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Dear colleagues,

Here is the Winter newsletter. Needless to say, the last few months have been devoted to the preparation of the XVIII World Congress (Yokohama 13-19 July 2014). You will find hereafter our RC programme which looks most promising. I would like to seize the opportunity of this newsletter to thank all the session organisers as well as the ISA and Confex staff who efficiently assisted me.

The elections will be held before the Congress (electronically). All the RC members in good standing will be contacted in due time.

In this letter, you will also find a few words on our forthcoming RC symposium on 'Sociological Schools of Thought and Comparative Analysis' (Strasbourg, 27-28 March 2014), a call for papers and some news about recent publications.

I wish you all a very fruitful 2014.

*Jean-Pascal Daloz
RC 20 President*

YOKOHAMA 2014 ISA WORLD CONGRESS
(preliminary) Programme

Changing Global Values. Part I

Session Organizers: Marita CARBALLO, Universidad Católica Argentina Argentina
Frederick C. TURNER, University of Connecticut

1. *Religious Heterogeneity and Civic Participation In Comparative Perspective.* M. Voicu and E. Bartolomé
2. *Modernization and Value Change in European Societies in 1995-2008: Test of Inglehart's Socialization Hypothesis.* Y. Savelyev
3. *Change of Basic Human Values in Europe 2002-2012.* L. Lilleoja
4. *Effect of Economic Crises on Work Orientations Among European Countries.* C. Munoz-Goy
5. *Danish Exceptionalism: Explaining the Unique Increase in Social Trust over the Past 30 Years.* P. T. Dinesen and K. M. Sønderskov

Changing Global Values. Part II

Session Organizers: Marita CARBALLO, Universidad Católica Argentina Argentina
Frederick C. TURNER, University of Connecticut

1. *Value Systems in Transformation: Changing Values in Relation to Changing Societies.* M. Sömer
2. *The Future Of Leviathan: Value Change and Attitudes Towards The Role Of The State.* D. Capistrano and H. C. Castro
3. *The Political Economy of Religiosity: Development and Inequality Reconsidered.* M. Fairbrother
4. *Re-Thinking Political Trust in China.* R. Wilkes and C. Wu
5. *Asian Values Revisited after 20 Years: Value Shift in China, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.* Y. Zhai
6. *Modernization of Values and Its Implications.* Y. Vasserman (distributed paper)

Comparative Sociology: Present Status and Future Directions

Session Organizer Masamichi SASAKI, Chuo University Japan

Co-Chairs: Masamichi SASAKI, Chuo University Japan

Jean-Pascal DALOZ CNRS/SAGE University of Strasbourg

France

1. *Comparative Sociology As an Inquiry and As a Teaching Discipline: An Attempt of Comparative Analysis.* [A. Rezaev](#)
2. *Different Manifestations of the Public Sphere in Japan and Korea.* [D. N. Kim](#)
3. *From Registers To Repertoires Of Identification In National Identity Discourses: A Comparative Study Of Nationally Mixed People In France, Germany and The United Kingdom.* [A. Unterreiner](#)
4. *Welfare Magnetism within Public Opinion. Evaluating Welfare Opinions Among First and Second Generation Immigrants.* [T. Reeskens](#) and [W. van Oorschot](#)
5. *Change in Daily Eating Habits – Organization and Arrangement of Nutrition Patterns in the Context of Family and Public Compared Between Germany and Japan.* [R. John](#) and [J. Rueckert-John](#)

Rethinking Comparison in a Global Age: Methodological Issues

Session Organizers:

Vincenzo CICCHELLI, Université Paris Descartes France
Sylvie OCTOBRE, Ministère de la Culture, Paris, France

1. *Chance and Risk of Qualitative Interview Methods in an International Comparison.* [S. H. Nam](#)
2. *Methodological Issues in Comparing the Disability Rights Movement Cross-Culturally.* [S. Barnartt](#)
3. *Comparing Employment Policies in a Globalising World: New Challenges and New Methods.* [O. Giraud](#) and [F. Rey](#)
4. *A Reflection on the Main Challenges of Comparative Research on Global Consumption Studies.* [V. Riegel](#)
5. *Transnational Trajectories? Studying Nation and Citizenship in East Asia.* [Y. Soysal](#)
6. *The Conceptual Premises Behind Global-Comparative Analysis and The Work Of Nishida Kitaro.* [D. Baronov](#) (distributed paper)
7. *The Field of Nation States: A Relational Approach to the Comparison of*

Societies. [A. Schmitz and D. Witte](#) (distributed paper)

Culture and the Media in a Long-Term Perspective

Session Organizers: Robert Van KRIEKEN, University of Sydney Australia
Stephen VERTIGANS, Robert Gordon University United Kingdom

