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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues and friends,

I'm the new elected president of the RC 08 History of Sociology. I'm very glad to be part of the new 'executive' of our RC with Fran Collyer, secretary(Australia), Hedvig Ekerwald (Sweden), Marcia Consolim (Brazil) and Per Wisselgren, treasurer (Sweden).

I would like first to say "Thank you" to all the former members of the "old" team: Stephen Turner (president), Charles Crothers, Cherry Schrecker and Jaoo Maia (secretary). They have done a very good work, opening new activities.

The last ISA World Congress in Toronto seems to have been a very successful event with more than 5000 participants and among them, many young scholars and graduate students coming from many countries and continents. Our RC has organized many sessions and roundtables and participated to joint sessions which have been very interesting and innovative. But some themes were too far from history of sociology: ex. Primatology, discourse analysis. And we can see the impact of the Postcolonial perspective in our field of research: it will open a great debate during the next years.

And we have honored one colleague with the RCHS Junior Scholar's Prize: Matthias Duller, Department of Sociology, University of Graz, for his paper "*The Ford Foundation's East European Fellowship Program, 1957-1968*". Congratulation.

Finally the Business Meeting, which has been very dynamic. The main items we discussed were: finances, membership, Young Scholar Prize, next interim conference in 2020.

We are an "old" RC but small – less than 100 members - and relatively poor. One of our challenge during the next years is to increase our membership with more young scholars and graduate students. So we will launch a membership campaign and we will need the participation of all of you.

The three decisions we have to think about are: 1) the Young Scholar Prize, 2) our interim conference in 2020, and 3) the 2020 Interim Forum in Brazil

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1-The Young Scholar Prize: the decision to restrict all submissions to English language has been taken at the Dublin meeting and related to the practical difficulty to find colleagues to examine submissions in other languages. For the last contest, we got only two papers. Why? The criteria of eligibility? English as the only language? During the Business meeting, we have discussed this problem of language without finding a solution which should get the agreement of a large majority. There were two main positions: a) the defense of the new *statu quo* (the paper should be written in English) with the change of some minor rules (e.g. the rules for nominations) and b) the opportunity of using one of the three ISA's official languages: English, French and Spanish.

I have discussed with Fran and Marcia another possibility: no prize i.e. the closing of this activity which seems difficult to organize (if we use the three languages). If we can't find a consensus between us, the alternative solution should be to transfer that money to another activity (grants to support the participation of young scholars and graduate students to our conferences or the ISA World Congress).

I think we need more time to think about and discuss before taking our decision. So we have decided to open the debate between us on the two main positions during the next two months and to vote at the beginning of this year.

2-The Interim conference. RC08 decided a few years ago not to join the ISA's Forum. Therefore, we continued to organize by our interim conferences every four years: 2012 in Dublin and 2016 in Warsaw. It should be a good idea to maintain this "tradition" which gives us the possibility to develop stronger links between the members of our RC.

Some of our members would like to participate also the ISA Forum but the participation to the Forum and to our interim conference would be too expensive. So I think a kind of compromise is possible: the organization in 2020 of our next interim conference in Porto Alegre, the same city where the ISA for the success of this next conference, there are two conditions: to find Brazilian colleagues who want to organize it, and to get access to one local institution or university, which isn't the university where the ISA Forum will be organized. But I think we will get easily the support of the ISA

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3-The 2020 interim ISA Forum. As you know, something horrible happened in Brazil with the election of the new President. I agree with our colleagues Joao Marcelo Ehiert Maia and Marcia Consolim: “we must wait before taking any actions, we do not know enough about what is really going to happen. There are indeed troubling signs and we must stay alert, but any collective action should be carefully organized in Brazil”. See and wait: it is my leitmotiv. But given this new situation, I think we have the moral and political obligation to support our Brazilian and Latin American colleagues and friends and, if they feel it is the best thing to do, to help them to organize the next ISA Forum in Brazil, as already defined.

Tell us what you think about these three issues, and what you are ready to do for the success of our activities during the next two years. Our main objectives is to develop and dynamize our RC 08.

Thanks,

Yours, Bien cordialement

Marcel Fournier

QUERIES/COMMUNICATION

From Hedvig Ekerwald:

Question to the RCHS members:

A Sociological Department - How to Write its History?

There is a tradition among scholars of economy to write the history of different companies. Individual economists are often engaged for salary to write jubilee publications. Is there a genre method to write such? They must differ from writing the history of an academic department.

In the history of sociology there are analyses of world famous sociological departments and we have Jennifer Platt's valuable "History of ISA 1948-1997" and her other writings in the field of history of sociology. But to my knowledge there is not a genre method of writing the history of an ordinary sociological department. Still, there must exist many such anniversary publications tracing the history of a single department.

In sociology there are perhaps more often a question of a team of colleagues instead of singular individuals writing these jubilee publications and perhaps these authors also write more out of love for the department than for money.

Together with a colleague, I am writing a history of the Department of Sociology, Uppsala University, Sweden, celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2022. I now ask you for links to your departmental anniversary histories and to please give me your best advice on how to write such a history and how not to write it!

My address is Hedvig.Ekerwald@soc.uu.se.

