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Objectives

To establish contacts and to encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of sociology of occupational/professional groups throughout the world; to encourage the international exchange of research findings in the sociology of occupational/professional groups.

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Letter from the President of ISA RC52

Dear members and friends of ISA Research Committee 52,

Welcome to the December 2019 issue of the Newsletter for Research Committee 52 (Sociology of Professional Groups). A busy and exciting 2020 is waiting for us. RC52 will meet at the **IV ISA Forum of Sociology**, in Porto Alegre (Brazil), 14-18 July 2020. Debby Bonnin and Lara Maestriperi, our programme coordinators for ISA RC52, have been able to put together a really impressive range of sessions comprising 122 papers. Take a look (pages 6-7) to keep updated with the deadlines.

Please also have a look at the Notices section where you can find information on forthcoming events; recent and forthcoming publications with special attention to the new issue of *Professions & Professionalism* arising from the Colloquium in South Africa that RC52 supported; and many more.

You also can keep following RC52 activity on RC52 blog (researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). The blog provides news and welcomes debates and announcements on the professions and professionalism; please contact blog Administrator Gitte Sommer Harrits (gitte@ps.au.dk).

Some words are due to all colleagues who contribute in different ways to the achievements of RC52. Many thanks to all for taking RC52 to such a strong position, with more than a hundred members drawn from nearly thirty countries – one of the larger International Sociological Association Research Committees. I would ask members of RC52 to encourage new members to join to add further to its size and diversity. Guidance on how to join the ISA and RC52 appear later in this Newsletter, as well as other matters of interest to readers.

With very best wishes for the holidays and the New Year
Helena

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Carta de la Presidente del Comité RC52 de ISA

Estimados miembros y amigos de ISA RC52:

Bienvenidos a la edición de diciembre de 2019 del Boletín del Comité de Investigación 52 (Sociología de Grupos Profesionales). Un 2020 emocionante y lleno de ocupaciones nos está esperando. El RC52 se reunirá en el IV **Foro ISA de Sociología**, en Porto Alegre, Brasil, del 14 al 18 de julio de 2020. Debby Bonnin y Lara Maestripieri, nuestras coordinadoras de programas para ISA RC52, han podido reunir una gama realmente impresionante de sesiones que comprenden 122 ponencias. Eche un vistazo (páginas 7-8) para mantenerse al día con los plazos.

Por favor, también vea la sección Avisos donde puede encontrar información sobre los próximos eventos: publicaciones recientes y próximas con especial atención a la nueva edición de *Profesiones y Profesionalismo*, que surgen del Coloquio en Sudáfrica que RC52 apoyó, y muchas más. También puede seguir la actividad del RC52 en el blog (researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). El blog ofrece noticias y acoge con satisfacción debates y anuncios sobre las profesiones y la profesionalidad; póngase en contacto con el Administrador del mismo, Gitte Sommer HARRITS (gitte@ps.au.dk).

Algunas palabras deben ser dichas con respecto a todos los colegas que contribuyen de diferentes maneras a los logros de RC52. Muchas gracias a todos por llevar a nuestro comité RC52 a una posición tan fuerte, con más de un centenar de miembros procedentes de casi treinta países, uno de los comités de investigación de la Asociación Internacional de Sociología más grande. Pido a los miembros del RC52 que animen a los nuevos Miembros a que se unan para aumentar su tamaño y diversidad. Las instrucciones sobre cómo unirse a la ISA y RC52 aparecen más adelante en este Boletín, así como otros asuntos de interés para los lectores.

Con los mejores deseos para Navidad y Año Nuevo
Helena

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Lettre de la Présidente du RC52 de l'AIS

Chers membres et amis du RC52 de l'AIS.

Bienvenue à l'édition de décembre 2019 du Bulletin du Comité de recherche 52 (Sociologie des groupes professionnels). Une année 2020 chargée et inspirante nous attend. Le CR52 tiendra une rencontre au **IVe Forum de sociologie**, à Porto Alegre (Brésil), du 14 au 18 juillet 2020. Nos coordonnatrices pour le programme du CR52, Debby Bonnin et Lara Maestriperi, ont réussi à concocter une variété impressionnante de sessions avec 122 propositions de communications. Jetez un coup d'œil aux pages 7-8 pour demeurer à l'affût des échéances.

