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Dear colleagues,

This edition of the newsletter has been held back slightly to make place for important information regarding the proposed modification of RC statutes and plans for the ISA Buenos Aires Forum. Sadly, not all recent developments have been of a happy nature. As many of you may already know, Henry Teune passed away in 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to pay respect to the memory of a dear friend who served as an active Vice-President and a dedicated member of our board for many years.

ISA has requested that Research Committees update their statutes in order to fit some common principles. Hanno Scholtz and myself have drafted a new version that was recently forwarded to the relevant co-ordinating committee for approval. It will then be submitted to vote at the RC 20 business meeting in Argentina next summer.

Furthermore, I have been working in close contact with the session organisers to produce a provisional programme for the Second ISA Forum, which will act as a bridge between the two World Congresses. The full schedule and list of participants have been drawn up and sent this very day to meet the required deadline. You will find below a copy of what is building up to be a very promising event indeed.

I would also like to say a few words about the elections and the replacement of the three board members who unfortunately left us in the past two years.

Finally, on a personal note, I wish to inform you that, although I still remain attached to my College, my Department and the MFO at Oxford University, I am now mainly based at the University of Strasbourg as Directeur de Recherche. Consequently, I would appreciate it very much if you would preferably use henceforth the following e-mail address for contact:
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I wish you all a belated and very fruitful 2012.

*Jean-Pascal Daloz
RC 20 President*

Statutes Revision and Elections

The RCC Subcommittee on Statutes Revision has sent guidelines for updating the existing statutory framework. Our current RC 20 statutes were established under the presidency of Mattei Dogan and have been amended at the occasion of the 2002 Brisbane World Congress. In conformity with ISA recommendations, we have expanded some sections and added a number of articles covering various areas of the RC's functioning that had not been provided for. You should find a copy of the new draft in the next newsletter (June 2012) once it has received approval from the Subcommittee. You will have a couple of months to go over the new statutes and possibly suggest modifications before final ratification in Argentina (August 2012).

One of the wishes expressed by ISA is to harmonise the practices and calendars of the various RCs. An important aspect of this is that elections should now coincide with World Congresses. Knowing that our last elections were organised four years ago, the board has decided to exceptionally extend current mandates until the 2014 Yokohama Congress in order to meet with the new organisational cycle.

As you know, there are three vacant positions. As it is customary for the editor-in-chief of *Comparative Sociology* to sit on the board of RC 20, I have asked Professor David Weakliem (University of Connecticut) to replace the late David Sciulli. Professor Weakliem has kindly accepted. The two remaining positions may be filled in an interim capacity until the next elections, should the need arise.

ISA 2nd Forum of Sociology Buenos Aires (August 2012)

Preliminary program

Cultural Changes and Values in Comparative Perspective

Chairs: Marita **CARBALLO** (Kantar Latin America) and Frederick **TURNER** ([University of Connecticut](#))

1. **Mark GOULD** (Haverford College, USA), 'Natural law and human fallibility: Islam, Christianity and democracy';
2. **Edurne BARTOLOMÉ**, (University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain), 'The impact of interpersonal trust and economic performance on political support: Evidence from 38 European countries';
3. **Frédéric GONTHIER** (Université de Grenoble, France), 'Comparing evolution and structuring of economic attitudes in Europe and Latin America';
4. **Ricardo HERMELO** (TNS Argentina), 'Governability and Economic Growth'.

Qualitative Interviews in Comparative Sociology

Chair: Fumiya **ONAKA** (Japan's Women University)

Discussant: Cecile **VERMOT** (Université Paris Descartes, France)

1. **Natalia MELGAR** and **Maximo ROSSI** (University of Montevideo, Uruguay) 'What Can we Learn from Cross-Country Surveys?';
2. **Zhang LAN**, (Rikkyo University, Japan) 'The "Japanese War Orphans" : a comparison between those who remained in China and those who returned to Japan';
3. **Shuko NAKADA** (Japan Women's University, Japan) 'Narratives of Japanese Peruvian Internment Experiences during World War II';
4. **Marie KORTAM** (Lebanon), 'Violence in Areas of Segregation: Comparing Southern and Northern Countries'.

Social Distinction and Globalization

Chair: Jean-Pascal **DALOZ** (CNRS/University of Strasbourg, France and University of Oxford, UK)

1. **Svein S. ANDERSEN**, (Norwegian School of Management, Oslo, Norway) 'The paradoxical autonomy of the Nordic elite sport system';
2. **Hugues DRAELANTS** (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium) and **Brigitte DARCHY-KOECHLIN**, (OSC, Sciences Po, Paris, France), 'The academic pedigree: A globalized means of distinction?';
3. **Martin D. MUNK**, (Aalborg University, Denmark), **Panu POUTVAARA** (University of Munich, Germany) and **Mette FOGED** (University of Copenhagen, Denmark), 'Elite Education Abroad and Social Reproduction';
4. **David WRIGHT** (University of Warwick, UK), **Semi PURHONEN** and **Riie HEIKKILA** (University of Helsinki, Finland), 'Comparing "cosmopolitanism": Taste, nation and global culture in the UK and Finland'.

