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# RC23 President's Introduction, April 2016

by Nadia Asheulova

Dear RC23 members,

As President of RC23, I welcome you to this Spring Issue of the RC23 Newsletter! I'd like to draw your attention to a new section of the Newsletter "**Remembrances**". This section will be used to help preserve the memories and traditions of RC23 and create a sense of shared culture and tradition among us. **Remembrances** will take a variety of forms. In this issue you will find several examples. Later in my Introduction you'll find reflections on the importance of Samuil Kugel and a copy of correspondence between Kugel and Robert Merton. Additional historical documents will be included in future issues of the Newsletter. This Issue also contains an article by emeritus professor **Linda Lucia Lubrano**, "**In Memory of St. Petersburg's Anchor for Naukovedenie**" which expands on the role Samuil Kugel played in the development of Soviet sociology of science and technology. In addition, the Remembrance section contains a paper by **Jaime Jiménez** "**Some Remembrances and Thoughts from a Former RC23 President**". Hopefully Jaime's article will be the first in a series of such articles. I kindly invite former Board members to send us reflections on your experiences in RC23.

A few months ago we lost a creative researcher and former RC23 Board member, **Samuil Kugel**. Kugel was a founder of the *International School of Sociology of Science and Technology* in Russia and facilitated a fruitful cooperation between Soviet sociologists and RC23 members. The School opened its doors to sociologists from around the world. Thanks to Samuel Kugel, well-known researchers **Marja Häyrinen-Alestalo** (Finland), **Olga Amsterdamska** (Netherlands), **Stuart Blume** (The Netherlands), **Aant Elzinga** (Sweden), **Steve Fuller** (USA), **Karel Mueller** (Czech Republic), **Fumihiko Satofuka** (Japan), **Terry Shinn** (France), **Pal Tamas** (Hungary), **John Ziman** (UK) and many others came to St. Petersburg to give lectures and seminars. Samuel Kugel supported young sociologists and invited me to participate in RC23 activities many years ago.

Samuil Kugel enjoyed a close professional relationship with **Robert Merton**, the first President of RC23. That relationship involved regular and long-standing correspondence, as well as the exchange of books, articles and other materials. One example of the correspondence between R. Merton and S. Kugel is published on the right.

Professor S. Kugel  
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Dear Professor Kugel,

I have just returned from a short stay in Norway and England to find your kind note of August 8th waiting for me. I am glad to learn that "The Matthew Effect" is to be translated into Russian. I shall be glad to continue sending you reprints along with the enclosures if you will let me know which ones you have received. (I failed to keep a record of those sent to you previously.)

So, too, I'll be glad to send future works for possible translation into Russian.

In the meantime, very best collegial regards to you and your colleagues with the hope that things will be for the better in this time of enormous social change.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert K. Merton

I'm pleased to report that the Third ISA Forum of Sociology (Vienna, Austria, 2016) is shaping up to be a rousing success. I would like to express gratitude to all RC23 members for their active participation. Thanks to all who submitted an abstract and, in particular to the session organizers for your successful work in attracting such a high number of quality submissions. Indeed, the number of submission created some problems for the Program Committee as RC23 is allocated a fixed number of spaces on the program. Fortunately, with the permission of ISA, we were able to organize two additional sessions (Roundtable and Poster Session) in order to facilitate participation by a larger number of individuals. In total, RC23 will host 16 sessions, several joint sessions with others RCs and one a Business Meeting. As Co-Coordinator of the Program Committee for the Third ISA Forum of Sociology, I would like to express a special thanks to my Co-Coordinator, Alice Abreu (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), for the tremendous work she did. Both of us will do everything we can to create an open dialogue between our members during the Forum. In particular, we hope to explore opportunities for development of RC23 and the topic how to grow and prosper. We expect that the webpage and the Issues of Newsletter will continue to promote not only information exchanges, but also to facilitate collaboration among colleagues, especially collaboration that crosses national boundaries.

Among the Board, we have discussed the benefits of holding RC23 sponsored events outside the ISA World Congress and Forum. As a first step in this direction, we are planning an Interim RC23 Workshop **"Using Science Policy to Facilitate Innovation, Excellence and Global Cooperation"** to be held August, 2017 in St. Petersburg, Russia. We also look forward to having a strong presence at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology which will be held during July of 2018 in Toronto, Canada. Additional information about both events will be forthcoming. We invite all members to note these events on their calendars and plan on participating in whatever way you can.



