Gothenburg, World Congress of Sociology, July 11 to July 17, 2010

I. Background on RC03

The RC03 was launched at the Evian World Congress in 1966. We were initially a Working Group under the Committee on Political Sociology of Seymour Martin Lipset and Stein Rokkan. In 1969 we became an autonomous Research Committee, with Terry Clark as President and Ken Newton as Secretary. World Congresses every four years joined larger sets of us from more countries, but from near the beginning we met between the World Congresses on a more geographically limited basis, such as at the American Sociological Association (within which we founded a few years after RC03 the ASA Section on Community, currently Urban and Community). At the ISA World Congress in Mexico City in 1982, Harald Baldersheim suggested that some of us join in a common research enterprise. This led to the Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation Project, which continues actively.

Upcoming Election Alert: After the 2010 World Congress of Sociology RC03 will be holding its elections. Please watch your email for the ballot forms. To make nominations, please email Terry Clark at tnclark@uchicago.edu

II. RC03, World Congress of Sociology Program

The program for the 2010 World Congress of Sociology is complete. As in past programs, community is examined from a variety of perspectives. Social capital and culture figure prominently and a variety of communities, such as migrant or consumer, are examined. We hope to see you at the conference and look forward to a lively discussion focusing on communities in a shifting, increasingly interdependent, and globalizing world.

All RC03 sessions will be held in the following room: Handels C23. The joint session with RC21 will be held in Svenska Massan G4. None of the rooms have internet access. There will be, however, LCD projectors. So please bring your powerpoint presentations to the session on a UBS stick.

If you have any questions during the course of the conference, please contact Rachel Harvey at rmh2148@columbia.edu.
Session 1:

July 12, 2010  Monday  15:30 – 17:30

Values, Trends, Lifestyles in a Forthcoming “Era Society”
Ada Cattaneo, Chair, IULM University, Italy

Building a Place-based Tribe through Co-created Consumer Value Experiences in Consumption Spaces
Michelle Hall, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

The Reinvention of Mixology: Cocktail Culture, Craft Production, and Community in the Postindustrial Economy
Richard E. Ocejo, John Jay College, City University of New York, United States

A ‘Cross-section’ of Consumer Society – Centering around Internet Clothing Shopping Malls
Jeong-min Lee, Pusan National University, South Korea

The Couchsurfing Network: Altruism meets Budget-traveling in an Era of Egoism and Materialism
Peggy Schyns, The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, Netherlands

Car Cultures – Communities in the Automotive Sector
Melanie Wenzel, Carl von Ossietzky Universität, Germany

Constitution of Communities through Practices: The Case VW (classic cars) Brand Communities
Jorg Marschall, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

Session 2:

July 12, 2010  Monday  17:45 – 19:45

Social Capital, Political and Civic Participation and Electoral Systems
John Sudarsky, Chair, Colombia

Filipe Carreira da Silva, Discussant, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Participation of Civil Society via Communal Committee Elections
Alejandro Marcelo Liberman, Etic Consulting Group, Argentina

The Effect of Participatory Budgeting and Planning in Legislative Linkage and Accountability in Four Colombian Cities
John Sudarsky, Colombia

Effects of Social Capital on Political Participation: A Case Study of the Golestan Province, Iran
Gholamreza Khoshfar, University of Mazandaran, Iran

Social Networks in Areas of Migration: Citizen Participation in Local Elections in Areas of High Marginalization
Jorge D. Cortes, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico
Session 3:

July 13, 2010  Tuesday  10:45 – 12:45

Spanning Research Silos: Integrating Multiple Perspectives of the Global City and its Communities

Herman L. Boschken, Chair, San Jose State University, United States
Terry N. Clark, Discussant, University of Chicago, United States
Kathy Pain, Discussant, University of Reading, United Kingdom

Cities in Global Systems
Jason Beckfield, Harvard University, United States
Arthur S. Alderson, Indiana University, United States
Jessica Sprague-Jones, Indiana University, United States

The Kaleidoscoping World Cities Networks
Michael Timberlake, University of Utah, United States

Global Cities are Coastal Cities: Implications for Environmental Policymaking
Herman L. Boschken, San Jose State University, United States

Session 4:

July 13, 2010  Tuesday  15:30 – 17:30

Cultural Explanation of Community Politics and Policies
Elaine B. Sharp, Session Organizer, University of Kansas

