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From the President's Desk

Hanno Scholtz

Dear RC45 members

Next weekend, the World Congress of Sociology is going to start. We look forward to a week full of presentations, meetings, discussions, and new experiences that will enrich all who join the congress. For our research community, it is the important opportunity to meet in Japan for the first time. Japan has established itself as the second-largest national community within our RC and a vibrant hot-spot of developing the rationality approach. We are very happy to visit our friends there who have contributed so much to Rational Choice sociology!



At the congress we look forward to a high-quality session program with many interesting contributions from all different aspects of Rational Choice sociology. You find the current state of our program below. I thank my colleagues Antonio Chiesi, Antonio M. Jaime Castillo, Hiroshi Hamada, Masayuki Kanai, Jun Ko-

bayashi, Kazuto Misumi, Yoshimichi Sato, and Rafael Wittek very much for their roles in the organization of an excellent program!

As every time, the World Congress is the time of changing the guards, too. This time, its form is different from all other times, since in Buenos Aires we have adopted new statutes which allow for an electronic voting process which includes all of you and not only those present at the congress. We have, however, included in our new statutes high temporal requirements for nomination and ballot time - and the complete board, most responsibly, has overlooked that time passed and no-one started the election process. I am, and we are all, very sorry for that. As most complying second-best solution we have decided to hold preliminary elections in Yokohama and hold the complete ordinary election process with all its temporal demands after the congress in order to have a complete correctly elected board by the end of 2014. I am very grateful that our former RC president and outgoing board member Rafael Wittek has agreed to serve as electoral officer for this process.

Antonio Chiesi, professor at the University of Milan in Italy, has agreed to stand for RC presidency for the term 2014-2018. Antonio was an active member of the board in the last term and has organized a great workshop in Torino in last September. He holds the session on "Rational Action and Trust" in Yokohama. I am very happy that he has agreed to bear the responsibility for the future of RC45, and I hope that he will be appointed in Yokohama and finally elected by you in the formal process in autumn.

In Yokohama, we will further discuss the recent past and the future of Rational Choice and of our RC. In the last four years, we have had four great meetings outside the World Congresses: We have had a very dense discussion about rationality and the opposition of narrow and concepts of rationality in Groningen, we had a number of RC45 sessions at the 2nd ISA Forum in Buenos Aires, a mini-conference together with the ASA Rationality and Society section and the Japanese

Association for Mathematical Sociology in New York, and finally a great workshop together with Rational Choice political scientists in Torino, organized by Antonio. That is quite an achievement for such a small RC! Other aspects could have been better, and we will discuss in Yokohama how this can be approved in the future.

We will, of course, thank my colleagues on the RC45 board. On behalf of all of you, I thank Jun Kobayashi, who has done a great job in editing our newsletters, and---outside of our board---Jane Sell from the ASA section for her work on the first common issues. I thank Antonio Chiesi, Antonio Jaime-Castillo, Guillermina Jasso, Elizabeth Roberto, Yoshimichi Sato, Thess Schönholzer, and Rafael Wittek for their willingness to serve on the RC board and their numerous helpful inputs. A special thanks goes to my predecessor Yoshimichi Sato, who very supportively managed the delicate balance of both being helpful and leaving me the freedom to do things in my way. I hope I will likewise be helpful for my successor!

For me, Yokohama is time to say good-bye to the stimulating challenge of leading this small but dedicated group. I have learned a lot, and despite of knowing that I could have done many things better, I am very proud that I had the honor to serve as a Research Committee chair for these four years. I do not completely withdraw, but stand for an ordinary position on the board, hoping to be able to support Antonio as Mitch has done for me. Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you that have contributed to RC45 in the last years for your inputs and support! I look forward to meet many of you in Yokohama, and elsewhere.

All the best
Hanno Scholtz



ISA World Congress in Yokohama
RC45 Rational Choice Session Program

**1. Monday, July 14, 2014: 10:30 AM-12:20 PM,
Booth 69**

Social Capital and Rational Choice Theory

Session Organizers: Yoshimichi SATO, Rafael WITTEK

Chair: Hiroshi HAMADA

Volker STOCKÉ: Children's School Achievement and Educational Aspirations: The Role of Parents' Peer Group as Social Capital

Kazuto MISUMI: Net-Base Theory of Social Capital

Hideki FUJIYAMA: Network Effects and Activities of University Students in a Seminar

Katsumi SHIMANE: Funeral Ceremony As an Embedded Social Capital

**2. Monday, July 14, 2014: 03:30 PM - 05:20 PM,
Booth 69**

Rational Action and Trust

Session Organizer/Chair: Antonio M. CHIESI

Stephan Alexander ROMPF: System Trust and Cooperation: The Case of Recycling Behavior