Best regards,  
Nadia Asheulova

# SOME REMEMBRANCES AND THOUGHTS FROM A FORMER RC23 PRESIDENT

## My first ISA World Congress experience

I began participating in the ISA World Congresses in 1986, on the occasion of the XI Congress that took place in New Delhi, India. At the time we were analyzing the data collected from the International Comparative Study on the Organization and Performance of Research Units (ICSOPRU) sponsored by UNESCO. The participant countries of this (third) round of the study were the Soviet Union, India, Nigeria, China, Hungary and Mexico. We realized the people represented by these countries were more than one half the global population! It was, of course, summer time. The temperature was incredibly high and the Congress took place in the rooms of a hotel, with no air conditioning! Our RC23 sessions were crowded, or at least it seemed so to me because the room assigned was full. Regardless of all that, we had a very enthusiastic session with the participation of many colleagues, particularly the local scientists. Prof. P. S. Nagpaul of the prestigious National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) was the representative of ICSOPRU from India. He organized a Symposium immediately after the Congress with all the team members of ICSOPRU from the six countries. A number of publications and agreements came out of these meetings. After the two academic events we were able to do some sightseeing. This was my first trip to India and I became enamored of both the country and its people. My impression was (and still is) that Indian people live a profound spiritual life, somehow corroborated by the deep religiosity of many. I experienced some of its ancestral culture, the fantastic architecture, the monuments and tombs, particularly the Taj Mahal, the colors of women's clothing, the sites for praying. I may say this cultural experience is one of the most valuable ISA has made possible for my cultural/spiritual enrichment. I may take this occasion to recommend that whenever we make an academic event, we include as part of the programme the visit to local places that show at least part of the culture of our countries.

## My thoughts on the realization of the fora

Since remote times some of us felt the need to meet more frequently. The four-year period between world congresses was a rather long extension. It is true each RC, WG, and TG should meet in-between congresses regularly. However for a number of reasons many of them fail to carry out such commitments. The net result was that many colleagues only met once every four years. On the other hand, it was necessary to experiment with different formats of communicating ideas/research advances/results of our job. Based on these reasoning Arturo Rodriguez Morató, Vice President of Research for the 2006-2010 period, proposed the realization of the 1st ISA Forum to take place in Barcelona in the summer of 2008. The realization of this 1st Forum surpassed all expectations. Now for the 3rd Forum to take place in Vienna this summer 2016 all records of attendance and number of paper presentations are breaking all past experiences including the statistics of World conferences. This is an indication that the realization of the intermediate fora was a wise decision.

## How about publishing an RC23 Journal?

Take this proposal as a challenging question: are we ready to publish our own Journal? I think we can take steps towards such purpose. We all publish in a number of journals, write books or contribute with book chapters. We may start by dedicating a section of the Newsletter to formal academic contributions.

## 3rd World representation in ISA

ISA was born from the initiative and under the auspices of UNESCO, in 1948. In 1950, it carried out its first World Congress. Clearly ISA was born with the aim of having representatives of all parts of the globe. However, this has been reached rather slowly for reasons attributed to both internal organization and external obstacles precluding some countries to be present within ISA. Immanuel Wallerstein observed on the occasion of ISA's 50th anniversary:

*..... As you will see when you read the history, the ISA is only very imperfectly international. Of course, this is part because the numbers of institutions and practitioners are quite disproportionately distributed across the globe, although the disparities are less great than when we started out 50 years ago. No doubt this is also in part because the efforts to make our activities truly international have been less intensive and less persistent than they ought to have been. (A brief history of the ISA: 1948-1997, Platt, 1998).*

The under-representation of members of the 3rd World is explained by a number of reasons: less economic capability, academic tradition of an earlier data, reduced number of academics in Sociology, lack of support from the authorities, and the like. This explains why out of the 19 world congresses (including Toronto, 2018), 15 have taken place in 1st World countries, 3 in the 3rd World, and one in Eastern Europe. From the 18 ISA Presidents, only two come from the Third World (1986-1990, F. Henrique Cardoso, Brazilian; 1994-1998, T. K. [Tharailath] Oommen, Indian).