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Young Scholars' Prize, 2018

Matthias Duller won the Prize for the essay titled, *The Ford Foundation's East European Fellowship Program, 1957-1968*.

Serendipities Vol 3 Issue 1, 2018

(<http://serendipities.uni-graz.at/index.php/serendipities/issue/view/7>)

New Publications

Fran Collyer:

Co-edited book

**Knowledge and Global Power:
Making New Sciences in the
South.**

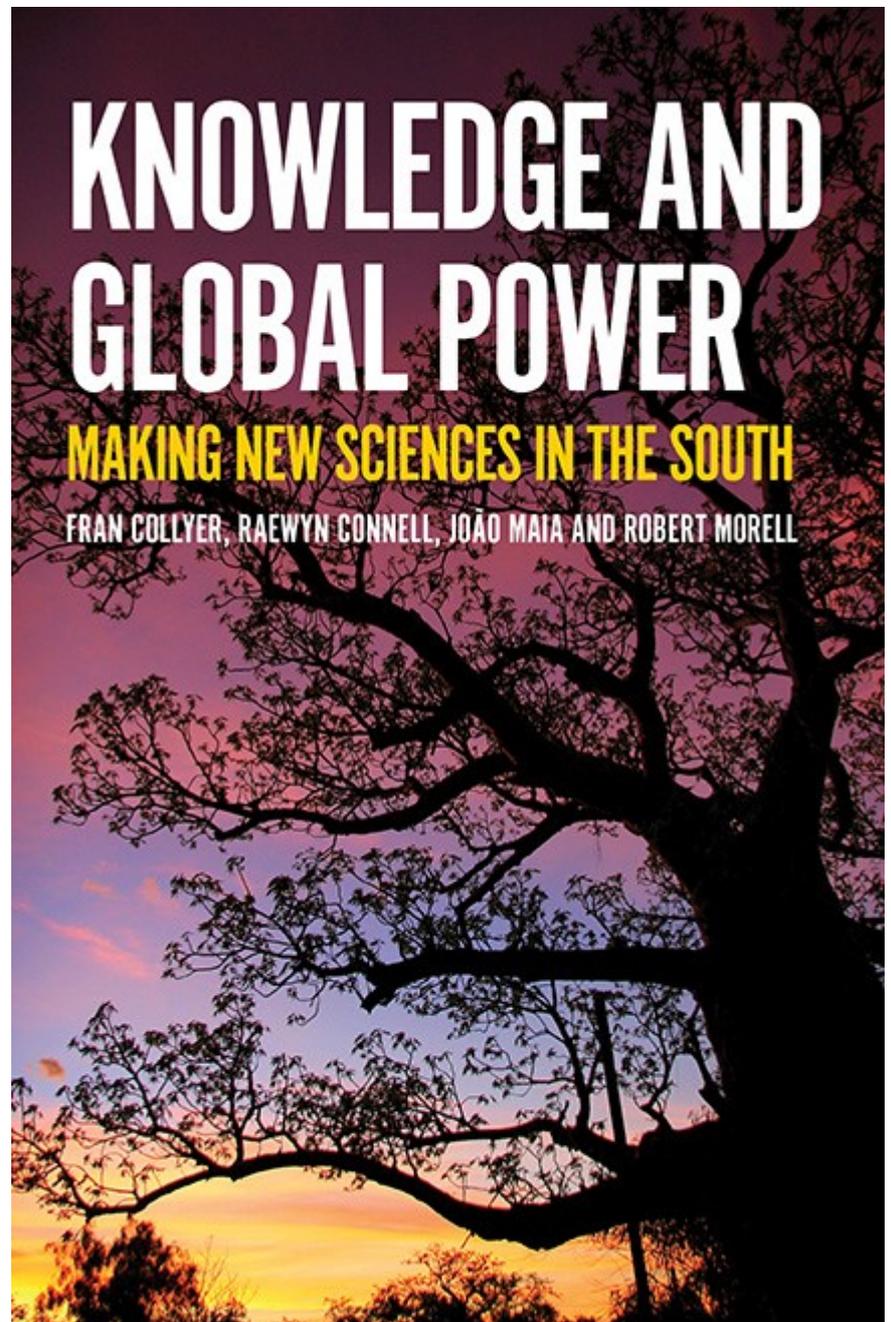
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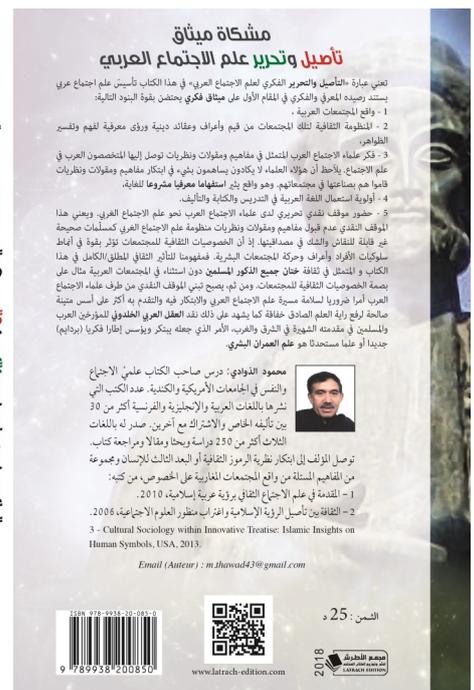
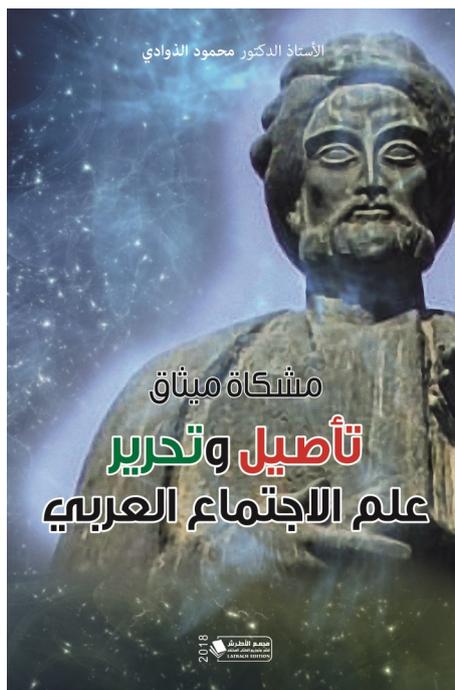
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Mahmoud Dhaouadi

