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## From the Secretary

No member has objected to the proposal in the last Newsletter that we should follow the advice of ISA President Wallerstein and delay our elections until the period before the World Congress in 1998; that is, therefore, what we shall do. I hope that members will take the opportunity of the Amsterdam meeting to discuss with each other who would be suitable and willing to be nominated for our offices as that time approaches. I shall be happy to talk to anyone interested about the Secretary's tasks.

Another subject for discussion, to be decided officially at the Business Meeting which we shall hold in Amsterdam, is our plans for the programme of the Montréal World Congress in 1998. Any members who will not be present in Amsterdam, but have ideas which they would like put to the meeting, are invited to send them to the Secretary in advance for presentation there.

## Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship

Enclosed is a poster with details of the newly-established Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship, which you are asked to advertise among graduate students likely to be interested and suitable. It is a highly attractive opportunity, for which students anywhere in the world will be eligible, though applications must be submitted in English.

Mrs Miriam Chall has asked RCHS to provide a group of 3 members who would be prepared to scrutinise the applications for the fellowship and draw up a short list over the summer, from which the Board of Sociological Abstracts would make the final choice. The selection of this group will be on the agenda of the Amsterdam Business Meeting. If you know a colleague who would be suitable, it might be a good idea to consult them now about their availability. In principle it seems desirable that the 3 members should have different areas of expertise, and probably be drawn from different national or other intellectual traditions, to maximise the chances of fairness as between applicants; any specific rules can be discussed at the meeting.

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## AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

I intend to come to the conference in May 1996.

Name and address: .....

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I plan to attend the conference dinner ..... Yes\*.....No

\* n.b. if your plans change, you should cancel this booking to avoid paying for the ordered dinner.

**Please send this slip to Jennifer Platt to arrive by April 30.**

## 1996 AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE

## Intellectual plans

- Those giving papers are requested to bring some copies of their paper with them for distribution. (The general working language of the conference will be English, but the other languages officially accepted by the ISA are French and Spanish.)
- Publicity material for books, journals, conferences and courses closely relevant to RCHS's general remit will be accepted for display, and members are invited to bring it with them.

*Planned sessions are listed below. Some changes from this of timing and/or papers offered may prove necessary; no further newsletter will, however, appear before May.*

### Thursday May 16

**13.30 - 15.00**

Author meets critics: Donald Levine's *Visions of the Sociological Tradition*

(Critics: Harold Orbach, Guenther Roth; response: Donald Levine)

Chair: Kevin Anderson

Women's contributions to the development of sociology - 1

(Lynn McDonald, 'Women theorists on peace, war and militarism'; Victor Skretkowicz, 'Florence Nightingale on war and the military'; Susan Hoecker-Drysdale, 'Analyzing Harriet Martineau's letters on science'; Pat Duffy Hutcheon, 'Hannah Arendt and the concept of power'.)

Chair: Lynn McDonald

**15.15 - 17.00**

Sociologists read sociologists

(Denes Nemedi on Durkheim; Erhard Stölting 'Pitirim Sorokin and the globalization of social theory'; Agnes Erdelyi on Weber; Ilja Srubar on Schütz; Hans Joachim Schubert, 'Did Cooley read sociologists?')

Chairs: Eva Karadi and Erhard Stölting

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International exchange and globalization in the development of the social sciences

(Paul Close, 'Implications for sociology of the "new world order" drive towards supra-nationalism'; Charles Crothers, 'Global patterns in the development of recent sociology'; Carla van El, 'International networks of the two major schools of sociology in the

Netherlands'; Paul ten Have, 'International exchange and globalization in the development of the social sciences'; Jennifer Platt, 'The ISA and the British Sociological Association: a case study in international exchange'.)

Chairs: Bart van Heerikhuizen and Johan Heilbron

### **Friday May 17**

**9.00 - 11.00**

#### Harvard University as a context for sociology in the 1940s

(Kevin Anderson, 'Hegelianism vs. positivism in American interpretations of Marx in the 1940s'; Harry Dahms, 'Toward a sociological theory of the economy: Schumpeter and Parsons'; Uta Gerhardt, 'Talcott Parsons and the war effort at Harvard University'; Michael Hill, 'Roscoe Pound, sociological jurisprudence and sociology at Harvard'.)