Nous vous invitons également à consulter la section des Notices où vous trouverez des informations concernant les événements à venir, des publications récentes et à venir - avec une attention particulière envers le nouveau numéro de *Professions & Professionalism* issu du Colloque en Afrique du Sud soutenu par le CR52 - et de nombreuses autres informations. Vous pouvez aussi suivre l'actualité du CR52 sur son blogue (researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). Celui-ci affiche des nouvelles et accueille des discussions et des annonces sur les professions et le professionnalisme; pour toute question, veuillez joindre son administratrice, Gitte Sommer Harrits (gitte@ps.au.dk).

Il faut dire quelques mots pour tous les collègues qui contribuent de diverses façons aux succès du CR52. Grands mercis à tous pour amener le CR52 à une stature aussi solide, avec plus d'une centaine de membre issus de près d'une trentaine de pays, ce qui en fait un des CR les plus élargis de l'Association internationale de sociologie. J'aimerais en profiter pour demander aux membres du CR52 d'inciter l'adhésion de nouveaux membres afin d'en accroître la taille et la diversité. Les indications pour joindre l'AIS et le CR52 se trouvent plus bas dans ce Bulletin, de même que d'autres informations d'intérêt pour les lecteurs.

Mes meilleurs souhaits pour le temps des Fêtes et une bonne et heureuse année,

Helena

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Board member of RC52*

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IV ISA Forum of Sociology

Porto Alegre, Brazil • July 14-18, 2020 • Events Center PUCRS



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IV ISA Forum of Sociology

Events Centre PUCRS, Porto Alegre (Brazil), 14-18 July 2020

Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Intersectionality

RC52 will meet at the Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre, Brazil, 14-18 July 2020. The ISA Forum is designed as a mid-term meeting of Research Committees (RCs), Working Groups and Thematic Groups. The theme of the ISA Forum in Porto Alegre is “Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Intersectionality”

The selection of abstracts has now been completed – everyone who submitted an abstract should have received an email regarding the status of their abstract. Researchers from all over the world will participate – a total of 8624 abstracts have been accepted. RC52 has 19 sessions comprising 122 papers. The RC52 sessions include a Board meeting; two invited sessions, one highlighting early career researchers and PhD students and the other focusing on ‘Global Perspectives; with research contributions from Brazil, Mexico, Australia, and South Africa and a number of joint sessions. RC52 will host three joint sessions with RC17 (Sociology of Organisations), RC01 (Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution) and RC30 (Sociology of Work). RC52 also participates as a secondary RC in three other joint sessions with RC15 (Sociology of Health).

What’s next? Registration for paper presenters must be completed by **19 March 2020 24:00 GMT**. Registration must be paid by the deadline and presenters who fail to register will be automatically deleted from the program. The final programme will be available (online) in 5 May 2020.

If any participants require a formal 'Letter of Acceptance' from a Session Organiser please will you email your request. Session Organisers should note that the ISA Secretariat has prepared a model letter for each RC which can be requested at isa@isa-sociology.org.

A limited number of registration grants are available to individual ISA members in good standing (ie paid-up ISA members) who are active participants in the conference programme. Applicants should send an email requesting a registration grant to the Programme Coordinators by 31 January 2020. Applications can only be submitted to one research committee.

Please note the following deadlines:

- *Applications for registration grants:* 31 January 2020 24:00 GMT.
- *Registration deadline for presenters:* 19 March 2020 24:00 GMT.
- *Session organisers finalise sessions and assign chairs and discussants:* 1-17 April 2020 24:00 GMT
- *Authors to receive final session and presentation details:* 30 April.
- *Online programme published:* 5 May 2020 24:00 GMT

The ISA Forum RC52 programme coordinators are Debby Bonnin debby.bonnin@up.ac.za and Lara Maestriperi Lara.Maestriperi@uab.cat



NOTICES



News from the ESA Research Network 19 (Sociology of Professions)

Dynamics of Professions and Professionalism: Performance, Quality and Trust 25-28 August 2020, Utrecht University

In 2020 the ESA RN19 will hold an interim meeting in collaboration with the Utrecht University Focus area Professional Performance, and, the Utrecht University School of Governance.