Members of the 3rd World should take a more active role in ISA to promote the inclusion of countries not yet represented, and to enhance the network connecting the economic South with industrialized countries.

## In Memory of St. Petersburg's Anchor for *Naukovedenie*

A few months ago we lost a creative and productive scholar, Samuil Aronovich Kugel'. An inspiration and mentor to generations of young researchers, Kugel' contributed significantly to the sociology of science in Russia and especially to our knowledge of scientific workers in St. Petersburg. I last saw him at the St. Petersburg Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute for the History of Science and Technology (IHST) in September 2014. I was there to celebrate his 90th birthday and our forty years of collaboration and friendship.



The first such collaboration took place in 1974 when I went to the Leningrad Branch of the Institute, where he was meeting with Semyon R. Mikulinsky, Director of IHST in Moscow. The three of us spoke at length about our common research interests and laid the foundation for what soon became

two long-term professional relationships that meant a lot to me. In our initial meeting Kugel' gave me a copy of *Nauchnye kadry Leningrada*, published with B. D. Lebin and Iu. S. Meleshchenko in 1973. Based on a survey of 2,000 scientific workers in academic, machine-building, and industrial establishments between 1968 and 1971, this important work provided an extensive empirical "mapping" of scientific workers in the city – a refreshing contrast to the ideologically driven books being printed in the USSR at the time

My introduction to Kugel's work took place earlier, however, when I came across *Novoe v izuchenii sotsial'noi struktury obshchestva* (1968) at the U.S. Library of Congress during my research on Soviet scholarship in the social studies of science. Unconstrained by conventional analyses of social class, Kugel' focused instead on socio-professional structures defined by the nature of one's work, which in turn was tied to differences in education and the development of intellectually complex science fields. The significance of this volume is best appreciated in the broader context of changes that were taking place in Soviet society and social research practices during the 1960s. It is well known that Soviet sociologists, most notably Vladimir A. Yadov whose life has been celebrated in *Teleskop* and elsewhere, carried out groundbreaking field research with results that challenged the political regime's claims about a wide range of social conditions. The pioneering work of this generation of scholars who were not afraid to think independently was critical to document the history of social change in science and other sectors of Soviet life. Without their efforts there would be an irreparable gap in our knowledge of Russia's past.

Throughout the decades that followed Kugel' continued to expand upon the theme of professional mobility, which he linked to his equally extensive work on professional education and employment. A landmark publication was *Professional'naia mobil'nost' v nauke* in 1983, where he drew upon the writings of Russian and non-Russian scholars and elaborated his concept of *maiatnikovaia mobil'nost'*. He described a form of mobility that was essentially a "balanced movement" of scientists between fields, or a "pendulum" shifting of scientific agenda that satisfied both the changing intellectual interests of scientists and the development of new science fields. His research documented the resulting education and employment trends that supported or hindered these developments. Even his later work such as *Nauchnye kadry SSSR*, which he coauthored and coedited in 1991, provided a broad sweep of data on changes in the demographic structure, training, and employment of Russian scientific personnel under *perestroika* and the early transition to a market economy.

In addition to his scholarly work Kugel' was also successful in the promotion of sociological research on science through his position at the Leningrad/St. Petersburg Branch of IHST. He mentored young researchers and guided them in their professional careers, resulting in an informal school of scholars who continue to work in this field today. He founded and edited the well-known series *Problemy deiatel'nosti uchenogo i nauchnykh kollektivov* (published since 1968) in order to give scholars a venue for the dissemination of research data, and he further expanded the platform for scholarly dialogue through the introduction of the journal *Sotsiologiia nauki i tekhnologii* in 2010. In the intervening decades Kugel' was a key organizer of collaborative projects and joint publications, many of which are listed in his memoir *Zapiski sotsiologa*. He took great pride in the International School for Sociology of Science and Technology, which he launched in 1992. It added another layer of inter-personal communication among scholars with common interests in *naukovedenie*. The cumulative result of these efforts was the institutionalization of a research tradition that is likely to continue for many years to come.

