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## CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~  
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Dear RC46 Members,

The year is going past very quickly. This newsletter contains several items that require your urgent attention as well as information about activities you might like to be involved in:

**Third ISA Forum.** As you know, RC46 will be participating in the Forum to be held in Vienna, Austria in **July 10-14, 2016**. The RC program coordinator is Mariam Seedat Khan and the co-coordinator is Tina Uys. **Abstracts for papers to be presented at any of the RC46 sessions can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.** Submit your abstracts on-line at <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/webprogrampreliminary/Symposium296.html> by no later than **30 September 2015** at 24:00 GMT.

**Invitation to be involved in the RC46 Session at ASA, Chicago, Illinois Monday 24 August 2015.** Information is provided about RC46 activities at the ASA meeting in Chicago organized by Harry Perlstadt.

**Information about the upcoming conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.** The deadline for submission of abstracts is **15 July 2015**.

**Certification with AACCS.** Melodye Lehnerer provides information about the requirements for and process involved when applying for accreditation with AACCS.

**Please note that our next newsletter will appear in September.** Please send information that you would like to be included in the newsletter to a board member (email addresses at the end of this newsletter) and also send a copy to Tina Uys [tuis@uj.ac.za](mailto:tuis@uj.ac.za) 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](mailto: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 upcoming clinical sociology activities in your region should be sent to your regional representative or to Rosemary Barberet ([rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu)), the regional representative coordinator. Your **information needs to be received by September 4, 2015** to be included in the newsletter.

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**From Mariam Seedat Khan, RC46 Vice President for Programs:**



**RC46 Third ISA Forum of Sociology  
July 10-14, 2016 Vienna, Austria**

The Third ISA Forum will be convened in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016 on the theme "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World." This theme encourages a forward-orientation in empirical, theoretical, and normative research to tackle the problems and opportunities that often cut across borders.

**Abstracts are invited to any of the following sessions hosted by RC46:**

- Clinical Sociology and Community Intervention
- Clinical Sociology and Social Change
- Clinical Sociology, Cultural Diversity and Immigration
- Clinical Sociology, Health and Social Policy
- Clinical Sociology: Creating a Better World in the Workplace
- Courses, Programmes, Certification and Accreditation in Clinical Sociology
- Early Career Clinical Sociologists
- Epistemology, Theories, Research Methods and/or Research Ethics in Clinical Sociology
- International Policymaking and Clinical Sociology
- Livelihood Vulnerability in Cities: Interrogating the Intersections of Culture, Disaster Risk and Power
- Service Learning Strategies: Connecting Students to Global Issues
- Social Determinants of Health and Policy Implications in Transitional Societies
- Working Against Violent Extremism: Implementing Counter Narratives in the Radicalisation Process

## Call for Abstracts

**14 April 2015 - 30 September 2015 24:00 GMT**

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should submit an abstract on-line to a chosen session of RC 46:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/webprogrampreliminary/Symposium296.html>



The abstract (300 words) must be submitted in English, French or Spanish

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### **From Harry Perlstadt:**

### **RC46 Session at ASA, Chicago, Illinois Monday 24 August 2015**

RC46 will be holding a session at the American Sociological Association annual conference in Chicago, Illinois. The session will be on Monday 24 August from 6:30-8:15 PM in the Hilton Chicago Michigan Avenue, Room PDR 2, Third Floor. Please note our session will only be listed in the front of the program book (under meetings of other organizations).

The session will include two short presentations and a brief agenda including an update on the forthcoming ISA Forum meeting in Vienna, Austria July 10-14, 2016.

Please let Harry Perlstadt know if you will be attending the ASA conference. Also, if you are interested in presenting or adding a topic to the agenda, please contact Harry Perlstadt ([perlstad@msu.edu](mailto:perlstad@msu.edu)) before 4 August.

We will again have a display table for RC46 during the ASA conference. If you are coming and would like to spend some time at the table and talk with members and potential members, please contact Harry as well.

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**From Mariam Seedat Khan:**

### **Brief Report on the RC 46 Interim conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, 28 June-1 July 2015**

The Research Committee 46 interim conference was held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 28 June-1 July 2015; alongside the South African Sociological Association Annual Congress. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Margaret Abraham; President of the International Sociological Association. Her topic "Sociology Matters: Addressing Violence through Research and Activism" was a great lead in addressing the theme of the conference "Contours of Violence". It also demonstrated the importance of clinical sociology's focus on the need for interventions and action when addressing issues such as xenophobia, and violence against women. The Clinical Sociology group had the opportunity to listen to 20 different papers from academics located in South Africa, the USA, the Philippines and Norway. Professor Abraham attended a number of our sessions and expressed an interest in the work of the RC. We therefore invited her to become an honorary member of RC46. We would like to extend thanks to all of our presenters and chairs that helped make the conference a great success.

