

ISA RC05 Newsletter, October 2015

Letter from the President of RC05

As 2015 draws to a close, it is increasingly evident that the issues that are central to the concerns of RC05 are at the forefront of public debate. Large-scale movement of people, especially asylum seekers, is creating tragedy, but also confirming that people around the world are rallying to support them, including by putting pressure on political leaders to increase the numbers resettled. This is one of many issues that illustrates that the way we understand national borders and the meaning these give to belonging is constantly in need of scrutiny. As sociologists with a special interest in racism, ethnic relations and nationalism there is much to consider. There is also a very straight forward link between our intellectual work and its potential for real world impact. This has been evident in the submissions received for our programme in Vienna next year.

Vienna

Preparations for the Third ISA Forum – The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World are under way. The Forum will be held in Vienna, July 10 – 14, 2016. Submission of abstracts closed at the end of September. The system allows programme and session organisers no flexibility in accepting late submissions as some of you found out. Please keep this in mind for the next meeting in Toronto. We received almost double the number of submissions necessary to fill our allocation of 16 sessions. In turn, we have many more abstracts for these sessions than we can accommodate. In deciding on the final programme, session organisers try to balance giving as many people as possible the chance to participate, while still allowing for meaningful discussion of the issues under consideration. While it is disappointing for those who will invariably miss out, in overall terms, it means that there is sustained interest in the important issues at the heart of our work. This means that we may be allocated extra sessions for Vienna. I would urge people to register for the conference as soon as they hear about the success of their submission. If for some reason you are no longer able to attend, please let the session organizer know quickly, so that other speakers can be prepared.

I would like to thank all those people involved, particularly session organisers and look forward to a stimulating programme in Vienna.

Communications

RC 05 has a facebook page and this is open to everyone. This is one way we can make contact with people interested in the same issues, who may not as yet, be members of RC 05 or ISA. Please continue to place material on the site and provide feedback to us, on this new initiative.

We are still providing a newsletter. This allows a continued record of activities for RC05 on the ISA website and maintains a formal means of communicating with members as required by ISA.

RC05 members continue to have access to the mailing list. All members are free to post directly to this list and it remains our most immediate and inclusive means of communication.

We welcome contributions to all our fora in languages other than English.

Membership

The number of members we have determines the number of sessions we are allocated at conferences. It also provides the 'new blood' that contributes to debate and new ways of knowing. In particular we encourage membership from places with less representation in our organisation. Please encourage people to sign up through your extended networks. Membership of RC05 is not dependent on membership of ISA and this makes joining less financially onerous.

If you have any ideas or comments about RC05 please share these through the mailing list (rc05@lists.uibk.ac.at).

I would like to thank the Board for their on-going work and support.

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RC05 Membership Report

RC05 currently has 182 'active' members, according to the ISA's new online reporting system. This is pretty much what we've had since July 2010, give or take fluctuations around Congress time. (For example, at May 2014, we had 181 members paid up.)

The new online membership renewal process does take some perseverance. One advantage is that it gives RC presidents and secretaries reports of membership lists, renewals and new members at a click - or three.

The ISA's website now takes you, via the 'Membership' link, to this message (via <http://isa.enoah.com/>):

'ISA launched a new ISA database in May 2015. If you've done business with ISA in the past but have not logged in since May 2015, you you [sic] will need to create a new user name and password to connect to your ISA record. If you have never had an ISA record in the past, click Sign In button to create one.'

The old membership page takes you to this message:

'ISA membership form has moved. To join or renew your membership, please visit <https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In>'

That URL will take you to a 'sign-in' page, which requires you to have a 'website account', or to register for one. This will take you to a 'shopping cart'. By which time you may have decided that, as a busy sociologist, you have other more pressing things to do. But please persevere!

If you think your membership has expired since 1 January 2015, please check your membership page. (I have had my doubts about whether the ISA always notifies people when their ISA membership becomes due, but the new system may work wonders.) If you are having trouble with the new system, please tell the ISA secretariat: isa@isa-sociology.org.

If you don't know whether your RC05 membership is overdue please ask me: scott.poynting@auckland.ac.nz.

