon cutting-edge topics in family research around the globe, is seeking manuscript submissions for its 2013 volume. The 2013 volume of CPFR will focus on the theme of 'Visions of the 21st Century Family: Transforming Structures and Identities'. In every society, social, political, religious, or economic influences have led families to adapt, evolve, and change, moving beyond traditional forms and behaviors. The 2013 volume of CPFR will examine these changing structures and behaviors, and attempt to better illustrate the ever-changing nature of families. The volume will address topics such as: cohabitation, gay and lesbian relationships, parenting within alternative family forms, grandparents raising grandchildren, the merging of nuclear and extended family forms, and other related issues.



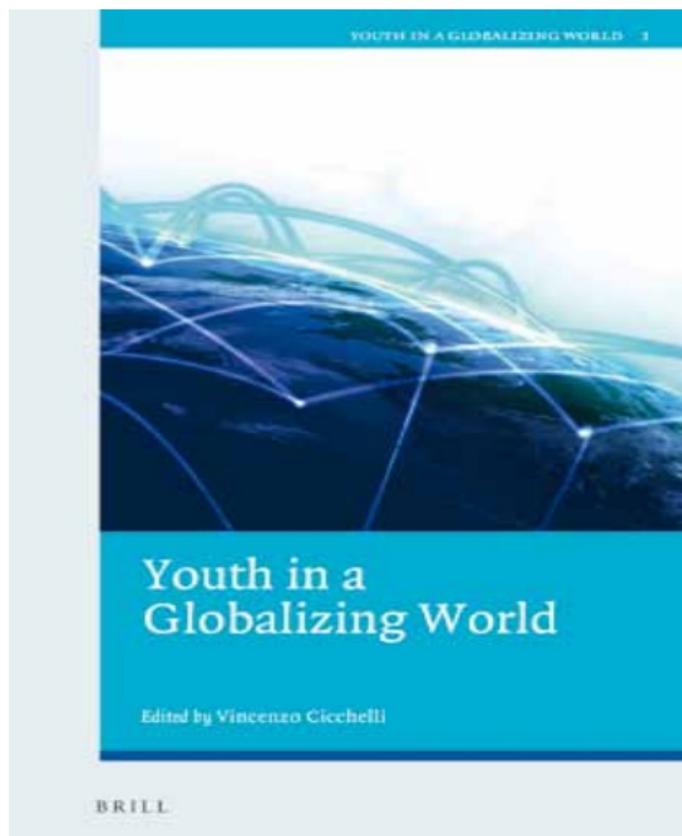
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The 2013 volume will be coedited by Patricia Neff Claster, of Edinboro University and Sampson Lee Blair, of The State University of New York (Buffalo). Manuscripts should be submitted directly to the editors (pnclaster@edinboro.edu and slblair@buffalo.edu), preferably in MS WORD format. Manuscripts should not exceed 40 double-spaced pages (not including tables, figures, and references). Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in CPFR. Manuscripts should adhere to the APA format. Manuscripts should represent previously unpublished work. An abstract of 150-200 words should be included at the beginning of each manuscript. All manuscripts will undergo peer review.

The deadline for initial submissions is **January 10, 2013**. Any questions may be directed to the editors at pnclaster@edinboro.edu and slblair@buffalo.edu.

NEW SERIES:**YOUTH IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD**

Specialists of adolescence and youth tend to consider these life stages as valuable barometers of social change. Indeed, new trends in society can be observed through the prism of young people who today find themselves under the spotlight as never before. At the same time, all over the planet, tremendous changes in everyday life can be witnessed currently. The main reason for launching a new book series focused on adolescence and youth from an international perspective is due to the lack of knowledge and understanding of the emergence of transnational shared practices, values, norms, behaviors, cultures and patterns among young people all over the globe. The aim of this brand new book series is to be a forum for discussion and exchanges, a space for intellectual creativity on all questions relating to youth in a globalizing world. It will also provide a valuable and much needed crucible for comparative studies on youth from an international perspective. Its spirit is to be open to new suggestions coming from research in the social sciences. From an epistemological stance, what kind of concepts do sociologists of youth need in order to understand changes? Are classical sociological concepts on youth still useful and relevant? What kind of perspectives could be more suitable? As this book series is situated within a mainstream research framework, we welcome original leading works written in a manner that is accessible to a wider audience.