Comparative studies of historical and contemporary civilising and decivilising shifts in politics, culture and morality

Session convenors: Robert **van KRIEKEN** (University of Sydney, Australia) and Stephen **VERTIGANS** (Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK).

1. **Artur BOGNER** and **Dieter NEUBERT** (University of Bayreuth, Germany), 'Peace

versus justice: The peace process in West Nile, Uganda’;

2. **Bowen PAULLE** (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) ‘Mindfulness Interventions, Disadvantaged Students, and the Civilizing Process’;
3. **Irem OZGOREN KINLI**, (Izmir University of Economics, Turkey), ‘The development of modern sports in the ottoman empire from an eliasian perspective’;
4. **Cas WOUTERS** (Utrecht University, Netherlands) and **Stephen MENNELL**, (University College Dublin, Ireland), ‘The Slippery Slope and the Emancipation of Emotions’;
5. **Miguel FERNANDEZ** (San Agustín School, Melipilla), ‘Chilean Policies of Inversion: Student riots as civilizing processes in Chile’.

Death and Politics: Socio-historical and comparative approaches (two sessions)

Convenors: Gabriel **KESSLER** (Conicet/Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina) and Sandra **GAYOL** (Universidad Nacional General Sarmiento, Argentina)

Discussant: Carolina **SCHILLAGI** (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Argentina)

1. **Larry ISAAC** (Vanderbilt University, Brentwood, USA) and **Paul LIPOLD** (Independent Scholar), ‘Mortal politics of the US labor movement: When? where? why? success?’;
2. **Michal MURAWSKI** (University of Cambridge, UK), ‘The murderer at the funeral: Warsaw and the Stalin-era palace of culture after the Smolensk catastrophe’;
3. **Clodomir MATOS JÚNIOR** (University of São Paulo, Brazil), ‘The emergence of the figure of the victim and its political impact’;
4. **Beatriz BRAGONI** (CONICET UNCuyo, Mendoza , Argentina) ‘Rituales funerarios heroicos y memorial cívico’;
5. **Jose BURUCUA**, (UNSAM, San Martín, Argentina) and **Nicolas KWIATKOWSKI** (CONICET-UNSAM, San Martín, Argentina) ‘Martirio individual y colectivo como fórmula para la representación de masacres históricas’;
6. **Pablo Facundo ESCALANTE** (CONICET, Argentina) ‘Los funerales del panteón de París como disputa simbólica entre el rey y la asamblea nacional’;
7. **Molina EUGENIA** (CONICET/IDEHESI-Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina), ‘La expansión de la violencia, un estudio de los homicidios en el mediano plazo posrevolucionario (Mendoza, 1820-1852)’;

8. **María Alejandra FERNANDEZ** (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires, Argentina), ‘Muertes heroicas y ajusticiamientos en la revolución de mayo: Buenos Aires, 1810-1812’;
9. **Mariana LUZZI** (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires, Argentina), ‘Reparar lo irreparable: Los debates en torno de las indemnizaciones a las víctimas del terrorismo de estado en la Argentina’;
10. **Juan Ignacio PIOVANI** (Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina) and **Carla DEL CUETO** (Universidad Nacional de Gral. Sarmiento, Los Polvorines, Argentina), ‘El mercado de la muerte: Un estado de la cuestión sobre cementerios, memoriales y jardines de paz’;

Current Research in Comparative Sociology (two sessions)

Chairs: Jean-Pascal **DALOZ** (CNRS/University of Strasbourg, France and University of Oxford, UK) & Masamichi **SASAKI** (Chuo University, Japan)

1. **Edurne BARTOLOMÉ**, (University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain), ‘Trust and Interethnic Contact in European Neighbourhoods: Evidence from six European cities’;
2. **Burak GUREL** (The Johns Hopkins University, USA), ‘Social Origins of the Rural Developmental Divergence of China and India’;
3. **Anne KROGSTAD** (University of Oslo, Norway) ‘Avatar politics’;
4. **Ettore RECCHI** (University of Chieti-Pescara, Chieti, Italy), ‘Europe as transnational social space: A comparative assessment’;
5. **Borut RONCEVIC** (School of Advanced Social Studies Nova Gorica, Slovenia), ‘Stability of European Core and Periphery: A comparative assessment’;
6. **Ariel SEVILLA** (University of Reims, France), ‘L'ethnographie comme méthode de comparaison internationale « par le bas »: Le cas des ateliers de tôlerie chez Renault en Argentine, en France et au Brésil’;
7. **Aagoth STORVIK** (Institute for Social Research, Oslo, Norway), ‘Gender relations in the boardroom: Included but not equal?’;
8. **Kinga ZAWADZKA-KROL** (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland), ‘From regional to global: How the Polish intelligentsia becomes an upper-middle class. A study of lifestyle and values’.

