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Notes from the President

This is an era of economic austerity around the world, and people in academe are feeling the pain along with everyone else. One outcome of the recession is that universities have been forced – or taken the opportunity – to change the way they do business. This development is no joke: many universities have adopted the business model and consumer-led education is accelerating in pace. Those of us who are fortunate enough to still be employed are faced with larger classes, heavier workloads, fewer colleagues to share the load, increased service responsibilities, greater demands for funded research, and less personal time with friends and family. Some programs and faculty have been eliminated altogether. Universities increasingly employ cheaper labor in the form of part-time and contingent faculty. This is not the academic model I aspire to, but it could be here to stay.

One bright spot amidst the academic gloom is the Second ISA Forum in Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 1-4, 2012. RC49 has organized 8 sessions, with presenters offering an array of topics that reflect current issues and developments in the sociology of mental health. For example, the session on mental health and disaster addresses major natural disasters that occurred in recent years - the Japanese earthquake and tsunami that claimed thousands of lives, the New Zealand earthquake that leveled a major city, and the EF-4 tornado that destroyed a large portion of a southern U.S. city. RC49 will also have an inaugural Distinguished Speakers Panel. The four speakers will address new developments in the sociology of mental health.



Online System for Abstract Submission

The ISA Secretariat has introduced a new online system for abstract submissions. There were a few glitches in 2012, so check that your presentation appears in the ISA Forum programme. If there are any problems, please contact the ISA Secretariat at: isa-office@isa-sociology.org.

The new online system was rolled out in preparation for the 2014 World Congress meeting in Japan. This change makes the process more formal and less flexible, but also easier for the Secretariat to manage. There are some new rules to consider. For instance, organizers cannot present a paper in their own sessions (the system automatically blocks any double entries). Also, prospective presenters have to register for the meeting prior to their session being finalized. The new online system is unforgiving, and excludes anyone who does not register by the due date.

Call for Scholarly Items

Please consider submitting information about your published articles, grants, and other professional activity for publication in RC49 newsletters. My email address for items is: blichten@ua.edu. The current issue features the work of Takashi Asakura (Japan) and Reinhold Kilian (Germany). RC49 members have also submitted items that appear in *Research Briefs* on page 6.

RC49 SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

**Sessions for the ISA Forum,
Buenos Aires, Argentina,
August 1-4, 2012**

Session 1

**Wednesday, August 1, 2012
9:00 am – 10:30 am**

**Involuntary psychiatric treatment and the
misuse of psychiatric institutions as
instruments of political oppression**

Organizer and Chair

Reinhold KILIAN, University of Ulm, Germany,
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1. **Explaining differences in involuntary admission practices between German federal states**
Reinhold KILIAN, University of Ulm; Tilman STEINERT, Ulm University; Daniela CROISSANT, Zentrum für Psychiatrie Südwürttemberg; Gerhard LÄNGLE, Zentrum für Psychiatrie Südwürttemberg; Ulrike LEMKE, Universität Rostock; Sabine HERPERTZ, University of Heidelberg; Peter BRIEGER, Ulm University; Paulo KLING-LOURENCO, Ulm University; Thomas BECKER, Ulm University
2. **Interacting mechanisms between general psychiatry, forensic psychiatry and the prison systems and their influence on admission rates**
Hans Joachim SALIZE, Central Institute of Mental Health; Harald DRESSING, Central Institute of Mental Health

Session 2

**Wednesday, August 1, 2012
10:45 am – 12:15 pm**

**Distinguished speaker panel: Emerging
issues in the sociology of mental health**

Organizer and Chair

Bronwen LICHTENSTEIN, University of
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1. **Gender roles and changing patterns of mental health**
William COCKERHAM, University of Alabama at Birmingham; Carrie BETCHER, University of Alabama at Birmingham
2. **Societal coercion of individuals into mental health treatment: Therapeutic innovations and ethical implications**
Stanley BRODSKY, University of Alabama
3. **New developments in social support practices and private-public collaborations**
Breno FONTES, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco
4. **Sleeping and texting with my phone: Implications for mental health and sexual health promotion among black and Latino young men who have sex with men**
Matt MUTCHLER, AIDS Project Los Angeles; Sheba GEORGE, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science; Bryce MCDAVITT, AIDS Project Los Angeles; Robert PHILLIPS, University of Manitoba; Wallis ADAMS, Northeastern University

