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**FROM THE SECRETARY**

At the World Congress, we shall be holding our Business Meeting. Please do not groan and plan to do something else at that time! This is your big opportunity to make RCHS be as you would hope, by making programme suggestions and offering ideas on how it should be run in general. Probably the most important item is to decide when and where our 1996 interim conference will be held, and what subjects it will cover. Maybe you would like to volunteer to act as the local organiser? If so, your offer will certainly be very welcome - and it would be helpful if you could check out before the Congress the likely costs, when your institution could fit it in and what local resources might be available. If you are interested in this possibility, please let me or any other RCHS Committee member know before the Business Meeting so that we can review the offers and maybe discuss it with you.

***Note that World Congress registration is much cheaper before March 31, and for ISA (not just RCHS) members.*** For your convenience, copies of membership application and Congress registration forms are attached at the end of this newsletter.

If your subscription to RCHS is due, I shall be prepared to accept it at the World Congress in cash (£ sterling or Deutschmarks only, please). If, however, you can send it in the usual way without difficulty it helps to have it sooner, please; see the end of this newsletter for how to send it - unfortunately this is a little complicated, but the complication saves us what would otherwise be impossible foreign exchange costs.

## WORLD CONGRESS PLANS

Our programme is now in place, and it looks excellent. We have more sessions for RCHS than ever before, and have taken full advantage of this opportunity. The expected schedule and papers are listed below.

### **Monday July 18**

- 16.30-18.30 Committee meeting  
Rethinking the sociological origins of the sociology of education (I) (jointly with RC on the Sociology of Education)
- 19.00-21.00 General session  
Rethinking the sociological origins of the sociology of education (II)

### **Tuesday July 19**

- 14.00-16.00 History of the sociology of religion (I) (jointly with RC on the Sociology of Religion)
- 16.30-18.30 History of the sociology of religion (II)
- 19.00-21.00 Early emergences of sociological discourses (I)

### **Wednesday July 20**

- 14.00-16.00 Early emergences of sociological discourses (II)
- 16.30-18.30 History of applied sociology
- 19.00 -21.00 History of empirical research and its relation to policy and to theory.

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### **Thursday July 21**

- 14.00-16.00 Traditions of social thought in East and Central Europe: origins and emigrations. (I)

- 16.30-18.30 Stalinism and sociology in Eastern Europe, 1944-55.  
 19.00-21.00 Traditions of social thought in East and Central Europe: origins and emigrations. (II)

**Friday July 22**

- 14.00-16.00 The nature and status of classical sociological theory  
 19.00-21.00 Changing technology and the division of labour: a historical approach (jointly with RC on the Sociology of Work)

**Saturday July 23**

- 14.00-16.00 History of sociology and public audiences  
 16.30-18.30 History of the sociology of art and its relation to general sociology (jointly with RC on the Sociology of the Arts)

The papers expected are these:

**Rethinking the sociological origins of the sociology of education (I)**

- Julia Wrigley 'Theoretical ferment and academic specialties: the case of the sociology of education.'  
 Peter W. Cookson & Alan R. Sadovnik 'Connecting the macro and micro: Erving Goffman and the sociology of education.'  
 Brian Davies 'The origins of the British sociology of education.'  
 Philip Wexler 'Radical theory, post-modernism and the sociology of education.'

**General session**

- Jeffrey Alexander & Giuseppe Sciortino 'On choosing one's intellectual predecessors: a comment on Charles Camic.'  
 Charles Camic reply to Alexander and Sciortino.  
 Kevin Anderson 'Marx's method: from Das Kapital (1867) to Le Capital (1872-5).'
- Yuval Yonay 'Institutional economics as classical sociology.'  
 Kay S. Chanthanom 'The globalization perspective in sociology: the relevance of the classics.'  
 Frank Furedi 'Sociology's ambivalent encounter with the 'detribalised native' in Africa.'  
 Josep R. Llobera 'Theorising the 'other': the emergence of a discourse on race in sixteenth century Spain'.

**Rethinking the sociological origins of the sociology of education (II)**

- David Baker American sociology of education and isolationism.'  
 Anton Wesselingh 'The origins of the Dutch sociology of education reconsidered.'  
 Larry Saha 'Durkheim's sociology of education: a critical reassessment.'