Building Bridges? Social Capital, Sexuality and Aging in a British City
Andrew King, Kingston University, United Kingdom
Ann Cronin, University of Surrey, United Kingdom

Enhancing Community Participation through “Man-ili” Indigenous Support System in Antipolo, Ifugao, Philippines
Rowena C. Dacsig

Perceptions of Cultural Values in Communities and Priorities of Cultural Policy
Taņa Lāce, Riga Stradins University
Anda Lake, Latvian Academy of Culture

Trends, Values, and Consumptions in Italian Sociocultural Scenario and the Dawning of a Mediterranean Paradigm
Ada Cattaneo, ILUM University, Italy

When is a Community a Community? A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Two English, Rural Villages
Carl Bagley, Durham University, United Kingdom

Framing Neighbourhood Safety
Ulf Borelius, Gothenburg University, Sweden
Ulla-Britt Wennerström, Gothenburg University, Sweden
Ingrid Sahlin, Gothenburg University, Sweden
Session 5:

July 13, 2010  Tuesday  17:45 – 19:45

Business Meeting and “Scenes” Research Project

Terry N. Clark, Chair, University of Chicago, United States
Ari Hynynen, Co-Chair, University of Tampere, Finland
Daniel Silver, Co-Chair, University of Toronto, Canada
Clemente J. Navarro, “Scenes” Research Project, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain
Stephen Sawyer, “Scenes” Research Project, American University of Paris, France
Filipe Carreira da Silva, “Scenes” Research Project, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Timothy Shortell, Session Coordinator, Brooklyn College, The City University of New York, United States

For full listing of papers please see:
http://isa2010.aimit.se/16907/SessionPapers

Session 6:

Wednesday  July 14, 2010  10:45 – 12:45

Migration, Communities, and Economic Crises

Simone Buechler, Chair, University of Illinois at Chicago, United States
Stephanie Buechler, Discussant, University of Arizona, United States

A Smaller World? Rural Survivalism Meets the Ecological Disaster Scenario
Michael Corbett, Acadia University, Canada

Migration in a Mexican Border Community in the Context of Economic Crisis and Environmental Dislocations
Stephanie Buechler, University of Arizona, United States

Migratory Stasis and the Economic Crisis: Evidence from a Bi-national Mexican Migrant Community
David Scott Fitzgerald, University of California, San Diego, United States

The Brazilian Immigrant Community in Newark, New Jersey: Housekeeping, Construction and Return Migration with the Global Economic Crisis
Simone Buechler, University of Illinois, Chicago, United States
Session 7:

Wednesday July 14, 2010 15:30 – 17:30

Was Tocqueville Wrong? New Challenges to Social Capital, Civic Engagement, and Politics

Filipe Carreira da Silva, Chair, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Dominique Joye, Discussant, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland

The Rise of Culture: How and Why Arts Participation Promotes Democratic Politics
Terry N. Clark, University of Chicago, United States
Filipe Carreira da Silva, University of Lisbon, Portugal
Susana Cabo, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Unconventional Public Participation in Post-Communist Poland: Its Determinants and Blockades
Paulina Sekula, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Civic Engagement and Diverse Participation Forms: Testing Putnam’s Model
René Millán, Autonomous National University of Mexico, Mexico

Some Hypothesis on Sociology of Volunteers in Cancer, A French Perspective
Philippe Amiel, Gustave Roussy Cancerology Institute, France
Lionel Pourtau, Gustave Roussy Cancerology Institute, France
Dan Ferrand-Bechmann, Université de Paris 8, France

Social Capital Effects on Social Behavior
Seyyed Mahmoud Aghili, Agricultural and Natural Resources University, Iran
Gholamreza Khoshfar, Mazandaran University, Iran
Sadegh Salehi, Mazandaran University, Iran
Naser Fattahi, Dana Insurance Institute of Mahmoudabad, Iran

Session 8:

Wednesday July 14, 2010 17:45 – 19:45

Communities as ‘Cultural Scenes’: Exploring the Impact of Culture on Community Socio-political Processes and Local Policies.