Session 3

Thursday, August 2, 2012

9:00-10:30 am

Gender, social justice, and mental health

Organizer

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1. Gender disparities of depressive mood and roles of family factors, school difficulty, violence, and unhealthy behaviours among adolescents
Kénora CHAU, Faculté de médecine, Université Henri Poincaré, Nancy 1; Bernard KABUTH, Faculté de médecine, Université Henri Poincaré, Nancy 1; Michèle BAUMANN, University of Luxembourg; Nearkasen CHAU, INSERM, University Paris-Sud, University Paris Descartes
2. Transgenderism and health policy in Canada
W.O. TAYLOR-COLE, Mount Royal University
3. Shame, guilt, and debt: The experience of bankruptcy filers in the United States
Ariane PROHASKA, University of Alabama

Session 4

Thursday, August 2, 2012

10:45 am – 12.15 pm

Disaster, society, and mental health

Organizer and Chair

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1. Experience of the 3.11 disaster and mental health among adolescents in Fukushima, Japan

*Takashi ASAKURA, Tokyo Gakugei University;
Kazuko SASAHARA, Tokyo Gakugei University*

2. The mental health status of Indonesian candidates leaving for Japan after the great east Japan earthquake

Yuko OHARA-HIRANO, Department of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Nagasaki University

3. Women's experiences of traumatic bereavement following the death of a child in the Sichuan earthquake 2008

Yao XU, The University of Melbourne; Jane FISHER, Monash University; Helen HERRMAN, The University of Melbourne; Atsuro TSUTSUMI, The University of Tokyo

4. Trauma responses to disaster: A tale of two cities

Bronwen LICHTENSTEIN, University of Alabama

Session 5

Thursday, August 2, 2012

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

HIV/AIDS, social change, and social justice

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1. Treatment as prevention: a strategy for eliminating the HIV/AIDS epidemic or a potential misallocation of scarce resources?

James LINN, Optimal Solutions in Healthcare and International Development

2. Internet advice on disclosure of HIV status to sexual partners in an era of criminalization

Bronwen LICHTENSTEIN, *The University of Alabama*

3. HIV/AIDS care, coping strategies and work environmental stress among nurses in Botswana
Thabo FAKO, *University of Botswana*

Session 6

Friday, August 3, 2012
9:00 am to 10:30 am

New challenges in mental health policies

Organizer and Chair

Breno FONTES, Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil, brenofontes@gmail.com

1. Psychosocial strain and conflict management at residential homes for adults and young persons with developmental disorders
Kjeld HOEGSBRO, *Aalborg University*
2. Diagnostico comunitario participativo "barrio pujan" una mirada de las prácticas discriminatorias en la adolescencia
Rocio Elena SANCHEZ CASTILLO, *Residencia Salud Mental Comunitaria Provincia de Chubut*;
Nilva Carla VIDAL, *Residencia Salud Mental Comunitaria Provincia de Chubut*
3. New challenges in the policies of mental health care - comparing the situation of Portugal and Poland
Fátima ALVES, *CEMRI/FCT - Centre for the Studies of Migrations and Intercultural Relations/Foundation for Science and Technology*; **Mira MARCINÓW**, *Institute of Psychology*; *Jagiellonian University*
4. The Swedish policies of mental health care as shown in collaboration
Linda SÖDERBERG, *Vårdalinstitutet - The Swedish Institute for Health Sciences*
5. Narratives about illness by military police officers in Ceara
Larissa SALES, *Universidade Federal do Ceará*

Session 7

Friday, August 3, 2012
10:45 pm – 12:15 pm

Mental health and illness in modern societies

Organizer and Chair

Dirk RICHTER,

Co-Chair

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Dirk RICHTER

1. Psychotropic drugs: An encapsulated solution? (Oral Presentation)
Erliane MIRANDA, *Universidade Federal de Pernambuco*
2. The place of the other: The difficult dialogue between exclusion and inclusion of individuals with mental disorders
Juliana Livia ANTUNES DA ROCHA, *Universidade Federal Fluminense - Brasil*
3. La insoportable pesadez del ser... profesional de la salud. Alienación y enajenación en los trabajadores de la salud pública
Agostina GIECO, *UBA-CONICET*
4. The meaning and the assessment of empowerment in patients with psychotic and affective disorders (Oral Presentation)
Reinhold KILIAN, *University of Ulm*; **Christine HERTLE**, *Ulm University*; **Thomas BECKER**, *Ulm University*; **Herbert MATSCHINGER**, *Universität Leipzig*
5. Modern social renouncers: A new idiom of distress? (Distributed Paper)
Maia FANSTEN, *Université Paris Descartes*

Research Highlights



1. Takashi Asakura, Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan

Currently, research topics that I am engaging in are: 1) mental health among high school students in Fukushima who suffered from the disaster in the northern part of Japan caused by the series of earthquakes in 11 March, 2011, 2) individual and neighborhood social capital and depressive symptoms among early adolescents, 3) international collaboration with improvement of school health in Lao PDR.

