



Newsletter

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From the Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Warm greetings.

This year has been a fruitful year with lots of activity. From 24 July 2019 to 26 July 2019, the RC04 Mid-Term Conference was held at RUDN University in Moscow titled “Culture and Education: Social Transformations and Multicultural Communication”. A huge thank you must go to Svetlana Sharonova (Vice-President for Russia) and Natalia Erokhova who co-organized the Mid-Term conference in Moscow. The conference was well attended and exceptional in every respect. In addition, from 3 May 2019 to 4 May 2019, another Mid-Term Conference was hosted in collaboration with the Taiwan Association for Sociology of Education. Going forward, the President’s address provides more detail on the 26th Taiwan Forum on Sociology of Education, to be held in 2020, which has been designated as a Mid-Term conference of the Research Committee on Sociology of Education (RC04, ISA). Further, a Mid-Term conference was also held in collaboration with the Higher Education and Sciences Working Group of the South African Sociology Association (SASA) in Pretoria, South Africa. The Vice-President for Africa is working towards formalising this collaboration. More detail is provide on page 7.

Preparation is well underway for the IV ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre, Brazil, to be held from 14 July 2020 to 18 July 2020. In this regard, I would like to thank the Session Organisers for their efficient grading of the abstracts. Detail on the conference session, registration and grants is provided on page 7. Information can also be found on the ISA website at www.isa-sociology.org.

On pages 8 to 9, the *Newsletter’s* section on **Global Exchange** provides useful information on research, publications, recently published journal articles and upcoming conferences. Members are encouraged to submit 100-150 word synopses of their on-going or planned research as a way of exchanging ideas and fostering collaboration. Members are encouraged to make full use of this channel of communication and further enhance the activities of the RC04.

We also note that preparations will be underway for the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology to be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 24 July 2022 to 31 July 2022. More information is available on the ISA website. Please diarise. Further information will be disseminated if and when available.

On behalf of the President and the Board, I wish to thank members of the RC04 for their involvement and their active participation.

The RC04 statuses and board members can be found on page 9.

We look forward to your valuable contribution and support.

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From the President

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the RC04 board I wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2020. I wish to report to you some exciting events that took place in 2019 and some that will take place in 2020.

In July 2019 a mid-term conference was held at RUDN University in Moscow titled “Culture and Education: Social Transformations and Multicultural Communication” (July 24th until July 26th, 2019). All colleagues from the Research Committee of Sociology of Education who attended the conference were highly impressed by the high quality of this event. Professor Svetlana Sharonova was an excellent organizer and everything was carried out with the utmost professionalism (see photo below).



On the 8th and 9th of May 2020 the 26th Taiwan Forum on Sociology of Education will take place at the National Chung Cheng University, ROC. Its theme will be about Globalization and the related and/or interconnected educational challenges. There are 7 areas of focus that cover a wide spectrum of topics that scholars of sociology of education may position their academic work. Apart from the main hosts this Forum is co-hosted by the Ministries of Education and Science and Technology of Taiwan as well as by a number of Institutions of Taiwan such as the Department of Education of the National Taiwan Normal University, the College of Education of the Chinese Culture University, the College of Education of the National Chung Cheng University, the Center for Teacher Education of the National Chung Cheng University and the College of Education of the National Chi Nan University. I am particularly delighted that the 26th Taiwan Forum on Sociology of Education has been designated as a Mid-Term conference of the Research Committee on Sociology of Education (RC04, ISA).

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This year is also the year of the IV ISA Forum of Sociology (July 14-18) which will be held at Porto Alegre in Brazil. The session chairs for the 2020 Forum received over 300 abstracts sent to 22 sessions. The session chairs accepted the ones that they better matched the theme of their session and transferred many to the program chairs (Shaheeda and myself). We were able to convert two undersubscribed sessions into roundtable sessions, which accommodated five individual roundtables each. This permitted an additional 65 abstracts to be included in the RC04 offerings. It is essential that individuals whose abstracts have been accepted register before 19 March, 2020, or else ISA will delete their abstract from the program. Go to www.isa-sociology.org to register. Additionally, the deadline to request a registration grant from ISA is 31 January, 2020. 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 Shaheeda and to me (Essack.S@dhet.gov.za and M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy).

