1 President’s Report
Georgina Tsolidis

New name

Welcome to the 2017 RC 05 Newsletter, the first under our new title; Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity.

The process for the name change began at our Business Meeting held during the Third ISA Forum of Sociology, July 2016 in Vienna. RC 05 member, Maggie Walter brought to our attention that many Indigenous scholars had voiced their concern at the lack of direct mention of ‘Indigeneity’ within ISA Research Committees and understood this as a form of exclusion. Following robust discussion, the Business Meeting overwhelmingly supported a motion that ‘Indigeneity’ be including in the title of RC 05.
Various names for RC 05 that included ‘Indigeneity’ were mooted and finally the new name was accepted by our membership. The Research Coordinating Committee recommended this change to the ISA Executive Committee, which approved the new name at its annual meeting held in April 2017.

The process for changing the name of RC 05 was long but timely, as it allowed our programme for the Toronto Congress to be heralded as a direct invitation to Indigenous scholars to participate. Seven of our sessions have direct mention of Indigenous issues and these are over-subscribed. It is clear that our decision has made Indigenous scholars and those concerned with Indigenous issues from around the world feel welcome and made RC 05 a place where related issues can be explored and debated. This is a change we should all take pride in.

I wish to thank Maggie for bringing this issue to us and I want to thank the membership of Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity for their enthusiastic support of the change. This is the beginning of some very interesting discussions to be had, including in Toronto, which of course is particularly apt, given the long history of Indigenous scholarship and activism in Canada.

Toronto

RC 05 is allocated a finite number of sessions at all ISA Forums and Congresses. The number of sessions is based on our membership. (A membership report is included elsewhere in this Newsletter.) Each Congress and Forum we are faced with the task of culling good session proposals and good papers for these sessions. This is one of the reasons Scott Poynting, our hard-working Membership Secretary, sends so many messages about membership – the more members, the more sessions.

In Toronto we have been allocated 22 sessions, including our Business Meeting. Each session can accommodate 5 – 6 presented papers and possibly as many circulated papers. Most sessions are heavily oversubscribed with some attracting close to 30 papers. We give priority to RC 05 members and hope that people won’t wait until the call for papers for the next ISA Forum before joining RC 05.

Many Sessions echo concerns around the world about the rise of racism and far right politics and the politics of migration with its borders and bans. The spread of topics is good, including sessions on epistemology that challenge normative ways of seeing and knowing. The papers promise exciting times in Toronto and I look forward to hearing as many as possible. Also I look forward to seeing as many members as possible attend our programme and ensure
that these sessions are vibrant. Thank you once again to all those members who offered sessions and papers. Being a Session Organiser in particular, is one of those academic tasks that takes time and effort and often goes without due acknowledgement by universities.


Election

The RC 05 Board and its President serve from one Congress to the next. Board members are entitled to stand for 2 terms and the President for 1. The election of Board members and the President are separate processes, which means that a Board member who has served 2 terms can stand for the Presidency.

A call for nominations for the Board and the Presidency was made in September and 7 nominations were received for the Board and 1 for the Presidency. All those nominated and those nominating were in good standing. Given this, all nominees have been declared elected. These results will stand to be confirmed at the Business Meeting in Toronto. I wish to thank those who stood for these important positions which provide the leadership and behind the scenes work that ensure RC 05 remains viable and vibrant. Those elected are;

Azril Bacal
Martina Boese
Umut Erel
Helma Lutz President
Karim Murji
Rhoda Reddock
Claudia Tazreiter
Maggie Walter

The new Board will be able to coopt members, including with the aim of increasing regional representation. The new Board will also take responsibility for electing office bearers.

I wish to thank Farida Forza and Stephanie Cassilde for joining the Nomination Committee.

Award
Nira Yuval-Davis, a long time member of RC 05 and former President has received the second ISA Award for Excellence in Research and Practice. She was nominated by Evangelia Tastsoglou and myself. However, her nomination was supported by many RC 05 and RC 32 members who submitted written recommendations. This is a highly prestigious and well-deserved recognition of Nira’s contribution to sociological theory and practice. By implication, this is also a credit to RC 05 for having a great champion of the issues we hold dear.

