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PRESIDENT'S LETTERS 1/2019

Dear RC01 membership,

Being part of International Sociological Association (ISA) Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution (RC01) is more than just being a member. It provides the unique opportunity to expand one's networks, share and expose current research and become involved in various collaborative projects. These projects often emerge out of, or facilitated by the attendance of the RC01 bi-annual conference, that enables one to meet people from all over the world. Often at these events' one establishes contacts that lead to other invitations and where one establishes strong personal associations with others.

One of the objectives this year is to develop a public profile of RC01 of research done by its members. Rather than have a website that few visit, we intend creating a Facebook Page where current members can share knowledge, post publications, notices of books or other relevant news about events, conferences, workshops and collaborative research opportunities. The idea is to make RC01 more inclusive and a space where members can connect with each readily. We welcome active participation in RC01 in order to strengthen our association, exposure and membership.

On the topic of membership, RC01 represents 153 academics and military practitioners from 40 countries. Interestingly, the regional distribution among continents has changed little in last years. One of the interesting observations is the continued soft representation from North America and the disproportionately strong representation from Europe. Overall, we continue to improve on regional representation. Within the ISA there is an active attempt to improve the global representation of our association and likewise, we would like to expand RC01's global footprint.

A call will go out shortly to current members who have not yet renewed their membership. Please renew your membership as this affects both our standing within the ISA and funding for forthcoming conferences.

Lindy Heinecken
RC01 president

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

One of the aims of this newsletter is to alert you to upcoming conferences, members' publications and current projects. Below are a number of upcoming conferences that members may be interested in attending, or are already presenting papers. Please take note of the dates and consult the various links for further information

15TH ERGOMAS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, LISBON, PORTUGAL, 17-21 JUNE 2019

The theme of this conference is Military Studies in a post-truth society: Challenges and perspectives. The full conference programme with abstracts is now available and registration closes on 15 May 2019 for this event. The conference is in Lisbon, Portugal, at ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL). ISCTE-IUL is one of the three public universities in Lisbon, focused on Social Sciences, Management and Technologies. It is located in the northern part of the city, close to the city center, between the metro stations 'Entrecampos' and 'Cidade Universitária' (address: Av. das Forças Armadas, 1649-026 Lisboa). The venue is within easy reach of many hotels and is served by a good network of public transportation (www.iscte-iul.pt). For more details on the different working groups and conference programme see https://ergomas.ch/files/conference/Draft_ERGOMAS_Full_Program_2019_-_18_March_2019.pdf.

BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTER-UNIVERSITY SEMINARY ON ARMED FORCES AND SOCIETY

This event runs every alternative year to RC01 Conference and is held at Hyatt Regency Reston, Virginia, USA from 8-10 November 2019. This conference will provide attendees with insights into global coalitions and cross national alliances; social and personnel issues, area studies and cross-national analyses of military institutions; civil military relations; terrorism, counter terrorism and counter-insurgency; post-cold war military operations; cyber warfare and many other topics. For more information on this event see, www.iusafs.net/2019/docx/IUS2019CallForPapers.docx.

RC01 ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION INTERIM CONFERENCE, STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA, 5-9 JULY 2020

The preliminary theme for this conference is Conflict resolution, power politics and political populism. At present, we see that global powers becoming more confrontational regarding economic and political issues. International cooperation is losing importance and the classic power politics are back on the world stage. The political switch to (extreme) right wing party/populist governments in many countries leads to isolation and supports national unilateralism. Have these changes on the international situations affected cooperation between armed forces? What is the impact on public opinion, the subjective sense of insecurity, increase in discrimination against minorities (also in the armed forces and in the civil society, e.g. women, homosexuals, immigrants etc.)? With these developments, are nation states becoming stronger again and to what extent are multinational regimes losing their importance? While this is the conference theme papers on a broad range of issues that affect the armed forces and the resolution of armed conflict are invited.



More details on this conference in the next newsletter will be provided– but please save these dates.

ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY, PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL 14-18 JULY 2019

The IV ISA Forum of Sociology is to be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, 14-18 July with the theme Democracy, Environment, Inequalities and Intersectionality. Fifty-two Research Committees and all our seven Working and Thematic Groups have confirmed their participation in this even. This is a major event for the ISA and a fantastic opportunity to foster global dialogues with strong insights from Latin American colleagues. As for RC01, there was only one panel submission on Sociología de los militares en América Latina [Sociology of the Military in Latin America]. For further information on other panels see:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020>.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY RC01 MEMBERS

Below are some of our members' most recent publications, but first there is the need to acknowledge the latest edition of the *Handbook of the Sociology of the Military*, with editors Guiseppe Caforio and Marina Nuciari (eds). A word of appreciation to Prof Marina Nuciari for taking over the task of pushing this project to completion after the passing of Guiseppe Caforio. This book includes the work of many of our members, and is an entirely updated version from the first edition. There is an expanded focus on new missions, with new insights to technological development toward so-called cyborg warriors, new forms of leadership and changes in soldiers' identity and organisational culture. Covered in this volume is a historical excursus of studies prior to contemporary research; interpretive models and theoretical approaches developed specifically for this topic; civic-military relations including issues surrounding democratic control of the armed forces; military culture; professional training, conditions and problems of minorities in the armed forces; an examination of the structural change within the military over the years including new duties and functions following the Cold War. For more details go to:

<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319716008>

Other recent publications by members include:

HOT OF THE PRESS

René Moelker, Manon Andres and Nina Rones. 2019. *The Politics of Military Families State, Work Organizations, and the Rise of the Negotiation Household*. This book examines the politics of military families in relation to the tensions between the state, military organization, and private life. This book will be of much interest to students of military studies, sociology, organisational studies and politics. At present a 20% Discount Available - enter the code FLR40 at checkout*.

<https://www.crcpress.com/The-Politics-of-Military-Families-State-Work-Organizations-and-the-Rise/Moelker-Andres-Rones/p/book/9780367134426v>

Carlton-Ford, Steve, Katherine A. Durante, T. David Evans, Ciera Graham. 2019. "Guns and Butter: Child Mortality and the Mediators of Militarization." *Armed Forces & Society* 45(1):177-197. Available online March 11, 2018 <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X18758288>



Levy, Yagil. 2019. The Dynamics of Civil-Military Relations and the Complexity of Israel's Security Policies, in *Routledge Handbook on Israeli Security*, eds. Stuart A. Cohen and Aharon Klieman (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge).

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Szvircesev Tresch, Tibor (2018). Guest Editor. Recruitment and Retention as a Challenge of Contemporary Armed Forces and Societies. Contemporary Military Challenges, June 2018, Journal of General Staff of the Slovenian Armed Forces.

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Levy, Yagil. 2018. Theorizing Desecularization of the Military - The US and Israel, *Armed Forces & Society* (online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X18806516>).

Alchin, A., Gouws, A. and Heinecken, L. 2018. Making a difference in peacekeeping operations: Voices of South African women peacekeepers. *African Security Review*, 27 (1), 1-19.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10246029.2017.1406381>

Wilen, N. and Heinecken, L. 2018. Regendering the South African army: Inclusion, reversal and displacement. *Gender, Work and Organisation*, 55 (6), 670-686.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12257>

ONGOING PROJECTS

CANADIAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY NETWORK

The Canadian Defence and Security Network begins operations on May 24th. It consists of more than 30 partners (in Canada and beyond), including ISA's RC01, and over one hundred scholars. The CDSN aims to help facilitate policy-relevant research along five themes—civil-military relations, procurement, personnel, operations, and security. Based at Carleton University in Ottawa, it aims to bring together academics, policy-makers, military officers, and civil society in Canada and connect them to those elsewhere. It will use traditional and social media to amplify the research while also developing a variety of training and networking activities to foster a more inclusive next generation of defence and security scholars, scientists, and policy officers. Our website is <https://carleton.ca/cdsn-rcds/>, we can be reached at CDSN-RCDS@carleton.ca, and we will be tweeting at @CdsnRcds.



SECURITY THREATS, MILITARISATION, AND THE DEMOCRATIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE

The collaborative international project examines the interrelationship between security threats, the militarisation of security policy, and the democratic accountability of the use of military force. Its main goal is the development of a theory of militarisation of the security discourse in democracies that are challenged by security threats, based on a comparative empirical analysis of new and established democracies in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. It is guided by three main questions: Why and under which circumstances do democratic governments mobilise the military to counter security threats? How do democratic governments legitimise the military's deployment against external and domestic threats? What are the effects of militarisation on the democratic accountability of the use of military force? The first workshop was held in Hamburg in April, with project leader Dr David Kuehn, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg.

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We hope that you enjoyed reading this issue of RC 01's newsletter.

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