Collegially,

Scott Poynting RC05 Secretary (Membership)

RC05 Page on Facebook

As announced in the last newsletter, we have an additional way for RC05 members to communicate with each other and more so, the outside world, which is our very active Facebook Page. Thanks is due to Karim Murji for making this page so successful, interesting and interactive.

The page has been used widely over the last year, since its inception. It is updated every week and some recent posts include:

- The ivory tower is cracked – white fragility and race in academia
- Open letter from the Centre for Refugee Studies
- Red pedagogy – native American social and political thought

This is a PUBLIC page. This means that everything on the page, including comments, is visible to anyone. If you are not on Facebook or don't wish to join it, you can read what's posted on the page by using this weblink: www.facebook.com/ISArc05<<http://www.facebook.com/ISArc05>><<http://www.facebook.com/ISArc05>>>

While you can see the page you can't like/comment/share stories without being on Facebook unfortunately.

The page is almost all in English. Posts from Rc05 members that are not in English and cover issues across the world are welcome. If you are interested in joining in [and on Facebook] please email karim.murji@open.ac.uk

Recent Activities of Members

1) In June Jerome Krase (CUNY) co-chaired with Judith N. DeSena (St. Johns University) and Patrica Antonello (Brooklyn College CUNY) a meeting of the Commission on Urban Anthropology held at Brooklyn College of The City University of New York on June 18-20, 2015 "The Global Financial Crisis and the Moral Economy: Local Impacts and Opportunities."

2) Nira Yuval-Davis, University of East London, UK has been producing a documentary on everyday bordering as part of a research project on borderscapes, please see the link

<http://www.uel.ac.uk/news/press-releases/2015/05/-everyday-borders-feature.htm>

She is also organizing a forthcoming conference, see section on cfp, summerschools and conferences

3) Umut Erel Open University, launched the project website 'Migrant Mothers caring for the future', bringing together videos of talks by academics, and also scenes from participatory theatre where migrant mothers in London are exploring issues around racism in accessing public services, intergenerational family relationships, domestic violence, and migrant mothers' social, political, cultural contributions to the societies they live in. We hope these resources can be useful for teaching, and further research:

<http://www.open.ac.uk/socialsciences/migrant-mothers/index.php>

Recent Publications which may be of interest

1) Theories of Race and Ethnicity Contemporary Debates and Perspectives

EDITORS: Karim Murji, John Solomos,

How have research agendas on race and ethnic relations changed over the past two decades and what new developments have emerged? Theories of Race and Ethnicity provides a comprehensive and cutting-edge collection of theoretically grounded and empirically informed essays. It covers a range of key issues in race and ethnicity studies, such as genetics and race, post-race debates, racial eliminativism and the legacy of Barack Obama, and mixed race identities. The contributions are by leading writers on a range of perspectives employed in studying ethnicity and race, including critical race feminism, critical rationalism, psychoanalysis, performativity, whiteness studies and sexuality. Written in an authoritative yet accessible style, this volume is suitable for researchers and advanced students, offering scholars a survey of the state of the art in the literature, and students an overview of the field.

2) Special Issue on Islamophobia and Crime of the International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy, vol 4, no 3 (2015):

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Editorial: Islamophobia and Crime – Anti-Muslim Demonising and Racialised Targeting

Articles

- 'All of a Sudden, There Are Muslims': Visibilities and Islamophobic Violence in Canada Barbara Perry.
- Limits of UK Counterterrorism Policy and its Implications for Islamophobia and Far Right Extremism Tahir Abbas, Imran Awan.
- Rotherham, Rochdale, and the Racialised Threat of the 'Muslim Grooming Gang' Waqas Tufail.
- 'They Make Us Feel Like We're a Virus': The Multiple Impacts of Islamophobic Hostility Towards Veiled Muslim Women Irene Zempi, Neil Chakraborti.
- In Defence of Culture? Racialised Sexual Violence and Agency in Legal and Judicial Narratives Selda Dagistanli.
- Honour, Violence and Heteronormativity Nicole L Asquith.
- Not Eating the Muslim Other: Halal Certification, Scaremongering, and the Racialisation of Muslim Identity Shakira Hussein.
- Turning Asylum Seekers into 'Dangerous Criminals': Experiences of the Criminal Justice System of those Seeking Sanctuary Monish Bhatia.
- The Creeping Blight of Islamophobia in Australia Linda Briskman.

3) Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College CUNY (USA) recently published "Seeing the

Right to the City Change” in *Inclusive City – Überlegungen zum Verhältnis von Mobilität und Diversität zur Stadtgesellschaft*, edited by Wolf-D. Bukow, Melanie Behrens, Karin Cudak, and Christoph Strück, VS Verlag, 2015

4) Jerome Krase, Brooklyn College CUNY (USA) with Timothy Shortell; **“Seeing Islam in Global Cities: A Spatial Semiotic Analysis,”** in *Seeing Religion: Toward a Visual Sociology of Religion*, edited by Roman R. Williams. Routledge, 2015.

5) **‘Migrant Capital. Networks, Identities and Strategies’** Edited by Louise Ryan, Umut Erel, Alessio D’Angelo Palgrave (2015) is out. It presents state-of-the-art empirical, theoretical and methodological perspectives on migration, networks, social and cultural capital, exploring the ways in which these bodies of literature can inform and strengthen each other. In so doing, it brings the theoretical and methodological dimensions into dialogue with each other. The migrants discussed in the book are ethnically and socio-economically diverse and have a range of migratory trajectories and experiences. Various types of networks are looked at and compared: intra-ethnic and inter-ethnic; locally-based, national and transnational; informal and formal, including migrant community organisations. *Migrant Capital* is international in focus drawing on research from Australia, North America, the Caribbean and across Europe. Migration research often focuses on individual cases, thereby running the risk of over-emphasising the peculiarities of particular migrant groups and locations, leading to criticisms of empirical nationalism. The range of case studies in this collection can open up a comparative perspective in order to contribute to a broader theoretical framework rooted in empirical research.

6) **Resilience and Triumph. IMMIGRANT WOMEN TELL THEIR STORIES,** EDITED AND COMPILED BY THE BOOK PROJECT COLLECTIVE: RASHMI LUTHER, VANAJA DHURUVARAJAN, IKRAM AHMED JAMA, YUMI KOTANI, MONIA MAZIGH, PERUVEMBA S. JAYA, AND LUCYA SPENCER, Second Story Press.

A collection of personal stories from over 50 racialized immigrant women who have made their home in Canada. An eye-opening looking glass into their lives, experiences, and perspectives.

7) **Engendering Transnational Voices: Studies in Family, Work, and Identity**
Guida Man and Rina Cohen, editors

Wilfried Laurier Press 2015, *Studies in Childhood and Family in Canada* series
Engendering Transnational Voices examines the transnational practices and identities of immigrant women, youth, and children in an era of global migration and neoliberalism, addressing such topics as family relations, gender and work, schooling, remittances, cultural identities, caring for children and the elderly, inter- and multi-generational relationships, activism, and refugee determination. Expressions of power, resistance, agency, and accommodation in relation to the

changing concepts of home, family, and citizenship are explored in both theoretical and empirical essays that critically analyze transnational experiences, discourses, cultural identities, and social spaces of women, youth, and children who come from diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds; are either first- or second-generation transmigrants; are considered legal or undocumented; and who enter their adopted country as trafficked workers, domestic workers, skilled professionals, or students. The volume gives voice to individual experiences and focuses on human agency as well as the social, economic, political, and cultural processes inherent in society that enable or disable immigrants to mobilize linkages across national boundaries.

Call for Papers and Summerschool announcements:

1) Call for Papers 'Urbanities'

Urbanities is an open-access, peer-reviewed academic journal. It is published twice a year (in May and in November). The Journal's mission is to share original ideas, explore new research trends, stimulate debate, promote critical scholarship and highlight the contribution of urban research to international anthropology and to the broader society.

Urbanities publishes full-length articles, review articles, comments and book and film reviews. As a service to the community of scholars, Urbanities also publishes sections on research, recently completed doctorates and brief announcements and reports of conferences, academic seminars and course offerings, new books from publishers, as well employment, fellowship and grant opportunities.