**Sociology of religion: from classic to modern approaches (I) and (II)**

- Maija Arvola 'Disparity in Roman Catholic and university views: Parisian sociology of religion, 1920-1970.'  
 Jean -Jacques Dubois 'La révolution sandiniste: une revitalisation nativiste, éthique et religieuse.'  
 Hans Joas 'The pragmatist theory of religion.'  
 Helen Karabatzaki 'T. Parsons' general views on religion.'  
 David Lyon 'Religion, postmodernity and social theory.'  
 Stefano Martelli 'Religion in the postmodern society: three ways of desecularisation.'

- Roberto Motta 'La notion de vocation chez Max Weber: la rationalité catholique et la lutte pour la culture.'
- Albert Piette 'Regard paradoxal sur le fait religieux.'
- José A. Prades 'Durkheim's concept of religion revisited.'
- Luigi Tomasi 'The sociology of religion in Albion W. Small: its influence on the Chicago school of sociology.'
- Ivan Varga 'Changes in religion in post-modernity.'
- T. R. Young 'Religion and the new world order: postmodern theology and social justice.'

### **Early emergences of sociological discourses (I)**

- Sven Eliäson 'Secularization and natural law: the case of Samuel Pufendorf.'
- Susan Hoecker-Drysdale 'The sociology of Harriet Martineau.'
- Mario Aldo Toscano 'Sociology and sociological spirit: coming out of Renaissance.'
- Paolo Barbesino 'The problem of sociology: a possible deconstruction.'
- Paolo de Nardis 'Social theory, history of sociology, institutions, communications.'
- Christopher Adair-Toteff 'Kant's philosophical influence on classical German sociology: Simmel's "Exkurse über das Problem: Wie ist Gesellschaft möglich?".'
- Zoltan Tarr 'Ethnic conflict in early Austrian-Hungarian sociology.'

### **Early emergences of sociological discourses (II)**

- Björn Eriksson 'The heterogeneity of ends: a causal model for the social sciences.'
- Norman Stockman 'Benjamin Kidd, Liang Qichao, and social Darwinism in China.'
- Vittorio Cotesta 'Ideas of secularisation in the XVII and XVIII centuries.'
- Mahmoud Dhaouadi 'Into the determinants of Ibn Khaldun's pioneering and creative thought.'
- Orlando Lentini 'Machiavellian social analysis.'
- Sam Whimster 'From patrimonialism to Max Weber's agrarian sociology.'
- Horst Jürgen Helle 'Spinoza's influence on Georg Simmel.'

### **History of applied sociology**

- Carsten Klingemann 'Applied sociology in the Third Reich'
- William Phillips 'Urban sociology and city planning at the turn of the century: reevaluating significant links in Britain, Germany and the US.'
- Greta Jones 'British sociologists and eugenics.'
- Martin Bulmer 'Sociological criminology in Illinois between the wars: the successful institutionalisation of applied sociology.'
- J.Joaquin Rodriguez Gonzalez 'The limits of (self)understanding of contemporary sociology: the case of Leopold von Wiese.'

### **History of empirical research and its relation to policy and to theory.**

- Charles Camic 'Discipline and data: Franklin Giddings and the beginnings of American quantitative sociology.'
- Jean-Michel Chapoulie 'Perspectives sur l'institution scolaire et types d'enquêtes sur l'école en France 1880-1980.'
- Ricca Edmondson 'Theory and prejudice in empirical studies of older people.'
- Donald Fisher 'The social sciences field in Canada: the struggle for legitimacy in English-speaking universities.'
- Irmela Gorges 'The social sciences and empirical social research as "guarantors for freedom", 1945-1970.'

- Jennifer Platt 'Scientific theory and scientific practice.'  
 David Schweitzer 'Alienation theory, empirical research, and reified practices in the workplace.'

