



Mental Health  
and Illness

## Newsletter

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Dear RC49 Members, Colleagues and Friends

I wish you, your families, and beloved ones a good and healthy New Year!

Given the dramatic situation in Ukraine, Iran and other conflict zones, our Board Member Takashi Asakura from Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan, reminds us to the devastating effects of inhuman ideologies among radical regimes on peoples' lives and mental health that can be affected for generations.

After a long time of (only) online meetings, we are looking forward very much to the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia, June 25-July 1, 2023. RC49 will host 10 sessions including 61 oral or distributed papers.

**Please mind that RC49 offers travel grants for the best abstracts submitted by PhD students to one of the RC49 sessions for the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology.**

**Also, ISA members in good standing, active participants in the program, are eligible to apply for a registration grant. Please send you application to [silvia.krumm@uni-ulm.de](mailto:silvia.krumm@uni-ulm.de) (RC49 program coordinator) by January 31, 2023.**

**However, before the big event takes place, RC49 provides the 2nd RC49 Online Symposium on January 20th 2022. Please find the preliminary program in this newsletter.**

Finally, some recent academic activities by RC49 members are listed.

With very best wishes,

Silvia Krumm  
RC 49 President

## Mental Health in Cambodia

### Takashi Asakura, Tokyo Gakugei University

I have been working with two national teacher education colleges in Cambodia since 2019 to develop textbooks for teaching school health in elementary school teacher courses. The English version of the textbook was then printed in April 2022, and the Khmer version is currently undergoing final proofreading. Mental health was described in one of the chapters within the textbook. As is well known, during the Khmer Rouge (Pol Pot) regime, which lasted only four years, from 1976 to 1979, about 1.5 million of Cambodia's 7 million people were killed. The estimated number of deaths is not known exactly, ranging from 1.2 to 1.7 million. The experiences during the Khmer Rouge era still affect the mental health of the people. Rates of PTSD have been estimated at 7.3%, 14%, and 28.4%, depending on studies. In a survey conducted in one province, 55% reported having been victimized by violence during the Khmer Rouge era, and 53% exhibited symptoms corresponding to a diagnosis of anxiety disorder.

Even among younger generations, more than 50% of elementary, middle, and high school children reported feeling lonely more than occasionally, according to the Global School Based Health Survey 2013. More than 50% of children reported not sleeping well more than occasionally. These percentages are higher than those of children in neighboring countries Laos and Vietnam. What was surprising, moreover, was that when we surveyed students in teacher education colleges, 79% of them responded "disagree" to the question "Do you agree that most people can be trusted? More than 50% of college students felt warm relationships once a month or less. General trust and emotional social support are social determinants of health. This distrust of relationships is influenced by the deep trauma of experiencing the secret informant system during the Khmer Rouge era. Therefore, mental health services, such as consulting and receiving counseling, are also unlikely to be established. The road to mental health recovery of Cambodians is a difficult one ahead. Conflicts in Ukraine, Myanmar, and other parts of the world are bound to leave trauma in people's mental health that cannot be easily healed.

RC49 Online Symposium:  
The Sociology of Mental Health and Illness  
January 20th 2023  
Preliminary Program

**Chair: Jeremy Dixon**

**Session I (8-8:35pm):**

*Rachael McMahon: An experience of biomedicine and mental health: narratives describing the Silenced Manifesto and Mad Studies*

**Session II (8:35-9:10pm):**

*Sebastian Rojas-Navarro/ Samanta Alarcon-Arcos: Caring for difference: social relationships, everyday practices and children's mental health in Chilean schools*

**Chair: Silvia Krumm**

**Session III (9:25-10:00pm):**

*Gleiciane Souza: The reporting of violence against women in health and mental health services: a path to typifying suicide as femicide*

**Session IV (10:00-10:35):**

*Gary Linn/Joaquim Matavel/Nair Teles: Innovative Research and Practice on Violence, Risk, and Mental Health in Africa and Latin America*

Nashville, USA - 2pm

Venezuela Standard Time - 4pm

Bristol, UK - 8pm

Ulm , Germany- 9pm

Australian Eastern Time - 7am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

**Zoom link for the meeting** - Join Zoom Meeting <https://bath-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/95215455433?pwd=a0FZcTVrb2FwNDFFcC2tLd2QwdkpHdz09>

Meeting ID: 952 1545 5433 Passcode: 829455

Please e-mail Jeremy Dixon at [j.dixon2@bath.ac.uk](mailto:j.dixon2@bath.ac.uk) if you experience any difficulties joining the meeting.

## Activities of RC49 members

**Lynn Tang; Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology The University of Liverpool**

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Blog about suicide and political crisis in Hong Kong

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/blog/suicide-and-political-crisis/>

**Jorge Chuaqui, University of Valparaiso, Chile**

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**Gary Linn, Optimal Solutions in Healthcare & Int.Development, USA**

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Joaquim Matavel, Khatia Munguambe, James G. Linn and Osvaldo Loquiha (2022) on Validation of the Women Abuse Screening Tool (WAST-S) In A Quasi-Experimental

Crossover Study.(Under Review by journal Aggression and Violent Behavior).

Conference paper & Community Education

James G. Linn & Jorge Chuaqui , Will Chile Achieve Greater Parity and Coverage in Mental Health? Presented at the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Development Pre-Conference August 5th,2022.

James G. Linn, Will Current Political and Constitutional Changes in Chile Result in a More Equitable Society Presented at the Salon(Nashville,Tn Community forum)December 12,2022.

### **Academic Projects**

Participation in the Mozambique Intimate Partner Violence Study at Mondlane University,Maputo Mozambique

James G.Linn was in Maputo Mozambique Sept.24 to October 5th working as a member of the Ph.D committee of Joaquim Matavel and meeting with Joaquim Matavel and the Director of Program in Public Health Dr.Katia Munguambe.

He also participated in the Pre-doctoral defense exam of Joaquim Matavel and provided information on Fogarty NIH funded to expand the study.

Journal Editor and Professional Society,International Service  
Associate Editor of Journal of HIV AIDS Research/JAHR  
Coordinator of Section on Chronic Disease and Disability of World Social Science Association  
President, Partners of the Americas--Tennessee Chapter

### **Jeremy Dixon, University of Bath, UK**

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- Dixon, J., Stone, K. and Laing, J., 2022. Beyond the call of duty: A Qualitative study into the experiences of family members acting as a Nearest Relative in Mental Health Act assessments. *British Journal of Social Work, Advanced Access.*
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