



The Body in the Social Sciences

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“Bodies at the World Cities”

1 Report on Activities 2014-2018

During the last four-year period, the RC54 has organized the following International Events and produced the following collective books:

a. International Events:

(2015) International Conference “The Body Times: Private Hopes and Public Conflicts”, 28-29 November, University of Roma Tre, Sala Volpi;
<https://www.google.it/search?q=sala+volpi+universita+roma+tre&oq=sala+volpi+universita+roma+tre&aqs=chrome..69i57.40332j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>;

(2016): RC54 at Third ISA Forum of Sociology, Wien, July 10-14, 2016
<https://www.isa-sociology.org>;

(2017): RC54 International Conference “The Challenge of the Global Migrant”, 19-20 January 2017, Italian Parliament, Sala del Refettorio;
Via del Seminario 76;
www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/imagen/396-rc54-global-migrant-programme-2017.pdf

(2018) “Against Violence and Racism: Performing Bodies at the Living Spaces of the World Cities”, RC54 Programme at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 15-21 July, 2018

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogram/Symposium491.html>

b- RC54 Collective Books

(2015) Bianca Maria Pirani, Thomas S. Smith, (eds.), *Body and Time: Bodily Rhythms and Social Synchronism in the Digital Media Society*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 2XX, UK
<https://books.google.it/books?isbn=144386868X>

(2016) Bianca Maria Pirani, Thomas S. Smith (eds) *Embodiment and Cultural Differences*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 2XX, UK,
<https://books.google.it/books?isbn=1443898236>

(2018), Bianca Maria Pirani (ed.), *The Borders of Integration: Empowered Bodies and Social Cohesion*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 2XX, UK,
<https://books.google.it/books?isbn=1527513262>

2. RC54 Programme at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 15-21 July, 2018

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/>

As stated by Confex (cfr. above), the RC54 Programme at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, was a full success in its edition on line.

Nevertheless this “appearance”, the evidence of reality demonstrated, by the way, **its lack right on the scene of the Event**. What happened? Although **both the organized JS** “The Power of Heritage: Encountering Differences and Marking Identities” (**JS 38, RC54- RC14/** Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture”/ and **JS 27, RC54 - RC05,** “Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity”/ **were successful in audience, high quality of papers and active participation**, the remaining **12** allowed Sessions showed **just 4 effective Chairs:** myself, **Craig Cook, Monica Mosquita and Irmak Karademir Haziz**.

I personally thanks the friends Craig Cook and Monica Mesquita for their strong support to my own running from one Session to another during the day and the night and I hope for the election of both to the new Provisory

Board. **Why this discrepancy between the advertising and the effectual action “sur place”?**

In search of a plausible justification to this very **unsettling social behaviour** that the RC54 very pragmatically showed at the official seat of the XIX World Congress of Sociology (Toronto, Canada, 15-21 July 2018. MTTC NORTH BUILDING), professor Geoffrey Players (ISA, Vice-President, Research) and myself we decided in **common and full agreement** to entrusting the ISA Secretariat to the due elections of a **Provisory Board**. The new transition Board will be elected for 22 months. A new election will take place at the latest at the ISA Forum of Sociology scheduled for July 2020 in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

We invite all RC54 Members in good standing (i.e. those have paid both ISA and RC54 fees as of September 15, 2018) to participate in the elections! I kindly inform you, besides, that I will candidate myself just as a **Member of this Provisory Board**.

3. “Bodies at the World Cities”

This is the name of the **New International Website** /of course linked to the RC54 homepage, but open to all the New Social Scholars interested in focusing on the **architecture of the body as a dynamic and localized means of sociological analysis**. The website will be launched on the next January 2019 together with the official advertisement of the namesake International Conference that will be organized on the next June 2019. As organizer of both the quoted **Website** and of this **International Conference**, I invite therefore each of you to send from this moment proposals for the the active and **free Sections of the forthcoming website / as *Heath, Food, Sport, Bonds, Migrations, New Urban Spaces, Marriages, Cultural and Social Anthropology, and so on* - that, step by step, will try to transform the body from a casual side project / as is currently is/ to a revolutionary tool: i.e., as a “drive belt” between the individual and the “localized truth” of reality.**

Best regards

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