**Editorship**

Karim Murji will be Editor of *Current Sociology* along with Sarah Neal. *Current Sociology*, is the official journal of the International Sociological Association. It is one of the oldest and most widely cited sociology journals in the world. Congratulations Karim.

**Term’s up**

The Board will be reconfigured when its terms closes after the 2018 Congress in Toronto. The following members will retire;
Sirma Bilge
Scott Poynting
Vilna Bashi Treitler
Ulrike Vieten
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their work over their 2 terms of office. In particular I wish to thank Scott for his work as Membership Secretary. This is an on-going responsibility. It requires resilience given how awkward ISA systems can be with logging members and passing on information (something that’s improved, no doubt due to Scott’s efforts). It also requires pleasant and patient persistence in making sure that membership dues are paid and new members signed up. Ulrike and Sirma have both served as Secretary and Ulrike also worked on communications previously. Vilna remains active and has been successful in organizing an integrative panel along with sessions for Toronto. I’ve enjoyed working with you all and look forward to your on-going involvement with RC 05.

I would also like to acknowledge the work done by Umut Erel and Karim Murji in communications. RC 05 swapped from two newsletters a year to a facebook site and an annual newsletter. Umut is responsible for our newsletter, which maintains contact with our members and retains a paper trail for our Committee. Karim takes responsibility for the facebook site, which allows for more spontaneous postings and importantly gives us a presence
available to non-members. Of course no organization is complete without a treasurer and this role has been filled by Helma Lutz for the past two years.

This will be my final President’s Report as my term transpires in July next year. I would like to acknowledge the support I have received over the years and the assistance from the Board and its Office Bearers. I would also like to thank the membership and wish the new Board and its new Office Bearers all the best for the future.

2. Report from Membership Secretary

Scott Poynting

As at 18th October 2017, RC05 has 183 members ‘in good standing’ – that is ISA terminology for those who are paid-up members. This is exactly the same number of members that we had in October 2010 after the Gothenburg congress that year, though there has been considerable turnover.

We have a preponderance of women members: 120 out of the 183, as best I can ascertain. These data are not made available to research committees (RCs) by the ISA – which is interesting for a sociological association. So I have since sought this information via internet searches for every member individually, in cases where I don’t know the member, and recorded it on the RC05 database. This will need to be maintained for each new member in future.

Our members are resident in some 40 countries, across all continents. The breakdown by recorded country of residence, is: Argentina 1; Australia 19; Austria 2; Belarus 1; Belgium 1; Bosnia & Herzegovina 1; Brazil 3; Bulgaria 1; Canada 18; Colombia 1; Czech Republic 1; Egypt 1; Fiji 1; Finland 4; Germany 10; Hong Kong 2; India 4; Indonesia 2; Ireland 1; Israel 2; Italy 4; Japan 16; Korea (Republic of) 1; Malaysia 3; Mexico 3; Netherlands 1; New Zealand 3; Nigeria 1; Poland 1; Romania 2; Singapore 3; South Africa 6; Spain 2; Sweden 5; Taiwan 1; Trinidad & Tobago 1; Turkey 2; United Kingdom 16; United States 35. Our membership from category C ‘economies’ [see http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/table-of-economies-by-category/] has picked up slightly, but continues to be well below proportional.

We currently have no members at all from Pakistan, for instance, nor from the Philippines. In Category B economies, we have no members at the moment from China (People’s Republic) or from the Russian Federation, or from Iran. Of Category A economies, we currently have no members in good standing
from France. So if RC05 members have collegial interchange with sociologists from any of these countries, who have interests in racism, nationalism, indigeneity and ethnicity, then I would urge you to encourage them to join (or rejoin) RC05. For ISA members, this costs US$40 for 4 years, or only $10 per year, for regular members, and half of that for students. Membership can be taken out, or renewed, online at: http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/. (Those who are not yet registered on the ISA’s system will need to complete this step first.)