The Editors welcome ethnographically-based submissions from established and younger anthropologists. Committed to promoting cross-disciplinary debate, Urbanities also welcomes contributions from scholars and researchers in cognate disciplines. Urbanities is indexed by DOAJ (The Directory of Open Access Journal) <http://doaj.org>; Academic Keys Journal Database: socialsciences.academickeys.com and ERIH PLUS (European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences): dbh.nsd.uib.no Urbanities has a wide readership, providing an excellent platform for advertising and making one's work known to a large audience.

Manuscripts should be sent to the Editors: Italo Pardo, i.pardo@kent.ac.uk; Jerome Krase, JKrase@brooklyn.cuny.edu

Book Reviews Editor: Daina Cheyenne Harvey, dharvey@holycross.edu

Film Reviews Editor: Alex Vailati, alexvailati@gmail.com

The latest issue of Urbanities, Vol. 5, No 1, May 2015 is now available on line.

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2) Kurdish Studies Summer School: 27-29th JUNE 2016

Kurdish Politics and Society: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives

Please join us at this three-day intensive summer school focusing on Kurdish identity, politics and society.

This is the first-ever Kurdish Studies Summer School and will bring together scholars, postgraduate students, journalists, and community advocates.

Dates: Monday 27th June, Tuesday 28th June and Wednesday 29th June 2016

Place: University of Leicester, United Kingdom

Registration Fees: Early registration fee is £250; Registrations after 10th December 2015: £300

Confirmed keynote lecturers and panellists include: Professor Christine Allison; Professor Hamit Bozarslan; Dr Necla Acik; Dr Kamran Matin; Dr Ipek Demir

ABSTRACT:

Those wishing to present a paper and receive feedback, please send a long abstract (max 500 words) to id34@le.ac.uk. Please note that both the word-limit and abstract deadline are strict.

Abstract deadline: **30 October 2015** Abstract shortlisting will be finalised and communicated by **15 November 2015**.

REGISTRATION: Registrations will open on **15 November 2015**

Early Registration Deadline: **10 December 2015** Early Registration Fee: **£250**
Registration Fees after **10 December 2015: £300**

For more information please see:

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/sociology/research/conferences-and-workshops/kurdish-studies-summer-school>

3) Borderscapes Conference London

CMRB (The Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging) at the **University of East London** is delighted to announce:

Borderscapes: Borders and Bordering in Contemporary Europe
EUBORDERSCAPES Policy & Impact Conference

Docklands Campus, University of East London, E16 2RD,
(<http://www.uel.ac.uk/campuses/docklands/>)

10th–12th November 2015

EUBORDERSCAPES is an international research project funded through the EU's FP7 Programme. Since 2013, the project has explored conceptual changes in relation to the fundamental social, economic, cultural and geopolitical transformations that have taken place in relation to borders and bordering in and around the EU in the past three decades. This is a large-scale project with a consortium that includes 22 partner institutions from 17 different states, incorporating several non-EU countries.

As an EU funded project, **EUBORDERSCAPES** has a strong policy orientation. The purpose of this conference is to disseminate the major research findings of the project to EU and other European policy-makers, activist groups, academics and other interested parties whilst at the same time providing a space for engaged discussion on the themes arising from the project. Various leading representatives of these groups will be speaking at the conference on a range of topics that include: The Reconfiguration of Post Soviet Borders and Conceptual Change; Borders and Critical Geographies of Neighbourhoods; Post Colonial Bordering and Euro-African Borderscapes and Borders, Intersectionality and the Everyday. There will also be a film festival that exhibits films based on ethnographic work conducted by different project partners, a drama-based workshop exploring the conference themes and guided walks around London's borderscapes.

The conference is FREE but REGISTRATION COMPULSORY at borderscapesconference.eventbrite.co.uk

www.euborderscapes.eu for more information on the EU Borderscapes project, www.uel.ac.uk/cmrb/borderscapes for details of the UEL Borderscapes team and www.uel.ac.uk/cmrb for information on CMRB

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