The Sociogenesis of environment injustice and inequality in Latin America:

Historic-comparative sociological approaches (two sessions)

*Joint session of RC20 Comparative Sociology , RC24 Environment and Society and WG02
Historical and Comparative Sociology [host committee]*

Session Organisers: José Esteban **CASTRO** (Newcastle University, United Kingdom);
Gustavo **ANTON** (National University of Buenos Aires, Argentina) and Lorena **BOTTARO**
(National University of General Sarmiento, Argentina).

1. **Ruiz MIGUEL** (Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales, Quito, Ecuador), ‘Patrón de reproducción e injusticia socioambiental’;
2. **Renata MOTTA**, (Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany), ‘Inequalities and risk: Public debates about GMOs in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico’;
3. **Greg MISIASZEK** (University of California, Los Angeles, and Paulo Freire Institute, Santa Monica, USA) ‘Deconstructing histories of socio-environmental oppressions for reinventing transformative environmental education practice and research through praxis: Comparative ecopedagogy research in Latin America and the U.S.’;
4. **Nicolas SILVA VALENZUELA**,(Centro de Análisis e Investigación Política, Santiago, Chile) ‘Libre mercado, desregulación y centralización: La neocolonización industrial de la patagonia chilena’;
5. **Adriana ALLEN** (University College London, UK), ‘Disciplining spaces and spaces of insurgence: Neoliberal restructuring and workers' socio-environmental struggles in the urban south’;
6. **Bianca FREIRE-MEDEIROS** (PUC-Rio, Brazil) ‘Vai, meu irmão, pega esse avião: Mobilidade, consumo e reflexões sobre justiça ambiental em uma favela carioca’;
7. **Alexandra SEEDHOUSE** (Newcastle University, UK), ‘Gender and ethnic identity formation within anti-mining resistances in the Peruvian Andes’;
8. **Helayne PEREIRA**, (Universidade Estadual da Paraíba, Campina Grande, Brazil), ‘Desarrollo urbano y política de regularización de tierras: El caso del quilombo de paratibe y la expansión urbana de la ciudad de João Pessoa’;
9. **Camila SANTIAGO MARTINS BERNARDINI** (Universidade Federal Do Ceará, Fortaleza/Ceará, Brazil) ‘Aspects of Inequality in Brazil: Cases of socioenvironmental injustice in Fortaleza’;
10. **Tito DIAZ** (Universidad del Tolima, Colombia) and **Juan Camilo VARGAS** (Universidad del Tolima, Colombia) ‘Institucionalidad ambiental y desarrollo rural’.

Round Table on:
'Public Spaces put to the Test. A Europe-Latin America comparison'

Organiser: Gabriel **Nardacchione** (CONICET, Argentina)

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In memory of Henry Teune

Henry J. Teune (1936-2011) has been a longstanding and influential figure in the fields of comparative analysis, local politics and the dynamics of democracy. He has contributed a number of major publications throughout his distinguished career, including *The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry* (with Adam Przeworski - 1970), *Values and the Active Community* (with Philip Jacob – 1971), *The Developmental Logic of Social Systems* (with Zdravko Mlinar – 1978), *Growth* (1988), *Democracy and Local Governance: Ten Empirical Studies* (with Betty Jacob & Krzysztof Ostrowski – 1993), *Local Governance Around the World* (1995).

His intellectual legacy must also be measured by the impact he has had on the study of these themes both as a professor of political science and project director during his 50-year tenure at the University of Pennsylvania (notably through the *Organizational Dynamics* and *Democracy and Local Governance* research programs), as an active and prominent member of a number of international associations (the *International Studies Association* – of which he was President in 1981-1982; the *International Sociological Association* – of which he had been a member of the Executive Committee and was still the Vice-President of our RC; the *International Political Science Association* – of which he was President of the RC on the Politics of Local-Global Relations), as an editorial board-member of *Comparative Political Studies* and of the *Journal of Theoretical Politics* and as an international scholar with strong academic ties to Holland, the ex-Yugoslavia, Japan and France.

Personally, I will remember him as a tireless academic globetrotter – whichever conference or congress I may have been attending, I would always find him there. With his deep and extensive knowledge of the field, Henry felt that new generations of scholars (myself included) overlooked – and sometimes unwittingly rediscovered – the wisdom of older literature. One of the last times we met was in July 2009 in Santiago de Chile at the IPSA World Congress. After months of treatment he was so happy to be back where he belonged, out

there on the academic circuit once again. I will miss our many interesting conversations.

JP Daloz

⇒ Next newsletter in June 2012