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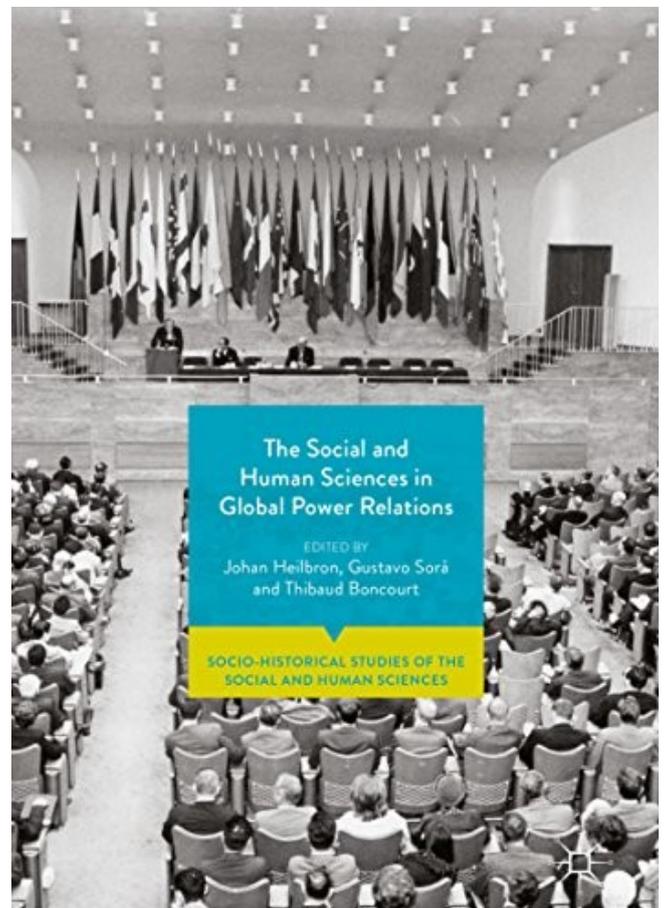
Christian Fleck

New Book Series

Socio-Historical Studies of the Social and Human Sciences

Fleck, C. (Ed), Heilbron, J. (Ed), Santoro, M. (Ed), Sapiro, G. (Ed)

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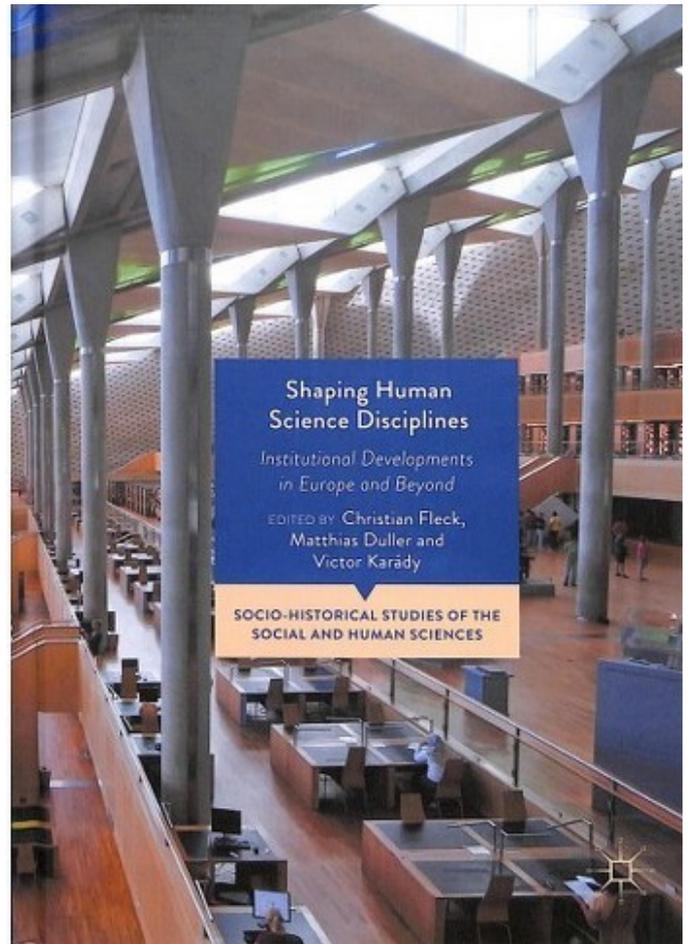
Co-edited Book:

Shaping Human Science Disciplines. Institutional Developments in Europe and Beyond

Fleck, Christian, Duller, Matthias, Karády, Victor (Eds.)