**Contact:**

Authors are cordially invited to submit proposals and/or full manuscripts to either the series editor, Vincenzo Cicchelli (Vincenzo.Cicchelli@msh-paris.fr), or the Acquisitions Editor, Marti Huetink (Huetink@brill.nl).

CONGRESS OF THE SWISS SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION INEQUALITY AND INTEGRATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS JUNE 26–28, 2013 UNIVERSITY OF BERN

Since Karl Marx first described the enormous social inequalities and their potential for social change at the beginning of industrialization in the 19th century, the origins, extent, and consequences of social inequality, as well as the level of inequality which a society is willing to tolerate, have been major themes in sociology. Our discipline has taken on the theme of

reduce inequality and bring about new challenges for integration policies addressing the emerging disparities. At the same time as inequalities within European societies are exacerbated, disparities between states are also rising, which will likely have adverse effects on European unification, not to mention creating new challenges for Switzerland as well.

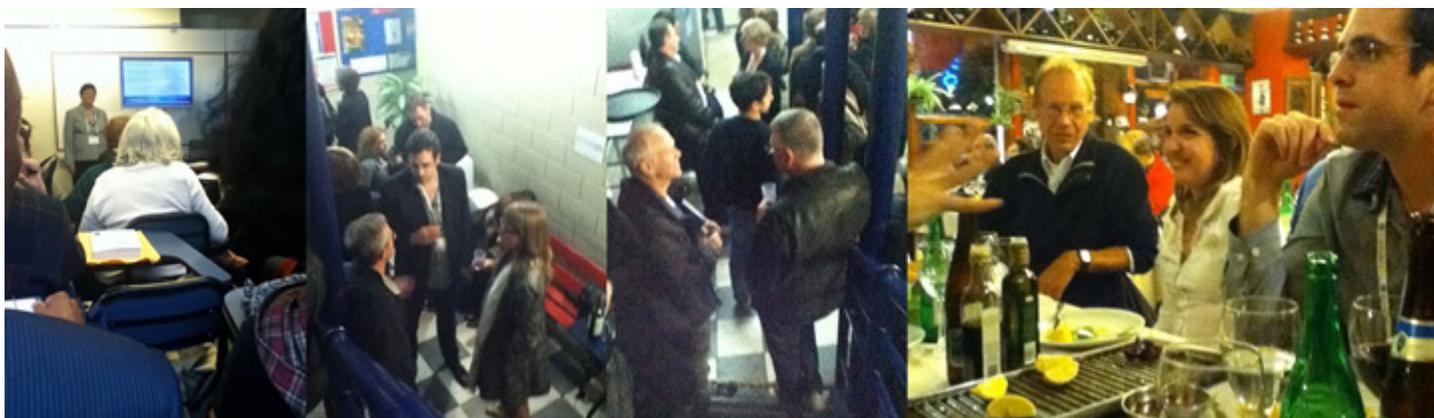
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inequality in multiple areas ranging from research on unequal educational and labor market opportunities, unequal income distributions, gender and health inequality, and inequality in life expectancy, to mention only a few. There are innumerable national and international conferences devoted to these themes. Do we need yet another one? Is inequality still a problem in our society?

