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Dear colleagues,

As you can imagine, we have been quite active preparing the Göteborg World Congress sessions. You will find below the very latest programme (taking into account revised titles and one or two last-minute drop-outs). Time and venue can be checked at <http://isa2010.aimit.se/2441/Sessions>. I am happy to see that we have participants from many different countries.

I draw your attention to the fact that the business meeting is scheduled on Wednesday 14 July at 15:30 (campus Linné Annedalsseminariet 302) and I do hope that all RC 20 members present in Sweden will be able to attend. We shall mainly discuss the prospect of organising a conference in 2011 (possibly in Switzerland) about the current state of our sub-discipline. A call for papers will be addressed to all of you in due time.

The other important piece of news is that we are going to have a new (interim) Secretary/Treasurer: our colleague Hanno Scholtz (from the University of Bern, Switzerland). Hanno will replace Anne Krogstad (University of Oslo) who wishes to step down from her position for professional reasons, as from next month. Anne will, however, continue to serve as a board member. More on this hereunder.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Sweden in a few days time and wish everyone a very pleasant summer break – if there is.

*Med vänling hälsning
(as they say in Sweden)*

*Jean-Pascal Daloz
RC 20 Chair*

Göteborg ISA World Congress - RC 20 final programme

Session 1

Social Distinction: Comparative Perspectives

Chair: Jean-Pascal DALOZ (CNRS/University of Oxford, UK, and University of Oslo, Norway)

1. Jean-Pascal DALOZ (CNRS/University of Oxford, UK, and University of Oslo, Norway) *New Directions in the Study of Social Distinction: Symbolic Consistency vs. Synecdochic Strategies*
2. Jeremy SCHULZ (University of California, Berkeley, USA) *Zoning the Evening : Constructing the Evening Work-Life Boundary Among French, Norwegian, and American Business Professionals*
3. Elisabeth SCHIMPFOSSEL (University of Manchester, UK) *Russia's New Social Upper Class: Between Flamboyance and Understatement*
4. Stefan BARGHEER (University of Chicago, USA and Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Germany) *Toward a Taxonomy of Taste: A Comparative Study of the Food Service Industry in Berlin*
5. Rosario RADAKOVICH (Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay) *South America's Cultural Distinction Ways: Uruguay from Opera to 'Cumbia'*

Session 2

Comparative Studies of Capital, Ownership and Gender

Chair: Anne KROGSTAD (University of Oslo, Norway)

Discussant: Fredrik ENGELSTAD (University of Oslo, Norway)

1. Anita GÖRANSSON (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) *Gendered Career Paths to Top Positions in Private Enterprises*
2. Mari TEIGEN (Institute for Social Research, Oslo, Norway) *Particular Patterns of Politics: National Debates on Corporate Board Quotas*
3. Vibeke HEIDENREICH (Institute for Social Research, Oslo, Norway) *Recruitment Processes and Effects on Gender Representation in the Boardroom*
4. Hirohisa TAKENOSHITA (Shizuoka University, Japan) *Family, Labor Market, and Dynamics of Self-Employment in Three Asian Countries. Gender Differentials in the Self-Employment Entry in Japan, Korea and Taiwan*
5. Andrea SCHÄFER (University of Bremen, Germany) & Ingrid TUCCI (DIW Berlin, Germany) *Women at the Top of the Ladder? A Cross-National Study of Underrepresentation of women in Managerial Positions in European countries.*

Session 3

Comparing Societal Patterns of Interethnic Integration

Chair: Nikolaï GENOV (Free University Berlin, Germany)

1. Borut RONCEVIC (School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia) *Social Systems Approach to Managing Interethnic Relations*
2. Maksim RUDNEV (Russian Academy of Science) *The Value Dimension of Integration of the Russian-Speaking Populations in 5 Countries*
3. Nikolaï GENOV (Free University Berlin, Germany) *Patterns of Interethnic Integration in a Global City*

4. Andrey V. REZAEV (St. Petersburg State University, Russia) & Nikolay ZAKHAROV (Uppsala University, Sweden) *Does the Theory of Race Matter for Understanding Migration Processes in Contemporary Russia?*
5. Tessa SAVVIDIS (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany) *Indigenous and Immigrant Minorities: Determinants of 'Successful' Integration*

Distributed paper:

6. Renald SIMONYAN ((Russian Academy of Science) *Comparative Analysis of Ethnocultural Features of Russian and Baltic Ethnoses*

Session 4

Contextualization and Typologization in Comparative Methodology

Chair: Lars MJØSET (University of Oslo, Norway)