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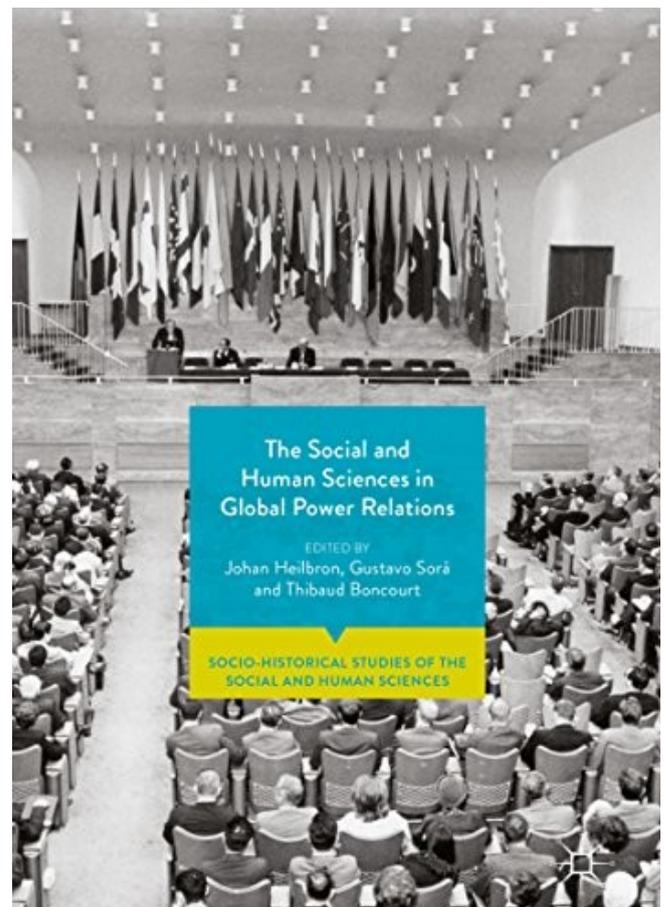
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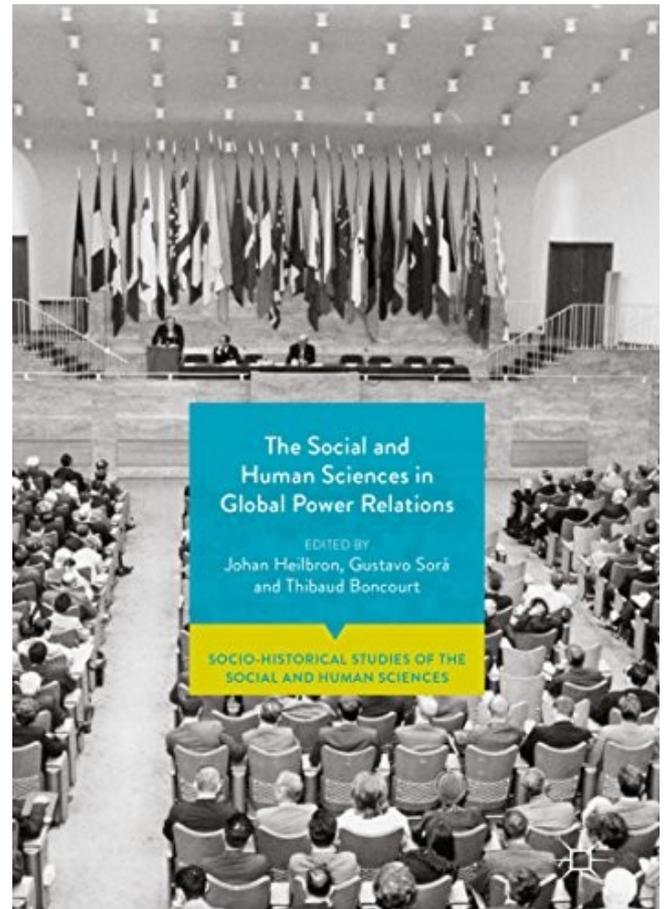
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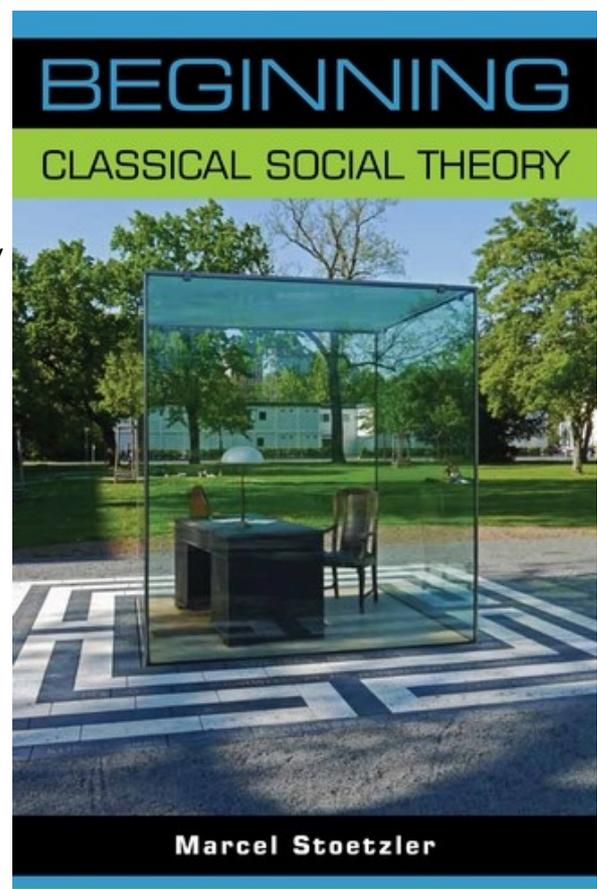