Raul Francsico MAGALHÃES: Instrumental Action and Rhetoric: Framing Rational Action on Language Field

Naoki SUDO: The Complicated Relationship Between Generalized Trust and Democracy

Yusuke KANAZAWA: What Kind of Trust Do We Measure Using the Generalized Trust Question? : An Approach Based on Latent Class Model

**3. Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 08:30 AM - 10:20 AM,
Booth 69**

Attitudes and Rationality

Session Organizer/Chair: Antonio M. JAIME CASTILLO

Stefanie KLEY: Employment Preferences or Family Values: Where are the Pitfalls for Women's Labour Participation?

Yoshimichi SATO: Meta Rational Choice Analysis of Social Action

Henning BEST, Clemens KRONEBERG: Two Versions of the Low-Cost-Hypothesis: Theoretical Foundations and Empirical Implications

Sebastian WEINGARTNER: The Role of Preferences and Attitudes in Film Consumption

Dominik BECKER, Ulf TRANOW: Bridge Assumptions and Situational Mechanisms

Kazuo SEIYAMA: A Paradox of Coercive Power: Institutionally Founded Power Relationship and Rationality of Action

**4. Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM,
Booth 69**

Rational Choice Under Empirical Test

Session Organizer/Chair: Jun KOBAYASHI

Marcel WALTER, Normann MÜLLER: Explicating Individual Training Decisions Based on Instrumentality Theory

Sebastian SATTLER, Guido MEHLKOP, Carsten SAUER: The Influence of Drug Characteristics, Social Environment, and Personal Characteristics on Cognitive Enhancement Drug Use

Natascha NISIC: "With a Little Help from Outside": "Outsourcing" of Domestic Work in Germany

Laurence CHARTON: Contraceptive Sterilization: A Rational Choice?

Robert NEUMANN: Trustworthiness As Rational Belief or Unconditional Propensity to Trust: Evidence from a Telephone Survey

Kunihiro KIMURA: Education, Employment, and Gender Role Attitudes of Japanese Married Women In The 21st Century: Declining Significance of Rational Choice and Cognitive Dissonance Reduction?

**5. Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 03:30 PM - 05:20 PM,
Booth 69**

Institutional Change in Times of Crisis: Rational Choices in Historical Sociology

Session Organizer/Chair: Hanno SCHOLTZ

Michael HECHTER, Steven PFAFF, Charles CAUSEY: Social Order and the Genesis of Rebellion: Mutiny in the Royal Navy, 1740-1820

Hideki KAMIYAMA: Stabilization of the World Due to the Expansion of a Western State System: Explanation Using Game Theory

Oleg KOMLIK: The Socio-Political Foundations of the Zionist Banking System in British Mandatory Palestine and Its Institutional Change in the Political Economy of Israel

Rodolfo SARFIELD, Rafael PLANCARTE: Micro-Motives and Collective Action: Measuring Individuals' Reasons for Participate in the #YoSoy132 Movement in Mexico

Robert MAMADA: A Mathematical Extension of The Resource Mobilization Approach of The Social Movement Theory: An Analysis of The Emergence of The Arab Spring

6. Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 08:30 AM - 10:20 AM, Booth 69

Rational Choice and Network Dynamics

Session Organizer/Chair: Masayuki KANAI

Aine RAMONAITE: Trust Under Conditions of Extreme Risk: Exploring Trust Networks of Clan-destine Activities

Rense CORTEN, Karen COOK, Vincent BUSKENS, Stephanie ROSENKRANZ: Cooperation and Reputation in Dynamic Networks: An Experiment

Christoph STADTFELD, Daniele MASCIA, Francesca PALLOTTI: A Multilevel Model of Organization and Network Change

7. Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM, Booth 69

Experimental Studies in Rational Choice Theory

Session Organizer/Chair: Hanno SCHOLTZ

Joël BERGER, Andreas DIEKMANN, Stefan WEHRLI: The Logic of Relative Frustration: Boudon's Competition Model and Evidence from Online and Laboratory Experiments

Jun KOBAYASHI: Mobile Social Dilemmas in an Experiment: Mobility Accelerates the Cycle, but Does Not Change Cooperation

Zbigniew KARPINSKI, Kinga WYSIENSKA: Cooperation Between Strangers of Unequal Status

Alexandra GHEONDEA-ELADI: Incomparable Pay-Offs and Rationality: The Parallel Games Approach

Stephan Alexander ROMPF: Trust and Adaptive Rationality: Towards a Causal Explanation of Conditional and Unconditional Trust

8. Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 03:30 PM - 05:20 PM, Booth 69

Simulation Studies in Rational Choice Theory

Session Organizer/Chair: Kazuto MISUMI

Yusuke INAGAKI, Shinya OBAYASHI, Hiroki TAKIKAWA: Does Trust Promote Generosity?