The answer to this question is undoubtedly yes. In particular, the economic crisis at the start of the 21st century underlines the fact that the theme of inequality has not lost its relevance. Above all, the European debt crisis inclines us to suspect that social inequality is growing. In comparison with economic boom times, almost all the European countries feel the pressure of stabilizing their economies and cutting back on public expenditures. This will also impact redistributive policies to

The European debt crisis came at a point in time when global environmental and demographic problems worsened simultaneously – the aging of industrialized countries and population explosion in developing countries. The inequality effects of climate change and the unequal distribution of population growth will lead to an increase in migration and elevate the immigration pressure on the European Union and Switzerland. For this reason, Switzerland, as well as the other European countries, grapple with questions of managing migration and integration. Inequalities – as problematic they may be – are also in some sense an opportunity. They increase the diversity of society and can bring about new ideas, innovation, and growth. Our desire and ability for social integration depends, above all, on the ultimate balance between these advantages and disadvantages. Within the framework of the various foci of the research

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committees, the conference will concentrate on the opportunities as well as the risks associated with these social changes.

Call for Organizers

If you would like to organize a plenary session, please submit the title of the plenary as well as the designated contributions (including titles, abstracts, and the names of the contributors) to the organizing committee by January 15, 2013 (by e-mail to sgskongress2013@soz.unibe.ch).

unibe.ch). A plenary session usually includes three contributions.

If you would like to organize a workshop (parallel session), please submit the theme proposal and call for papers for the workshop to the organizing committee by November 30, 2012 (by e-mail to sgs-kongress2013@soz.unibe.ch). After the organizing committee accepts the proposal, the call for papers will be published. The organizers of the workshop are responsible for collecting the

submissions and selecting the contributions to be included in the workshop. The final program of the workshop (including titles, abstracts, and the names of the contributors) has to be submitted to the organizing committee by March 15, 2013 (by e-mail to sgskongress2013@soz.unibe.ch).

Further information about the conference can be found on our homepage

www.sgs-kongress2013.unibe.ch

NEW AGENDAS ON YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULthood: YOUTH STUDIES CONFERENCE 2013 APRIL 8-10, 2013 | UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

In 1997, a small conference was held in Glasgow focused on the changing lives of young people, with the intention of setting a new agenda and stimulating research in the field. The conference ultimately led to a new research initiative on youth and, in 1998, the launch of the *Journal of Youth Studies*. Starting out as a journal producing 3 editions a year, the Journal of Youth Studies has become the leading journal in the field listed in the top citation indices and publishing 8 editions a year.

The *Journal of Youth Studies* has always been at the cutting edge of the subject area, stimulating theoretical debate and publishing world class empirical studies. Now, after fifteen years of Youth Studies, it is time to take stock: to look back at our achievements and to explore the agendas that will take us forward over the next decade.

This is the first conference

sponsored by the journal, and we hope that you will join us - in our home at Glasgow University - to help us map out the future and address some of the big issues facing young people in a world where opportunities are frequently lacking. Ultimately, we want you, as youth researchers, to come and focus on improving the lives of young people in contemporary societies.

The programme will include a mix of keynotes by leading researchers in the field, roundtable sessions focused on topical issues and theoretical concerns, and themed paper sessions. We encourage both new and experienced researchers and people from the Global South as well as the Global North.