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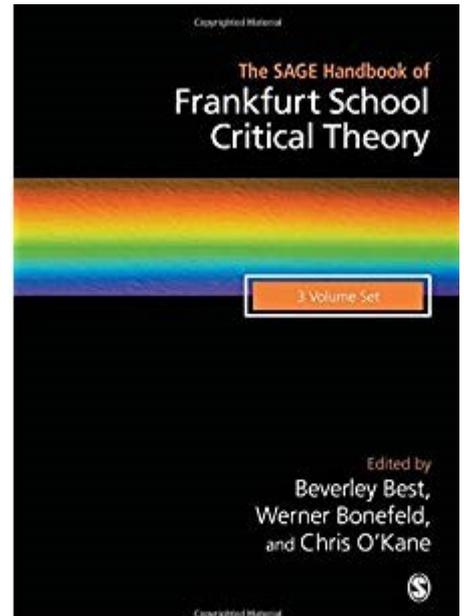
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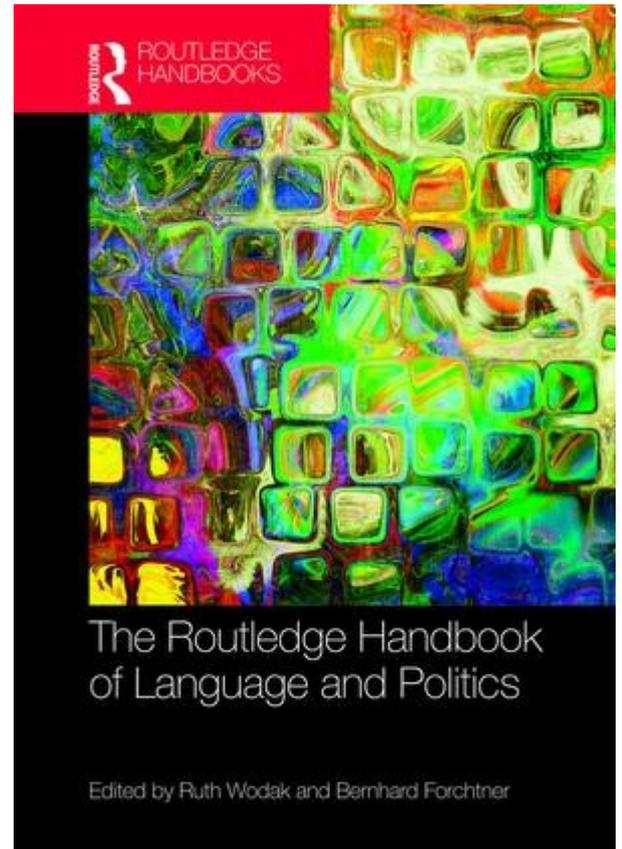
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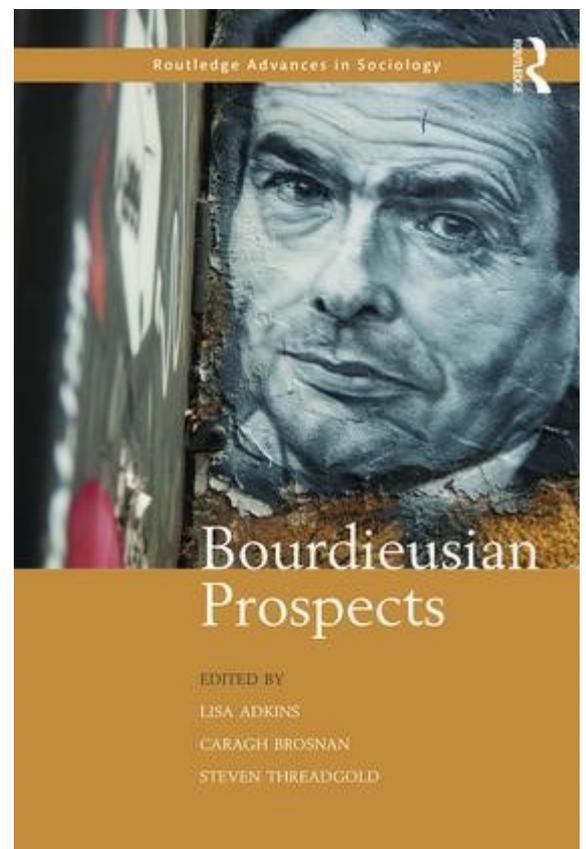
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CALL FOR PAPERS / REPORTS