1. *Crisis in Childhood – Regulatory Regimes in Children's Television*. [N. Gabriel](#)
2. *Analysing Culture in Long-Term Perspective: Documents and Artefacts As 'Figurations'*. [J. Hughes](#)

The Rise of Top Incomes: Comparative Perspectives

Session Organizer: David WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA

1. *The Politics of Oligarchy: Top Incomes, Taxes, Financial Regulations and Politics in the U.S., 1918-2012*. [T. Volscho and N. Kelly](#)
2. *Eat the Rich, Ignore the Poor: The Welfare State and Income Inequality in 46 Societies*. [J. Kelley, M. D. R. Evans, and N. Breznau](#)
3. *Income Inequality and Relative Deprivation: A Formal Theoretic View*. [A. Ishida](#)
4. *Explaining the Rise in Top Incomes*. [D. Weakliem](#)

Expatriates: Comparative Perspectives

Session organizer: Jean-Pascal DALOZ CNRS/SAGE University of Strasbourg France

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1. *Globalizing Forms of Elite Sociability: How Social and Service Clubs Foster Varied International Experiences*. [B. Cousin and S. Chauvin](#)
 2. *Cross-Border or out of country Voters? Citizenship and Elections*

- Across the Frontier Between Brazil and Paraguay.* [E. Menegazzo](#)
3. *"Auslandschweizer" in the Making. Social Constructions of the "Swiss Expatriate" in a Longitudinal Comparison (1974–2014).* [D. Hänzi](#)
 4. *Assessing French Expatriates Attitudes. Common Meanings Versus Complexity of Situations in Casablanca and London.* [S. Beck](#)
 5. *A Comparative Approach on Migration in Post-Communist Societies; The Case of Albania in East-European Context.* [L. Sokoli](#)

Trust: Comparative Perspectives Part I

Session [organizer](#): Masamichi SASAKI, Chuo University Japan

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1. *Trust and Modes of Cooperation.* [B. Misztal](#)
 2. *Trust and the Problem of Boundaries.* [A. Seligman](#)
 3. *Trust and Social Classes in Russia and Nordic Countries.* [H. Melin](#) and [R. Blom](#)
 4. *Multileveled Uncertainty: Meso-micro Linkages between Trust and Confidence'.* [M. Frederiksen](#)
 5. *Environmental Trust: A Cross-National Study.* [S. Marquart-Pyatt](#)
 6. *Explaining Corruption: Comparative Study of Social and Institutional Trust.* [M. Fazeli](#) and [M. Jalili](#) (distributed paper)
 7. *Psychological Effectiveness of Interactive Advertising in Russia.* [N. Antonova](#) (distributed paper)

Trust: Comparative Perspectives Part II

Session [organizer](#): Masamichi SASAKI, Chuo University Japan

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1. *Trust and Democracy in Different Post-Communist Societies: Poland, Russia and Georgia Comparison.* [K. Staszynska](#)
 2. *Whom They Trust: A Comparative Analysis of Attitudes Among Youth in Eastern Europe.* [O. Kitaitseva](#) and [A. Kuchenkova](#)
 3. *Decomposing the Determinants of (Dis)Trust in Outgroups in Germany and Spain: Results from an Experimental Design Using the Factorial Survey.* [H. Duelmer](#)
 4. *A Cross-National Comparative Study of Trust in Nonprofit Organizations.* [W. Matsumoto](#)
 5. *Trust in Chinese Guanxi?.* [J. Barbalet](#)
 6. *Multiple Membership Multilevel Models in Assessing the Impact of Foreign Cultures of Social Trust.* [B. Voicu](#) (distributed paper)
 7. *Structure and Specificity TRUST of E-Zines.* [A. Kupreychenko](#) and [E.](#)

Shlyakhovaya (distributed paper)

8. *Corruption, Trust, and Inequality in Modern Societies*. Y. Ardelyanova (distributed paper)