Martin ABRAHAM, Veronika GRIMM, Christina MEYER, Michael SEEBAUER: The Role of Reciprocity in the Creation of Reputation

Yutaka NAKAI, Fumiaki KAWACHI, Masayoshi MUTO: Mutual Cooperation Due to TFT Strategy Observing Fixed Number of Cooperative Players

Makoto ASAOKA: How Do Local Community Members Accept the Usage of Commons By Nonlocals in the Under-Used Commons?: An Approach Based on Agent-Based Simulation

Yoshio SAKURAI: Mysteries of the Discourses That Encourage Cooperation. Ver.2

9. Thursday, July 17, 2014: 03:30 PM - 05:20 PM, 511

RC45 Poster Session: Current Research in Rational Choice Theory

Session Organizer/Chair: Hanno SCHOLTZ

Tien-Tun YANG, Ray-May HSUNG, Shu-Heng CHEN, Ye-Rong DU, Yi-Jr LIN: Mechanisms of Trust Formation Under Different Conditions of Political Identity

Sofia DOKUKA, Christian STEGLICH, Marijtje VAN DUIJN: Political Protest and Social Integration. the Role of Online Brokerage and Offline Activity in the Formation of Facebook Friendship Ties: The Case of Russia 2011

Hiroko OSAKI: Moralistic Trust and Rationality: The Individualization of Trust

Zhan TOSHCHENKO: Trust As Indicator of Social Consciousness in Russia

Masayoshi MUTO, Shiro HORIUCHI, Makoto ASAOKA: A Game Theoretical Analysis of Heterogeneous Network Formation

Yosuke KIRA: The Conditions for Sustaining Efficient and Inefficient Norms

Yutaka NAKAI: Solution To Problem of Free Rider through Division of Production and Sanction

Kazuhiko SHIBUYA: An Exploring Study on Networked Market Disruption and Resilience

Vanina Jasmine TORLO', Guido CONALDI, Alessandro LOMI: The Network Dynamics of Status Construction: An Agent-Oriented Modeling Approach

Martin ABRAHAM, Kerstin LOREK, Friedemann RICHTER, Matthias WREDE: A Factorial Survey on the Inheritance Tax and Compliance Norms

Natascha NISIC: Mobility Decisions of Dual-Career Couples: New Evidence on the "Co-Location" Problem

Hiroo HARADA, Shunsuke MURAKAMI, Jun OYANE, Takeko IINUMA, Yuichi MARUMO, Deoksu KANG, Hidekazu MIYAGAWA: Social Capital of Seven Countries/Areas in East Asia: From the Questionnaire Approach

Marianna KLOCHKO: Attitudes About Success: Is It Rational to be Dishonest during Economic Transition?

Yuka NAGATA, Minori NAGATA, Hiroyasu NAGATA: Costs for Survival

10. Thursday, July 17, 2014: 05:30 PM - 07:20 PM, Booth 69

RC45 Business Meeting

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2014 ISA World Congress, Yokohama

RC45 Session Program

Day	Mon 14.07.2014	Tue 15.07.2014	Wed 16.07.2014	Thu 17.07.2014
theme	Social Capital, Trust, and Institutions	Confronting Rational Choice Theory with the Empirical World	New Directions in Rational Choice Theory	The Current State of Rational Choice Theory
08:30		Attitudes and Rationality (Jaime Castillo)	Rational Choice and Network Dynamics (Kanai)	
10:30	Social Capital and Rational Choice Theory (Sato/Wittek)	Rational Choice Under Empirical Test (Kobayashi)	Experimental Studies in Rational Choice Theory (Scholtz)	
12:30				
15:30	Rational Action and Trust (Chiesi)	Institutional Change (Scholtz)	Simulation Studies in Rational Choice Theory (Misumi)	Current Reseach in Rational Choice Theory (Poster session, Hall 511)
17:30				RC45 Business Meeting
19:30				

All sessions with the exception of the poster session will take place in the Exhibition hall, booth 69.

(10 Jul 2014)

Editors' note

The ISA Yokohama meeting is approaching. This is the first World Congress in Asia. Along with other Japanese colleagues, I welcome everyone from the world. Hanno organized fascinating nine sessions from Monday to Thursday. I am quite sure we can exchange ideas and develop new research networks in Japan! Oh, be careful that it might be very humid and hot... (Jun)



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