Regarding the first topic, as I will present more detail at the forthcoming ISA Interim Forum in Argentina, we conducted a survey in a high school in Iwaki city from 30 to 50 km away from Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, which is still releasing radioactive materials in air and to the Pacific Ocean. We found that around 30% out of 926 students complained "sometimes feel dazed," "difficult to concentrate when doing something," "sleeping problems," and "frequent headache, abdominal pain." In contrast, more than 90% of students responded they were aware of importance of human bonds. More than 70% of them affirmed that they believed they would overcome the suffering they experienced, suggesting that young people are resilient in the face of adversity.

We also found students who reported that their houses were damaged by the disaster reported significantly higher levels of anxiety,

sleep problems, and physical symptoms than those who reported no damage to their houses one month after the disaster. Students who had been living in the evacuation zones before the nuclear accident showed the highest score on these health indices. Although all scores of the health indices were lowered in the both groups after three months, i.e. July 2011, the students who were sheltered from nuclear pollution tended to have better health. We will follow up to identify how the threat of nuclear pollution will affect their mental and physical health on a longitudinal basis.

With respect to the second topic, my article on depressive symptoms among early adolescents was published in the *Japanese Journal of Public Health* (58, 754-767, 2011). I found that "availability of services," "insecurity and danger of accidents," "dirty-looking, squalid, unclean conditions," and cognitive social capital were significantly associated with the CES.D scores controlling for demographics among early adolescents. The findings suggested that improvement in features of neighborhood quality in terms of public policy as well as civic activities could contribute to promotion of mental health in adolescents. The results also suggested that good social relationships in a community could also play important roles in maximizing mental health.

Lastly, since 2009, I have been collaborating with Laotian faculty members of Department of Education, National University of Laos (NUOL) for the purpose of developing "ecohealth education curriculum." For this mission, I am staying in Vientiane capital and writing this short report. A scope of ecohealth is to promote harmonious relationships between human health and quality of environment while achieving sustainable development for good life in Lao PDR. We have

just obtained consent to introduce ecohealth education into general education in NUOL. I believe that Lao PDR has started in the direction of achieving a balance between sustainable development and environment and health. This is important in relation to communicable diseases and also for optimal mental health in relation to modernization, urbanization, and development in developing countries.



2. Reinhold Kilian, University of Ulm

Gesundheitsökonomische Evaluation gemeindepsychiatrischer Interventionen. [Health economic evaluation of community-based psychiatric interventions.] *Der Nervenarzt*, 2012 Jun 16. [Epub ahead of print]

Summary: The health-economic evaluation of community mental health interventions can contribute to an optimization of the mental health care resource allocation. Existing studies on the health-economic evaluation of community mental health interventions include a wide range of treatment options from the deinstitutionalization of long-term inpatients into community-based services to specialized services for specific patient groups. The results of these studies indicate that community-based mental health care is not generally less costly in comparison to more institutionalized forms of care. Programs that are based on the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) approach have been found to be more efficient than inpatient care. Compared to the current standard of mental health care in most

Western European countries, an intensification of community mental health interventions could increase psychiatric treatment efficiency especially in heavy user and first episode patients. However, methodological flaws and a lack of national studies limit the validity of current health economic investigations, particularly for Germany.

RESEARCH BRIEFS

1. **Gary Linn** and co-authors T.T. Fako, D.R. Wilson, and N. Forchheh (2012) published an article titled "Professional, social, and psychological correlates of HIV/AIDS care involvement among nurses in Botswana." *Journal of AIDS and HIV Research*, Vol. 4 (1):26-29.
2. **Fausto Amaro**, who is employed at the Institute of Social and Political Sciences at the Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, has been appointed by the coordinator of the Portuguese Mental Health Department as a member of the Committee for the development of a national plan for suicide prevention. He was also appointed president of CAPP - Centre for Public Administration and Policy.
3. **Bronwen Lichtenstein** published an academic book titled *Social Stigma and the Sexual Epidemics: Dangerous Dynamics* (Lynne Rienner, 2012). Her article, titled "Internet Advice on HIV Disclosure in an Era of Criminalization," will appear in a forthcoming issue of the *International Public Health Journal*. She became a consultant on HIV stigma for *The American Independent* and also on a video documentary about HIV/AIDS in

the American South that previewed at the XIX International Conference on HIV/AIDS.