It is heartening that we have maintained our 2010 level of membership, but as ISA membership increases overall, that represents a decline in RC05’s proportion of ISA members, which determines the number of sessions we are able to offer at congresses and world forums. Our membership will pick up over the coming eight months; it always does in the lead-up to a world congress. We can confidently predict an increase in our Canadian membership, and there may be a drop-off (though I hope not) in our Japanese and Swedish membership, which were boosted by the Yokohama and Gothenburg congresses. Renewal of membership is vital. Renewal becomes due for 72 of our 183 members on 31st December 2017. It is important to keep your email and postal address up to date with the ISA, or no membership renewal reminder can find you. This can be done via the log-in page: https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In. You could also email the ISA Secretariat on: isa-secretariat@isa-sociology.org.

RC05’s enhancement of our name during the last year, adding the word ‘indigeneity’ explicitly to our designated areas of research interest, has seen a small but important increase in members researching in this area. Certainly, we now have several sessions at the congress that deal explicitly with indigeneity: a welcome development. Ongoing recruitment will be vital to sustain our activity in this area.

A word about membership lists. Designated RC officers can now obtain up-to-date RC membership lists online, generated automatically from the ISA’s records. Unfortunately, the ISA is not able (yet?) to provide us with an RC05 email list through this mechanism. Thus in order to maintain an email list, I have been updating our old RC05 membership database, hosted at the University of Innsbruck, through the good offices of Garry Lawton from Information Technology Services there, who set it up. All RC05 members are automatically subscribed to the RC05 list-server unless they have asked not to be. This way, members can send unmediated messages to all other members. The address is: rc05@lists.uibk.ac.at. Please note that only RC05 members can use this list, and only from the email address registered with their membership. This second list involves double handling, but the email list-server is essential to us. This list also allows the membership secretary to
record gender data (as requested at the 2012 business meeting), and members’ academic titles (for correspondence) and in most cases their institutional affiliations – at least at the time of last update.

A note about ISA life members: the ISA has a membership category for life members (over 70 years of age). RC05 currently does not have such a provision. This means that ISA life members who are RC05 members need to renew their membership every four years, which is something of an anomaly and easy to forget. This has long been a problem, with bureaucratic consequences for our official numbers of members ‘in good standing’ (meaning as explained above), as well as the constitutionality of Board membership – even for Past Presidents. So – no doubt to the relief of all concerned – I will be proposing a change to the RC05 by-laws to introduce a life membership category for RC05, in line with many other RCs. ISA life members would pay RC05 life membership once, then only need to update with any new address or email.

Finally, one more exhortation to all members to encourage colleagues and indeed postgraduate students with research interests in racism, nationalism, indigeneity and ethnicity – be it across the world or across the corridor – to sign up with RC05. Our ability to offer well rounded programs, such as the Toronto one, depends upon this.

### 3 RC05 on Facebook

If you haven’t yet done so, please have a look at the RC’s facebook page which is regularly updated with information and news.

https://www.facebook.com/ISARC05/

This web page can be read by anyone even if you don’t have or want to have a Facebook account.

### 4 Recent Publications and Activities by RC05 Members:

**Azril Bacal**

- Academic Director & Lecturer, III International Short-Course-Workshop, “Prevención y Manejo de Conflictos asociados con el Agua, Ambiente, Cambio Climático y Desarrollo Rural Humano y Sustentable”, PCRI-Uppsala University and IPPS, Vice-Rectorado de Investigación &
Extensión y Proyección Social, UNALM, La Molina, Perú (2-4 November 2017).


- Guest Senior-Lecturer, “The role of Dialogue as Method and Research Technique in Participatory Action-Research (PAR), Mälardalen University and the Swedish Participatory Action-Research Community (SPARC), Eskilstuna (18 April 2017).


**Stephanie Cassilde**

- co-supervision with Jean-Yves Causer (Université de Haute-Alsace, Laboratoire 3CS) of the pedagogical field work about "Housing, identities, and work" at the University of Strasbourg for bachelor students in sociology, demography, ethnography, and social work.

