

Letter from the President

Greetings from ISA.

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I would like to express my acknowledgement to those who have proposed sessions for the forthcoming Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology. RC07 will host 16 sessions, some of them in collaboration with other RCs. They address issues that will stimulate relevant discussions and further research, helping the construction of sociological understandings about transformations underway in societies as well as of foreseeable futures.

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See below additional information about the Forum and the list of RC07 the sessions.

I am looking forward to meet you in Porto Alegre.

Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology: additional information and
RC07 Sessions

The Forum will take place at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 14-18, 2020. Further information can be found in the ISA's main webpage (<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/guidelines-for-program-coordinators-and-session-organizers-2020>).

Deadlines

April 25 – September 30, 2019 24:00 GMT

Abstracts submission: Participants and organizers of invited sessions must submit abstracts on-line via Confex platform. Abstracts must be submitted in English, French or Spanish. Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.

October 7 – November 4, 2019 24:00 GMT

Abstracts selection: Session Organizer must complete selection of abstracts and provide a final presentation designation (oral, distributed, poster, round table). Session Organizers move good quality abstracts unsuited for their sessions to the Program Coordinator's bin for transfer to another session.

Note: abstracts transfers should be done to the Program Coordinator's bin as early as possible so that good abstracts may be transferred to other appropriate sessions to enable organizers to consider these transferred abstracts and make decisions within the deadlines.

Session Organizers add chairs, co-chairs, discussants, panellists to their sessions as needed.

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November 5 – 25, 2019 24:00 GMT

Abstracts re-location: Program Coordinator re-locates good quality abstracts considered unsuited by Session Organizers from the Program Coordinator's bin to other sessions.

No more sessions can be added after November 24, 2019 deadline.

December 2, 2019 24:00 GMT

Notification letters: Confex sends notification letters to:

Authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts

Authors of rejected abstracts

December 16, 2019 – January 26, 2020 24:00 GMT

Sessions Scheduling

December 15 - January 15: Confex schedules Joint Session, Round Table, and Poster sessions

January 16 - January 26: Program Coordinators schedule regular sessions

January 31, 2020 24:00 GMT

Applications for Registration Grants deadline: Program Coordinator receives applications for ISA grants submitted by the participants

February 15, 2020 24:00 GMT

Submission of proposed Registration Grants recipients: Program Coordinator sends a list of selected individuals and amounts recommended to the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org for verification and approval.

March 19, 2020 24:00 GMT

Registration deadline for presenters: Registration must be paid by the deadline. Confex matches registrations with accepted presenters and will send out last reminder to register. Presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.

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April 1 – 17, 2020 24:00 GMT

Session Organizer modifies sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters.

Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants.

Program Coordinator completes sessions schedule according to the conference timetable.

In case the type of an individual's presentation is changed, or if a presentation is transferred to a different session, Confex will send notifications to authors with final session and presentation details after April 30.

May 5, 2020 24:00 GMT

Online program published

RC07 Futures Research

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Sessions:

Climate Crisis and Humanity's Future: Contesting Projects and Visions

Coastal Megacities in the 21st Century: Responding to Climate Change Impacts and Creating Alternative Futures

Contesting Digital Formations: Power, Values, and Visions

Digital Sociology: The Uses of ICTs in Social Life



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Do We Have Feature, or Just a Past?

Epistemes, Ethics, and Methods of Futures Research in an Era of Multipolar Turbulences

Futures of Social Protection in the Global South: Protective or Productivist Systems?

Industry 4.0 and Automation: Consequences and Possible Scenarios of Social Development

Non-Western Sociologies Face the Present and Future, Research and Dialogue on the Brics Countries.

Practising Hopeful Futures. in between ‘Cruel Optimism’ and New Utopias.

Presente y futuro de la sociología como ciencia y profesión en un mundo en cambio. Un diálogo global de experiencias entre ALAS e ISA

Self-Initiated Expatriates, Everyday Practices and Their Images of the Future

Social Movements, Contentious Politics, and the Imagination of Alternative Futures

Social Progress: Present Trends and Future Scenarios

Stratification and Inequalities: Changes and Continuities in the 21st Century

The Consequences of Violence: Its Impact on Political, Cultural, and Emotional Memory, Representation, and Trauma