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Dear RC46 Members,

The end of 2014 came very quickly. I would like to wish all of you a wonderful festive season and a productive and fulfilling 2015! In particular, I hope to see as many of you as possible in Johannesburg at the end of June 2015.

This is just a brief newsletter to keep you up to date about the activities of our RC. First, I would like to welcome Robert Sévigny to our illustrious Presidential Advisory Board. Robert was the first recipient of the RC46 Distinguished Career Award. We are very thankful that he could find the time to continue his substantial contribution to advancing the cause of clinical sociology.

Executive Board Members/Regional Representatives. We are also saying good bye to Jeff Will, not as an RC46 member, but as a Regional Representative. Jeff has asked to be relieved of his responsibilities due to family and work commitments. Thank you for the contribution you have made so far, and for the contribution you will be making, though in another capacity. Gwynyth Øverland has requested a leave of absence from the Executive Board for family reasons for 2014/2015. We look forward to her return.

RC46 Interim Conference - June 28-July 1, 2015 – University of Johannesburg, South Africa. We hope to see as many as possible of you at our Interim Conference next year. We repeat the information about submitting abstracts provided in our previous newsletter and also provide the Call for Papers sent out by SASA, who are our hosts for the conference. A big thank you to those who have already submitted proposals and abstracts. Please note that the deadline for submitting abstracts has been extended to **March 2, 2015** to correspond with the SASA deadline. **Abstracts can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.** The Program Committee, under the able leadership of Mariam Seedat Khan, will provide you with details about the sessions they have developed in an RC46 News Note early next year. RC46 members should submit their proposals to Mariam Seedat Khan.

Third ISA Forum. RC46 will be participating in the Forum to be held in Vienna, Austria in **July 10-14, 2016**. Please see the deadlines provided by the ISA below. The RC program coordinator is Mariam Seedat Khan. **Abstracts can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.**

The Convivialist Manifesto. Vincent de Gaulejac (v.gaulejac@wanadoo.fr) has written us about an exciting document developed by a group of French-speaking scholars and scholar-practitioners from a number of disciplines. The Convivialist Manifesto: A Declaration of Interdependence (available in both French and English) is a 2013 publication that involved several RC 46 members - e.g., Vincent de Gaulejac (France), Ana Maria Araujo (Uruguay) and Elvia Taracena (Mexico). If you would like more information about the document, please contact Vincent and/or look at the project website - <http://lesconvivialistes.fr> Vincent particularly would like to hear from those who might translate this Manifesto into other languages or help getting it published in their countries. The Manifesto will soon be available on our RC46 website.

American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting 2015. The American Sociological Association's call for papers for its annual meeting (August 22-25, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois) can be found online at www.asanet.org/meetings/callforpapers.cfm Contributors may submit their scholarly work to regular session topics, section paper sessions and open refereed roundtables. The deadline for all submissions is January 7, 2015.

Membership. Harry Perlstadt, our secretary-treasurer, reports that we currently have 122 members but the current count going forward into 2015 is 115. We urge all of you whose membership lapses at the end of 2014 to renew it as soon as possible. Please remember that the ISA removes the names of any lapsed RC46 members from the RC46 membership list at the beginning of the year, even if you are still a member of the ISA.

Colloquium in France. An announcement for the Réseau International de Sociologie Clinique colloquium that will be held April 8-10 in Paris is included in this newsletter. Please note the submission deadline is January 5. If you would like a detailed explanation regarding one or more sessions, please contact the session coordinators as soon as possible.

Please note that our next newsletter will appear in February. Please send information that you would like to be included in the newsletter to the responsible board member or to me directly. If you have published an article, report or book in the last five months; changed jobs; or won an award, please send that information to Jan Marie Fritz (jan.fritz@uc.edu) who will collate it for inclusion in the next newsletter. (Make sure each publication reference is complete and submitted in Times New Roman 12.) Any information about clinical sociology activities in your region should be sent to your regional representative or to Rosemary Barberet (rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu). Your **information needs to be received by February 5, 2015** to be included in the newsletter.