**Bengi Chang**


**Rodney D. Coates**


*The Matrix of Race*, for race and ethnic relations courses, is written by three leading scholars -- Rodney D. Coates, David L. Brunsma, and Abby L. Ferber -- and reflects a very contemporary way of looking at race, minorities, and intergroup relations. Older texts use a "categorical" approach and feature a series of chapters that examine one minority group at a time (African Americans, Latino/a Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, etc.). Newer texts designed within the last 5-10 years are more likely to be organized topically, discuss various racial and ethnic minorities within the context of these topics, and use the most current theories and perspectives in this field. *The Matrix of Race* is built around these core ideas: -Race is a both a social construction and a social institution -Race is intersectional--it is embedded within other statuses (such as gender, social class, sexuality) -Concepts of race change over time and as we move from one physical location to another -We are all active agents in upholding, reproducing, or resisting constructions of race.

**Ipek Demir**

• Demir, Ipek (2018 forthcoming) 'The Global South as Foreignization: The Case of Kurdish Diaspora in Europe', *The Global South*.
• Demir, Ipek (2017) 'We don't want more diversity managers, we want justice'. Interviewed by Goele Geeraert, Mondiaal Nieuws, June 2017.

**Recent keynotes/plenaries:**
• September 2017 'Researching the Middle East: Homogeneity, Diversity, Interdisciplinarity and Decoloniality' at IMEIS conference, University of Durham.

• August 2017 'The Upsurge of the Politics of Resentment in Europe' Semi-Plenary at the European Sociological Association, Athens, Greece


Ipek Demir organized the second Kurdish Studies Summer School, Kurdish Institute, Paris in July
https://kurdishstudiesnetwork.net/2017/01/25/kurdish-studies-summer-school-2/ Info on next school is coming soon!

Umut Erel

• SPECIAL ISSUE Umut Erel and Tracey Reynolds (guest editors) ‘Migrant Mothers Making Future Citizens’ Ethnic and Racial Studies, published online 2017

• Erel, Umut; Murji, Karim; Nabahoo, Zaki ‘Understanding the contemporary race-migration nexus: Reflections on the UK in European context’, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Vol 39 (8), 2016, pp. 1339-1360

• Umut Erel, Tracey Reynolds and Erene Kaptani Migrant mothers’ creative interventions into racialized citizenship Published online: 18 May 2017 http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2017.1317825

• Umut Erel and Tracey Reynolds Introduction: migrant mothers challenging racialized citizenship, Ethnic and Racial Studies Published Online: 30 Jun 2017


Some Recent Keynotes:
- ‘Migrant Women Enacting Citizenship: Participatory Creative Research Methods’, NordHome Conference, University of Turku, Finland November 2016
- Migrant Women’s Participatory Theatre: Researchers and Participants
  Enacting Citizenship, Migrant and Women of Colour Knowledge Exchange, Utrecht University, Netherlands May 2017

The website for our Participatory Arts and Social Action Research (PASAR) has gone live and will be updated with resources such as short video clips, a toolkit and publications, we hope it will be used widely for teaching, training and research http://fass.open.ac.uk/research/projects/pasar/participatory-theatre-and-walking-methods

Umut Erel co-curated Tate Exchange ‘Who are We?’ Programme, bringing together academic, arts and activist perspectives on contemporary issues of migration, citizenship, belonging and participation. http://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/workshop/tate-exchange/who-are-we

Helma Lutz


Cornelia Goethe Centrum for Gender Studies, of which Helma Lutz is director will host the third annual Angela-Davis – Guest Professorship in 2018, with Prof. Amina Mama on the theme of ‘Feminisms of the Global South’.

Karim Murji
**Racism, policy and politics** is a new book by Karim Murji:

Race has been a prominent public policy issue in the UK for decades and there is growing interest in academia, but it is often caught in a repetitive cycle of progress and regress. This book analyses and bridges that gap by providing a unique insight into the relationship between race and ethnicity scholarship and the reality of ‘real world’ policy and politics.

Drawing on the author’s academic work as well as his background working in public policy bodies, it goes beyond ‘impact’ debates, public sociology, diversity and post-race, to examine the changing context for researching race and racism, including media and policy debates and the ways in which institutional racism has played out in public policy settings since the Stephen Lawrence inquiry.