Call for papers

From Joao Maia:

Journal *Estudos Histyricos* invites scholars to submit original contributions to its next issue, which is dedicated to the History of the Human and Social Sciences. *Estudos Histyricos* is a quarterly journal published uninterruptedly since 1988 by CPDOC/ School of Social Sciences of Fundação Getulio Vargas, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and it deals with a specific theme each issue.

The journal has an interdisciplinary profile and it welcomes contributions in English, Spanish or Portuguese from historians or social scientists.

Those of you who want to know more about the journal and its policies may check at: <http://bibliotecadigital.fgv.br/ojs/index.php/reh/about/editorialPolicies#custom-3>

The online submission system opens on January 1st 2019 and the deadline for submitting an article is March 1st. Articles submitted in English will be translated but the original version will also be published.

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[Workshop on Research Methods in the History of Sociology, Toronto 14th July 2018](#)

Cherry Schrecker

The workshop on research methods in the history of sociology was held in the “Old Vic” building, part of Victoria University in the University of Toronto (UofT). The aim was to discuss some of the skills involved in doing research in the history of sociology and to help young scholars develop their research projects. The workshop was set up by the now out-gone board of RC08, particularly Stephen Turner and Joao Maia, the local organizer was Mark Solovey. Each of the scholars accepted could apply for a grant from the RC08 to help cover their travel costs. The UofT’s Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and the departments of History and Sociology provided funds to cover local workshop expenses.

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The day was divided into three sessions:

1/ Designing a good research project, with papers presented by Jennifer Platt (University of Sussex, UK), Neil McLaughlin (McMaster University, CAN), and Stephen Turner (University of South Florida, USA). As the title of her paper, "Topics for conversation" suggests, Jennifer Platt drew on her own experience to bring our attention to a number of factors which could be taken into account when setting up a research project. Stephen Turner's paper discussed the problem of turning material into narrative. Problems which need to be resolved include the necessity of deciding what you are trying to accomplish, how to build a strong narrative, and how to include materials including the theories which structure the analysis. Neil McLaughlin drew from his work on the sociology of intellectuals to explain different paths into the topic in particular with reference to Canadian sociology. He discussed how the political and institutional contexts may weigh on the possibilities of expression and on the way in which the history of sociology is told. He concluded with some comments on the projects submitted.

2/ Archival research. Papers were presented by William Buxton (Concordia University, CAN), Christian Fleck (University of Graz, AUT) and Mark Solovey (University of Toronto, CAN). William Buxton discussed archival work in the light of his research on Talcott Parsons. He referred to the diversity of the provenance of archival material and considered the archives in which sociologists carry out their sociological research. These may range from well-organized archives, such as those at the Rockefeller Archive Centre, to informal collections of material. He emphasized the importance of taking into account what material meant in their original context. Christian Fleck discussed what historians of sociology and other social sciences disciplines did in the past. He presented a five dimensional scheme in which each dimension ranges from micro to macro: Ideas - Authors -- Instruments -- Institutions -- Norms. He then illustrated the scheme and raised the question of where data or sources are stored (personal papers of members of a discipline; administrative files of departments, universities etc.; archival material in governments' archives). Each of these sources follows different logics of conservation which one should reconstruct before use to avoid making false claims. Last, but not least, Mark Solovey discussed the writing of the history of sociology as the history of science, with consideration of five broad questions. 1/ What has being scientific meant for sociology in different times and places? 2/ How has funding for sociology developed in relationship to funding for the sciences more generally?

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3/ How has the problem of establishing trust in science shaped the development of sociology and its uptake in the broader society? 4/ How has ignorance about society and about sociology been produced, distributed, and maintained? 5/ Should historians try to relate their work to contemporary science? And, if so, how?

3/ The third session took the form of a master class during which four scholars: Mohammad Khamsya Bin Khidzer (University of San Diego, USA), Matteo Bortolini (University of Padova, ITA), Jakob Motrenko (Warsaw university, POL) and Matheus Ribero (University of Brasilia, BRA), presented projects they are working on. These varied in form, a paper, a Ph.D. project, or a book project. Other scholars had applied to attend the workshop and had been accepted; unfortunately Gutavo Mesquita and Daniel Huebner had to drop out due to lack of funds and Lidiane Rodrigues due to ill-health.

Here is a short rüsumü of the projects:

Mattheo Bortolini presented his book project on Robert N. Bellah. This project, based on more than ten years of research and on personal contact with Bellah, is well advanced. The main problem has been that of selecting materials for publication. Despite his experience as a researcher in the history of sociology, the task of selecting among the many sources accumulated over the years is a difficult one. The aim of the presentation is to discuss these difficulties with the colleagues present.

Jakob Motrenko presented his research project on Stefan Nowak's circle. He seeks to elaborate on the mechanisms of theoretical shifts in sociology in the context of a big social change. The research conducted by Nowak's students on the Solidarity social movement at the beginning of the 1980s, as well as their personal experience of this historical time, resulted in the reversal of the previous theoretical vector. It turned out that antipostivist sociology particularly well accounted for events happening in Poland at this time.