Chair: Uta Gerhardt

#### The knowledge society: history of an idea

(Christopher Adair-Totef, 'Contrasting concepts of epistemological power in Kant and Weber'; Marian Kempny, 'Between politics and culture: a history of the convergence between East European intelligentsia and Western intellectuals'; Hans-Peter Mueller, 'Intellectuals - après la lutte? the role of critique in the knowledge society'; Nico Stehr, 'The fragility of modern societies: knowledge and the decline of the power of the core institutions of society'; Göran Dahl, 'Voices of the Right: on European intellectual radical conservatism'; Dick Pels, 'Intellectuals' socialism from the right'.)

Chair: Dick Pels

**11.30 - 13.00**

#### Case studies of important empirical research projects

(Frank Furedi, 'The missionary encounter with African urban sociology on the Zambian Copperbelt'; Tony Varley, 'Arensberg and Kimball's ethnographic study of rural Ireland in the 1930s as a functionalist text'; Henri Peretz, 'Street Corner Society, the story of a model and an example of misunderstanding: William Foote Whyte and the Chicago tradition'; Antoni Sulek, 'Stefan Nowak's 1958 Warsaw students: the first modern sociological survey in Poland'.)

Chair: Martin Bulmer

#### General session 1

(Henrika Kuklick, 'The individual as instrument: uncovering the premises of the participant-observation method'; Harry Freemantle, 'Conditions for the emergence of sociology'; Annabella Weisman, 'Early empirical social research and the experience of art'; Anele Vosyliute, 'The monographic method in Lithuanian sociology'.)

Chair: Jennifer Platt

**14.00 - 15.00**

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**15.30 - 17.00**

#### What are our motives in writing the history of sociology?

(Irmela Gorges, 'The social context of research on the history of sociology: introductory remarks'; Salvino Salvaggio & Paolo Barbesino, 'Eigen-mechanism and the history of

sociology: a reflexive writing'; Antoine Savoye, 'Historical research: the sense for the present of sociology'; Jean-Michel Chapoulie, 'Looking backward'.)

Chair: Irmela Gorges

### General session 2

(Gina Zabłudovsky, 'The influence of Max Weber in Mexico and Latin America'; Bjarne Andersson and Andrzej Dabrowski, 'Parochial triptych: academic, bureaucratic and commercial images of the Danish sociological tradition'; Motohisa Kajitani, 'Interpretations and misinterpretations of Herbert Spencer by Japanese social scientists in the last quarter of the nineteenth century'; Luigi Tomasi, 'The influence of Frédéric Le Play on contemporary American sociology and his now-forgotten original contribution to this discipline').

Chair: Dirk Käsler

## **Saturday May 18**

**9.00 - 10.30**

### The Columbia circle of sociologists, 1930-1950.

(Elzbieta Halas, 'R. M. MacIver and the Columbia School prospect of culturalistic sociology'; Helena Znaniecka Lopata, 'The Columbia Circle-Poland connection'; Gary Jaworski, 'Simmel and postwar sociology: Columbia versus the New School'; Leszek Kocyanowicz, 'John Dewey on the epistemology of the social sciences'.)

Chair: Elzbieta Halas

### General session 3

(Ricca Edmondson, 'Aspects of the use of empirical evidence in the sociology of knowledge'; Tom Osborne and Nikolas Rose, 'The city and social investigation'; Maarten Mentzel, 'Life in ambivalence: ethical codes and moral standards as a dilemma'; Gallina Tasheva, 'Responsivity and responsibility in sociology'.)

Chair: Dirk Käsler

**11.00 - 13.00**

### Neo-Kantian influences on German sociology

(John Drysdale, 'Weber as Rickert's disciple: a sceptic's view'; Sven Eliaeson, 'Philosophy, politics and sociological aspects in Max Weber's thinking'; Frederic Vandenberghe, 'Simmel's neo-Kantian origins'; Frank Welz, 'Phenomenological or neo-Kantian? the epistemology of Alfred Schutz's sociology'; Eva Karadi, 'Karl Mannheim and neo-Kantianism'.)

Chair: Christopher Adair-Toteff.

### Women's contributions to the development of sociology - 2

(Mary Jo Deegan, 'A century of progress and loss: women in sociology at the University of Chicago'; Patricia Lengermann and Jill Niebrugge-Brantley, 'Engendering social theory: early women sociologists on social injustice and paid domestic labour'; Dorothy Ross, 'Jane Addams, interpretive sociology and gendered social knowledge'; Rosalind Sydie, 'Beatrice Webb and feminism'; Theresa Wobbe, 'The first generation of women sociologists in Germany'.)