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From Mariam Seedat Khan, RC46 Vice President for Programs

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION:
CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA
(28 June- 1 July, 2015)**

**Venue: University of Johannesburg, Auckland Park Kingsway (APK) Campus
Dates: June 28-July 1, 2015**

The International Sociological Association's (ISA) RC46 Clinical Sociology will meet in Johannesburg from June 28 to 1 July, 2015. The organizations cooperating with the ISA's RC46 Clinical Sociology in the development of this conference is the Sociology Faculty of the University of Johannesburg and the South African Sociological Association (SASA, including the SASA Working Group in Clinical Sociology).

The clinical sociology conference will be held at the same time as the 2015 South African Sociological Association Conference at the University of Johannesburg. The theme of the SASA conference is "Contours of Violence." The SASA2015 LOC is preparing information about affordable accommodation in the vicinity of the APK Campus.

Proposals for sessions, workshops and individual presentations in all languages are welcome on all topics related to clinical sociology.

- A. Full Name
- B. Email Address;
- C. Your Occupation – E.g., Professor, Doctoral Student, Researcher, Community Activist;
- D. Your Country;
- E. Your Affiliation – RC46 and/or the SASA Clinical Sociology Group in South Africa;
- F. The Kind of Contribution – E.g. Oral presentation, Mini-Training Session, Poster, Panel Presentation
- G. Title of Your Contribution;
- H. An Abstract of No More Than 150 Words.

Submit abstracts to: **Mariam Seedat Khan**
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Deadline for submission of abstracts/proposals: March 2, 2015.



Contours of Violence

XXII South African Sociological Association Congress
University of Johannesburg, June 28th – July 1st 2015

Keynote speaker:

Prof Maggie Abraham, Professor of Sociology & President of the ISA,
Hofstra University, New York, USA

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

How do we open up the question of violence? What are its contours? How are we to understand the relation between every day, insidious and sometimes invisible forms of violence and violation, on the one hand, and its spectacular and grotesque counterparts, such as war and genocide, on the other? Are there productive entry points for understanding contemporary forms of violence and the impact thereof on subjectivities, social forms and the social lives and fabric of societies, communities and families? What are the cross-generational legacies and traces of violent and traumatic experiences? What is at stake in asking questions about 'excess' in relation to the use of force and repertoires of violence? Likewise, what intellectual and political risks are attached to accounts of violence that understand it in terms of individual and collective states of rage, shame and revenge, as 'madness,' or as rational and effective, respectively? What are the strategies and tactics deployed by various kinds of social actors to negotiate and mediate the risk of violence in everyday life? What is the boundary and division between violence and non-violence conceptually, in global and local mappings, and in the accounts of violent subjects and the subjects of violence?

This congress explores the possibilities of using the analytic category of violence – understood in its narrow sense as physical force associated with injury, infringement or transgression and therefore as

potentially life-threatening, but also in its broader usage – to map and illuminate the contemporary social order and to refract or recast key questions and concerns related to the making and shaping of the democratic South African body politic.

Arguably, conceptualisations of the notion of violence – be it physical, structural, discursive or symbolic – have been a central part of the vocabulary that sociologists deploy in order to describe or account for phenomena and experiences such as poverty, inequality, gender relations, and social welfare provision. Yet, the opportunity for a sustained conversation that places the notion of violence at the centre of social analysis does not often arise, in part perhaps because the topic seems to be located outside or on the boundary of the disciplinary scope and corpus. Whilst the concept has been used in multiple, sometimes loose and often overlapping ways in scholarly work, there is some consensus that understandings of violence and the theoretical registers associated with it are normatively ambiguous and conceptually slippery and multifaceted. This complexity is apparent, for example, in the way that violence may be conceived as a force of oppression, a counter-hegemonic strategy, and a mechanism that maintains the status quo. It is used at times to symbolise moral impropriety in actions and policies or to signal emancipation, resistance, and revolution. It may be understood as the state of exception, or seen as normalised in the structures of political, economic and family relationships and yet demonised when enacted during turbulent times. Violence is often overt and direct. Yet, violence is also understood to be operating in symbolic and hidden ways in order to oppress; directly or indirectly; explicitly or subtly.