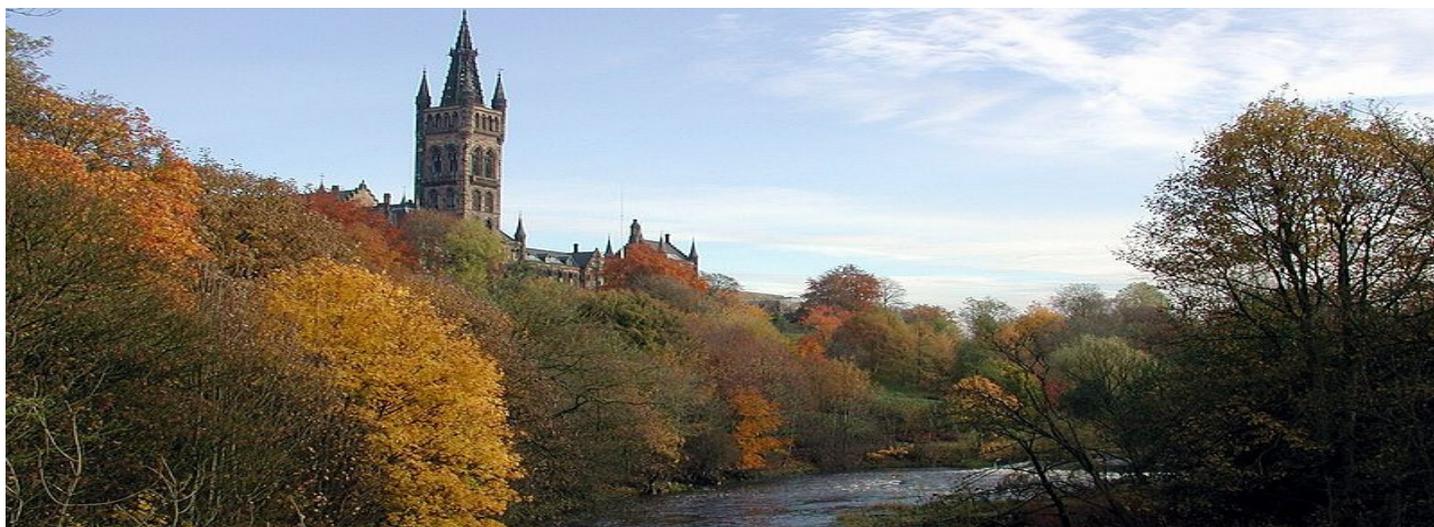
We can offer three days of stimulating debate and lively company in the cosmopolitan city of Glasgow, and, for those with time to spare before or after the

conference, the opportunity to see something of the Scottish countryside.

Join us in Glasgow in 2013!

Registrations will open in August 2012. We will ensure costs are kept to reasonable levels and will offer accommodation to suit all pockets. Special rates will be offered to postgraduate students and participants from the Global South.

If you wish to present a paper, please send a proposal (one page maximum) to Andy Furlong. The first selections will be made by the end of October, although we will continue to accept submissions until 1st December. Demand is likely to be high and early submission is encouraged (we reserve the right to close submissions at any stage). We are also open to proposals for themed sessions that would include a number of papers, the deadline for themed session proposals is 31st October.



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STRUCTURE & OBJECTIVES

The Committee is constituted by associational principles of individual membership, formal statutes, and a General Meeting every fourth year at the World Congresses, at which a new Executive Board is elected to oversee the RC between the Congresses. The work of RC34 is built on regional Vice- Presidencies managing local RC34 activities and networking in their respective areas of the world, along with a Bureau taking care of the membership services and general, strategic affairs connected to the Presidency. An Advisory Board is appointed by the Board, as a body for special experiences and strategic competence in the field.

The aim of RC34 is to contribute to the development of theory and practice of youth sociology and youth research on an international level, uniting professional knowledge, scientific consciousness, and social commitment of its members to work on problems and issues of youth on a local, regional, and international level.

HISTORY OF RC34-SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH

The *International Sociological Association (ISA)* was founded 1948 in close cooperation with *UNESCO's Research Department*. As peace, education and youth issues were in the forefront of the post war, sociopolitical legacy of this foundation, many of the first officers of ISA were also youth sociologists. In 1975, the *Research Committee for the Sociology of Youth (RC34)* was established as a specialized branch of ISA.

The RC34 was from the beginning not only a network for pure academic youth research, but also committed to the original heritage of social and political responsibility. This implies standing partnership with multilateral organizations aiming at conflict resolution, peace and the development of civic society. It is also the policy of RC34 to invite colleagues from other disciplines as well as practitioners in the youth fields to become members, and to serve as a global, interdisciplinary network and meeting place for youth issues in general.

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