When I reflect on the history of our professional relationship over decades of mutual interest in science as a social process, I am reminded of how important our exchange of intellectual resources and research data was in helping each other gain access to useful information for our respective projects. The exchange of scientific publications is a central part of any professional collaboration, of course, but it was always a challenge to do so through an unreliable international postal service during the Soviet period. Personal contacts and networks of colleagues were essential in transferring manuscripts, letters, journals and other publications between us and other researchers. Although surely more cumbersome than today's online communication, these channels worked remarkably well.

Kugel' was tireless in pursuit of his research agenda and eager to engage international scholars whenever possible. I remember the many times he hosted me and others at the Leningrad/St. Petersburg Branch of IHST. He always worked hard to ensure that such visits were productive and useful. It was more difficult for him to travel abroad, however, which made his trip to Washington, D.C. in 1990 all the more memorable. It gave me the opportunity to set up interviews for him at the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Library of Congress, and to show him the historical landmarks of the city. It was truly a pleasure for me to host this trip for him, and it remains one of the many happy memories I have.

Additional commentary is in L. L. Lubrano, "The Endurance of Professional Ties," *Sotsiologiia nauki i tekhnologii*, Vol. 5, No. 4: 34-38 and "Turning Back the Clock," *Sotsiologiia nauki i tekhnologii*, Vol. 6, No. 1: 105-113.

# Report on registration grants for the Third ISA Forum of Sociology (Vienna, Austria, 2016)

by Nadia ASHEULOVA,  
Co-Program Coordinator of RC23

According to the rules, Research Committee 23 Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23) was responsible for allocating **only registration grant(s)** to persons selected by Board of RC23.

Only Individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who have paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference) were eligible for registration grants.

RC23 decided to give one registration grant for the Program Coordinator from category B Country (Brazil): **Alice ABREU**

As to registration for **active members**, RC23 has received 8 applications from India (5), Mexico (1), Russia (1), France (1). But not all the colleagues could be eligible for a registration grant according the ISA and RC23 criteria. Moreover, according the rules of ISA's selection process, RC23 had opportunity to cover grants for 930 Euro.

RC23 decided to give registration grants for RC23 active members:

**Anatoly Ablazhey**, Russia  
**Jaime Jimenez Guzman**, Mexico  
**Sophie Nemoz**, France  
**Sambit Mallick**, India  
**Ku Manushi**, India

# Conference reports

## SSTNET/Research Network 24, European Sociological Association mid-term workshop *Research funding the dynamics of science*, 12-13 June 2014, Leiden (The Netherlands)

The co-organizer of **SSTNET/RN24 ESA mid-term workshop** was one of the top research institutions in S&T field, Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS), Leiden University. Workshop topic, scientifically and socially relevant, was very attractive to STS (science & technology studies) community which resulted in 8 thematically consistent workshop sessions with 31 papers presented. The workshop attracted 55 participants of different professional, institutional and geographical background. The attendees and presenters, both well-known STS senior researchers and early career researchers, came from different European regions and societies (13 countries).

Excellent and provocative keynotes *Authority structures in research funding and Science and the paradox of funding: competition and the changing practices of research funders* were held by eminent STS researchers Jochen Gläser and Maria Nedeva respectively. These talks offered a wide sociological perspective in STS and inspired productive discussion. Overall, the workshop has offered a relevant contribution to STS - deeper insight into the relation between research funding & science dynamics, especially academic performance, evaluation outcomes, careers patterns, scientific competition and epistemic outcomes. In addition, the workshop had a relevant methodological contribution - developing the use of both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Policy implications of the presented research could be relevant, but depend on decision makers in various countries.

RN24 scientific activities were additionally promoted at the workshop by launching a new SSTNET-RAS book (*Re)searching scientific careers* (edited by K. Prpić, I. van der Weijden & N. Asheulova) as a result of the previous SSTNET workshop held in St. Petersburg in 2012.