Chair: Lynn McDonald

## **Practical conference arrangements**

*Please note that some additions to the information  
in the last newsletter are now included below.*

The conference is to be held at SISWO (to whom we are most grateful for their support.) Registration will be from 11.30-12.30. on Thursday May 16, followed by the first sessions starting at 1.30 p.m., then welcome drinks in the early evening, and will finish at lunchtime on Saturday May 18; Thursday and Friday evenings will be free. Saturday afternoon will be free for sightseeing and/or a sociological boat trip, and that evening there will be the conference dinner at an Indonesian restaurant (with wide choice of dishes including vegetarian options). Participants should book their own accommodation, and will pay for their own meals. (If, however, anyone will have difficulty claiming expenses for the conference dinner, which it is now known will cost fl. 60 including drinks, the Secretary will provide a formal statement of conference charges covering its price.)

Suggested moderate hotels, convenient for SISWO (which is at Plantage Muidersgracht 4, 1018 TV Amsterdam), are these, with prices per night where known:

The Bridge Hotel, Amstel 107-111, 1018 EM Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6237068, fax 3120-6241565. (Reasonably comfortable, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl.130)

Hotel Rembrandt, Plantage Middenlaan 17. 1018 DA Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6272714, fax 3120-6380293. (Reasonable, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl. 105; without shower and toilet, fl.75.)

Hotel Barbacan, Plantage Muidersgracht 89, 1018 TN Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6236241, fax 3120-6272041. (Simple but OK, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl. 103.)

City Hotel, Utrechtsestraat 2, 1017 VN Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6272323, fax 3120-6384793 [this is in the central city, 15 minutes walk from SISWO]. (Reasonable, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl. 125; without shower and toilet, fl.65.)

Hotel Eureka, 's Gravelandseveer 4, Amsterdam; ☎ 3120 6246607, fax 3120 6241346 (fl 150).

\*Hotel Nes, Kloveniersburgwal 131, 1011 KE Amsterdam; ☎ 3120 6244773, fax 3120-6209842.

\*Hotel de Y-Boulevard, Prins Hendrikkade 144, 1011 ZM Amsterdam; ☎ 3120 6230430, fax 3120 6200709.

\* Prices are not available for these hotels, but they are rated in the same category so should be in the same price range.

For more luxurious accommodation, try VVV Amsterdam Tourist Information (3120-06-34034066) or a travel agent; there are hotels and pensions of every standard. People with currency problems should consult Dick Pels, who may be able to find Dutch families who could provide a room. Queries may be addressed to Christel van der Moot at SISWO (☎ 3120-5270650, e mail moot@siswo.uva.nl), Maryke Borghardt at SISWO (☎ 3120-5270629, e mail Borghardt@siswo.uva.nl), or the conference organiser Dick Pels (Graduate School of the Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Oude Hoogstraat 24, Amsterdam, NL 1012 CE, The Netherlands; ☎ 3120 6273570 (home), fax 020-5252446, e mail dick.pels@philos.rug.nl or dpels@pscw.uva.nl).

### Registration

Advance registration is not essential, but it will be very helpful in ensuring that appropriate arrangements are made if you give advance notification of your intention of coming. Places at the conference dinner require advance booking; the deadline for letting the secretary know is 30 April. For your convenience, a slip to send is provided on page 2 of this newsletter. For RCHS members there is no conference fee. For non-members (which of course includes old members who have failed to renew their membership) the fee is \$30, or \$15 for students or people from non-OECD countries; it should be paid to RCHS (not Dick Pels) in advance

by the same means as RCHS dues (see dues instructions at the back) or, if that is difficult, in cash on arrival.

**!! Payment of dues will be accepted at the conference !!**  
**Do not miss this special opportunity to save the cost of a postage stamp.**  
**Cash will be accepted in £, \$US, Netherlands fl. or DM; cheques should**  
**be as for normal dues - see instructions on page 11..**

### **New members and their interests**

*The purpose of this list is to enable members with related interests to contact each other. Where new members have not yet sent any information, they are not listed here. Anyone who has not done so is warmly invited to send details of their historical interests and work in progress for a future listing.*

