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Dear Colleagues,

The new RC04 Newsletter includes some very useful information about the upcoming ISA Congress in Toronto, July 2018, and information about recent publications by RC04 members. Also, attached in this newsletter you may find the RC04 statuses which contain useful information about the processes for election of a new RC04 board during the Toronto Congress.

The RC04 president Gary A. Dworkin in his message is referring to the 2018 Toronto World Congress of Sociology that will be held from 15-21 July, 2018. The theme of the XIX World Congress is "Power, Violence, and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities." Gary describes the procedures that were followed in order to set up the RC04 sessions for the conference.

On page 4 you may read a brief report by Raquel Sosa Elízaga on the RC 04 Mid Term Conference: Education and Exclusion which was held in Mexico City on September 21 and 22, 2017.

In subsequent pages there is a lot of information about the 2018 Toronto World Congress regarding registration, availability of grants etc.

The Newsletter continues the publication of Global Exchange, intended to promote not only information exchanges, but also to facilitate collaboration among colleagues, especially collaboration that crosses national boundaries.

As always, members are asked to submit 100-150 word synopses of their on-going or planned research in which member in-put, idea exchanges, and actual research collaboration are encouraged. It is hoped that members will submit descriptions of their research projects to be included in future issues of the Newsletter. I encourage more RC04 members to make use of this channel of communication.

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the RC04 board I wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2018. I want to report to you about the results of the Mexico City Forum this past September, the process by which abstracts were selected for the upcoming XIX World Congress of Sociology in Toronto, and the need for you to become involved in board elections this spring.

The mid-term conference in Mexico City that was to be held from 22-24 September at the National Autonomous University of Mexico was cut short by a day because the tectonic plates near Mexico City moved, producing a 7.1 earthquake that killed 369 people. The earthquake occurred the day before the conference was to start and the university was closed until the 23rd. However, Professor Raquel Sosa Elizaga rallied the organizers and created a shortened, but excellent conference. Dr. Anita Hirsch Adler of RC04 provided essential support for the presenters and to me as a keynote speaker. I congratulate both for making the mid-term forum on “Education and Exclusion” a great success. The Newsletter contains a brief report on the forum by Professor Elizaga.

The session chairs for the 2018 World Congress received a total of 427 abstracts sent to 23 paper sessions. The session chairs accepted 183 abstracts and transferred many to the program chairs (Marios and myself). We were able to convert two undersubscribed sessions into roundtable sessions, which accommodated five individual roundtables each. This permitted an additional 80 abstracts to be included in the RC04 offerings. Thus, we were able to place 263 abstracts, or about 62% of those submitted. ISA limited the Research Committees to no more than two sets of roundtables (because the availability of rooms in Toronto), so that we could accommodate additional abstracts. It is essential that individuals whose abstracts have been accepted register before 20 March, 2018, or else ISA will delete their abstract from the program. Go to www.isa-sociology.org to register. Additionally, it is likely that the conference will be well attended and thus it is wise to book hotel accommodations early. Furthermore, the deadline to request a registration grant from ISA is 31 January, 2018. ISA has a few registration grants and RC04 will make available a limited number of travel grants. Requests for both types of grants should be sent to Marios and to me (M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy and gdworkin@uh.edu).

Finally, the World Congress meetings in Toronto will mark the end of the terms of the current RC04 board. Some members of the board are term-limited and cannot run again. I shall not seek a third term, but will serve on the board as past-president. Next spring there will be a call for nominations for officers making up the 2018-2022 board. Please think about whom you would like to serve as an officer on the RC04 board. Details regarding the nominating process are contained in the RC04 statutes, which appear in this Newsletter. We will be electing a president, secretary/treasurer, and seven regional vice-presidents.

Best regards and I wish to thank all of you for your continued involvement in RC04.

Gary Dworkin,
President, RC04
After nearly a year of preparation and counting on the support of our RC 04 President, Dr. Gary Dworkin and five different faculties and research centers of our National Autonomous University of Mexico, and just about to inaugurate this event on Education and Exclusion, an earthquake hit Mexico City and other important other Mexican regions on September 19th. This was, in fact, the 32nd Anniversary of the tremendous quake that destroyed important zones of Mexico City. As every year, there were ceremonies and a simulacrum in each and every big building in town. Just two hours later, the new quake rattled our lives and shook off our preparations for the event.

Nevertheless, and as there were more than a hundred persons ready to participate, with the aid of our Faculty’s staff and a couple of colleagues, we started mailing everybody to see if they were okay, if they needed help, and if they cared to participate in a meeting with those of us who were willing and able to attend, the next day. To our surprise, nearly seventy people were interested and joined us in what we called the “Emergent Programme” of the Forum. With the active and enthusiastic participation of Gary Dworkin, who started pointing that he is accustomed to such events, coming from LA and living in Houston, we managed to listen to more than forty papers, and share a very lively discussion in what seems to be a crucial and not very deeply understood phenomenon in Education and Sociology of Education: social exclusion. We stayed together for the whole two next days and completed more than fifteen hours of hard work. UNAM’s Coordination of Humanities provided us with one of the coziest spaces we could imagine in such difficult general conditions and with almost all of the rest of UNAM sites closed after the emergency.