### **Traditions of social thought in East and Central Europe: origins and emigrations. (I)**

- Andreas Boss 'Individualism and community in Russian-Orthodox Christianity.'  
 Erhard Stölting 'Russian sociology in American exile: the case of Pitirim Sorokin.'  
 Edith Kurzweil 'The transfer of psychoanalytical knowledge: the thought of Sandor Ferenczy.'  
 György Litvan 'The first workshop of sociology in Hungary: origins and emigrations.'  
 Eva Karadi 'The turn from philosophy to sociology in the Hungarian School of Human Sciences (Lukacs, Mannheim, Hauser).'  
 Zoltan Rostas 'The institutionalisation of Rumanian social research: the monographic school of Dimitrie Gusti.'

### **Stalinism and sociology in Eastern Europe, 1944-55.**

- Włodzimierz Winclawski 'Stalinism and Sociology: the Polish Case.'  
 Dmitri Shalin 'Stalinist Sociology and Sociology of Stalinism.'  
 Zoltan Rostas 'Strategies of Survival and Strategies of Utilisation: the Relationships between Romanian Sociology and the Communist Party in the 1950s and 1960s.'  
 Eduard Urbanek 'Stalinist Influences on Sociology in Czechoslovakia.'

### **Traditions of social thought in East and Central Europe: origins and emigrations. (II)**

- Ilja Srubar 'Traditions of social thought in Czechoslovakia: origins and emigrations.'  
 Deyan Kiuranov 'Traditions of social thought in Bulgaria.'  
 Mihai Coman 'Metamorphosis of the Rumanian myth of the intellectual from the '30s to the post-totalitarian period: Mircea Eliade, historian of religion and philosopher.'  
 Władysław Kwasniewicz 'Development of sociology versus types of academic careers of sociologists: the case of Poland.'  
 Antoni Sulek 'Paul F. Lazarsfeld and Polish sociology: sixty years of influences.'  
 Rastko Mocnik 'The vagaries of Yugoslav sociology: 1968-1989.'

### **The nature and status of classical sociological theory**

- Uta Gerhardt 'Parsons' system theory and the reeducation of Germany: classical theory and contemporary society.'  
 Donald N. Levine 'The variable status of the classics in differing narratives of the sociological tradition.'  
 Thomas Brante 'Emile Durkheim and the rationalist philosophers.'  
 Harry F. Dahms 'Integrating Marx's philosophy of history and Weber's theory of rationalisation: Joseph Schumpeter's contribution to economic sociology and social theory.'  
 Nikita Pokrovsky 'Pitirim Sorokin's place in sociological theory: a Russian perspective.'  
 Elzbieta Halas 'Humanists vs. naturalists: Robert M. MacIver's Columbia circle and the methodological debate in the thirties.'  
 Dick Pels 'Karl Mannheim and the sociology of scientific knowledge: toward a new agenda.'

### **Changing technology and the division of labour: a historical approach**

- Alice Angel de Saiva Abreu 'The gendering of technological change: new perspectives on the flexible specialisation debate.'
- Dieter Bögenhold 'The historical rise of mass production in different views of classical sociological positions: alternative perceptions for the future at the beginning of the 20th century.'
- Juan José Castillo 'La organizacion cientifica del trabajo en sus origenes: la obra de Charles Babbage.'
- Claude Gilain-Le Pape 'Sociétaires et/ou syndiqués? Coopérateurs au début du siècle.'
- Yvette Lucas 'Temps et techniques: l'apport de Pierre Naville à la sociologie du travail.'
- Benoît Petit 'Division du travail dans les grandes coopératives agricoles est-allemandes (LPG) entre 1970 et 1990.'
- Galina Sokolova 'Socio-cultural function of the division of labour.'
- Mark Walden & Anna Zajicek 'Labour relations within changing political economies: a comparative analysis.'

### **History of sociology and public audiences**

- Dénés Némedi 'The paradox of Durkheimian sociology.'
- Erwin K. Scheuch 'Evolution of German sociology as an international intellectual commodity.'
- Martin C. Albrow 'British sociology and its audiences.'