Clemente J. Navarro, Chair, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain

Local Culture Matters: Exploring the Impact of Culture on Local Policy-Making. The Case of Radzionkow in Upper Silesia Region in Poland
Marta Klekotko

Local Power, Space, and Change
Johan Zaaiman

The Construction of Rural Community
Subjectivity through the Subordinate Relationship to the Municipalities
Kaisui Kumpulainen, Jyväskylä University, Finland
Session 9:

Thursday July 15, 2010 10:45 – 12:45

Urban Communities and Citizen Action in an Age of Democratic Distrust
Stephen Sawyer, Chair and Discussant, American University of Paris, France

Propelling Community-driven Conservation Strategies: Emergent Community Organizing
Melissa Edwards

Proactive Claims for Normative Rights – Beyond Homeowners’ Resistance towards the Infringement of Material Benefits
Ngai-ming Yip and Ying Wu

Patterns of Political Participation in Polish Rural and Urban Communities
Paweł Starosta, Lodz University, Poland

Urban Policies and the Survival of Localism – How Combining Personalized Political Regulation and Democratic Goals?
Damien Vanneste

The Problem with Polish Civil Society – Why doesn’t it work right?
Anna Szklarska, University Cracow, Poland

Informality, Democracy and Participation in Local Governance Processes in Malawi
Blessings Chisinga, University of Malawi, Malawi

Deliberative versus Parliamentary Democracy in the United Kingdom: An Experimental Study
Paul Webb, University of Sussex, United Kingdom
Tim Bale, University of Sussex, United Kingdom
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The Practice of Citizenship in Turkey
Kurtulus Cengiz, Abant Izzet Baysal University, Turkey

The Search of Postmodern Citizenship in Lithuania: Does Monitorial Citizen Exist?
Jūratė Imbrasaitė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Session 10:

Thursday July 15, 2010 15:30 – 17:30

Political and Civic Participation, Democracy, and Citizenship Beliefs
Hilde Coffé, Chair, Utrecht University, Netherlands

Hans Geser, Discussant, University of Zurich, Switzerland
Harald Baldersheim, Discussant, University of Bergen

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Joint FAUI Activities

II. Background on FAUI:

Many of us are active in both the FAUI Project and RC03. Montreal, Bielefeld, and Madrid, were the largest FAUI gatherings, held every four years with the ISA World Congress. Within the FAUI Project we often organize around conferences and associated edited books. At the Montreal meetings, many sessions built in part on material for books in progress (on local parties, economic development, etc.) Several came out, and others are in progress in several of the sessions listed.

III. Quick Overview of Past FAUI Activities:

After Mexico City, teams gradually joined country by country until 38 now participate, involving some 750 persons. Conducting a core survey with common items provides a FAUI team with a comparable data base for international comparisons. Normally funds are raised by each national team, often with assistance on proposals and study design from other teams. By using a common methodology, participants from each national team can compare their national situation, and
individual cities, with those of other countries. Thus with a modest research budget, one can make worldwide comparisons using comparable data, since the data are normally shared among participating teams. Overall the FAUI Project has involved more than $20 million, but some national teams have conducted their surveys by investing mainly their own time. The secret of this approach is leveraging funds from many sources: individual universities may contribute postage and computer time; government agencies may provide statistical data and analysis; public officials offer their policies as examples to consider and support their assessment by others; all types of participants meet in seminars and conference forums; idea and applications thus spread and are implemented internationally. Some of us pursue strictly basic research; others highly applied policy consulting; most do a mix. Usually there are two or three large conferences each year (esp. European Consortium for Political Research in Europe and Am. Political Science Assn. in the US), and many smaller ones. As the FAUI Project has grown into the most extensive study of local government in the world, and one of the largest projects in the social sciences, many have asked about how it emerged, and how it works. More information on the Project is in the Newsletters and over 50 books to date, listed in FAUI Newsletter #27. Several past newsletters and more information are on our FAUI website: www.faui.org.

IV. RC03 Participants are Active in FAUI Project

Many of our RC 03 members meet frequently in the Fiscal Austerity and Urban Innovation Project. The FAUI Newsletter has been superseded by the listserv which emails recent and future activities. Any of you in RC 03 that do not know about the FAUI Project are welcome to attend meetings, have access to data to analyze, and participate in the FAUI Project activities. It is one of the main items that joins us together between World Congresses of the ISA. We usually meet at the annual meetings of the Urban Affairs Association (Toronto) and the American Political Science Association (last time in San Francisco), and the European Consortium for Political Research.

The Scenes Project continues these activities focusing on neighborhoods, consumption, arts, culture, migration, and job growth. On Scenes: http://www.tnc-newsletter.blogspot.com/ AND scenes.uchicago.edu.