Round Table : Rethinking Social Distinction

Session organizer: Jean-Pascal DALOZ CNRS/SAGE University of Strasbourg France

Current Research in Comparative Sociology. Part I

Session organizer: Hanno SCHOLTZ, University of Fribourg Switzerland

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1. *The Role of Parenting Practices and Preschool Education for Social Inequality in Learning Outcomes: A Cross-Country Comparison Using Test Scores*. L. Salazar and J. Radl
 2. *Comparative Analysis of Changing Family Formation – Different Life Course Regimes and Developmental Paths Identified in European Countries*. O. Zimmermann
 3. *Ethnic Stratification and Income Inequality Around the World*. M. Haller
 4. *Transformation Processes In The CIS Countries: Comparative Data On The Results Of Sociological Surveys 2001 and 2010*. A. Shabdenova and G. Alimbekova
 5. *Frontier Societies: Culture and Social Institutions*. R. Foa and A. Nemirovskaya
 6. *Corruption and Social Values: Do Post-Materialists Justify Bribery?*. M. Kravtsova, A. Oshchepkov, and C. Welzel (distributed paper)
 7. *The Well-Being Gap Between the Married and the Never Married: Time Trends and Macro Processes*. M. Mikucka (distributed paper)
 8. *Relative Social Standing and Support for Nativism*. N. Lee (distributed paper)
 9. *The Effects of Employee- and Country Characteristics on Employment Commitment and Working Time Preferences in Europe*. T. Turunen (distributed paper)
 10. *Geopolitical and Personal Influences on Willingness to Participate in Political Action in the Middle East*. A. Price, H. Rizzo, and K. Meyer (distributed paper)

Current Research in Comparative Sociology. Part II

Session organizer: Frederick C. TURNER, University of Connecticut

1. *Limits of Complexity? – the Need of a Multilevel Approach in Migration Research.* [G. Gilliéron](#)
2. *Conspicuous Modesty in a Cosmopolitan Environment? a Study of Nordic Expatriates in Strasbourg.* [J.-P. Daloz](#)
3. *Comparative Research in Prostitution Studies: Challenges and Opportunities.* [I. Crowhurst](#)
4. *Professionalism As Boundary Performance: Journalistic Culture in the US and Germany.* [M. Revers](#)
5. *Just Another “Special Interest”: Collective Identities and Union Strength in the U.S. and Canada in the Twentieth Century.* [B. Eidlin](#)
6. *Interwar Constitutionalism and the Remaking of Social Policy in Latin America.* [M. Bastias Saavedra](#) (distributed paper)
7. *Is There a Unified Recipe to Predict Civic Engagement? Comparisons of 47 European Countries.* [A. Marchenko](#) (distributed paper)
8. *Comparing the Design and Implementation of It Skill Standards in Britain and Japan: It Human Resources, Institutional Innovation and Path Dependency.* [K. McCormick](#), [Y. Kurata](#), and [K. Tsuzaki](#) (distributed paper)
9. *Divorce Studies in America and Japan.* [T. Suzuki](#) and [A. Okano](#) (distributed paper)

Current Research in Comparative Sociology. Part II

Session organizer: Jean-Pascal DALOZ CNRS/SAGE University of Strasbourg France

1. *Cross-National Comparative Lifestyle Research: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations and a Two-Country Illustration.* [Y. Lemel](#) and [T. Katz-Gerro](#)
 2. *Power Shifts and Transnationalization. a Comparative Study of Long-Term Changes in the Swedish Power Elite, 1990 - 2013.* [A. Göransson](#), [I. Lidegran](#), and [M. Gustavsson](#)
 3. *Into the Great Wide Open? a Comparative Study of Cultural Legitimacy and the Arts in British and Finnish Newspapers, 1960-2010.* [S. Purhonen](#), [T. Lauronen](#), [R. Heikkilä](#), and [J. Gronow](#)
 4. *Nordic Moral Repertoires: A Contribution To a Comparative Cultural Sociology of Social Justice.* [M. Frederiksen](#)
 5. *Distinction Practices and Socialization Of “Native” and “Foreign” Elites In Mexico.* [E. Heinze](#)
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6. *“Ottomania” and “Cool Japan” in Comparative Perspective. M. ErgiForm of Work and Family Formation in Japan and Germany. Y. TanakaElite-Mass Incongruence in Dualized Labor Markets: Comparing Preferences for European Integration. A. M. Jeannet and M. Gelepithis* (distributed paper)
 7. *Building the Comparability of International Migration: A Multi-Located Qualitative Survey of Togolese and Comorian Emigrants in France. H. Bréant* (distributed paper)
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The Comparative Sociology of Examinations Part I – joint session

Session organizers: Fumiya ONAKA, Center, Japan Women’s University,
Kanagawa, Japan
Shinichi AIZAWA, Chukyo University Japan

1. *Cheating Among American University Students: A 30-Year Follow-up Study and a Comparative Study with Chinese University Students. B. L. Stiles, N. C. W. Wong, and E. E. LaBeff*
2. *Comparison of the “Examination Hell” (JP) and “Testing Wars” (US). A. Hashimoto*
3. *A Comparative Study of Effort and Examinations in Japan and England. K. Okawa*
4. *Comparative Sociology of 15 Plus Examinations in Thailand, England, and Japan. F. Onaka*
5. *Questions, Answers and Pleas in Portuguese Exams during Seven Decades. C. Silva and V. D. Teodoro*
6. *The Popularization Process of Higher Education in Postwar Japan, the Discourse in the Magazine “Keisetsu Jidai”. T. Shinohara*