## SSTNET/ Research Network 24 activities at the ESA 12th Conference, Prague 2015

RN24 call for papers entitled *Inequalities in and through science and technology as challenges for sociological research* (in line with the ESA conference main theme) was disseminated via conference website but also via related international organizations (ISA RC23 and EASST) as well as through several national sociological and/or STS associations. We received a total of 109 abstract submissions to its regular sessions. After thorough reviewing (8 evaluators each assessing all submissions) 88 presentations (75 papers + 13 posters) were accepted. After registration and a few cancellations RN24 program included 59 presentations – 49 papers and 10 posters. They were organized in 11 paper sessions (two of them parallel) and 2 poster sessions. Both paper and poster sessions were thematically structured around the most relevant topics in science & technology studies (STS). The presenters and attendees came from 17 European countries of different geographic, socio-economic and STS regions. There were also 9 presenters from non-European continents – Australia, Asia, Africa and both Americas. It is important to stress that several doctoral students presented their PhD research, completed or in progress. SSTNET sessions were successful due to attendees' scientific interests and active participation in them.

SSTNET business meeting was also well-organized and successful. A detailed report of RN24 activities in 2013-2015 with future activities was prepared, presented and discussed at the meeting. Elections of members to coordination board and advisory board to RN 24 also took place at the meeting.

RN24 also organized two joint paper sessions with RN33 – Women’s and Gender Studies. The first session entitled *Gender Inequalities and Differences in (Non)Academic Research Careers* included 4 presentations, while the second session *Gender Differences in (Non) Academic Research Between Precarious Employment and Professional Achievement* consisted of 3 presentations.

# Conference Announcements

## Science, Technology and the Modern in Canada

April 24 2015 to April 25 2015 | York University Toronto, Canada

*A conference in honour of Richard Jarrell*

Richard Jarrell’s wide historical interests circled consistently around the defining characteristics of modern science and technology — institutions and education, disciplines and professionalization, technical communities and political power. Across a wide array of topics, regions and periods, he returned again and again to their crucial place in the social and cultural development of Canada. But his writing also hinted towards powerful undercurrents and related tensions that remained largely unexplored when he passed away in late 2013. Taken as a whole, his work points us to a broader and even more complicated history exploring the relationship of Canadian science and technology to the institutions, experiences, and aspirations of the “modern” in Canada: the enduring hopes for transformation and independence, the risks and threats to tradition and history, and the recurring anxieties of arriving too late in the scientific and technological worlds of one’s contemporaries.

The conference is free and open to the public. For additional details, [click here](#).

## Call for papers:

### Space, place, landscape in the history of communications

June 16 2015, Weston Library, University of Oxford

For additional details, [click here](#).

## Call for papers:

### The sociological gaze on science and society relations Workshop

20-21 June 2016, Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon

### Keynote speakers:

Massimiano Bucchi (University of Trento) and Maja Horst (University of Copenhagen)

The Workshop is organized by Research Network 24 - Sociology of Science and Technology Network (SSTNET) of the European Sociological Association (ESA) and the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal

### Key dates

An abstract of up to 500 words, containing an outline of the paper, including methodology as well as the expected contribution of the paper, should be submitted by e-mail to Ana Delicado: [ana.delicado@ics.ulisboa.pt](mailto:ana.delicado@ics.ulisboa.pt)

7 April 2016: Deadline for submission

15 April 2016: Notification of Acceptance

## Call for Papers: Workshop 'Standardising the IoT and its Applications' (SITA)

The IoT will provide the communication infrastructure for a host of new fields of applications, including e.g. Smart Cities, Smart Grid, Intelligent Transport Systems and, perhaps most generally, Cyber-Physical Systems. These applications are likely to influence our lives to a degree previously unheard of. The associated required levels of security, privacy and trust, along with the highly multi-disciplinary nature of these applications and their respective functional requirements represents considerable challenges for the underlying standardisation process. This workshop will discuss these challenges and how the standardisation environment may live up to them.

### Topics Covered (this is a non-exclusive list):

- Support of multi-disciplinary standardisation;
- New ways of co-operation between standards bodies;
- Potential new standardisation landscapes;
- Adequate stakeholder participation;
- 'Privacy by design' and standardisation;
- Societal issues;
- Regulatory aspects.

### Submission Guidelines

Original (unpublished) papers not exceeding 6 pages (preferred) or extended abstracts of 2 pages are solicited. A paper template and associated instructions may be found [here](#).

All papers will undergo a double blind peer-review process. Accepted papers will be included in the workshop proceedings. (Extended versions of) particularly good and relevant papers will be considered for inclusion in the International Journal on IT Standards and Standardization Research (JITSR).

