Call for Sessions and Workshops
The ISA Visual Sociology Working Group (WG03)
In collaboration with
The 3rd International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology

Vienna, Austria

Pre-Forum Workshops: 6-9 July 2016
Main Forum Sessions: 10-14 July 2016

Deadline for submission: March 15th 2015

The ISA's Visual Sociology Working Group (WG03) will hold its next meeting at the Third ISA Forum of Sociology in Vienna (Austria) **July 10-14, 2016.**

We will also host a series of Pre-Forum Workshops that we anticipate will run from **the 6th to 9th July.**

WG03 is happy to announce our call for ISA Forum session proposals as well as for pre-Forum workshop proposals (the call for papers will be published in April). Full details can be found below.

**Please note that you must be a member of WG03 to submit a session/workshop proposal.** Information on how to become a member can be found at: [http://www.isa-sociology.org/wg03.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/wg03.htm)
Call for Main Forum SESSIONS

Based on our size, WG03 has been allocated 14 sessions. This includes our business meeting and any joint sessions we might wish to hold with other ISA groups. Under the Forum theme of The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the struggles for a better World we invite proposals for the Main Forum SESSIONS focusing on the following streams:

1. Challenges and Dilemmas for Global Visual Sociology
Under this stream we invite sessions focusing on challenges and dilemmas related to using visual sociology in the research of global issues and/or to the global practice of visual sociology. Theoretical, Methodological and Comparative perspectives will be encouraged.

2. Imagined futures
Under this stream we invite sessions focusing on the perception, understanding and visual representation of future/s (through art and media, e.g. cinema, TV series, social networks, but also through narratives, models, scenarios, simulations, etc.).

3. General Visual Sociology Topics
As in previous meetings, we also invite proposals for general visual sociology sessions, for example: teaching visual sociology; theoretical and methodological aspects of visual sociology; critical visual sociology etc.

All sessions will last 110 minutes.


Session proposals must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

Sessions can take one of the following formats:

Paper presentation session: It is recommended that each session uses its 110 minutes to accommodate a maximum of 5 papers (of 15-20 minutes each), followed by 5-10 minutes of discussant's comments and 15-20 minutes of collective discussion. Each panel will have a chair and discussant which the panel organizer is responsible for arranging.

Featured or keynote speaker: A session featuring a leading researcher in the relevant field, with a presentation of between 35-60 minutes duration, followed by a discussion period. These sessions are organized directly by Session Organizers who are also responsible for arranging a chair for the session.

Panel session: A panel session accommodates a larger number of invited
panelists who will debate around a specific theme or on current issues of particular importance to the area of research within Visual Sociology. The floor will then be opened to the audience. Members of the panel are chosen and invited by Session Organizers and are not open for general abstract submission. Each panel will have a chair and discussant which the panel organizer is responsible for arranging.

**Invited session:** These are invited sessions with invitations issued by Session Organizers. These are not open for general abstract submission. Each panel will have a chair and discussant which the session organizer is responsible for arranging.

**Author meets Critics:** This is a debate centered on an important recent publication. The author can present their work before commentators discuss their responses. The floor is then opened to the audience. These sessions are organized by Session Organizers and are not open for general abstract submission. Each session will have a chair, author and commentators which the session organizer is responsible for arranging.

**Poster session:** Poster presentations of research information and results.

**Joint session:** Joint Sessions are sessions organized jointly by two or more ISA groups on a theme of overlapping interest. They can take any of the formats listed above. The session organizer is responsible with liaising with the WG03 Organizing Committee and the partner RC/WG/TG.

**Other formats:** We invite proposals for sessions in other formats, such as film screenings, publication or mentoring sessions, etc. Please describe the format as clearly as possible. Please note that where required, the session organizers are responsible for arranging chairs and discussants.

**Please note the following important regulations for the ISA Forum (these do not apply to the Pre-Forum Workshops):**

- A person may not present in a session of which s/he is chair
- No-one may be in the ISA Forum program more than twice (e.g. as author, co-author, discussant, plenary speaker, session (co-)chair, critic, roundtable presenter, poster presenter). The only exception to this is for Program Coordinators and session (co)-organizers who may, in addition to holding 2 functions, also be named as Program Coordinator and session (co)-organizer.
- All participants in the main Forum must be registered by the early registration deadline of **April 1st, 2016** in order for their names to appear in the Program Book or in the Abstracts Book. Any person not registered by this date will have their contribution withdrawn.

Please see full submission details below.
ATTENTION: Main Forum and Pre-Forum proposal submissions have to follow a different procedure!