Coordinators

Christiane Schnell, Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt;
Wieger Bakker, Utrecht University School of Governance;
Helena Hirvonen, University of Eastern Finland;
Mirko Noordegraaf, Utrecht University School of Governance

Call for papers

Ongoing societal changes strongly influence professions and professionalism. For instance, the internet has an impact on the availability of information and on the way in which people communicate; the pace of technological development – including artificial intelligence – is leading to the automation of a growing number of professional tasks. Meanwhile, globalisation, migration and changing geopolitical relationships are affecting the organisation of global production processes. In addition, professionals are becoming more connected across organisational, sectoral and national boundaries.

These changes have far-reaching consequences for the society in which professionals operate and for the organisations in which professionals work, in addition, they change the relationships between them and professional groups. Furthermore, the change occurs in the nature of the tasks that professionals perform; roles in which they work; and, what is expected and required of them in general.

During this conference, we want to emphasise the changing tasks and roles of professionals, the expectations and requirements they face, and the implications for the development of expertise during their working life. Issues concerning the connection between work, development and lifelong learning are highly important in such a context.

In taking this stance, we also offer space to different disciplinary perspectives on these issues, especially, but not only, disciplines that have their focus on specific professions (such as the life sciences, law, psychology, educational sciences, and veterinary sciences). Furthermore, with a few round tables and/or forum debates, we also want to engage in dialogue together with representatives of professional organisations.

The following broad questions will guide the discussion:

1. How do changing social demands and social contexts influence the professions and professional organisations as well as the dynamics of developing/changing professions?
2. What factors are central in organising professional quality and trust, in different domains?
3. How does socialisation take place, how do professionals learn, how do they acquire relevant expertise, and how do they adapt to changing contexts?
4. We invite papers, both empirical and theoretical, on established and emerging professions, concerning these and /or other related issues.

Abstract submission is open until Feb. 16, 2020. Please send your proposal (maximum 250 words) to: esarn19@gmail.com

Further information will be found on our website and on social media (<https://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn19-sociology-professions>)

The research network can be found on social media; Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ESARN19/> and on Twitter @ESA_rn19.



ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE
DES SOCIOLOGUES DE LANGUE FRANÇAISE

Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française

21st Congress, Tunis (6 - 10 July 2020)

The Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française (AISLF) will hold its 21st Congress in Tunis from 6-10 July 2020.

The theme of the Congress' is *Moral society: normative issues in contemporary societies* (our translation). Comité de recherche 32 - Savoirs, métiers, identités professionnelles (RC32 Knowledge, Occupations and Professional Identities) of the AISLF will launch its call for communications in September.

French-speaking researchers looking at various aspects of professional groups, work and knowledge might be interested by this opportunity - stay tuned! The call for communications will be published in the newsletter's Fall issue.

The Congress website is <https://congres2020.aislf.org/> Jean-Luc Bédard a board member of both RC32 (AISLF) and RC53 (ISA) is available to answer any questions or provide further information (jean-luc.bedard@teluq.ca).

NEWS FROM:

XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Association of Sociology (ALAS) and the IX Congress of the Latin American Association of Work Studies (ALAST)

The biannual edition of the *International Congress of the Latin American Association of Sociology (ALAS)* was held from 1–6 December in Peru, Lima. It brought together sociologists from all over Latin America, as well as, sociologists from other parts of the world who are working on issues in the region.

There were a total of 25 working groups, focusing on different topics (equivalent to the ISA Research Committees and Working Groups), and more than 3000 speakers present in the Peruvian capital.

GT17 Work and Productive Restructuring, is the working group that brings together issues that are relevant to RC30, RC44 and RC52 of ISA. A variety of round tables and panels were organised. There we participated with several colleagues who integrate this RC52, with different presentations, among them who subscribe.