All submissions (in .doc/.docx/.rtf/ format) should be sent to:

[Kai.Jakobs@comsys.rwth-aachen.de](mailto:Kai.Jakobs@comsys.rwth-aachen.de).

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| <b>Deadlines</b> | Submissions due:  | 1 May 2016   |
|                  | Notification:     | 1 June 2016  |
|                  | Final papers due: | 20 June 2016 |

For additional details, [click here](#).

## In conjunction with FiCloud 2016 The 4th International Conference on Future Internet of Things and Cloud

22-24 August 2016, Vienna, Austria

For additional details, [click here](#).

## Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Science Studies Unit at the University of Edinburgh

An ongoing series of events. For additional details, [click here](#).

# Publications and Publishing Opportunities

The Society for the Social Study of Science (4S) has a new online journal, [Engaging Science, Technology, and Society](#).

The first issue includes the following items:

- Editorial: Launching Engagement by Daniel Lee Kleinman and Katie Vann
- Voting by Quiz: Online Algorithms and Election Education by Eric Brian Kennedy
- Adjacent temporalities: Making Medico-Scientific Futures and the Present by Samuel Taylor-Alexander
- Regulating the Academic “Marketplace of Ideas”: Commercialization, Export Controls, and Counterintelligence by John Krige
- What’s political about solar electric technology? The user’s perspective by Chelsea Schelly
- (Low) Expectations, Legitimization, and the Contingent Uses of Scientific Knowledge: Engagements with Neuroscience in Scottish Social Policy and Services by Tineke Broer, Martyn Pickersgill

## Experiences of Technology Appropriation: Unanticipated Users, Usage, Circumstances, and Design

A special issue of the journal, *Interaction Design and Architecture(s)*

**Important Dates:**      Deadline: May 15, 2016  
                                    Notification to the authors: June 20, 2016  
                                    Camera ready paper: July 20, 2016  
                                    Publication of the special issue: mid September, 2016

For more information, [click here](#).

## Call for Papers for a Special Issue of Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience

Edited by Bettina Papenburg, Liv Hausken, Ingvil Hellstrand, Sigrid Schmitz, and Natasha Myers

We invite submissions to a Catalyst special issue on “The Processes of Imaging / The Imaging of Processes” in order to mobilize new-materialist, critically and theoretically engaged feminist interventions into the study of the aesthetics and epistemic status of new imaging technologies across the visual cultures of science, arts, media and everyday life.

The special issue seeks to contribute to basic research on imaging technologies and develop further theories and practices with a new materialism perspective from feminist STS, visual studies, film and photography studies, and media studies through an engagement with objects of analysis from science and everyday life. The philosophical framework of new materialism provides a number of tools that open up innovative and creative ways to look at, think through and theorize the multiple relations between dynamic and agential matter, the construction of images, their enactment in knowledge production, justification of knowledge, and power relations. Based on three key concepts – imaging technologies, apparatus, and dynamism – this special issue investigates the entanglement of imaging and imagination through interdisciplinary, in-depth studies of selected technological imaging practices in science, arts, media, and everyday life.

A workshop devoted to this theme will be held at the 7th Annual Conference on the New Materialisms in Warsaw, 21-23 September 2016. To be considered for inclusion in this workshop, please send an extended abstract (max. 1000 words) plus a short bio (max. 100 words) to Bettina Papenburg ([bettina.papenburg@hhu.de](mailto:bettina.papenburg@hhu.de)) and Natasha Myers ([nmyers@yorku.ca](mailto:nmyers@yorku.ca)) by **31 May 2016**. Selected scholars will be invited to discuss draft papers at this workshop. All selected authors are encouraged to submit fully developed papers to Catalyst via the Journal’s online submissions portal by 28 February 2017. These submissions will undergo double-blind peer review along with all other submissions.

## Research Opportunities

### Two Phd Candidates in the area of Sociology of Medicine

Maastricht University (Netherlands) invites applicants for two 4 year PhD positions within the project ‘The birth of the digital doctor? A comparative anthropology of medical techno-perception’. The project will compare practices in Western and Eastern Europe and Western Africa.

For additional information, [click here](#)

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