### **History of the sociology of art and its relation to general sociology**

- Sandra Ball-Rokeach 'Cemeteries, family photographers, video file tapes: valid methods for those who do not speak 'this' language.'
- Kurt Blaukopf 'The heritage of Bernard Bolzano: new light on the anticipation of sociology and sociography in nineteenth-century positivism.'
- André Ducret 'L'art et la technique: Francastel vs. Giedion.'
- Christine Dupuit 'Le désenchantement du mode et l'écriture fictionnelle de la folie: figures de la modernité chez Max Weber et Guy de Maupassant.'
- Douglas Harper 'On the authority of the image: visual sociology at the crossroads.'
- Douglas Kellner 'Cultural studies and media studies: overcoming the divide.'
- Gladys & Kurt Lang 'Fight or flight: reconstructing artistic traditions under changing political regimes.'
- Thelma McCormack 'The history of the pornography debate: concepts and methods.'
- Brian Ranson 'Art, craft and authentic living: western myths and eastern experience.'
- Cheryl Zollars & Muriel G. Cantor 'Creators of culture: changing sociological approaches to "artists" and "communicators".'

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Special thanks once again to our colleagues Leo Chall and Martin Bulmer for their help in distributing this Newsletter, which keeps the expense to our limited funds down.

### **RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS**

Philippe Besnard, M. Borlandi and P. Vogt (eds.) Division du travail et lien social: Durkheim un siècle après (Presses Universitaires de France, 1993)

- Charles Camic (ed.) Talcott Parsons: The Early Essays (University of Chicago Press)
- R.Helmes-Hayes "Hobhouse twice removed": John Porter and the LSE years, 1946-9', Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology 27:3, 1990.  
 "From universal history to historical sociology" by J.A.Banks: a critical comment', British Journal of Sociology 43:3, 1992  
 "A neglected classic": Leonard Marsh's *Canadians In and Out of Work*' (with D. Wilcox-Magill), Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology 30:1, 1993
- Stephen Kalberg Max Weber's Comparative-Historical Sociology (University of Chicago Press. 1994.)
- David Kettler and Volker Meja "Their own peculiar way": Karl Mannheim and the rise of women', International Sociology 8:1, 1993.
- Hartmut Lehmann and Guenther Roth (eds.) Weber's Protestant Ethic: Origins, Evidence, Contexts (Cambridge University Press)
- Klaus Lichtblau 'Das Verstehen des Verstehens. Georg Simmel und die Tradition einer hermeneutischen Kultur- und Sozialwissenschaft', in ed. T. Jung and S. Müller- Doohm, 'Wirklichkeit' im Deutungsprozeß: Verstehen und Methoden in den Kultur- und Sozial-wissenschaften (Suhrkamp, Frankfurt am Main)  
 'Simmel, Weber und die "verstehende Soziologie"', Berliner Journal für Soziologie III:2, 1993.  
 'The Protestant Ethic versus the "New Ethic"', in ed. Lehmann and Roth
- Volker Meja and Nico Stehr 'The sociology of knowledge and the ethos of science', in ed. E. Leonard et al., In Search of Community, (Fordham U. Press, 1993.)
- Birgitta Nedelmann and Piotr Sztompka (eds.) Sociology in Europe: In Search of Identity (De Gruyter 1993.)
- Robert A.Nye Masculinity and Male Codes of Honor in Modern France (Oxford University Press)
- Dick Pels 'Hendrik de Man and the fascist temptation', History of the Human Sciences May 1993.
- Jennifer Platt ' "Acting as a switchboard": Mrs Ethel Sturges Dummer's role in sociology.', The American Sociologist 23:3, 1992.  
 'The Chicago School and firsthand data', History of the Human Sciences Feb. 1994.

## NEWS AND NOTES

- Sociological Theory is seeking articles for a special issue on neglected theorists. The kind of paper sought should be on the ideas - not just the biography - of theorists whose ideas

'were at one time very current and significant within the social sciences, but have for a variety of reasons fallen from view.' Suggested examples of appropriate figures are Kenneth Burke, Cooley, Geiger, Gurvitch, Halbwachs, Le Bon, Le Play, MacIver, Mannheim, Masaryk, Mumford, Ogburn, Scheler, Schutz, Sorokin, Spencer, Tarde, Thomas, Tönnies, Veblen, Znaniecki. Contributions should be sent to the editor, Alan Sica, at 211 Oswald Tower, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802-6207, USA, by no later than May 15, 1994, and should follow the journal's usual guidelines.

