1. Welcome from incoming president

Helma Lutz

Dear members of RC05,

This is my first communication to you as the new president of RC05. First of all, I would like to thank our outgoing president, Georgina Tsolidis, for her enormous commitment which is mirrored in her Toronto report (see below).

Secondly, my thanks go out to all of you for your confidence in my capacities which I hope will not be disappointed. I feel very much supported by the old and new
members of our strong board whose names and functions you can find here: https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc05-racism-nationalism-indigeneity-and-ethnicity.

As Georgina mentions in her report, concerning the numbers, the board has been expanded; we now have some early and mid-career colleagues in our group bringing a fresh breeze to our activities and making room for the voices of the next generation of scholars. Over the next four years we intend to increase the membership, in particular by recruiting younger members to RC05.

Thirdly, I want to repeat what has been argued during the Toronto conference many times, namely that the research findings from yourselves as members of this committee are urgently needed in the current political situation all over the world. Far right and populist movements are seemingly undergoing an unstoppable boom, racist attitudes often in combination with sexism, homophobia, and nationalism are on the move, everyday bordering and new ways of undisguised policing of refugees and racialized minorities are applied with very little protest. Given that the ISA has adopted the policy of Public Sociology, RC05 members’ research is key to understanding contemporary social developments. Many of you not only describe and analyze what is happening in various social fields, but also give expert advice on how to change narratives and practices and with what tools.

Finally, I want to call your attention to upcoming activities: The call for sessions for the next ISA Forum in Porto Alegre (2020) will reach us already in January 2019. We will spread the word. Brazil will be ruled from January 1st 2019 by a president who promised to violate academic freedom and the rights of women, who uses racist language and attacks the Indigenous and Black Brazilian population. Therefore, our Brazilian colleagues will urgently need our encouragement and solidarity.

All best wishes from Frankfurt, Germany

Helma

2. Outgoing President’s Report

Georgina Tsolidis

Toronto

Most of us will have settled into our previous routines by now and the Toronto Congress may be becoming a distant memory. It was long in the making and an exhilarating if exhausting time. RC 05 presented an exciting and well-attended
programme and as Programme Coordinator I would like to thank all those who put forward panel sessions and acknowledge the work involved. I would also like to thank those who submitted paper proposals and acknowledge those who gave papers. We can underestimate how difficult it is to attend conferences, especially for those who get little or no funding from their institutions, an increasing reality for many of us unfortunately. The sheer expense of spending so much time overseas, often in a country where living costs are high, risks making such events exclusive. There are also those who were unable to get visas and were on the programme and unable to present. There was extremely animated discussion of these issues at the Research Council, as has been the case previously, and the new leadership assured us that they will be taken up seriously in the future. We all need to continue to raise these issues and expect them to be made a priority.

Business Meeting

We held the first Business Meeting for RC 05 as Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity on 17 July. It was well attended and received reports from key office bearers (included elsewhere in this Newsletter).

As I have reported in more detail previously, the name change process began in 2016. RC 05 member, Maggie Walter argued that many Indigenous scholars had voiced their concern at the lack of direct mention of 'Indigeneity' and understood this as a form of exclusion. The RC 05 Business Meeting in Vienna overwhelmingly supported a motion that ‘Indigeneity’ be including in the title. The Research Coordinating Committee recommended this change to the ISA Executive Committee, which approved the new name in April 2017.

Our name change was timely, as it allowed our programme for the Toronto Congress to be heralded as a direct invitation to Indigenous scholars to participate. Seven of our sessions had direct mention of Indigenous issues and these were over-subscribed. It is clear that our decision has made Indigenous scholars and those concerned with Indigenous issues from around the world feel welcome and made RC 05 a place where related issues can be explored and debated. Further to this Maggie Walter is now on the Board of RC 05 and we look forward to her leadership as we take these issues forward.

Remembering Michael Banton

The meeting opened with a commemoration of the late Michael Banton, a former president of RC05. A fitting tribute was presented by John Solomos. John’s tribute gave a sense of the man and his work and what made him memorable. I would like to thank John for his contribution.

RC 05 conference programmes
We had more proposed sessions than we could accommodate for the Vienna Forum, however the number of sessions proposed for the Toronto Congress was exact. For Toronto most of these sessions were heavily over subscribed with some receiving as many as 30 submissions.