4. **Reinhold Kilian** published 5 articles:

a) Bramesfeld A, Ungewitter C, Böttger D, El JJ, Losert C, Kilian R (2012) What promotes and inhibits cooperation in mental health care across disciplines, services and service sectors? A qualitative study. *Epidemiol Psychiatr Sci.* 2012 Mar; 21(1):63-72.

b) Kilian R, Steinert T, Schepp W, Weiser P, Jaeger S, Pfiffner C, Frasch K, Eschweiler GW, Messer T, Croissant D, Becker T, Längle G. (2012) Effectiveness of antipsychotic maintenance therapy with quetiapine in comparison with risperidone and olanzapine in routine schizophrenia treatment: results of a prospective observational trial. *Eur Arch Psychiatry Clin Neurosci.* 2012 Apr 22. [Epub ahead of print].

c) Längle G, Steinert T, Weiser P, Schepp W, Jaeger S, Pfiffner C, Frasch K, Eschweiler GW, Messer T, Croissant

D, Becker T, Kilian R. (2012) Effects of polypharmacy on outcome in patients with schizophrenia in routine psychiatric treatment. *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica.* 125(5):372-81.

d) Frasch K, Weiser P, Becker T, Längle G, Steinert T, Niederreiner C, Pfiffner C, Jäger S, Bayer W, Eschweiler GW, Kilian R.(2011) Psychotropic Drug Treatment, Clinical Characteristics and Cognitive Processing Speed in Patients with Schizophrenia: Results from the ELAN Study. *Pharmacopsychiatry* (epub) (IF 2,203)

e) Kilian R; Lauber C; Kalkan R; Dorn W; Rössler W; Wiersma D; van Buschbach JT; Fioritti A; Tomov T; Catty J; Burns T; Becker T (2011) The relationships between employment, clinical status, and psychiatric hospitalization in patients receiving either IPS or a conventional vocational rehabilitation programme. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* (epub)

RC49 Business meeting

Saturday, August 4, 2012
10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Please attend our business meeting on August 4th, 2012, where you will meet office holders and other members of RC49. We will discuss items of interest and formulate future plans. The venue will be posted in the Forum programme.

CALL FOR PAPERS

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS, HEALTH DISPARITIES AND LINKAGES TO HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving social determinants and health disparities as linked to health and health care (INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH) are sought. This includes examination of health and health care issues of patients or of providers of care especially those related to social determinants and health disparities. Papers that focus on linkages to policy, population concerns and either patients or providers of care as ways to meet health care needs of people both in the US and in other countries are solicited.

Volume 31

Papers sought For Research Annual, Research in the Sociology of Health Care

SUBMISSION DETAILS: Papers are being sought for volume 31 of Research in The Sociology of Health Care published by Emerald Press. The major theme for this volume is SOCIAL DETERMINANTS, HEALTH DISPARITIES AND LINKAGES TO HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE. Papers dealing with macro-level system issues and micro-level issues involving health and health care involving social determinants and health disparities are sought. This includes examination of health and health care issues of patients or of providers of care especially those related to social determinants and health disparities. Papers that focus on linkages to policy, population concerns and either patients or providers of care as ways to meet health care needs of people both in the US and in other countries are solicited. For papers examining issues in health and health care in countries other than the United States, the focus could be on issues of delivery systems in those countries and ways in which revisions and changes impact health or health care, especially if those are then also related to broader concerns in health care in the US or other countries as well. The volume will contain 10 to 14 papers, generally between 20 and 40 pages in length.

DUE DATE: Send completed manuscripts or detailed outlines for review by **February 1, 2013**. For an initial indication of interest in outlines or abstracts, please contact the same address by January 7th, 2013. Send to: Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Sociology Program, School of Social and Family Dynamics, Box 873701, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-3701 (phone 480 965-8053; E-mail, Jennie.Kronenfeld@asu.edu). Initial inquiries by email are encouraged and can occur as soon as this announcement is available.

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