- Some recent articles which might be of interest to members:

History of the Human Sciences, August 1993:

- Gary A. Abraham     Context and prejudice in Max Weber's thought: criticisms of Wilhelm Hennis.  
 Wilhelm Hennis     Properly contextualised? A reply to Professor Abraham.  
 Gary Dean Jaworski   Pitirim A. Sorokin's sociological anarchism.

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A round table on Chinese sociology and sinicisation:

- Dai Kejing             The vicissitudes of sociology in China  
 Bettina Gransow     Chinese sociology: sinicisation and globalisation.  
 Chan Hoiman         Some meta-sociological notes on the sinicisation of sociology.  
 Sun Chung-Hsing     Aspects of 'sinicisation' and 'globalisation'.

- Cheiron America (the society for the history of the behavioral and social sciences) will be holding its annual conference at the Université du Québec, Montréal, on June 2-5 1994. Details are available from Dr Harry A. Whitaker, Dept. de Psychologie, Université du Québec à Montréal, Case postale 8888, Succursale A, Montréal, Québec, Canada H3C 3P8. (fax: 514 987 7953, e-mail: whitake@ere.umontreal.ca). The deadline for submitting papers is now past.
- Cheiron Europe will be meeting in Paris on Sept. 7-11; details are available from Régine Plas, Histoire de la Psychologie, U.F.R. Institut de la Psychologie, Centre Henri Piéron, 28 rue Serpente, 75006 Paris. Papers are invited, and among the topics welcomed most likely to appeal to RCHS members are the history of the boundaries between sociology and social psychology, writing the history of the social sciences how and for whom?, and the history of the political and social sciences in connection with the 100th anniversary of the affaire Dreyfus. Papers should be sent to the Programme Committee (sorry, no room for all the addresses and specifications here) by 15 April.
- A book has been published, edited by his friends and colleagues, which collects some of Michael Pollak's most important writings; it includes a section of his work on the history of the social sciences. It is: M. Pollak, Une identité blessée (Editions Métailié, Paris, 1993).
- 1994 is the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Myrdal's An American Dilemma. Perhaps this should be marked in some way?
- RCHS member Dick Pels is convening a session at the World Congress for the RC on the Sociology of Science and Technology, on the politics of knowledge; he hopes that this

will promote exchange among researchers from science studies, history of theory, sociology of knowledge and political sociology.

- The archives of the Rockefeller Foundation are a wonderful resource for the history of the social sciences, and not only in the USA. Moreover, there is a programme of grants for travel to and research in the Archive Center. For details of holdings and of grants and how to apply for them, write to: Darwin H. Stapleton, Director, Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Ave., North Tarrytown, New York 10591, USA.
- An international clearing-house newsletter for Americanists, Connections, has just been established. In it individual scholars of any aspect of the American past will be able to describe their needs, offerings and interests and learn about those of others. It will list opportunities such as collaborative research projects, sharing of ideas and syllabuses, exchanges of jobs or houses, and so on. There is no charge for submitting an item, but it must not be longer than 100 words, and must include a name and mailing address and preferably also telephone, fax, e-mail. Submissions should be sent to Michael Schreiner, Clearinghouse Coordinator, Connections, Organization of American Historians, 112 North Bryan St., Bloomington, IN 47408-4199, USA. (☎812-855-8726; fax 812-856-0696; e-mail mschrein@ucs.indiana.edu.)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

Many members would probably be interested to hear news of work in progress before it reaches the stage of publication. You are invited to send in your news to appear under this heading.

Rick Helmes-Hayes of the University of Waterloo, Ontario, sets the ball rolling. He has three projects under way: (i) a 'belated book review' of Canada's first introductory sociology textbook, Dawson and Gettys' Introduction to Sociology (1929, 1935, 1948), which he thinks suggests that the conventional image of what was going on in North American sociology at the time misrepresents its complexity; (ii) an examination of the work of Everett Hughes, arguing that he developed a perspective unusual in the Chicago tradition for its attention to issues of power and class; (iii) an intellectual biography of Canada's most famous sociologist, John Porter.

### NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Christopher Adair-Toteff (Mr Christopher Adair-Toteff, Dept. of Philosophy, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, CPR 107 Tampa, Florida 33620-5550, USA.)

Kevin Anderson Hegel, Marx, the Frankfurt School's critical theory, French social theory. (Professor Kevin Anderson, Dept. of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115, U.S.A.)

- Paolo Barbesino History of sociology, sociology of scientific knowledge, history of ideas.  
(Paolo Barbesino, Via G.B. Casella 37, Milano, I-20156, ITALY.)
- Kay Suvajee Chanthanom Theory, globalization paradigm, cultural sociology, medical sociology. (Ms Kay S. Chanthanom, Dept. of Sociology, 2E002 FQUAD, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, U.S.A.)
- Paolo de Nardis Social theory, history of sociology, institutions, communications.  
(Paolo de Nardis, via Madonna de Fatima 22, 00147 Roma, Italy.)
- Mahmoud Dhaouadi Ibn Khaldun's thought; cultural symbols (language, thought, religion, science/knowledge); Third World underdevelopment. (Dr M. Dhaouadi, Faculté des Sciences Humaines et Sociales, 94, Bd. 9 Avril, Tunis 1007, TUNISIA.)
- Donald Fisher Demarcation of the social sciences; philanthropy and social science; the state and social science. (Professor Donald Fisher, Dept of Social and Educational Studies, University of British Columbia, 2125 Main Mall, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6T 1Z4, CANADA.)
- Frank Furedi Race; élite theories of society; political sociology of nationalism.  
(Dr Frank Furedi, Keynes College, The University, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NP, ENGLAND.)
- Orlando Lentini Italian social analysis from Humanism to the present; general history of social analysis; history of organisational thought. (Professor Orlando Lentini, Via Eleonora d'Arborea 12, 00162 Roma, ITALY.)
- Katsumata Masanao Max Weber's sociology of religion (Katsumata Masanao, Saiwai-cho 18-24, Chigasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken, 253 JAPAN.)
- Yasuo Natsukari History of French sociology; Durkheim. (Dr Yasuo Natsukari, 2-22-15 Sekimachi-minami, Nerima-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN.)
- Masayuki Yamashita History of French sociology in the latter half of the 19th century. (Dr Masayuki Yamashita, 14-37 Izumidono-cho, Shugakuinn, Sakyo, Kyoto, JAPAN.)

### DUES INFORMATION

Is your subscription due? If it is, please arrange to pay it as soon as possible. **The current subscription is \$10 for one year, or \$30 for 4 years.** (Members from countries with currency problems are invited to let the Secretary know if they have difficulties, and it may be possible to make arrangements.)

Here - with apologies for the complexity, which our need to avoid our account's high foreign-exchange charges makes necessary - is how to pay. **Only people using a British bank account should send their dues to the Secretary;** this can be done either by sending a cheque made out to "RCHS Platt" , or by direct transfer to Girobank account 12 574 8302. (The cheque should be in £ sterling, with the dollar amount translated into the equivalent at

the tourist rate of exchange; at the time of writing, that is c.£6.85 or £20.55.) **All other members should send the money to Prof. Dirk Käsler**, Universität Hamburg , Institut für Soziologie , Allende-Platz 1 , D 20146 Hamburg, Germany, or, in continental Europe, to minimize bank charges use the Postal Giro Service : Postgiroamt München (BLZ 700 100 80), Account 822 22-809 Käsler RCHS. He will inform the Secretary of your payment, so only one letter is required - but **please think at the same time of sending her news of publications, meetings, work in progress etc., plus any address changes.**

**Please note that the renewal of your membership is taken to imply that you have no objection to your membership details being kept on computer.**

Membership in the RCHS is open to all members of national sociological associations, members of research institutes affiliated with the ISA, and individual scholars who show their interest in the area through their teaching and/or research activities. You are cordially invited to become a member of the RCHS, with full voting rights and other privileges, by returning the form below to the Secretary or Prof. Käsler and paying your dues as indicated above.

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