Setting out to trace contours of violence in a historically situated South African context gives rise to a further set of concerns and caveats. Indeed, there are several ways in which we might 'think', but also 'unthink', violence in South Africa. How do we treat violence as a manifestation of the present, without rendering it 'new' and 'now'? How do we reflect histories of violence without reducing them to mere explanations for an apparently contemporary phenomenon? How do we understand violence as physical, bodily, and intimate and also hold the concept to account for other kinds of impersonal, destructive domination: structural, slow, and even epistemic violence? Moreover, is violence always socially destructive, or can violence be socially purposeful and productive? What are the ethical stakes of asking such a question? Or, put differently, what would it mean to sociologically study violence out of a commitment to social justice, while remaining aware of the risks of scholarly moralism? How might sociologists conceptualise violence both within, but perhaps also outside, of the categories within which violence itself works (e.g. 'gender-based violence', 'violence against foreigners'). How might we take seriously the forms of violence enacted not only by some categories of people against other categories of people, but by the state, by corporations, etc.?

In order to explore these questions, we are inviting papers that empirically and theoretically engage the question of violence. In particular, work that assist in mapping out and critically engaging the bodies of literature and theoretical vocabularies currently available to us to help make sense of the range of phenomena that we term violence are welcomed. Likewise, we are interested in ways of thinking through the limits of particular conceptual registers as well as the kinds of interdisciplinary conversations that are possibly necessary in order to be able to account more satisfactorily for the

dynamics of violence in South Africa, its local, global and historical sources and its articulation across modalities and scales. Exploring questions of violence also necessitates a robust engagement with social justice interventions aimed at addressing pernicious forms and manifestations of violence; from the level of the state, to community, civil society organisations, and scholars.

Local Organising Committee:

Tina Uys (Chair), Kezia Batisai, Tapiwa Chagonda, David du Toit, Anthony Kaziboni, Grace Khunou, Kammila Naidoo, Pragna Rugunanan, Heidi Scheepers, Anton Senekal, Luke Sinwell, Muhammed Suleman.

Email address: sasa2015@uj.ac.za

Abstract deadline: 2 March 2015

Abstract submission process: Abstracts should be submitted on-line at www.sasaonline.org.za/abstracts. (RC46 members should only submit abstracts here if you would like to present a paper with another working group)

You should also e-mail your abstract to the relevant Working Group Convenor. A list of the details of the Working Group Convenors is available at <http://www.sasaonline.org.za/working-groups.html>.

You will require the following information in order to submit your abstract:

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Name of Working Group: _____

Convenor of Working Group: _____

Paper Title:

Name and Surname:

Second Author Name and Surname:

Department:

Affiliation:

Email:

ABSTRACT (Maximum 250 words)





Deadlines

(Subject to minor changes)

- **Call for Sessions: 15 January, 2015 24:00 GMT** RC/WG/TG provide name and contact details of Program Coordinator and indicate a deadline for sessions' proposals submission having in mind that a final list of sessions needs to be received at the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org by April 7, 2015. Those Calls for Sessions will be posted on the ISA Forum website.
- **Call for Papers: 7 April, 2015 24:00 GMT**
Program Coordinator must submit final list of sessions and their extensive 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) to the ISA Secretariat at isa@isa-sociology.org for posting on the ISA Forum website as Call for Papers.
- **Abstracts submission: 3 June – 30 September, 2015 24:00 GMT**
Participants must submit abstracts on-line via Confex platform. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French or Spanish. Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.
- **Abstracts selection: 4 October – 24 November, 2015 24:00 GMT**
Session Organizer must complete selection of abstracts and provide a final presentation designation (oral, distributed, poster, round table). Session Organizer can move good quality abstracts unsuited for the session to the Program Coordinator's bin for transfer to another session.
Note: abstracts transfers should be done to the Program Coordinator's bin as early as possible so that good abstracts may be transferred to other appropriate sessions to enable organizers to consider these transferred abstracts and make decisions within the deadlines.
- **Notification letters: 30 November, 2015 24:00 GMT**
Session Organizer must send notification letters to:
 1. Authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts
 2. Submitters whose abstract was rejected in this session but has been transferred to Program Coordinator for review and possible consideration in another session
 3. Authors of rejected abstracts.

