DEAR RC46 MEMBERS,

GREETINGS FROM MANILA!

This issue contains the contributions submitted by our officers and members. I would like to thank them personally for writing despite their extremely busy schedules, especially during this difficult time of the covid-19 pandemic. I hope you are all safe and secure in your home and following quarantine protocols.

This issue brings several announcements of various online conferences and forums. Tina Uys, Vice President, announces important issues and deadlines regarding the ISA Forum 2021 that will be held on February 23, 2021. Please take note of these updates and we look forward to seeing you all there! Miwako Hosoda, President of APSA, invites us to 15th Asia Pacific Sociological Association 2020 Two-day Webinar on COVID-19, Climate and Health which is co-hosted with the International Sociological Association RC 15 (Sociology of Health), RC 46 (Clinical Sociology), the Philippine Sociological Society, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the Ateneo de Manila University, the Seisa University, the Chulalongkorn University, the University of Sydney, the University of the Philippines – Visayas, and the Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines: Investing in Climate & Disaster Resilience project. Fernando de Yzaguirre, invites us to the virtual seminar “La Intervención Vivencial de la Sociología Clínica”, which features talks and simultaneous virtual workshops to publicize the use of psychosocial intervention tools.
Dr Mariam Seedat-Khan celebrates the achievements of UKZN’s prominent female alumni which feature the launch of the SMART Online Platform, release of the second edition of the publication of “SOCILOGY - A South African Perspective”, and the University Capabilities – Classroom Courses to COVID-19 Curricula webinar. Agnès Vandevelde-Rougale announces various upcoming symposiums and publication opportunities. We also congratulate Wan Puspa Melati on the launch of her book entitled “Clinical Sociology: Moving from Theory to Practice”

RC 46 clinical sociologists/practitioners -- more power to you and your dreams, especially in these challenging times! Stay safe and secure!

Emma Porio
ISA RC46 President (2018-2022)
Important Issues Regarding the ISA Forum  
BY: Tina Uys, Vice President

1. The ISA Executive Committee has decided that the IV ISA Forum of Sociology will be held online, starting on **February 23, 2021**.

2. **Registration fees**: Despite the increased costs involved, the ISA decided to reduce the registration fees by 50%, while maintaining the possibility of paying the full amount as a contribution to a solidarity fund to enable sociologists experiencing hardship to participate.

3. All activities that have been prepared will be maintained, and the abstracts selected for the Forum initially planned in **July 2020 remain valid for the Online Forum to be held in February 2021**. Presenters of accepted abstracts need to confirm their participation by **October 15, 2020**.

4. **Between October 26 – November 12, 2020**, the ConFex platform will be open for new abstracts.

5. **November 12 2020**: Deadline for new abstract submissions

6. **December 15 2020**: Presenters final registration deadline
Detailed information regarding deadlines for ISA Forum

The deadlines for arrangements for the conference are as follows. Please note especially the dates highlighted in red.

End of September to October 15:

- A message will soon be sent by the ISA to all the authors of selected abstracts inviting them to confirm their participation to the Forum and informing them about the possibility to update their abstract and title in the congress platform, in consultation with their session organizers or RC program coordinators, before October 15, 2020.

- Session Organizers and Program Coordinators are encouraged to contact the participants and to ask them to confirm their participation before October 15, 2020.

- Session Organizers and Program Coordinators will be granted access to the online platform (ConFex). Based on information about already cancelled presentations, they may upgrade “distributed papers” and papers presented at a roundtable to “oral presentation” in a regular panel. Session Organizers and Program Coordinator shall inform the concerned participants about the new status of their paper and ask them to confirm their participation in the Forum.

- RCs new calls for abstracts may start circulating during this period.

October 15 2020: Final day to confirm participation by authors of the already accepted abstracts. The abstracts that have not been confirmed by this date will be automatically deleted from the program.

Authors of confirmed abstracts have until December 15 to register at the “early registration rate”.

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- Based on the updated program, Session Organizers and Program Coordinators may reorganize panels, move some participants from one session to another and merge two sessions in order to open a new panel.
- Distributed papers or roundtable presentations may be upgrade to oral presentations during this period too.
- The ISA secretariat and the RC/WG/TG publish and circulate the calls for new abstracts. 5 ISA VP Research Letter # April 4 2020

October 26 – November 12 2020: Submission of new abstracts

The ConFex platform will be open for new abstracts.

- Authors may indicate in which session of the RC/WG/TG their proposal would better fit. - The new abstracts proposals will be submitted to a single "bucket" session for each RC. (i.e. all the new proposals will be sent to the same session. Program coordinators will then allocate them to specific sessions).
- Organizers of sessions with several withdrawals are encouraged to advertise their session and to invite colleagues who work on the session’s topic to submit abstracts.
- Invitations may be issued to speakers for Common Sessions and Semi-plenary Sessions to replace speakers who will not be able to attend the Forum.
- Program Coordinators should encourage presenters to pay registration fees before November 15, 2020 in order to have more clarity about sessions’ programs.