So here we made this peculiar contribution to Sociology of Education, as nurturing and sociologically appealing as we would never had imagined it would turn out to be. Thanks to all, participants, colleagues, organizers and UNAM authorities. You made us all proud of our academic institutions and the ISA.

Please go there for additional information

**Registration deadline for presenters: March 20, 2018, 24:00 GMT**

- In order to be included in the program the participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.) must pay registration fees by March 20, 2018. If not registered, their names will not appear in the Program Book and in the Abstracts Book.

  On the registration deadline **March 20, 2018**, presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.

- In case of a co-authored paper, in order for a paper to appear in the program, at least one co-author must pay the registration fee by the early registration deadline March 20, 2018; the names of other co-authors will be listed as well.

  If other co-authors wish to attend the conference they must pay the registration fee.

**It is very important that all participants respect conference deadlines concerning registration and submission of abstracts. No extension of deadlines is possible.**
Rules for all presenters

- **Limited appearance in the Program**
  A person may be listed in the Program **no more than twice as author or co-author** (oral or poster presentation, distributed paper, roundtable presentation).
  In addition, a person may be listed in the Program **no more than twice as chair or co-chair, panelist, critic, discussant**. RC/WG/TGs can further limit the number of appearances within their own sessions.
  Authors and co-authors cannot present and chair in the same session.

- **ISA and RC/WG/TG membership**
  ISA does not require anyone to be a member in order to present a paper, and provides different registration fees for members and non-members. Those RCs which require that presenters in their sessions are members of the RC, and/or also of ISA, should clearly inform potential presenters about these requirements from the very start of conference preparations.

- **Registration grants application deadline: January 31, 2018, 24:00 GMT**

**Additional information**

- **Languages**
  The working language of the Congress is English. All printed materials will be in English. Most sessions will be in English, except some organized by the Research Committees, Working Groups and Thematic Groups that will be conducted in Spanish or French. Please check the program.
  Simultaneous translation in English, French and Spanish will be provided only for the Opening and Closing Presidential Sessions.

- **Roundtable sessions**
  Five concurrent running round tables are set up at the same time and in the same room, with 5-6 presenters at each table.
- **Distributed papers**
  Distributed papers should be treated like any regular conference papers except that normally they are not presented. Only if a scheduled presenter of a regular paper does not show up, the first participant listed under distributed papers will be asked to present his/her paper.

  Distributed papers will be listed in the program and their abstracts will be included in the Abstracts Book, providing the authors pay a registration fee in time.

  Authors of distributed papers shall bring copies of their paper for session participants. Please contact your Session Organizer for further instructions.

- **Poster presentation**
  Abstracts of poster presentations should be submitted on-line to selected RC/WG/TG sessions; please state it is for a poster presentation. It is up to each Research Committee, Working Group and Thematic Group to organize poster sessions.
  The size of accepted posters should be no larger than 114.3 cm x 114.3 cm (45 x 45 inches)

- **Full papers submission**
  ISA does not collect nor publish papers presented at its conferences. Each Research Committee, Working and Thematic Group establishes its own rules on full papers submissions. Please contact your Session Organiser for further instructions.

- **Letter of acceptance**
  For a letter stating that your paper has been accepted for presentation, please contact directly your Session Organizer.

- **Certificates**
  Certificates for authors (oral presentations and distributed papers), panelists, chairs and session organizers will be available for downloading at the Speaker’s Corner after the conference.
Contact

- If you have questions please use the relevant e-mail address of contacts below:

  - ISA membership:  isa-secretariat@isa-sociology.org
  - Conference registration:  isaconf@confex.com
  - Letters of invitation: contact your Session Organizer
  - Visa queries:  visaISA2018@jpdl.com
  - Accommodation:  hotelsisa2018@jpdl.com
  - Book exhibition, advertisement and sponsorship:  office@csa-scs.ca
**Global Exchange**

*Received from Svetlana Sharonova*


This volume is a collective monograph summarizing the result of a professional discussion that took place during the round table “Intellectual colonialism on the global education market” held the 5th All-Russian Sociological Congress “Sociology and society: Social inequality and justice” (Ekaterinburg, 19-21 October, 2016).

This monograph sets out to comprehensively analyze issues involved with the formation of intellectual dependence of the Russian education system on the “global” society.

This book may be of interest for students, researchers, higher education specialists and administrators.
Received from Benjamin "Benji" Chang

Two recent publications by Benjamin "Benji" Chang:


Received from Karuna Chanana

A new publication:

Research Committee on Sociology of Education RC04

Established in 1971

- **Objectives**
RC04 is an active group with annual or bi-annual meetings on sociology of education topics. Regular meetings are held at the World Congress of Sociology (every four years) and at the RC's Midterm Conferences (in-between world congresses); in addition, meetings on special topics are held.

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- **Newsletter**
An informative newsletter is mailed to members twice a year. It contains conference abstracts, research summaries and exchange, members' news, conference news, country reports, and the new feature, Global Exchange.
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- **Membership**
Dues: $30 for a 4-year period; contact International Sociological Association for payments.

- **Website**
http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc04.htm