We continue to give priority to RC 05 members when selecting for conference presentations and call on existing members to maintain their membership and advocate for the Committee within their national organisations and where ever possible. Membership remains an on-going issue and determines the number of sessions and the funding we are allocated.

**Awards**

6 registration grants were awarded to RC 05 members by ISA on our recommendation. RC 05 provided further funding for travel and accommodation for 1 of these recipients.

RC 05 members were given preference and where possible Category C members who were students, as was the case with the RC 05 sponsorship of the participant who received funding for travel and accommodation.

**Reception**

Our reception was hosted by the Social Justice Education unit within OISE at UT. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Prof Kari Delhi who facilitated this and Professor Abigail Bakan, the Chair of SJE for issuing the invitation. It was a long and winding road but the destination was worth it with its panoramic views of Toronto.

**ISA Award for Excellence in Research and Practice**

Nira Yuval-Davis, a long time member of RC 05 and former President has received the second ISA Award for Excellence in Research and Practice. She was nominated by Evangelia Tastsoglou and myself. ISA rules are such that a RC cannot make a nomination. Nonetheless, her nomination was supported by RC 05 and RC 32 members, many of whom submitted written recommendations. This is a highly prestigious and deserved recognition of Nira’s contribution to sociological theory and practice.

**Election**

The RC 05 Board and its President serve from one Congress to the next. Board members are entitled to stand for 2 terms and the President for 1. The election of
Board members and the President are separate processes, which means that a Board member who has served 2 terms can stand for the Presidency.

In accordance with ISA rules a nomination committee was formed and I wish to thank Farida Forza and Stephanie Cassilde for joining me on this committee.

A call for nominations for the Board and the Presidency was made in September and 7 nominations were received for the Board and 1 for the Presidency. All those nominated and those nominating were in good standing. The Business Meeting confirmed the election of all nominees and those elected to the Board are;

Azril Bacal
Martina Boese
Umut Erel
Karim Murji
Rhoda Reddock
Claudia Tazreiter
Maggie Walter

Helma Lutz was elected as our new President.

The new Board will be able to coopt members, including with the aim of increasing regional representation. By the close of the Congress three people indicated an interest in joining the Board, with one person formally nominating. This interest, especially from a younger generation of academics, is encouraging and illustrates the on-going relevance of RC 05. As per RC 05 regulations, previous presidents remain on the Board in an ex-officio capacity.

The new Board will take responsibility for electing office bearers.

Retiring members
Sirma Bilge
Scott Poynting
Vilna Bashi Treitler
Ulrike Vieten

I would like to acknowledge the work of retiring Board members over their 2 terms of office. In particular I wish to thank Scott for his work as Membership Secretary, which
I have found particularly useful. Ulrike and Sirma have both served as Secretary and Ulrike also worked on communications previously. Vilna has remained active and has been successful in organizing an integrative panel along with other sessions for Toronto. I've enjoyed working with you all and look forward to your on-going involvement with RC 05. I would also like to acknowledge the work done by Umut Erel and Karim Murji in communications. RC 05 swapped from two newsletters a year to a Facebook site and an annual newsletter. Umut is responsible for our newsletter, which maintains contact with our members and retains a paper trail for our Committee. Karim takes responsibility for the Facebook site, which allows for more spontaneous postings and importantly gives us a presence outside our membership. The Treasurer role has been filled by Helma Lutz for the past two years.

I would like to acknowledge the support I have received over the years of my presidency. In particular I thank the Board and its Office Bearers. I wish the new Board and its new Office Bearers all the best for the future.

3 Report from RC Membership Secretary at XIX World Congress, 17 July 2018

Scott Poynting, Membership Secretary until July 2018

As at 15th July 2018, RC05 had 174 ‘active’ members – that is, paid-up members of RC05 who are also members of ISA. This is 9 fewer members than we had in October 2017, as reported then in the Newsletter: a drop in membership of some 5%.

We have a preponderance of women members: some two thirds of our members as best I can ascertain. These gender data are not made available to research committees (RCs) by the ISA, so I have compiled rough and ready data via internet searches for every member individually as they join or renew, and recorded this on the RC05 database, which is the one maintained separately from the ISA’s records. This database serves our e-list, and it also includes (the very few) ‘associate members’, who are members of RC05 but not ISA.

