

Update from your RC34 President

James Côté, The University of Western Ontario The Programme Committee has completed the scheduling of the 24 sessions to be held during the upcoming World Congress. We have a fine lineup of sessions, bookended with the session Japanese Youth Studies on Monday, July 14, and ending with the session Opportunities and Challenges for Asian Youth Studies on Saturday, July 19. We are proud to say that we have been able to accommodate most scheduling requests and resolved potential time conflicts. Final changes may occur after the registration deadline if too many people in some sessions do not register in time, so please remember that it is extremely important to pay your registration fees on time (by April 1, 2014) if you are playing any role in the conference as a presenter or chair. Here is the link to register. You can find the various rules and deadlines set by the ISA on this link.

Other deadlines: A limited number of registration grants sponsored by the ISA are available, and RC34 hopes to offer some travel funds as well to the most needy members, but you must apply by January 31, 2014. Applications should be sent to me following the ISA guidelines.

In addition, applications for the Young Scholar(s) Award must be received by January 30, 2013. The winner's paper will be considered for presentation in RC34's presidential session and for publication, subject to editorial decision and revision, in a publication of the RC34. An electronic copy of the paper should be sent to the Prof. Sharlene Swartz and copied to the Organizational Secretary Prof. Howard Williamson. For further details are found here.

I will update the membership concerning developments via the RC34 mailing list, so make sure that I have your current email address. The link is now available to book your <u>hotel rooms</u>. Travel and cost information is also <u>available</u>. And everyone can view ISA postings concerning the <u>WC</u>.

Other business: I recently sent notice to the RC34 membership of minor Statute changes for RC34 required by the ISA to create compatible rules among all RCs and Howard sent notice of election of Board members for the next four years, 2014-2018. If you did not receive either of these and are interested, please let me know and I can re-send them to you.

Best wishes for the upcoming year, James Côté



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Sri Lanka's Education System the Answer to National Integration

Siri Hettige, University of Colombo

Sri Lanka's violent ethnic conflict came to an end in mid-2009, when the separatist

LTTE was militarily defeated by the Sri Lankan security forces. Following the end of the decades-long war, the country has been faced with the twin challenges of development and national integration. *Read more*



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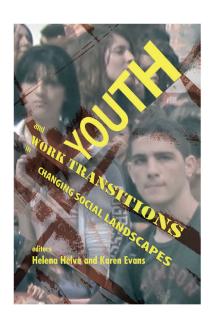
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Youth And Work Transitions In Changing Social Landscapes

A new book on Youth and Work Transitions in Changing Social Landscapes, edited by Helena Helve and Karen Evans (Tufnell Press 2013), considers how young people of today in different countries and regions of the world find their way to adulthood. What do the economic recession and rising youth unemployment mean for young people's transitions? What are the opportunities and risks that confront today's youth? This book is about changing constellations of risk and opportunity and the importance of successful transitions as



manifested in psychological and physical wellbeing. Leading international authors and early career researchers have come together to provide insights into youth, work and wellbeing, drawing on experiences in Europe, North America, Africa, India, Japan, Russia, Australia and New Zealand. *Read more*



The Youth Research Program was created in 1994 on the initiative of the FLACSO Academic Direction, Argentina Branch, and over ten years it has developed its activity through an interdisciplinary approach, with the collaboration of experts in various thematic fields. *Read more*

Family Troubles?

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Family Troubles? raises the question of how we can understand the contested terrain between 'normal' family troubles and troubled and troubling families. How far are difficult or painful events a general feature of family lives, how do troubled families normalise their lives, and when do 'changes' and 'troubles' become 'harm'? We aim to create a dialogue between researchers addressing mainstream family change and diversity in everyday lives, and those focussing on particular problems which prompt specialist interventions, and to consider the implications for policy makers, service users and practitioners. *Read more*





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