Furthermore the *IX Congress of the Latin American Association of Work Studies (ALAST)* was held in Bogota, Colombia, from 10-12 July of this year. Here topics related to the RC30, RC44 and RC52 of ISA are also addressed. There were also many colleagues from RC52 present.

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The mailing list of ISA RC52 is now available for subscription at: <http://bit.ly/RC52listSubscription>. The mailing list is the new official news channel of ISA RC52, in compliance with GDPR regulation of European Union. Please subscribe to the mailing list if you want to be updated about our initiatives and to keep receiving the ISA RC52 newsletter

NEWSLETTER AND BLOG CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the *RC52 Newsletter* are very welcome. These could feature news, new developments in the field, publications, forthcoming events including conferences, report-backs. Anything that you think might be of interest to members and help fulfil the objectives of RC52.

Please email, as a word document, your contribution to the Newsletter Editor Debby Bonnin debby.bonnin@up.ac.za



RC52 Blog

Remember the ISA-RC52 Blog

Please remember that you can post any news with relevance for the ISA-RC52 community and beyond on our blog! It could be call for papers, news on publications, or notes on events and developments in your part of the world.

Send your contribution to blog editor Gitte Sommer Harrits at isa52.blog@gmail.com. And follow the blog at www.researchcommittee52.wordpress.com.



CALL FOR BOOK PROPOSALS

SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: FUTURE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTIONS

The series centres on the production of high quality, original work in the sociology of health professions with an innovative focus on the future directions of such professions. It covers a wide range of health professional areas, and interrelated health fields such as social care, medicine, nursing and allied health. It is oriented towards final year/postgraduate students, academic lecturers and researchers, practitioners and policy makers. Its general aims are:

- To inform/stimulate debate about the sociology of health professions
- To influence policy development and practice in the fields concerned
- To make a significant contribution to thinking in the sociology of health
- To produce original national/international work of recognised high quality.

The first book in the series was published last year:

Chamberlain, M. J., Dent, M. and Saks, M. (eds) (2018) *Professional Health Regulation in the Public Interest: International Perspectives*, Policy Press, Bristol.

Due in 2020:

Saks, M. (ed) *Support Workers and Health Professions in International Perspective: The Invisible Providers of Healthcare*, Bristol: Policy Press.

The following books have been commissioned in the series:

Balasubramanian, M., Brennan, D., Spencer, A. J., Gallagher, J. and Short, S. D. *The Age of Healthcare Migration: Dentistry and Globalisation*, Bristol: Policy Press.

Denis, J-L., Régis, C., Germain, S. and Veronesi, G. *Medical Doctors in Health Reforms: A Comparative Study of England and Canada*, Bristol: Policy Press.

Nancarrow, S. and Borthwick, A. *The Allied Health Professions: A Sociological Perspective*, Bristol: Policy Press.

More proposals in the series are invited. Please send expressions of interest to the series co-editors Mike Saks and Mike Dent.

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Recent and Forthcoming Publications



The latest issue of the Journal of Professions and Organizations Volume 6, Issue 3, October 2019 is available at <https://academic.oup.com/jpo/issue/6/3>

P & PROFESSIONS PROFESSIONALISM

Professions and Professionalism (P&P) is an open-access online journal that invites research-based empirical, theoretical or synoptic articles focusing on traditional professions as well as other knowledge based occupational groups approached from any perspective or discipline. The journal creates a space for development of the research field, prioritizing no single theoretical horizon or methodological approach. All articles are peer-reviewed.