1. Peter P. MOLLINGA & Daphne GONDHALEKAR (ZEF Center for Development Research, Bonn, Germany) *Heuristics, Pragmatics and Critical Realism*
2. Håkon LARSEN (University of Oslo, Norway) *The Cultural Sociology of Public Debate: A Comparative Perspective*
3. Natalia MELGAR & Máximo ROSSI (Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay) *Context Effects on People's Attitudes. What can be learnt from cross-country surveys?*
4. Julia BRANNEN (Institute of Education, University of London, UK) and Ann NILSEN (University of Bergen, Norway) *Ideals and Practices in Case-Based Comparative Research: A European Study of the Transition to Parenthood*
5. Lars MJØSET (University of Oslo, Norway) *From a Month Before to a Month After April 9th, 1940. Reflections on context, strategy and responsibility with reference to a case of enormous national concern for the small norwegian nation-state*

Session 5

Current Research in Comparative Sociology (Part I)

Chair: Frederick TURNER (University of Connecticut, USA)

1. Miguel BASAÑEZ (Tufts University, USA) *Measuring Economic Performance and Social Progress*
2. Lyle SCRUGGS (University of Connecticut, USA) *Economic Crisis and Environmental Concern: Europe and America in Comparative Perspective*
3. Stephan SVALFORS (Umeå University, Sweden) *Age, Class, and Attitudes Towards Government Responsibilities: Exploring The Mechanisms*
4. Matthew R. SANDERSON (Lehigh University, USA) *International Migration and Economic Development: A Cross-National Comparative Analysis, 1970-2005*
5. Manuel AHEDO (University Rovira I Virgili, Spain) *External Learning and Self-Comparing Societies in Dynamic Comparative Analysis in the Globalization Era*

Session 6

Current Research in Comparative Sociology (Part II)

Chair: Jean-Pascal DALOZ, CNRS/University of Oxford, UK, and University of Oslo, Norway

1. Georg P. MUELLER (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) *Qualitative Comparative Analysis with Three-Valued Logic: A New Methodology and its Application to Social Conflict*

2. Annabelle ALLOUCH (Sciences Po Paris, France) *A Culture of Academic Elites? Knowledge and Pedagogic Practices in Outreach Schemes: The case of Elite Higher Education Institutions in France and England*
3. Tuuli-Marja KLEINER (FernUniversität Hagen, Germany) *Mechanisms of Mutual Transnational Perceptions: Why Societies Trust Each Other*
4. Fumiya ONAKA (Japan Women's University) *A Network Analysis of Local Cultures in Two Thai Villages*
5. Guillermo CANTOR (University of Rosario, Argentina) *Felons and Slaves: Immigration, States and the Politics of Naming in the United States and Argentina*

Session 7

Business meeting

Figurational Sociology Working Group

Special Session (8) on Plenary Theme: Violence and War

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Papers:

1. *Sociology of Morality: towards an understanding of Violence in an era of Recognition*
Simone Magalhães Brito & Jorge Ventura de Morais (UFPE/Federal University of Pernambuco-Brazil) simonebritto@hotmail.com
2. *The Development of the Images of Allies and Enemies among Habsburg Soldiers before, during and after the First World War*
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3. *Affects and Sentiments as a By-Product of Mechanized Warfare on the Battlefields of the Great War 1914-1918: In Autobiographies by Officers and Soldiers of the Habsburg Army*
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4. *Civilization, violence, wars and control of emotion*
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5. *Survival Units, Violence, and Warfare in Europe*
Lars Bo Kaspersen (Copenhagen Business School) lbk.cbp@cbs.dk
6. *'Barbarity' and 'Civilization' according to public order agents who committed violations of the Human Rights in Argentina in the 70s*
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Distributed Paper

7. *The Ins and Outs of Terrorism: Processes of political violence*
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Session 9: Multiple modernities, diverse identities I

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Papers:

1. *Evolution of Culture and Cultures*
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2. *Civilization and Multiple Modernities in Latin America*
José Esteban Castro (Newcastle University) j.e.castro@ncl.ac.uk
3. *Process and Progress Sociology: the curious case of Goody, Elias and Naturvolk in Africa* Katie Liston (University of Ulster) K.Liston@ulster.ac.uk
4. *Civilizing 'natural' childhoods - similarities and differences*
Norman Gabriel (University of Plymouth) norman.r.gabriel@plymouth.ac.uk
5. *Elias, Bourdieu and The Practice of Sociology*
Jason Hughes (Brunel University) jrah1@me.com
6. *American Capitalism: sociological reasons why the rest of the world follows the American model in nearly everything, and sociological reasons why that is a very bad idea*
Stephen Menzell (University College Dublin) Stephen.Menzell@ucd.ie

Distributed Papers

7. *'Dissection of 'modernity': a comparative analysis of instances of 'anti-modernity''*
Atsuko Ichijo A.Ichijo@kingston.ac.uk
8. *The sixth world extinction event and the civilising process*
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Session 10: Multiple modernities, diverse identities II

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Papers:

1. *Uneven social development and the oscillating scope of identification: Ireland's 'modernity' since the late 19th century*
Paddy Dolan (Dublin Institute of Technology) paddy.dolan@dit.ie
2. *A land of a hundred thousand welcomes?*
Steve Loyal (University College Dublin) stevenloyal2002@yahoo.com

3. *The national habitus in the 21st century: Transnational figurations, the formation of national culture, and the rationale of comparative research*
Giselende Kuipers (University of Amsterdam/Erasmus University Rotterdam) G.M.M.Kuipers@uva.nl
4. *On moral decline*
Nico Wilterdink (University of Amsterdam) N.A.Wilterdink@uva.nl
5. *From relational to transactional sociology?*
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6. *Globality and Multiple Modernities*
Roland Robertson (University of Aberdeen) r.robertson@abdn.ac.uk

Distributed Paper

7. *Reconfiguring local societies: established and outsiders facing migration process*
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Session 11 Historical and Comparative Studies of Civilization I

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Papers:

1. *Re-civilising Spain and Portugal: Social Codes of Behaviour and Emotions during Franco's (1939-1975) and Salazar's dictatorships (1926-1974)*
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2. *Moral panics as civilising and decivilising processes? A comparative discussion*
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3. *Nationalism in Sport and how sport civilizes international rivalry*
Dieter Reicher (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz) dieter.reicher@uni-graz.at
4. *Ottoman court festivals as instruments of power*
Irem Özgören Kinli iremozg@yahoo.com
5. *Ambivalence and sensibility: civilizing animal farming in Europe?*
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6. *"Elias's manners" and "Thomasius's decorum"*
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Session 12 Historical and Comparative Studies of Civilization II

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Papers:

1. *From heroes to 'people': fame in a long-lasting perspective*
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2. *A revenge of the biological: The new administration of human remains*
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3. *'No sex under my own roof': comparing the USA and the Netherlands*
Cas Wouters (Utrecht University) c.wouters@uu.nl
4. *Thinking in figurations: a knowledge sociological study about the next generation*
Stefanie Ernst (Hamburg University) Stefanie.Ernst@wiso.uni-hamburg.de
5. *Elias and Bourdieu*
Bowen Paulle (University of Amsterdam) B.Paulle@uva.nl
6. *Analysis of the Figurational Change and the Balance of Power of Parents in the 20th Century*
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New (interim) Secretary

The board has agreed to appoint Hanno Scholtz (from the University of Bern) as the new interim RC Secretary in replacement of Anne Krogstad until the next elections (due, as you know, in January 2012). Hanno Scholtz has been a member of our RC for quite a few years and has developed a keen interest in the sub-discipline of Comparative Sociology. He is currently preparing a sophisticated article charting the main research areas of Comparative Sociology (based on a dataset of 1070 publications) and he also has a textbook on our field in mind. He uses both quantitative and qualitative methodologies and (like most of us) is not particularly attached to one school of thought.

Miscellaneous announcements

International Conference:

Global Trends And Regional Development

23-25 September 2010 – Semiramis Conference Centre, Berlin

Organiser: Prof. Nikolai Genov (Freie Universität Berlin).

The aim of the Conference is the discussion of papers prepared for inclusion in a volume under the above title. The global trends under scrutiny are defined as *upgrading the rationality of organizations, individualization, spreading of instrumental activism* and *universalization of value-normative systems*. The changes of societies in the world regions will be interpreted as adaptations to these global trends. The efforts to adapt to the global trends might be successful or not to various degrees. Path dependency, varying quality of relevant decisions and external impacts are welcome as factors explaining modalities of societal and regional adaptation to global trends. Special attention is expected to be given to constructive and/or destructive impacts of global trends on societal and regional development. The destructive impacts might be due to internal contradictions in each of the above global trends or to contradictions between them. Besides the various constructive effects, the efforts to upgrade the rationality of organizations typically provoke *organizational pathologies* as side-effects. The achievements in the individualization come often about *at the expense of various forms of the common good*. The spreading of instrumental activism which is mostly manifest in the form of all-embracing commercialization tends to undermine social cohesion and thus *social sustainability*. The universalization of value-normative systems is being accompanied by the rise of *ethnic, religious and other particularisms*. These controversial processes question the visions about the end of history. Simultaneously, the expanding knowledge about the complexity of global and regional processes strengthens the confidence that they could be increasingly managed in a rational way.

Award

In the last newsletter, we announced the publication of the book edited by Max Haller, Roger Jowell and Tom W. Smith, *The International Social Survey Programme, 1984 -2009. Charting the Globe*, London/New York, Routledge 1999.

We are pleased to announce that the Section on ‘Global and Transnational Sociology’ of the American Sociological Association has conferred the ‘Best Publication Award by an International Scholar’ to our colleague Max Haller for this publication.

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