A final presentation designation (oral, distributed, poster, round table) needs to be stated; this information can be modified later once registration check has been completed.

- **Sessions schedule**

- 15 December -15 January 2016
Confex schedules Joint Session, Round Table and Poster Sessions
- 16 January - 26 January 2016
Program Coordinators schedule regular sessions and Business Meeting according to the conference timetable.

Registration deadline for presenters: April 1, 2016 24:00 GMT

Registration must be completed by the deadline. Confex matches registrations with accepted presenters and sends out last reminder to register.

Final modifications: April 14 – May 1, 2016 24:00 GMT

Session Organizer modifies sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters. Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants. In case the type of an individual's presentation is changed, or if a presentation is transferred to a different session, Session Organizer sends a new notification.

Number of sessions allocated to RC/WG/TG

The number of sessions will be allocated based on the number of the ISA members in good standing in the group as of October 2014, according to the scheme provided below. Members in good standing are individual members who have paid both ISA and the RC/WG/TG membership due for the current year.

The number of allocated sessions includes:

1. A time slot for a Business Meeting.
2. Joint sessions. Joint sessions should not constitute more than 50% of all sessions organized by a RC/WG/TG.

Colloque fondateur du Réseau International de Sociologie Clinique

**« Actualités de la sociologie clinique : pensée critique, pratiques
d'intervention »**

8-9-10 Avril 2015

ESCP Europe, 79 avenue de la République, 75010, Paris, France

La sociologie clinique continue à se développer, et avait pour cela besoin de fédérer ceux qui s'en inspirent. C'est l'objectif du Réseau International de Sociologie Clinique (RISC), qui se propose de favoriser le développement de la sociologie clinique dans tous les domaines, théoriques et pratiques, en multipliant les rapports entre chercheurs, étudiants et praticiens. Ce premier colloque du RISC sera l'occasion de réunir des chercheurs et praticiens de différents horizons et institutions.

La sociologie clinique, par son ouverture à la parole des acteurs, par le spectre large et constamment renouvelé de ses objets comme de ses références, par son accueil de l'intervention et de ceux qui travaillent « in situ », occupe une place singulière et irremplaçable dans les sciences sociales. Dans des périodes de crise et face à un monde dominé par la rationalité instrumentale, les approches de la sociologie clinique sont de plus en plus nécessaires.

Ce colloque fondateur sera orienté autour de 7 thèmes :

- 1- Clinique, critique et politique (Pascal Fugier - pascal-fugier@orange.fr et John Cultiaux - johncultiaux@gmail.com)
- 2- Clinique du travail et des organisations (Nicole Aubert niaubert@club-internet.fr et Catherine Besse catbes@online.fr)
- 3- Clinique narrative (Christophe Niewiadomski - christophe.niewiadomski@univ-lille3.fr et Elvia Taracena etaracena@yahoo.com)
- 4- Ancrage historique et épistémologie de la clinique (Jean-Philippe Bouilloud - bouilloud@escpeurope.eu et Jacques Rhéaume - rheume.jacques@uqam.ca)
- 5- Posture clinique et méthodes d'intervention (Christiane Girard - girardchristiane@gmail.com et Florence Giust-Desprairies -) florence.giust-desprairies@univ-paris-diderot.fr
- 6- Clinique et éducation populaire (Pierre Roche - roche@cereq.fr et René Badache - rene.badache@orange.fr)
- 7- Clinique de l'accompagnement (Fabienne Hanique - fabienne.hanique@wanadoo.fr et Bénédicte Atten - benedicteatten@gmail.com)