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

Marios Vryonides,

President, RC04

UPDATE ON THE MID-TERM CONFERENCES HELD IN 2019

RC04 Mid-Term Conference: Moscow

Theme: Culture and Education: Social Transformations and Multicultural Communication

RC04 Sociology of Education International Sociological Association (ISA)

Institute of Foreign Languages

RUDN University

Moscow

24-26 July 2019

The RC04 Sociology of Education ISA, Institute of Foreign Languages of RUDN (Russia), Institute of Sociology FRSC RAS (Russia), Russian Society of Sociologists (RSS), Faculty of Philology of Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia), Moscow State Linguistic University (Russia) hosted a mid-term conference at RUDN University from 24 to 26 July 2019 in Moscow, which was exceptionally well organised and successful. Proceedings of the conference may be obtained from Svetlana Sharonova and Natalia Erokhova.

You may contact Svetlana Sharonova and Natalia Erokhova for further information.

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RC04 Mid-Term Conference: Taiwan

Theme: Social Responsibility of University and School

RC04 Sociology of Education International Sociological Association (ISA)

Taiwan Association for Sociology of Education

Venue

Taiwan

3-4 May 2019

From 3 to 4 May 2019, RC04 also hosted a Middle-Term Conference in collaboration with the Taiwan Association for Sociology of Education. The URL of the English web page of the Forum hosted by Taiwan Association for Sociology of Education is [https://www.ctld.ncnu.edu.tw/forum/#googtrans\(zh-TW%7Cen\)](https://www.ctld.ncnu.edu.tw/forum/#googtrans(zh-TW%7Cen)). The theme of the conference was Social Responsibility of University and School

RC04 Mid-Term Conference: South Africa

Theme: Work, Life & Society: Meanings, Manifestations and Trajectories of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) in Africa

**RC04 Sociology of Education International Sociological Association (ISA)
Higher Education and Sciences Working Group of the South African Sociology Association
UNISA, Pretoria
South Africa
15-18 July 2019**

From 15 to 18 July 2019, RC04 also hosted a Mid-Term Conference in collaboration with the Higher Education and Sciences Working Group of the South African Sociology Association (SASA) at SASA's 2019 annual conference organised by the SASA executive in association with the SARChi Chair in Social Policy and the Sociology Department at UNISA held at the Southern Sun Hotel in Pretoria.

The Vice President for Africa, Mr D Hindle, was able to secure funds from the Education and Training Development Programme Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDP-SETA) which sponsored the conference. It is the VP's expectation that the long standing association between the RC04 and the Higher Education and Sciences Working Group of SASA will continue into the future.

ISSUES TO BE NOTED FOR THE IV ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY IN PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL 14 TO 18 JULY 2020

IV ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre, Brazil 14 to 18 July 2020

**Theme: Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Intersectionality
Venue: Porto Alegre, Brazil
14-18 July 2020**

From 14 July 2018 to 18 July 2018, the ISA will hold the IV ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre, Brazil. A brief summary, already highlighted by President is listed below:

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- The session chairs accepted the ones that they better matched the theme of their session and transferred many to the program chairs.
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DUE-DATES TO NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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- 19 March 2020: Due-date for registration with ISA, if abstract has been accepted.
- 31 January 2020: Due-date to request a grant from the ISA.

PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR GRANTS

- There are 4 travel grants of 750 Euros each and the ISA registration grant.
- Requests for both types of grants should be sent to Marios and myself (Essack.S@dhet.gov.za and M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy) before 20 January 2020.
- For rules on registration grants allocation see <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/guidelines-for-program-coordinators-and-session-organizers-2020>.

DUE-DATES TO NOTE FOR SESSION ORGANISERS

- 31 March 2020: View-only period for Programme Co-ordinators and Session Organizers ends
- 1 April 2020: Regain full access to User Portal: <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2020/gateway.cgi>
- 16 December 2019 to 15 January 2020: Confex schedules Joint Session, Round Table and Poster Sessions
- 16 January 2019 to 26 January 2020: Programme Coordinators schedule regular sessions and Business Meeting according to the conference timetable.