Mohammad Khamsya Bin Khidzer's project has two aims: 1/ to understand why intellectuals alter their politics and aims; 2/ to elucidate the structural conditions that enable and constrain the expression of different types of politics. He bases his research on the case of the preeminent Malaysian sociologist Syed Hussein Alatas. By situating Alatas's intellectual biography from 1968 to 1999 within the development of the discipline of sociology in Singapore and Malaysia, he presented the factors that

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contribute to Alatas's shifting mode of intervention in the public sphere - from overt and contentious politics to one which was more diffuse.

Matheus Ribeiro presented a paper project entitled "The Peripheral Insertion of Brazilian Production in the International Debates of Social Theory", in which he discusses the peripheral presence of authors from southern countries in international debates of the social sciences, especially in the area of theoretical production. His research, based on his Ph.D. project, studies the factors that contribute to the reproduction of the marginal position occupied by Brazilian sociologists. He sets out to clarify the conditions of insertion of researchers from periphery in theory debates and, more generally to examine the challenges of internationalization in the field of sociology.

The projects were discussed by Christian Dayü (University of Klagenfurt, AUT), Mark Pettit (York University, CAN) and Cherry Schrecker (Université de Grenoble-Alpes, FRA), before opening the discussion for comments from the floor.

Reactions from the scholars who joined the workshop show that it was a success, raising several important questions for their research and throwing light on some of the methodological questions they face. It constituted a space in which to learn about methods and techniques of research applied in the study of the history of sociology. There was agreement that the workshop format should be pursued at future congresses. It has also been suggested (during the business meeting held a few days later) that future workshops could be open to researchers at any career stage who wish to present a project they are working on for criticism and in-depth discussion.

[Minutes of Business Meeting of RC08 History of Sociology, Tuesday 17th July 2018](#)

The session was chaired by Cherry Schrecker (Vice President)

The following members attended the meeting:

Andreas Kranebitter, Cherry Schrecker, Christian Daye, Christian Fleck, Christopher Husbands, Dusan Janak, Fernanda Beigel, Fran Collyer, Jakob Motrenko, Jarosław Kiliński, Kaat Louckx, Lidiane Soares Rodrigues, Marcel Fournier, Marcia Consolim, Mark Solovey, Marta Bucholc, Matteo Bortolini, Matthias Duller, Mikhail Sinyutin, Per Wisselgren, Ping-chun Hsiung, Raf Vanderstraeten, Barbara Bach-Hoenig,

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Stephane Dufoix, Stephen [HiRaggins](#) , Wiebke Keim, Stephen Turner, Sujata Patel, Suzie Guth, Trouda Uhlím

The following sent their apologies:

Andreas Hess, Charles Crothers, Hedvig Ekerwald, Joao Marcelo Ehlert Maia.

[Opening Address](#)

As the retiring President, Stephen Turner addressed the meeting, thanking the members of the Board and the Executive for all their hard work during the past four years. He also thanked colleagues who had organised the interim conference of RC 08 and also those who had helped in organising the Research Methods workshop on 14th July 2018. Stephen spoke of the collaboration that occurs in a RC group and how valuable it is to the members, and urged that the new and younger members invest in this group and promote intellectual collaboration.

A resolution was passed thanking the retiring secretary Joao Marcelo Ehlert Maia for the enormous amount of work he had done over the past four years.

[Election Results](#)

The results of the Election of the new Board and the Steering Committee were announced:

President

Marcel Fournier, Canada

Vice-Presidents

Marcia Consolim, Brazil

Hedvig Ekerwald, Sweden

Secretary

Fran Collyer, Australia

Steering Committee

Adewale Adesina, Nigeria

Barbara Bach-Hoenig, Austria

Fernanda Beigel, Argentina

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Wiebke Keim, France

Jaroslaw Kilias, Poland

Kristoffer Kropp, Denmark

João Marcelo Ehlert Maia, Brazil

Sujata Patel, India

George Steinmetz, United States

Per Wisselgren, Sweden

[ISA Elections](#)

Sujata Patel spoke briefly and introduced her work to the members as she was running for the election of the ISA President-ship.

[Financial Matters and Membership](#)

Members were informed that as of today there were 97 paid up members. Some members who had joined in 2014 didn't renew their membership in 2018. This is common trend. There was a general discussion on how to increase membership and members were asked to make suggestions for the same. They were also asked to make suggestions for upgrading the profile of the RC.

There was a discussion on the financial status of the RC and the membership. Members were informed that RC08 membership was collected through two different processes. Members could pay directly to the RC and this amount was deposited in the RC Account located in Sweden. The current amount after disbursement of grants for the Research Methodology workshop and for the Young Scholar's Prize was 11,507 SEK (or 1,121 Euros). Members could also deposit their membership amounts with the ISA. The balance in the second account is currently \$US 5,188.00 (or €4,179.66). Thus the total amount available income for 2018-2022 is $€4,179.66 + 1,121 = €5,300.66$ (euros).