November 12 2020: Deadline for new abstract submissions
13 – 17 November 2020: Selection of the new abstracts by Session Organizers and Program Coordinators

18 – 22 November 2020: Program Coordinators re-arrange sessions based on the selected abstracts.

November 24 2020: Authors and co-authors are notified about the acceptance or rejection of their abstracts

December 15 2020: Presenters final registration deadline

Early registration fees will apply. Confex sends out the last reminder to register. Presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.

December 18 2020 - January 8 2021: Final modifications

- Session Organizers modify sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters.
- Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants.
- Program Coordinators complete 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 December 15, 2020.*

January 27 2021: Online program published
Greetings from the President of APSA!

I am delighted to announce that APSA (Asia Pacific Sociological Association) will be holding an online conference on October 6, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (PST) and October 7, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (PST), which is hosted by Professor Emma Porio (Ateneo de Manila University in Philippines).

COVID-19 is spreading all over the world and is causing a worldwide issue. With the pandemic expanding globally, it can be seen everywhere that the situation of socially vulnerable groups has become more difficult and environmental issues more serious.

We hope to work with you on this agenda from a sociological perspective. I would like to share the film entitled "Nations United: Urgent Solutions for Urgent Times" which was created by the UN on its 75th Anniversary.

Let us collaborate with the entire society in the search for actions that can help to cope with the dramatic situations faced all over the world.

This online conference is co-hosted by the International Sociological Association RC 15 (Sociology of Health), RC 46 (Clinical Sociology), the Philippine...
The Sociological Society, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the Ateneo de Manila University, the Seisa University, the Chulalongkorn University, the University of Sydney, the University of the Philippines – Visayas, and the Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines: Investing in Climate & Disaster Resilience project

The broad themes of the Webinar are Covid-19 impacts on health and society; and Covid-19, Climate and City. Several distinguished scholars are presenting at the session. You are invited to participate and contribute to this conversation from a sociological perspective.

To register and find out more click on this link: bit.ly/APSAl5th
The Virtual Seminar on Psychosocial Intervention was created at the confluence of three factors. The first was the creation of the line of research in psychosocial intervention and clinical approach in social sciences, within the “Enl@ce” Research Group (Universidad del Atlántico). The second was the demand to open this specialty to various disciplines and Faculties. The third was confinement due to the pandemic.

The Seminar will dedicate its fourth meeting to “La intervención vivencial de la sociología clínica” (The experiential intervention of clinical sociology). It will feature professor Vincent de Gaulejac (France), who will speak about the intervention in clinical sociology, preceded by professor Patricia Guerrero (Chile), who will speak...
about “clinical sociology: an epistemology for action”. It will take place on Thursday, September 3 at 8am in Colombia in Spanish (*).

As a novelty, this seminar holds five simultaneous virtual workshops in small groups of 12 people, to publicize the use of psychosocial intervention tools. At the moment the "Radio Forum" technique is being developed as a virtual adaptation of the "Forum Theater". This activity is carried out with the support of the social consultancy Sociocaribe and the SIPECS research group.

The inauguration of the Seminar was held on July 2, 2020, with the presence of the world expert in psychosocial intervention, professor Amalio Blanco (España), who laid the foundations for the general field of the Seminar. The previous session was held on August 13: professor Blas Zubiria (Colombia) presented the components of the Participation Action Research (IAP) in social intervention projects, and professor José Manuel Romero Tenorio (España), spoke of the Project-Creative Method applied to intervention in educational and vulnerable communities. The general coordinator of the Seminar is professor Fernando de Yzaguirre, representative of RC46 and RISC in Colombia.

(*) Access to the Seminar is free, upon registration at the link (Spanish): https://forms.gle/GXJA7hc4prquHdTB9

CELEBRATING UKZN’S PHENOMENAL WOMEN

By: Dr Mariam Seedat-Khan

It is a great pleasure to highlight the most recent achievements of the University’s women academics and alumni. Each has made a remarkable contribution to the advancement of scholarship or professional success—and we are grateful to all of them for enhancing the reputation of UKZN through their milestone achievements in different
areas. These proud strivers and achievers are among many others who have forged ahead and focused on their goals to realise UKZN’s vision to be the Premier University of African Scholarship.

**Humanities Academic Creates SMART Online Platform During Lockdown**

Clinical Sociologist in the School of Social Sciences, Dr Mariam Seedat-Khan created an online platform to help teachers and parents find digital resources and learning tools for their learners and children to use during the lockdown. Adults can also use it to learn a new language, enroll in an online course or develop new skills. Seedat-Khan developed teaching and learning interventions over a protracted period, which resulted in a management tool called *Simply Managing Academic Related Tasks (SMART)* (http://www.simplysmart.co.za/) that provides individuals with learning tools and techniques that they can utilize throughout their lives.