Our members are resident in some 37 countries, across all continents. The breakdown by recorded country of residence, is: Argentina 1; Australia 20; Austria 1; Belgium 1; Brazil 3; Bulgaria 1; Canada 26; Chile 1; Egypt 1; Fiji 1; Finland 4; Germany 7; Hong Kong 2; India 3; Indonesia 1; Iran 1; Ireland 1; Israel 3; Italy 5; Japan 13; Korea (Republic of) 1; Lebanon 1; Malaysia 3; Mexico 3; Nepal 1; Netherlands 1; New Zealand 1; Nigeria 1; Pakistan 1; Russia 1; Singapore 2; South
Africa 4; Sweden 1; Trinidad & Tobago 1; Turkey 4; United Kingdom 19; United States 32.

The breakdown by Category A, B and C economies is:
A: 142 or approximately 82%
B: 23 or approximately 13%
C: 8 or approximately 5%.

Over the last year we have a net gain of 8 members from Canada, a pattern that is normal for countries hosting world congresses. Conversely, we have a nett loss of 3 members from Japan, the host of the previous congress; again, this decrease is usual, if regrettable. Over the same period, we have lost representation from: Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Colombia, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Spain, Taiwan. We have gained representation from: Chile, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia.

I know that the new RC05 Board is working to recruit more members from Brazil in the lead-up to the World Forum there in 2020 in Porto Alegre. I would urge RC05 members to encourage sociologists from that country and neighbouring/nearby countries especially, to become members of RC05 in time for that forum.

The attention to indigeneity, now made explicit in RC05’s new and expanded name, should enhance inclusion in our sessions in Porto Alegre, and indeed at the next World Congress in Melbourne in 2022. I am suggesting that this inclusion that was so successful and worthwhile at Toronto needs to be followed up with recruitment, and that members can help with this by contacting colleagues, collaborators, correspondents and any other sociologists who would benefit from belonging.

Be they across the world or across the corridor, I exhort all RC05 members to encourage colleagues and indeed postgraduate students with research interests in racism, nationalism, indigeneity and ethnicity to sign up with RC05. Our ability to offer well rounded programs, such as the excellent one we mounted in Toronto, depends upon this.

4 Rhoda Reddock elected to the ISA Executive Council

The last few months have been busy and interesting ones for RC05 board member Rhoda Reddock. On July 21 2018, she was elected to the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association (ISA). The Executive Council (EC) is elected for a four-year period and she is expected to serve from 2018 -2022. The
first Caribbean scholar to serve in this capacity, Rhoda is a long-standing member of the ISA and a former President of Research Committee 32 – Women and Society.

CEDAW Committee

Prior to this, in June 2018, she was also elected to the UN Committee on The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women for the four-year term – 2019-2023. We wish Rhoda all the best in her new adventures.

5 Note for potential new members

Scott Poynting kindly drafted the note below, which can be used in your institutional newsletters, email lists or similar communications, to explain the benefits of joining the RC to attract new members. This is now up on the Facebook page as well, but if you have opportunities to use this in your own networks, please do.

RC05 is the International Sociological Association’s research committee on Racism, Nationalism. Indigeneity and Ethnicity. One of the largest research committees in the ISA, we are a wide network of scholars working in the named fields. We currently have 176 members, from 37 countries, including every continent. Our objectives are to encourage research on Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity; to evaluate policies and explore strategies aimed at eradicating racial discrimination and unequal treatment based on ethnicity; and to provide a forum for discussion and dissemination of research in these fields.

As well as this Facebook page, we have a twice-yearly newsletter and an open e-list where any member can post to all other members. We organise a large and vibrant programme of sessions at all ISA World Congresses and ISA World Forums. Our members receive priority when offers of papers for these are considered, and also for the allocation of conference scholarships.

The next ISA World Forum will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, over July 14-18, 2020. The next ISA World Congress will take place in Melbourne, Australia, July 24-30, 2022.

You can read more about RC05 on our website, at: http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc05-racism-nationalism-indigeneity-and-ethnicity. Here you can download back copies of our newsletter. Naturally, we welcome new members, and you can join RC05 by clicking the link at the bottom of that web page, which will take you to the ISA member log-in or registration page: https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In.