The Comparative Sociology of Examinations Part II – joint session

Session organizers: Fumiya ONAKA, Center, Japan Women’s University,
Kanagawa, Japan
Shinichi AIZAWA, Chukyo University Japan

1. *Do Educational Standardization and High-Stakes Examinations Reduce Gender Differences in Mathematics Self-Concept?: A Comparative Study of 45 Countries. H. Law*
2. *Comparative Study of Ability and Examinations in Post-Manufacturing Societies, from Interview Surveys in the United Kingdom and Japan. S. Aizawa*

3. *Comparative Study on Vocational Education in Japan and in France.* [Y. Shiratori](#)
 4. *Entrance Examinations As a Tool for Socialization and System Maintenance: Comparisons Between the United States, Japan, and France.* [M. E. Watanabe](#)
 5. *Teachers Council in a Top Rated School.* [D. Mandelert](#)
 6. *Young Researchers in Germany: Different Forms of Examination and Evaluation of Academic Careers.* [O. Berli](#) and [J. Reuter](#)
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RC Symposium

Sociological Schools of thought and Comparative Analysis

This RC 20 symposium will be held at the Maison Interuniversitaire des Sciences de l'Homme d'Alsace (MISHA) at the University of Strasbourg on 27-28 March 2014. Quite a few schools of thought will be represented. Unfortunately, the two contributors who were supposed to give a paper on 'Durkheim and comparison', and 'Weber and comparative analysis' recently had to cancel their participation due to health problems. Consequently we are looking for colleagues who might be interested in replacing them. Likewise, a paper on 'Marxism and comparative perspectives' would be most welcome. If you are interested, or know people that could be, please contact the organiser (jean-pascal.daloz@misha.fr). Presenters can give a seminar-style presentation (powerpoint) with no written paper being requested at this stage.

Call for papers

From the Past to the Present and towards Possible Futures: The Collected Works of Norbert Elias

College Court, University of Leicester, 20–22 June 2014

In 2014 the eighteenth and final volume of the Collected Works of Norbert Elias in English will be published by University College Dublin Press. (For details of the volumes, see www.ucdpress.ie.)

The mammoth undertaking, in association with the Norbert Elias Foundation, Amsterdam, and under the stewardship of Professor Stephen Mennell, has taken a decade to bring to fruition. It brings together the entire corpus of Elias's works, featuring many writings previously unpublished or not hitherto translated into English, faithfully representing his core ideas, which have been widely discussed not just among sociologists, but also among historians,

anthropologists, criminologists, International Relations specialists and in the human sciences generally.

The conference marking the completion of the whole project will appropriately be held at the University of Leicester, where Elias lived and taught from 1954 to 1977.

Craig Calhoun, Director of the London School of Economics, has agreed to give the opening address.

Abstracts of no more than **500 words** for the conference should be submitted Jason Hughes (jason.hughes@le.ac.uk) not later than **31 January 2014**

For further details, see the full version of this call for papers at: www.eliasconference.com

Recent publications by RC 20 members

V. Cotesta, V. Cicchelli and M. Nocenzi (eds), *Global Society, Cosmopolitanism and Human Rights*, Cambridge: Scholars Publishing, 2013.

Jean-Pascal Daloz, *Rethinking Social Distinction*, Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2013.

<http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=506042>

Corinne Lennox and Matthew Waites (eds.), *Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in the Commonwealth: Struggles for Decriminalisation and Change*, London: School of Advanced Study, University of London, 2013.

This is the first book on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender experiences in the Commonwealth of Nations, and includes comparative analysis between Commonwealth states. Available free online to read or download at:

<http://commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/publications/house-publications/lgbt-rights-commonwealth>

Jeffrey Broadbent, Sun-Jin Yun, Dowan Ku, Kazuhiro Ikeda, Keiichi Satoh, Sony Pellissery, Pradip Swarnarkar, Tze-Luen Lin, Ho-Ching Lee and Jun Jin, 2013, "Asian Societies and Climate Change: Global Events and Domestic Discourse" *Globality Studies Journal* No. 32, July 26, 2013. Access URL: <http://globality.cc.stonybrook.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/032JBroadbent.pdf>

The Concise Encyclopedia of Comparative Sociology (two volumes) edited by Masamichi Sasaki, Jack Goldstone, Ekkert Zimmermann and Stephen Sanderston will be published from Brill Academic Publishers in the beginning of 2014.

E.C. Ejiogu has edited a Special Issue of the *Journal of Asian and African Studies* (vol. 48/6, December 2013) on 'Chinua Achebe, The Igbo, Pogrom, Biafra War and Genocide in Nigeria'.