Merci d'envoyer vos propositions de communication avant le 5 janvier aux coordinateurs de l'axe auquel vous destinez votre communication. Les propositions devront faire 500 mots environ, bibliographie indicative comprise, et présenter les mots-clés

News from RC46 Regional Representatives

Compiled by Rosemary Barberet, RC46 Board Member and Coordinator, Regional Representatives

Nagaraju Gundemeda, Department of Sociology of the University of Hyderabad has published a book titled *Education and Hegemony: Social Construction of Knowledge in India in the Era of Globalisation* with Cambridge Scholars publishing from London. The book captures the linkages between Education and Globalization within the social context of the knowledge economy in India. Members may wish to review this book or recommend it to their library. For details please see:

<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/education-and-hegemony>

Isabelle Ruelland reports the following news from RC46 members' activities in Canada (Québec)

The colloquium entitled « Dispositifs publics et métiers de la relation » will take place in May 2015. The clinical sociology perspective will be present throughout this event, involving members of RC46 from UQAM and the Research Center SHERPA, and from CSSS de la Montagne.

A partnership and cooperation agreement on management and work from a clinical sociology perspective is soon to be signed by the Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec Canada and the *Centro Federal de educação tecnologia de Minas Gerais* in Brazil.

Québec RC46 members will participate in the scientific committee of the First International Clinical Sociology Network Conference (Colloque fondateur du Réseau international de Sociologie clinique) with the theme « Actualités de la sociologie clinique : pensée critique, pratique d'intervention » which will take place in Paris (France) from 8-10 April 2015 : Jacques Rhéaume, Robert Sévigny as well as Diane Laroche and Marie-Chantal Doucet.

<http://www.revue-interrogations.org/+Colloque-fondateur-du-Reseau+>

Two RC46 members have published this article:

Ruelland, I. Rhéaume, J., St-Jean, M., Thériault, P-Y., Alderson, M. (2014) « L'institution carcérale et ses dérives organisationnelles : le cas d'un établissement à sécurité maximale », *Nouvelle revue de psychosociologie*. N° 18

News from Spain from **Fernando de Yzaguirre**:

The "Permanent Seminar on Clinical Sociology" is organized by the Department of Social Psychology at the Complutense University (UCM) and the Commission of Clinical Sociology at the Association of Sociologists. The Seminar holds monthly meetings. As of December 2014, the Seminar is now two years old. In this time there have been 19 meetings held under the direction of José Ramón Torregrosa and coordination of Fernando de Yzaguirre. The Committee on Clinical Sociology at the Sociologists Association as of September, 2014 is two years old. It

works by forming working groups. The last working group formed is "Clinical Sociology and prison treatment".

Among the activities in Madrid was a course taught by Vincent de Gaulejac on "Advanced practice of clinical sociology". In March, 2015 the Second Diploma UCM on "Clinical Sociology: theory and practice" will commence. It is the second edition of the course directed by Fernando de Yzaguirre and is organized at the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM).

Fernando de Yzaguirre has published the academic book *El proceso de prescripción de medicamentos en los médicos de atención primaria. Estudio psicosociológico de la prescripción de medicamentos y sus condicionantes psicosociales* (The drug prescription process by primary care physicians. Psychosociological study of drug prescription and their social conditions), Editorial Académica Española, which has a short chapter on clinical sociology and its application to primary care physicians. Below is the cover photo:



Fernando de Yzaguirre Garcia

El proceso de prescripción de medicamentos en los médicos de AP

Estudio psicosociológico de la prescripción
de medicamentos y sus condicionantes
psicosociales

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