News: Essay is introduced as a new genre in Professions and Professionalism. [Read more.](#)

A new issue Vol 9, No 3 (2019) is out now: Special Issue: A Southern African Dialogue on the Professions and Professional Work

Debby Bonnin & Shaun Ruggunan: [Editorial: A Southern African Dialogue](#)

Kristen Abrahams, Harsha Kathard, Michal Harty & Mershen Pillay: [Inequity and the Professionalisation of Speech-Language Pathology](#)

Debby Bonnin: [Striking a Regulatory Bargain. The Legal Profession, Associations and the State in South Africa](#)

Splagchna Ngoni Chikarara: [The Precariatization of Zimbabwean Engineers in South Africa](#)

Karin Barac, Elizabeth Gammie, Bryan Howieson & Marianne Van Staden: [How do Auditors Navigate Conflicting Logics in Everyday Practice?](#)

Indexing

The journal is included in Scopus and EBSCO Sociology Source Ultimate indexes

For further information, registration with the journal, downloading and submission of articles access: www.professionsandprofessionalism.com

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ISA RC52 Blog

The ISA RC52 blog researchcommittee52.wordpress.com has been available online for the past two years and provides a space where all those interested in professions can participate and put a step forward in the debate about professions.

PhD students and early career researchers are especially invited to participate, but the blog is open to everybody who is interested in the sociology of professions. It welcomes notices (max 1000 words) about professions in Europe and in the world, in which RC52 members and non-members can present their recent work in the field of sociology of professions and/or exchange of research findings. There are three main sections:

- **Conferences:** write about your national and international forthcoming conferences on professions
- **Publications:** present your recent books about relevant topics for RC52.
- **Debates:** introduce your research, discuss 'hot spots' in the area of professions and professionalism, propose a new debate, or search for research project collaborators.

Everybody interested in participating the blog, please send a brief summary of your idea (max 150 words) to Gitte Sommer Harrits (isa52.blog@gmail.com), member of the ISA RC52 Executive Board and Representative of PhD students and early career researchers.

researchcommittee52.wordpress.com

We strongly encourage you to re-join RC52 and ISA when your membership is due for renewal. Do also inform your colleagues about RC52 and ask them to join RC52 so that we can increase the strength of the group. To join the ISA please visit the ISA website and register online. The regular affiliation fees for RC52 specifically are an additional USD 40 for a 4 year period: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/>

Individual ISA membership is open to scholars and professionals of sociological teaching, research or practice. At present there are more than 5,000 members from 167 countries.

Benefits:

- Participation in the activities of the ISA and its [Research Committees](#), [Working](#) and [Thematic Groups](#) (additional fee required).
- Reduction in registration fees at ISA World Congress and Forum of Sociology
- Online access to ISA journals [Current Sociology](#) and [International Sociology](#)
- Reception of [isagram](#), an electronic newsletter containing announcements of conferences, calls for papers and manuscripts, prizes, competitions, job offers, etc.
- Discount 45% on SAGE Publications books.
- Discount price, £9.99 postage included, on [SAGE Studies in International Sociology](#) books published since 2013.
- On-line access to
 - [SAGE Sociology Collection](#), which includes 83 journals.
 - [Sage Research Methods](#), a resource which brings together information on methodological issues and choices, and provides copies of relevant articles; it can be used in many ways, including the planning of teaching methods and the making of decisions on what methods might be appropriate for a new project.
- ISA Digital Worlds:
 - [Global Dialogue](#) - Newsletter published in 16 languages. A venue for debates, reports on conferences, state of different sociologies, interviews, and much more.
 - [sociopedia.isa](#) - An online database with state-of-the-art review articles in social sciences.
 - [eSymposium](#) - Forum through which ISA members are able to engage in debate, showcasing the diverse work, practices, ideas and voices.
 - [Social Justice & Democratization Space](#) - Website that aims to build a global community through an open participatory approach to research, policy, pedagogy, practices and images.
 - [Universities in Crisis](#) - Blog of the ISA with reports of concerned academics on the status of universities in the world.
 - [Journeys through Sociology](#) - Interviews with members of the ISA Executive Committee.
 - [Sociotube](#) - Videos of ISA Conferences and of the everyday life of sociologists.

All members may participate in the meetings of the ISA and its Research Committees, and the Working and Thematic Groups upon paying an affiliation fee.

To apply for membership, submit:

- electronic membership or renewal form
<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership>
- membership form in pdf format
- or write to ISA at isa@isa-sociology.org

Change of Address

If you change your email or postal address, please do not forget to contact us by email.

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With a copy to ISA RC52 Treasurer/Secretary Lara Maestriperi,
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