RC05 membership costs US$40 for four years – only US$10 per annum! – for sociologists in Category A economies. Categories B and C members pay US$20 for the four-year term, and students can join for the discounted rate of US$20 for the four years. (The ISA’s categories A, B and C countries are listed at: https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/table-of-economies-by-category. )
If you join RC05 now, you will be a member for the IV World Forum in Porto Alegre in 2020 and the XX World Congress in Melbourne in 2022, you will receive our October 2018 and subsequent newsletters and you can post straight away on our e-list, where colleagues can share news of research, publications, calls for papers, and engage in discussion.

6 RC05 Facebook Page
Karim Murji

RC05 has a Facebook page for news, events and other items of interest to our research committee, This can be viewed at this link (even if you don't have or want a Facebook account): https://www.facebook.com/ISARC05/

7 Publication of RC05 ISA Conference Panel proceedings

Papers from the RC05 panel in Vienna on Racial urbanities – towards a global cartography are published as part of an issue of the journal Social Identities:

https://www.tandfonline.com/action/showAxaArticles?journalCode=csid20

The panel was organised by Giovanni Picker, Manuela Boatca and Karim Murji – who also provide an introduction to the issue at the link above.

8 Calls for Papers

The International Society for Language Studies (ISLS), co-organized and hosted by The Open University of Hong Kong, will hold its annual international conference from June 20-22, 2019 at The Open University of Hong Kong's campus. The theme of the conference will be “Disrupting and Recreating Beliefs in Language Studies.” Selected conference papers will be published in a special issue of Critical Inquiry in Language Studies: An International Journal or in the Readings in Language Studies peer-reviewed book series in 2020. Both publication opportunities are peer-reviewed. The paper proposal submission system is open now, and closes on November 30, 2018.

http://www.isls.co/conference.php
9 Members’ New Publications:

Cassilde, Stéphanie

- also available in Portuguese: [http://lapeaulogie.fr/embranquecer-por-linguagem-uma-analise-das-alterdeclaracoes-de-cor-raça-no-brasil/]
- Website, with data visualisations, from arts and research: http://123data.paris/

Chang, Benji


Christian, Michelle


Conversi, Daniele

Durán Matute, Ines

Inés Durán Matute, Indigenous Peoples and the Geographies of Power. Mezcala’s Narratives of Neoliberal Governance

Series: Routledge Studies in Latin American Politics

Strongly committed to collaborating with the people of Mezcala and letting us hear their voices, this insightful book explores the local and transnational drivers of an ethnogenesis that resists state denial of their indigeneity. Offering a rich analysis of how neoliberal governmentality transforms society, Durán Matute shows how experiences linked to racism, Mexican political culture, the regional political economy, and consolidation of a migrant diaspora in the United States promote social divisions and contradictory ideas about "development" and "progress," but also produce new kinds of counter-movements in defence of indigenous identities and patrimony. —John Gledhill, The University of Manchester

"Weaving together granular field research and theoretically sophisticated analysis, Inés Durán Matute has delivered an outstanding place-based account of neoliberal governance in Mexico and how space is configured by the relation of local power structures, transnational migration, tourist development, and indigenous identity. —Adam David Morton, University of Sydney

Tracing institutional networks and the relationship between the indigenous community of Mezcala and the Mexican state, Inés Durán Matute demonstrates how global political economic processes shape the lives, projects and identity of the most remote communities. Throughout the book, in-depth interviews, participant observations and text collection, offer the reader insight into functioning of neoliberal governance, how it is sustained in networks of power and rhetoric, and how it is experienced.

Please contact Ines for a discount flyer: ines.duran@ciesas.edu.mx
Erel, Umut

Special Issues

- Tracey Reynolds and Umut Erel ‘Migrant Families: Kinwork and Family Relations’, Families, Relationships and Society, 2018

Journal Articles


Websites:

- Participatory Social Action and Research: including short films, toolkit, methods toolkit focusing on research with racialized migrant families http://fass.open.ac.uk/research/projects/pasar

- Who are We in a Moving World? Academic, arts and activist exchanges on belonging, migration, participation https://www.opendemocracy.net/movingworld

Fabiansson, Charlotte

Lutz, Helma:


Matsumoto, Noriko


Mullen, Ashli


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Pillay, Kathryn


Sepúlveda, Denisse


Schwartzman, Luisa Farah


Stoetzler, Marcel


• Stoetzler, Marcel. 2017. Beginning Classical Social Theory, Manchester: Manchester University Press

• Stoetzler, Marcel. 2017. “‘It only needs all’: re-reading Dialectic of Enlightenment at 70”, openDemocracy, June 24