MID-TERM CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN 2020

RC04 Mid-Term Conference in 2020: Taiwan

26th Taiwan Forum on Sociology of Education in Collaboration with the RC04 Sociology of Education International Sociological Association (ISA)

Venue: National Cheng University, ROC, Taiwan

**Theme: Globalization and the Related and/or Interconnected Educational Challenges
8-9 May 2020**

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designated as a Mid-Term conference of the Research Committee on Sociology of Education (RC04, ISA).

Details on the conference may be obtained from Tien-Hui Chiang, the Vice-President for Asia at thchiang2453666@gmail.com.

RC04 Mid-Term Conference in 2020: South Africa

2020 Conference of the South African Sociological Association (SASA)
RC04 Sociology of Education of the International Sociological Association (ISA) in Collaboration
with the Higher Education and Sciences Research Group of SASA
Venue: University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa
Theme: To be announced

Dates: To be announced but most likely in July 2020

Details of the conference will be provided in due course. You may also contact Mr D Hindle, Vice President for Africa at hindle@mweb.co.za for more information.

Global Exchange

The following information was received from members:

❖ Received from Burger, Kaspar

Publications:

- ✚ Burger, Kaspar. 'The Socio-Spatial Dimension of Educational Inequality: A Comparative European Analysis'. *Studies in Educational Evaluation* 62 (2019): 171–86. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.stueduc.2019.03.009>.
- ✚ Burger, Kaspar, Jeylan Mortimer, and Monica Kirkpatrick Johnson. 'Self-Esteem and Self-Efficacy in the Status Attainment Process and the Multigenerational Transmission of Advantage'. *Social Science Research*, online first 22 October 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2019.102374>.

❖ Received from Anna Smolentseva

Publications:

- ✚ Cantwell, Brendan, Marginson, Simon, Smolentseva, Anna (Eds.) (2018). *High Participation Systems of Higher Education*. Oxford University Press. Accessible online via Oxford Scholarship Online.
Part I of the book measures, maps, and explains the growth of higher education participation, and the implications for society and higher education itself. Drawing

on a wide range of literature and data, the chapters theorize the changes in governance, institutional diversity, and stratification in higher education systems, and the subsequent effects in educational and social equity. The theoretical propositions regarding high-participation higher education developed in these chapters are then tested in the country case studies in Part II, presenting a comprehensive enquiry into the nature of the emerging 'high participation society'.

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/high-participation-systems-of-higher-education-9780198828877?cc=ng&lang=en>

- ✚ Huisman, Jeroen, Smolentseva, Anna, Froumin, Isak. (Eds.) (2018). 25 Years of Transformation of Higher Education Systems in Post-Soviet Countries. Palgrave. This Open Access book is a result of the first ever study of the transformations of the higher education institutional landscape in 15 former USSR countries after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. The book presents a comprehensive analysis of the reforms and transformations in the region in the last 25 years; focuses on institutional landscape through the evolution of the institutional types established and developed in pre-Soviet, Soviet and post-Soviet time; embraces all fifteen countries of the former USSR, and provides a comparative analysis of transformations of institutional landscape across post-Soviet systems.

<https://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9783319529790>

❖ **Received from Akbar Valadbigi**

Publications:

- ✚ On the Study of the Role of Capable Teachers as the Most Efficient Human Capital in the Process of Transition into Stable Communities. 2018. LAP Lambert Academic Publishing: Mauritius. ISBN Number: 978-3-659-75690-0

FUTURE EVENTS

Future events to be noted and diarised

1. Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 14-18, 2020
2. Mid-Term Conference in Taiwan, May 8-9, 2020
3. Mid-Term Conference in South Africa, July, 2020
4. XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, July 24-31, 2022

STATUSES AND BOARD MEMBERS

❖ Established 1971

❖ Objectives

The Research Committee 04 (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

Membership Fees: \$30 for a 4 year period. Please contact the International Sociology Association for payments.

❖ Website

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc04-sociology-of-education>