

## RC 20 Newsletter, January-July 2022

**From the President:** This newsletter contains announcements for several upcoming conferences and a call for proposals of special issues for *Comparative Sociology*. I will also remind you of the RC20 Twitter account at @RC20\_ISA, where you can find current information and updates.—David Weakliem

### Conferences

1. **The American Sociological Association section on the Sociology of Development** will hold a virtual pre-conference on August 5, 2022 (before the ASA conference). Our 2022 Development Pre-conference highlights the diversity of views and theories in our field. We consider four sub-fields in development studies to show how cutting-edge development research contributes to further understand the intersectional complexities around issues of universal concerns. Together these perspectives demonstrate the urgent need to bring social justice back to studies about the wellbeing of others. Registration link:  
<https://scu.zoom.us/j/96129768370?pwd=eXJ1aExBMzZCL2V1dFlWdUp6WVRwZz09>
2. **The World Society Foundation (WSF), Zurich, Switzerland, is organizing an online conference on "After Globalization: The Future of World Society"**, August 25-26, 2022. 22 papers will be presented online. Participation is free, with registration and more information on the website:  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zjkkx2LkIkypCsNYsWmAs6410Nmh3RNJok7\\_yrNMD4VUQoFONkdUMU1VRUJORoFZNtZW\\_Eo1OU9LSy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2zjkkx2LkIkypCsNYsWmAs6410Nmh3RNJok7_yrNMD4VUQoFONkdUMU1VRUJORoFZNtZW_Eo1OU9LSy4u)
3. **The RC20 Regional Conference on Comparative Sociology & the 2nd RC33 Regional Conference on Social Science Methodology: Asia (Tokyo, Japan, 12– 16 September 2022, Japan Women's University)**

On the basis of successful session organizing and early registration, the local organizing committee is pleased to encourage registration for the RC20 Regional Conference on Comparative Sociology & the 2<sup>nd</sup> RC33 Regional Conference on Social Science Methodology: Asia in Tokyo, Japan. The conference will be held **online** from 12 to 16 September 2022. Registration is now open—the registration deadline is August 31. The program is now available for you to access on the conference site.

**Registration site:** <https://forms.office.com/r/VWxyhPDfWm>

**Conference site:** <https://mcn-www.jwu.ac.jp/~fonaka/JC.htm>

**Local organizing committee:**

Fumiya Onaka (Prof. Dr., Japan Women's University)

Akiko Nagai (Assoc. Prof., Japan Women's University)

This conference is supported by the JWU Research Institute for Women and Careers

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4. The **ISA World Congress of Sociology** will be held June 25-July 1, 2023 in Melbourne, Australia (in hybrid format). Abstract submission is now open and will remain open until September 30. RC20 is sponsoring the following sessions (with thanks to program organizers Kseniya Kizilova and Nate Breznau):

“Comparative Analysis of Transnational Migration Communities and the Formation of New Urban Ethnicity in the Global Cities in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Online Culture”

“Comparative Sociology: Theory and Methods”

“Current Research in Comparative Sociology”

“Female Employment, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment across the Globe” (with RC32)

“Happiness, Well-Being and Life Quality in Comparative Perspective”

“Indigenous Sociology, Indigenous Lifeworlds” (with RC05)

“Securitizing the State? the Challenges of Illiberal Democracies and Authoritarian Benevolence” (with RC18, RC09, RC19, RC56, and TG03)

“The Comparative Political Sociology of Public Opinion, Policy and Social Inequality”

“The Rise of the Radical Right in the Global South” (with RC18)

“Trust and Social Capital in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Examining the Key Indicators and Newest Trends

“VET Around the World. Comparing Vocational Education and Training Systems and Outcomes Globally

“Values in Transition and Development: New Findings from the World Values Survey”

“Values, Social Structures and Social Interactions: The Consequences and Challenges of the Pandemic”

See the conference website at

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023> for information on how to submit.

RC20 is also co-sponsoring an Integrative Session on “Covid-19 in BRICS countries: Comparative Sociological Perspectives” with the Brazilian Sociological Society, Indian Sociological Society, South African Sociological Society, Chinese Sociological Association, and RC07

## **Comparative Sociology: special issues**

As editor of the journal **Comparative Sociology**, I am interested in receiving proposals for special issues. Comparative Sociology publishes six issues per year, and usually one or two are special issues on specific themes; recent examples are “Sociological Perspectives on Nigerian Society,” “Fragmentation and Solidarity: Challenges to the Integration Spheres of Europe and Latin America,” “Comparative and Historical Sociology of Women’s Careers,” and “Trust”. An average issue is 150 pages, which is usually about five articles, but there is a good deal of flexibility—issues can be longer or shorter. Guest editors have autonomy in soliciting and selecting articles for their issue. There is no formal application process—just get in touch with [David.weakliem@uconn.edu](mailto:David.weakliem@uconn.edu) if you might be interested and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.