Harry F. Dahms sociology.	Social and sociological theory; economic sociology; political (Dept. of Sociology, College of Social Sciences, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2011, USA.)
Mary Jo Deegan  0324,	Chicago sociology, women, race relations. (Dept. of Sociology, 704 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska 68588- USA.)
Michael R. Hill	Archival methods, Roscoe Pound, Harriet Martineau, Nebraska sociology. (2701 Sewell St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68502, USA.)
Simon Hopper  9QN,	History of social theory; reflexivity; theory and methodology of the history of ideas (Arts E, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 England.)
Neil McLaughlin	Erich Fromm and his work; the relation between social science and the work of public intellectuals outside the academy. (Dept. of Sociology, Ohio State University, 300 Bricker Hall, 190 North Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1353, USA.)
Helena Z. Lopata  Loyola	Women's contributions to sociology; the Znaniecki family and the community of scholars. (Dept. of Sociology, 6525 N. Sheridan, University Chicago, Chicago, IL 60626, USA)
Tim Newton	Elias, historical sociology (Dept. of Organisational Psychology, Birkbeck College, Malet St., London WC1E 7HX, England.)
David Nicholas	Early American sociology. (34 Rivermead, Uxbridge Rd., Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2LR, England.)



### **Recent publications by members**

Carsten Klingemann 'Les sociologues nazis et Max Weber, 1933-1945', Genèses 21: 53-74,  
Dec. 1995.

- Neil McLaughlin 'Beyond race versus class: the politics of William Julius Wilson', Dissent Summer 1993.
- Tim Newton 'An historical sociology of emotion?' in ed. G. Bendelow and S. Williams, Emotions in Social Life (London: Routledge), 1996.
- Tim Newton 'Re-socialising the subject', Sociology 30, 1996
- Jennifer Platt A History of Sociological Research Methods in America, 1920-1960 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996).
- Jennifer Platt 'La réception des Règles en Angleterre et aux États Unis (1930-1970)', pp. 321-349 in ed. Massimo Borlandi & Laurent Mucchielli, La Sociologie et sa Méthode: Les Règles de Durkheim un siècle après, (Paris: L'Harmattan), 1995.
- Guenther Roth 'Max Weber in Erfurt, Vater und Sohn', Berliner Journal für Soziologie 3: 187-299, 1995.
- Guenther Roth & H. Lehmann, eds. Weber's Protestant Ethic: Origins, Evidence, Contexts - paperback edition (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- Gina Zabłudovsky Sociología y Política, el debate clásico y contemporáneo (M. A. Porrúa ed., Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico DF, 1995).

### Members' work in progress

- Harry Dahms Schumpeter's theory of the entrepreneur; Schumpeter and Parsons/Weber/Marx.
- Mary Jo Deegan Papers on Charlotte Perkins Gilman and M.E.B.R.S. Coolidge, anthologies of work by Jane Addams, G.H. Mead and John Dewey.
- Michael Hill First-person accounts of sociology at Nebraska; Roscoe Pound and American sociology.
- Simon Hopper Weber's reception in post-war British sociology
- Helena Z. Lopata The Znaniecki family in the community of scholars; the cosmopolitan network of women.
- Neil McLaughlin Fromm and his reception; factors affecting the reception of intellectuals in different disciplines.
- David Nicholas A study of Ward, Sumner, Small, Giddings, Cooley and Ross.
- Sam Whimster Weber and anarchism

### News and Notes

Dieter Haselbach has now moved to be Reader in European Studies at Aston University, where his address is Languages and European Studies Department, Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham B4 7ET, England.

Eva Karadi is spending this academic year at the Collegium Budapest Institute for Advanced Studies. She can be contacted there until the end of July 1996 by email on [karadi@zeus.colbud.hu](mailto:karadi@zeus.colbud.hu).

Dick Pels has changed one of his e mail numbers - see the conference details item.

Gallina Tasheva has moved to Bielefeld, where her address now is Universität Bielefeld, Fakultät für Soziologie, Postfach 10013, 133501 Bielefeld, Germany.

A conference on 'Durkheim and Modern Education', organised by the British Centre for Durkheimian Studies, will be held on Oxford on 10-12 July 1996. For further details, contact W. S. F. Pickering, The British Centre for Durkheimian Studies, Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology, 51 Banbury Rd., Oxford OX2 6PE, England; ☎ 01865 274671, fax 01865 274630, e mail [william.pickering@anthropology.oxford.ac.uk](mailto:william.pickering@anthropology.oxford.ac.uk).