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### **Upcoming Conference for Clinical and Applied Sociologists**

The Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology will hold its 2015 annual conference from October 8-10 in Montgomery, Alabama (USA). The conference theme is "Social Justice from the Local to the Global" and the deadline for submissions (all topics welcome) is **July 15, 2015**. Send your abstract and any questions to Karen Albright, the conference organizer, at AACSSubmission@gmail.com

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**From Melodye Lehnerer, C.S.P.:**

### **Information about certification**

As a member of the RC46 Executive Board and a member of the Certification Committee of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS), I have received inquiries from RC46 members in regard to certification. These inquiries relate to discussions began at the World Congress Meetings in Yokohama (July 2014).

**Designation:** The Certified Sociological Practitioner (C.S.P.) designation is awarded by AACS to experienced professional sociological practitioners who demonstrate excellence in their practice of applied, clinical, or public sociology.

**Process:** Certification credentialing is a two-step process. First, applicants submit an application with supportive materials that include a curriculum vitae/resume, portfolio, letters of reference, and, college/university transcripts. A major part of this first step is documenting your academic and practice background and current practice. Second, if your application is approved you will then be given the opportunity to present your portfolio for peer review at an AACS meeting or another regional or national sociology meeting held in the U. S. For applicants unable to attend one of the meetings cited above, the use of video conferencing technology will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For

example, international applicants would be given this consideration. In all cases, the C.S.P. Credentialing Committee will make the final decision.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for certification one must have a Master's or Doctoral degree in sociology. Those practicing sociologists with interdisciplinary degrees are also eligible if their practice features a strong sociological component. Applicants holding a Ph.D. must be able to document at least 1,500 hours or one year full-time working as a practicing sociologist in the last 5 years. Applicants holding a M.A. or M.S. must be able to document at least 3,000 hours or two years full time working as a practicing sociologist in the last 5 years. Applicants must be members of AACCS.

**Cost:** The Certification Application Fee is \$200 U. S. and is due at the time of application. The Portfolio Demonstration Fee is \$100 U. S. and is due at least 2 weeks prior to the Portfolio Demonstration. Annual certification renewal is \$50 U. S.

**AACS Website:** For additional information on certification and AACCS please go to the website at: <http://www.aacsnet.net/>.

**Request:** I close with a request. I would like feedback from the RC46 membership in regard to the process described above, especially those interested in certification. For example, I realize that members might prefer a designation of Certified Clinical Sociologist. This is an issue I can bring to the certification committee which meets October 7, 2015 in Montgomery, Alabama U.S. I would also like to raise the possibility of having certification demonstrations for successful applicants at the Third ISA Forum of Sociology in Vienna, Austria (July 2016). Please contact me with comments, inquiries, etc. at: [melodye.lehnerer@csn.edu](mailto:melodye.lehnerer@csn.edu).

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## Member Activities

**Emma Porio** (Philippines) has received a Fulbright award and will be in New York City from September 1 through November 30, 2015.

**Jan Marie Fritz** (USA) was an external reviewer for the doctoral program in sociology at South Dakota State University in March and reviewed the undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in April. In July, she gave two presentations to the doctoral students selected to attend the South African Sociological Association's doctoral laboratory.

**Isabelle Ruelland**, Regional Representative, reports these activities from Québec:

A seminar which featured reflections on the theme of the social clinical approach and clinical sociology was organized by two RC46 members (Jacques Rhéaume et Isabelle Ruelland) with the participation of Vincent de Gaulejac and some twenty professors and researchers from various disciplines and several francophone universities in Québec. A Québec network is being organized and other seminars are being planned.

A colloquium on the link between *Research and Training* and with *Psychosocial Intervention in Québec: Assessments and Perspectives* was organized within the framework of the Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS) from the 25 to 27 of May, 2015 in the city of Rimouski in Québec. Some members of RC 46 participated.

News from **Marie-Anne Dujarier** about Clinical Sociology in France:

- The creation of the RISC (Réseau international en sociologie clinique) has been successful. The website gives all useful details : <http://www.sociologie-clinique.org/>

- There is a Symposium in Belgium : <http://www.sociologie-clinique.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Heritages-et-perspectives-de-la-sociologie-clinique-Programme-complet-Umons.pdf>
- Clinical sociology was part of the French Sociological Association Symposium, in June, in Paris. See : <http://www.test-afs-socio.fr/drupal/RT16>
- Communications are welcome for the next AISLF symposium, in Montréal : <http://www.aislf.org/crgt/activites5?n=CR19>

**Weizhen Dong** has initiated the Social Policy Research Cluster within the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA). The membership is now growing! [You are welcome to join the Research Cluster! Simply send me an email at [weizhen.dong@utoronto.ca](mailto:weizhen.dong@utoronto.ca) that indicates your main research interests and your institutional affiliation. We provide our members relevant information and services, which include job postings and the review/sharing of scholarly works. There's no CSA membership requirement for joining the RC.]

**Gwyn Overland** chaired a symposium at the European trauma conference (ESTSS), in Vilnius in June, entitled "Trauma Informed Care and Practice: Emerging treatment for families and youth at risk".

## Request

Lieb J. van Rooyen (South Africa) is interested in recent publications about **sociotherapy** or written by a sociotherapist. If you have information for him, please contact him at [lieb@aideznous.co.za](mailto:lieb@aideznous.co.za)

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