Combining theory and applied policy analysis in an accessible way, it guides the reader through the cultural and political changes in race and racism in recent decades and identifies the challenges and opportunities for policy and politically-engaged scholarship in future, clearly mapping the pitfalls and possibilities for critical work on race and racism. Details here: [https://policypress.co.uk/racism-policy-and-politics](https://policypress.co.uk/racism-policy-and-politics)

**Carl Ulrik Schierup**


**Claudia Tazreiter**


**Recent Invited Workshops and Addresses (2017)**

• ‘Transforming borders from below: theory and research from across the globe’ *Migration, Refugees, and Religious Perspectives Workshop* – April 27-28th 2017 Arizona State University’s Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict.

• Sydney Writer’s Festival, May 2017 – Panel Convenor and moderator on: ‘Hate Politics of Immigration’ with Stephen Orlov (Canada), Samah Sabawi (Australia/Canada/Palestine), Mona Chalabi (USA), Roanna Gonsalves (Australia).

• Invited address at: Stephen Castles Festschrift – March 17, 2017, Sydney University ‘Crisis in migration as the spectacular in the late neoliberal era’.

• Academic Symposium on Refugee Research, 21st February 2017, Symposium Convenor and Plenary discussant on the panel: ‘Methods and ethics in refugee research’, UNSW.

• Leverhulme Network Event – Melbourne, 2-3 February 2017, Monash University ‘New migration flows and the challenges of temporariness’.
Satnam Virdee


Nira Yuval-Davis

- Cassidy, K. Yuval-Davis, N. & Wemyss, G. Introduction. Political Geography Special Issue Intersectional Approaches to Everyday Borderings (forthcoming)
  https://www.routledge.com/products/9781138295674

• Film: Everyday Borders (2015) directed by Orson Nava, produced by Georgie Wemyss. Shown at over 30 venues around the UK and Europe including hosted by MPs and peers at the Houses of Parliament. Viewed more than 4000 times on Vimeo. https://vimeo.com/126315982

5. Upcoming Events

Azril Bacal

• FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY FILM-FORUM "THEY BECAME OUR MOTHERS" Best Swedish Documentary Film 2016 (52 minutes long, with English subtitles) Led by Azril Bacal, Peruvian-Swedish Poet and Sociologist DATE: SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 2017 TIME: 10.15 – 12.15 AM Contact & information at 641-919-3976

Benji Chang

• November 30-31 2017. Educational Equity and Chinese Communities Across International Contexts: From Primary to Tertiary Education in Canada, Hong Kong, the United States, and mainland China. World Education Research Association (WERA) focal meeting, The Education University of Hong Kong, China


Umut Erel

• PASAR International Conference: Connecting Communities November 10-11, 2017 Resource for London 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA
The Open University in collaboration with The University of Greenwich and The University of York are pleased to host an international
multidisciplinary conference looking at how participatory and creative research methods create a space for exploring, sharing and documenting processes of belonging and place-making that is crucial to understanding migration, citizenship and belonging. https://www.gre.ac.uk/ach/events/connectingcommunities

• **Innovative Methods for Researching Societal Inequalities** BSA Postgraduate Forum 15 November 2017 (9am-4pm) BSA Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf, London, UK https://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/key-bsa-events/innovative-methods-for-researching-societal-inequalities/

**Claudia Tazreiter:**

• Roundtable on Story-telling, diaspora identities, trauma and memory, Monday 30th October, UNSW, Sydney. Chair: Associate Professor Claudia Tazreiter

• This roundtable features prominent playwrights and filmmakers, Samah Sabawi, Stephen Orlov, Su Goldfish Mary Zournazi and Kate Cherry, Director and CEO of the National Institute for Dramatic Arts in discussion on the role of story-telling in exploring and communicating about the social and political narratives of rupture, trauma, and memory making. The roundtable will explore the themes of diaspora identities and the making and unmaking of social life in times of crisis, austerity, conflict and social and political amnesia. https://sam.arts.unsw.edu.au/events/story-telling-diaspora-identities-trauma-memory/?mc_cid=4bd9f81e14&mc_eid=26b3cd4c1a

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