Call for pre-Forum WORKSHOPS

In addition to regular academic sessions at the ISA Forum, WG03 has a tradition of running a series of pre-Forum activities. These serve as platforms for collaborations between scholars, artists, community activists and policy-makers. In Vienna we intend to host 3 to 4 days of workshops in local community spaces which are intended to be free of charge to all participants. These workshops, which have to be related to visual sociology, can focus on any theme and take any format. Themes might include: visual methods to tackle global challenges and promote social justice; the use of the visual in raising awareness of social injustices and struggles; the politics of aesthetics (and aesthetics of politics); making power relations (in/)visible; ethics and data collection; visual techniques of/for collaboration, etc.

NOTE: WG03 receives no funding to enable us to run these workshops, consequently we cannot provide grants either to workshop organizers or participants. If your proposal requires funds you will need to secure these independently. The organizing committee is however willing to support organizers in applying elsewhere for funding.

There is no pre-assigned format or timing for the workshops. The activities may include hands-on activities; film screenings with commentators; community or guide led walks; group discussions; exhibitions or any other format. Collaboration with local artists, community activists and policy-makers in organizing these workshops are encouraged.

As a matter of ethical principle all proposed sessions should be free to all participants. In extraordinary circumstance (i.e. specialist guiding services) a small charge can be levied directly to participants. However, no charge can be made by the organizers of a workshop or payment made to them for facilitating a workshop. It should also be noted that WG03 has no funds to bring speakers or artists, or fund events or exhibitions.

Facilitators, presenters and participants do not have to register with the ISA online Confex website to host, or participate in, these events. The workshop activities are run before the main ISA Forum by ISA WG03.

Submission Details

The deadline to submit proposals for both Forum Sessions and Pre-Forum Workshops is March 15th 2015. The WG03 Committee will notify all panel and workshop applicants by April 7th. The call for papers for the ISA Forum will
open on April 14th and will remain open until 30th September. All applicants will be notified of their success by 30th November 2015.

Please note:
- Forum Sessions and Pre-Forum Workshop submissions will only be accepted from WG03 members (or jointly with a WG03 member). See: http://www.isa-sociology.org/wg03.htm for information on membership.
- Ordinarily, participation in a session should not be pre-determined by the session (co-)organizer but should be open to all. This is regardless of whether participants are members of WG03. However, a case can be made to have closed/ invited participants. For full details see below.
- The Session Organizer does not have to chair the session that they are proposing, nor do they have to be the discussant. However, they can choose to do so if they wish.

Proposals for pre-Forum Workshops must be submitted in English using the attached form and sent via email to the Program Co-ordinators:

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Proposals for the Main Forum Sessions/ Panels must be submitted via the Confex platform.

Proposals must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.


If a main Forum sessions is not submitted through the Confex system, it will not be considered eligible.

The President and Vice Presidents, together with two dedicated sub-committees formed by WG03 members, will review all proposals for sessions and workshops.

Important Deadlines

The Call for Forum and Pre-forum sessions is open until March 15th. Notifications of acceptance or rejection of Forum and Pre-forum sessions will be sent out by April 7th, 2015. The Call for ISA Forum Papers will be distributed on April 14th 2015.
Other important ISA main Forum deadlines are:

**Abstracts submission: 14th April – 30 September 2015 24:00 GMT**
Participants must submit abstracts on-line via the Confex platform (a link will be available through [http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/](http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/)). Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.

**Abstracts selection: 4 October – 24 November 2015 24:00 GMT**
Session Organizers must complete selection of abstracts and provide a final presentation designation (oral, distributed, poster, round table).

**Notification letters: 30 November 2015 24:00 GMT**
Session Organizer must send notification letters to authors and co-authors of accepted and rejected abstracts.

**Registration deadline for presenters: April 1 2016 24:00 GMT.**
All Forum presenters, chairs and discussants must be registered by this date otherwise their contribution will be withdrawn from ISA Forum activities.

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**Grants and Funding**

No grants or funds are available to organize pre-Forum workshop activities.

The ISA allocates a small amount of funds to assist ISA WG03 members to attend the main Forum. This includes a small number of registration fee waivers and $1000 to be allocated across 4-7 participants. All grants are decided by the WG03 grants panel chaired by the Treasurer.

To apply for a grant you must be a WG03 member and submit your application before the grant deadlines (full details are available at [http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/](http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/)). A variety of criteria is used to decide the allocation of grants. This includes the applicant's contribution to WG03; the applicant's level of participation in WG03 activities at the Forum; country of registration and career status. Priority usually goes to participants in the early stages of their career (PhD; Post-Doctoral; Untenured).

**We look forward to receiving your session and workshop proposals!**