



Comparative
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December 2017 Newsletter

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Dear colleagues,

Here are the latest news regarding our Research Committee.

I wish you every success in the coming year. Best greetings from (very, very cold) Connecticut.

*Jean-Pascal Daloz
RC 20 President*

Interim RC 20 Conference

Further to the announcement made in the previous newsletters, our Interim Conference took place at the University of Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium) on November 23 et 24, 2017 (in French for a change). The topic was “*Nouvelles directions dans l’analyse de la distinction sociale*” with participants from Belgium, France, the USA and Japan. It was co-organised by Hugues Draelants (Professor of Sociology in the hosting University and member of RC 20) and Jean-Pascal Daloz (CNRS Research Professor, currently Visiting Fellow at the Center for Cultural Sociology at Yale).

A film on members of the Lion’s club in the Benin Republic was projected on this occasion.

The papers of the Conference (as well as others by colleagues – from Norway, the USA – who could not participate) will be published by the Belgian journal “*Recherches sociologiques et anthropologiques*” as a special issue.

The Conference was co-sponsored by the Belgium Fund for Scientific Research, the University of Louvain-la-Neuve and we also got a most welcome grant from ISA.

Report on International Conference on Trust **+ call for papers**

The International Conference on Trust, hosted by the Institute of Social Sciences at Chuo University, took place November 18th through 20th, 2017 in central Tokyo.

This conference brought together more than one hundred-twenty participants from thirty-one nations covering all five continents, with one hundred presentations (fifteen presentations in plenary sessions and eighty-five presentations in areas sessions), in the fields of sociology, social psychology, economics, political science, organizational studies, management, education, law, and even literature.

“Meet the Editors” gatherings were held during the conference with the guest editor of *Comparative Sociology* (see hereunder) and chief editors of *Journal of Trust Research* and *Sociological Studies* to explain the call for papers for their

special and regular issues on trust. Some of the excellent papers from this conference may be published.

<http://www.chuo-u.ac.jp/research/institutes/socialsciences/news/2017/12/64242/>

Comparative Sociology is currently seeking papers for the upcoming special issue on the topic of “Trust”. The scope of this special issue is to present current research results from multi-disciplinary perspectives. Submission should be sent to Professor Emeritus Masamichi Sasaki.

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International Conference announcement

Biography and Violence: Violent dynamics and agency in collective processes and individual life histories (February 2018) Göttingen.

See <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/562269.html>

Recent publications by RC 20 members

GRASSO & BESSANT (eds) (2018) [Governing Youth Politics in the Age of Surveillance](#) London: Routledge (The Criminalization of Political Dissent Series)

LAHUSEN & GRASSO (eds) (2018) [Solidarity in Europe: Citizens' Responses in Times of Crisis](#) London: Palgrave Macmillan (Palgrave Studies in European Political Sociology)

GIUGNI & GRASSO (eds) (2018) [Citizens and the Crisis: Perceptions, Experiences, and Responses to the Great Recession in Europe](#) London: Palgrave Macmillan (Palgrave Studies in European Political Sociology)

Fumiya ONAKA (2017) “Community Transformation in Asian Societies: An Introduction.” *Historical Social Research* 42 (3): 277-288.