The income available to RC today is similar to what was available in May 2014 when the previous Secretary, Per Wisselgren finalised the accounts before handing over to Joao Maia in 2014. The sum of the two leaves RC 08 with a good amount for the next four years as the costs are going to be the following: Young Scholars' Prize, sponsorship of the interim conference and possibly the Research Methodology workshop in case the Steering Committee decides that it can be held before or after the Interim Conference. For the four years from 1 July 2014 — 1 July 2018 income from membership was USD 615.

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There was a discussion whether the bank account can be transferred from Sweden to Australia and whether there is a need for a Treasurer to monitor this account. Per Wisselgren stated that in order to ensure that the Swedish bank account remains with him as the formal account holder (as it now is), he would need some kind of formal documentation from the Research Committee confirming this function. Stephen Turner put forward a motion that we create the position of a Treasurer, and that we appoint Per Wisselgren as Treasurer. Marcia seconded this motion and Marcel supported it.

With Per not willing to manage both accounts, it was decided that he be the treasurer and that he will take care of the Swedish bank account while Fran will manage the other which is with ISA.

It was resolved unanimously that a position of Treasurer be created to take responsibility for the Swedish bank account, and that position will be taken by Per Wisselgren for four years.

It was also resolved that Fran will check with ISA whether the RC needed an independent auditor to audit its account.

Young Scholars' Prize

It was announced that the winner of the Young Scholar's Prize was Mathias Duller who submitted a paper entitled *The Ford Foundation's East European Fellowship Program, 1957-1968*.

Given that there were only two submissions for the Prize, there was a discussion on how to encourage more submissions and members debated ideas on how to better promote the prize. Some members suggested that the advertisement for the Prize be made in the ISA newsletter. There was also a suggestion to widen its publicity and advertise it in newsletters of other associations, such as that of history of science. It was felt that this could also encourage new membership for RC08.

There was also a discussion as to whether restricting all submissions to English language may exclude some scholars. Members were informed that this decision was taken at the Dublin meeting and related to the practical difficulty to find colleagues to examine submissions in other languages. Members felt that this decision could perhaps be revisited and the selection committee might be explicitly selected with members who know several languages between them. Alternatively translators can be used. Members felt that three languages may be the most that can be managed, though some members felt that the Prize should not convey a bias towards English language at the expense of other languages.

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Members also felt that there needs to be clarity about the criteria for selecting the paper that is awarded the Prize. It was decided that this issue would be discussed by the new President, VPs and with the Steering Committee. The President was asked to constitute a committee which can spell out the criteria for selecting the Prize.

[Research Methodology Workshop](#)

Cherry Schrecker presented the report of the Research Methodology workshop held on Saturday 14th July 2018. (A detailed report is included in the next Newsletter). She informed the house that it was well-attended. It welcomed young scholars to the RC, who sent in projects that were discussed in the concluding session of the workshop. She also said that it was unfortunate that some selected participants could not come due to funding problems. The following members participated by presenting papers at the workshop: Jennifer Platt, Neil McLaughlin, Stephen Turner, William Buxton, Christian Fleck and Mark Solovey. Mohammad Khamsya Bin Khidzer, Matteo Bortonlini, Jakob Motrenko and Matheus Ribero presented their projects for comments and discussions. She felt that the workshop needed to be advertised widely as some members seemed to think that it was a closed event and so didn't come. There was a discussion whether such workshops need to be held in the future and in what format. Members felt that this was an important initiative and that the Steering Committee needs to gather further opinions on this and decide whether it should be continued and when.

[Interim Conference in 2020](#)

There was a discussion about whether RC interim conference should be part of the RC Forum or should it be a separate event. There was a concern that having a separate event will increase costs for members especially if these are held in two separate cities. Others suggested that a separate conference for the RC allows a much more intense collaboration for members. It was decided that the board and the steering committee should attend to this issue.

[Serendipities](#)

There is a request for articles from members for this on online journal and the editors wanted suggestions for a special issue from this RC.

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Joint Sessions

Charles Crothers had sent a suggestion that RC08 should seek some joint sessions with other RCs such as the Theory RC for future conferences. This would help to raise the profile of the RC. As this decision has to be made four years ahead of time the RC steering committee need to be informed immediately to seek such sessions.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Jarosław Kiliński sent us the link to a few photos from the ISA RCHS sessions and business meeting on July, 17. He says please, feel free to use them any way you wish. https://www.dropbox.com/s/7mr3olmxc322x8n/ISA_RCHS_2018.zip?dl=0

Please find below a short description of a volume published as a result of the interim conference in Warsaw.

The inspiration for this issue of *State of Affairs* came from three sessions organized by Matthias Duller, a co-editor of this volume, at the Interim Conference of the ISA RC on the History of Sociology held in Warsaw in June 2016. It addresses the experience of sociologists living in Central and Eastern Europe under state socialism. The first paper presents the variety of strategies adopted by sociologists working in communist states. The following four papers recount the political history of the social science in Romania, Poland, Belarus, and Albania, giving a sense of similarities and differences of sociology's fate in different countries. Other papers deal, respectively, with independent research projects on lifestyles in Poland and Hungary; the evolution of Marxism into an empirical sociology of social structures in Poland; and the apologetic sociology that helped to build socialist society in the last two decades of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia. The last paper contains an analysis of the history of the concept of civil society in Sweden.

The issue is available via CEEOL and in open access on the journal website:

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