**Publication of Edition Two**

Congratulations to three brilliant and insightful South African academics on the release of their second edition - "**SOCIOLOGY - A South African Perspective**" with Joan Ferrante. I am immensely proud of Dr. Mariam Seedat, Dr. Zanetta Jansen, and Dr. Rene Smith. This is a fabulous achievement and a wonderful testament to the world class academics and researchers that we have in South Africa. Congratulations to all the writers and contributors who brought this Second Edition to life. This journey reinforces the importance of telling the South African story.
University Capabilities – Classroom Courses to COVID-19 Curricula webinar hosted by UKZN.

Presenters included Professor Philani Moyo of the University of Fort Hare, Dr. Wan Puspa Melati of Taylor’s University in Malaysia, Professor Nelago Indongo of the University of Namibia and Professor Katherine Lyon of the University of British Columbia in Canada. The webinar was moderated by UKZN’s Society and Social Change Cluster Leader and Clinical Sociologist, Dr Mariam Seedat Khan.

Online Symposia, Recent Publications and Call for Abstracts for French for Sociologies

BY: Agnès Vandevelde-Rougale

The joint online groups initiated in France in April 2020 by three partner organizations (RISC, CIRFIP, Transition) to think about the Covid-19 have been met with great interest, showing the need for specific spaces to engage and think about personal and professional difficulties, as well as to discuss collective and political issues (https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/Regards-croises-lancement-de-visio-groupes-dechanges/). An online symposium is organized by the Latin American members of the RISC on August 29, 2020 to further think the unthought : the uncertain, what will come (https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/latinoamerica/coloquio-latinoamericano-del-nodo-sur-de-sociologia-clinica/).
Several works have been published in the past months, some related to the pandemic (Gritos na Quarentena in Brazil: http://www.periodicos.uem.br/ojs/index.php/CadAdm/issue/view/1775; texts by Ana Maria Araujo from Uruguay: https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/latinoamerica/el-trabajo-en-tiempos-y-espacios-virales-virtuales-hoy/ and https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/latinoamerica/reflexiones-en-tiempos-virales-historia-e-historicidad-hacia-una-posible-utopia-del-encuentro/); among other publications, we are pleased to signal the publication of an illustrated book, that shows the importance of clinical sociology to grasp traumatic issues (https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/belgique/2020/06/04/parution-promenade-de-la-memoire-14-juillet/), and an upcoming book by Corine Cauvin Renault on the hospital, based on research and interventions conducted in France during the past two decades, thus before the pandemic, and that can help in understanding the recent events (https://www.editions-eres.com/ouvrage/4631/reconstruire-lhopital).

More information about recent publications in clinical sociology can be found on the RISC’s website (https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/), as well as on upcoming events. Please also note that a call for abstracts has been launched in French for Sociologies, about today’s research in clinical sociology (https://journals.openedition.org/sociologies/14192); the deadline to submit abstracts is September 15th.

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Book Launch of Clinical Sociology: Moving from Theory to Practice

BY: Wan Puspa Melati

This Clinical Sociology: Moving from Theory to Practice book covers the historical background of Clinical Sociology as a field and its developing trend around the world. The authors argue that Clinical Sociology should be given its place in the society, which is
long overdue. This book addresses the urgent need for sociologists to develop a clinical approach in their effort to improve the social world with the emphasis that clinical sociology to compliment the work of other social scientists such as Clinical Psychologists, social workers, social anthropologists. Only with the understanding and appreciation of clinical sociology as a discipline and providing the platform to clinical sociologists to play their roles, can the nation be systematically developed alongside with the physical development and technological advancement. The concept of clinical sociology and the obligations of sociologists are also discussed in depth in this book. Though this concept is not a new one, but the lack of discussion and consensus makes this book an important contribution to the field of sociology. This book will be of interests for sociology graduates dealing with issues beyond the walls of academia – managing real problems, real issues, and looking at institutional and macro levels. This book also aimed at sociologists who are concerned with the present lacking clinical approach to managing social problems – especially those interested in the context of developing countries.

Acts of Magis: Ateneans in the Service of Society Features Prof. Emma Porio discussing the Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines: Investing in Climate and Disaster Resilience” (CCARPH) project

In this installment of "Acts of Magis" we hear from Prof. Emma Porio, ISA RC46 President (2018-2022), discussing the "Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines: Investing in Climate and Disaster Resilience" (CCARPH) project. CCARPH enhances the capacity of cities to examine the complexity and dynamics of climate and disaster risks through transdisciplinary action research.

The first part of the presentation focused on the accomplishments of the CCARPH project. The second part highlighted the CCARPH innovations during the Covid-19 lockdown. The CCARPH reinvention or recalibration
focuses on three major initiatives: (I) supporting the fabrication and testing of disaster resilience technologies, (II) co-organizing webinars with the National Resilience Council, focused on the resilient recovery of the vulnerable informal sector workers; and (III) innovating with the National Resilience Council, a dashboard for covid-19 risk management platform anchored on GIS maps and the epidemiological analytics. Finally, the presentation concludes with the key message that university-based researchers are in the forefront of the crisis through their science and technology-based solutions and tools.

To watch this presentation please click this link: 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9rsOPFQylE&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2XLtnFxOiVywWuGimheuOAqmxJpXyl6rLBeWPvT3MjMDZU6Pec4rEiocc
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