The first issue of a new series of Durkheimian Studies/Études Durkheimiennes, published once a year by the Centre for Durkheimian Studies, has just appeared. The new format contains 'textual' items, short articles and contributions to debates, reviews, and reports from conferences etc. Subscriptions are available, at £10 per year, from the address above. Contributions, or books for review, should be sent to the editor, W. Watts Miller, at Dept. of Sociology, University of Bristol, 12 Woodland Rd., Bristol BS8 1UQ, England.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie meets in Dresden from 7-11 October 1996, and at this meeting the Arbeitsgemeinschaft 'Sozial- und Ideengeschichte der Soziologie' will be organising an occasion on the theme 'Klassische Theorien von Gesellschaftlichen Übergangsprozessen als Erklärungsgrundlage aktueller Krisensituation'. For further information, please contact either Prof. Dr. Carsten Klingemann, Universität Osnabrück, Fachbereich Sozialwissenschaften, Seminarstrasse 33, D - 49069 Osnabrück, or Prof. Dr. Peter-Ulrich Merz-Benz, Universität Zürich, Soziologisches Institut, Rämestrasse 69, CH - 8001 Zürich.

The International Society for the Study of European Ideas meets in Utrecht on Aug. 19-24, 1996. The conference theme is 'Memory, History and Critique: European Identity at the Millennium'. For further details, contact Lenette van Buren, PO Box 797, 3500 AT Utrecht. The Netherlands; tel. 31 30 2390142, fax 31 30 2390170, e mail [ISSEI96@univforhuman.nl](mailto:ISSEI96@univforhuman.nl).

The ISA Research Committee on Alienation Theory and Research invites contributions to two forthcoming events: (i) an Internet Conference on the impact of computer communication on and for alienation and de-alienation. Papers for this will be collected between May 10 and 24, 1996, and will be archived from May 24-June 4 in the homepage <http://construct.haifa.ac.il/~dkalekin/home.htm>, on which further details are available; (ii) a seminar in Finland on July 5-7 on the theme 'Cultural meanings and alienation: micro and macro frameworks'. (Two copies of abstracts for this should have been submitted by Feb. 15

to Prof. Pirkkoliisa Ahponen, Dept. of Social Policy and Philosophy, University of Joensuu, Box 111, 80101 Joensuu, Finland.) For further details, contact Devorah Kalekin-Fishman on [dkalekin@construct.haifa.ac.il](mailto:dkalekin@construct.haifa.ac.il).



### Electronic mailing lists for social scientists



- A list (social-theory) for the discussion of social theory. It is particularly concerned with the relationship between the individual and social processes. Topics which have been discussed so far include Weber and the Frankfurt School, deindividuation, methodological pluralism, Bourdieu, small groups. New members are encouraged to send a brief synopsis of their interests and work by way of introduction.
- History-Ideas (history-ideas) is a list for the discussion of intellectual history, the history of ideas and the sociology of knowledge. Particular emphasis will be placed upon theoretical and methodological issues within these disciplines. The list aims to appeal to scholars with a wide range of specialisms and in disciplines including history, sociology, psychology and philosophy. The discussion will consider questions such as the interpretation of past ideas, the relationship between knowledge and society, and the rationality of past thought.

To join either of these mailing lists, send the command: `<join listname firstname lastname>` as the only text of an e mail message to: [mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk](mailto:mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk). The appropriate listname for each item is given above in brackets; 'firstname' and 'lastname' are your names.

#### ASA Archive news

The American Sociological Association has made progress with plans for placing its archives in the public domain. Negotiations are under way to place them at Pennsylvania State University Library. Some documents will be 'restricted' for a specified length of time.

#### DUES INFORMATION

The basic subscription is \$10 for one year, or \$30 for 4 years. For students, however, it is \$5 or \$15. The reduced rate also applies to others from non-OECD countries who would have difficulty in paying the full rate; if unable to arrange even the reduced rate, please write to the Secretary to explain the circumstances and ask for free membership.

We now have a facility for paying to the central ISA, which will enable those who wish to use a credit card; a copy of their form is attached to enable you to do this, and it can

be used even if you are not at that time also paying the ISA subscription. (*If you do this, it would be very helpful if you could also send the form below to the Secretary so that you can give her any news items you have*). Here - with apologies for the complexity, which our need to avoid our account's high foreign-exchange charges makes necessary - is how to pay if *not* doing so via the ISA. **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 Marburg, Institut für Soziologie, Am Grün 1, D 35037 Marburg, 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, 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.**

Membership in the RCHS is open to anyone interested in the field. You become a member as soon as your application form and money have been received.

### RCHS membership application or renewal

PLEASE TYPE, OR PRINT CLEARLY

Title and name : .....

Mailing address: .....

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Major interests in the history of sociology:

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Historical work in progress:

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I do not object to my membership details being held on computer.