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Editor's Introduction

Dear members and friends of COCTA,

On behalf of the board, I welcome all new members to our committee! Several of you have joined after our recent Vienna meetings and a number of others have expressed their wish to receive our newsletter. I would like to invite you and everyone in COCTA to participate in our activities and to make any proposals for conferences or other academic proceedings in the field of conceptual analysis you are interested in.

Our twelve sessions at the Third ISA Forum of Sociology which took place in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016, were very well received. The room was full in a number of sessions, and we had lively discussions by participants from many countries which carried on in several instances after the sessions had officially ended.

In Vienna we also conducted our Business Meeting where I was appointed the new secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor. I take this opportunity to thank all of those present at the meeting and especially all board members for their trust and support.

As you may already know, the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology will take place in Toronto, Canada, on July 15-21, 2018, having as its main theme: "Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities". The Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis is conducting a Call for Sessions which you will find below together with the organizational details to be considered. The deadline for submitting your proposals is March 15, 2017.

This issue also brings you general information regarding the XIX ISA World Congress, the announcement of a book recently published by one of our board members, Oliver Kozlarek, and a call for articles for a special issue of *Idéias Journal*. In case of forthcoming publications, events or calls you would like to announce, please send us the details and they will be included in our next edition.

Finally, you are all very welcome to contribute to this newsletter with short articles on conceptual debates within sociology as well as on related matters of public interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

On behalf of the board,

Arthur Bueno

ISA World Congress Toronto 2018: Call for Sessions

COCTA invites its members to organize a session at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, "Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities", which will take place in Toronto, Canada, on July 15-21, 2018.

It is the purpose of COCTA to define, explore and discuss key concepts for understanding and analyzing social life and social developments in the 21st century. As such, it covers a broad and diverse range of issues and interests in sociology, social philosophy and the social sciences. The Research Committee does not seek to pre-define and limit the range of possible concepts under scrutiny, but invites new and innovative suggestions as well. Where suitable, the sessions should be organized around one or two core concepts, such as *(The Concepts of) Postcolonialism, Multiculturalism and Globalization Revisited; (The Concept of) Time and the Analysis of Globalization; The Rise of Asia and (the Concept of) Modernity; Power and Violence as Key-Concepts for Understanding Political Action, etc.*

Each session will run for 110 minutes, and we have been allocated 14 slots (including our Business Meeting and possible Joint Sessions, but not Integrative Sessions).

If you wish to convene a session, please submit your proposal on-line via Confex platform. The latter will be accessible at www.isa-sociology.org from **February 2 until March 15, 2017** 24:00 GMT. Any doubts or problems, please do not hesitate to contact arthur.bueno@uni-erfurt.de.

In selecting the sessions and drafting the RC program, the COCTA board will take into account the diverse nature of our committee and the broad range of our members' research interests and will focus on the quality of the proposals as well as a balanced representation of its members.

The selected sessions will be posted on the conference homepage after **April 7, 2017** as a call for papers. Abstracts must be submitted between **April 25 and September 30, 2017** 24:00 GMT. Participants must submit abstracts on-line via Confex platform, in English, French or Spanish. Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.

Duties of Sessions Organizers. Session Organizer must complete selection of abstracts between **October 5 and November 3, 2017** 24:00 GMT, and provide a final presentation designation (oral, distributed, poster, round table). Session Organizers can move good quality abstracts unsuited for the session to the Program Coordinator's bin for transfer to another session. This must also be done until **November 3, 2017** 24:00 GMT. Good quality abstracts will be re-located by Program Coordinator between November 4 and

24, 2017. On November 30, 2017, Confex sends notification letters to: 1. Authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts; 2. Authors of rejected abstracts. ISA underlines that no extension of deadlines is possible and that Session Organizers are responsible for submitting accurate details about the session. All changes or updates should be done via on-line system.

ISA World Congress Toronto 2018: General Information

The **congress website** with relevant information is:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018>

Rules for all presenters. Participants may be listed **no more than twice** in the Program. This includes all types of participation – except being listed as Program Coordinator or Session Organizer. Program Coordinators and Session Organizers can organize a maximum of two sessions where their names will be additionally listed in the program. A “participant” is anyone listed as an author, co-author, plenary speaker, roundtable presenter, poster presenter, panelist, critic, discussant, session (co)chair, or any similar substantive role in the program. A participant cannot present and chair in the same session. ISA does not require anyone to be a **member** in order to present a paper, and provides different registration fees for members and non-members. In order to be included in the program the participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.) need to pay **registration** fees by **March 20, 2018 24:00 GMT**. If not registered, their names will not appear in the Program Book and in the Abstracts Book. In case of a co-authored paper, in order for a paper to appear in the program at least one co-author should pay the registration fee by the early registration deadline **March 20, 2018 24:00 GMT**; the names of other co-authors will be listed as well. If other co-authors wish to attend the conference they must pay the registration fee.

Applications for registration grants. Applications for grants must be made by **January 31, 2018 24:00 GMT** by the participants directly to the RC Program Coordinator. One can apply for a grant to only one RC/WG/TG. The ISA Secretariat will advise the RC/WG/TG if someone has applied to or been recommended by more than one group for the various types of grants. It is recommended to avoid repetition of the same persons who received grants for a previous conference. Grants will be paid by the ISA directly to the selected individuals. Two categories of grants have been established for active participants in the RC/WG/TG programs. **Registration grants** for individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference) who play an active role in the conference program either as program coordinator, session organizer/chair or paper-giver. **Travel/accommodation grants** for individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference) resident in countries listed in economies B or C who play an active role in the conference program either as program coordinator, session organizer/chair, panelist, discussant and/or paper-giver.

Call for Articles

The *Idéias Journal* – published by the Institute of Philosophy and Human Sciences of the University of Campinas – invites submissions for the special issue *Sociological Engagement*, edited by the following researchers:

Camila De Mario (Anhembi-Morumbi; UNESP); Danilo Arnaut (UFPR; Unicamp; UNESP); Frédéric Vandenberghe (IESP-UERJ; SOCIOFILO-UERJ); Josué Pereira da Silva (Unicamp); Tatiana Barbarini (UNIFESP; UNESP).

I. General instructions

1. Manuscripts should be received **no later than February 20, 2017**;

Please be advised that this deadline refers to the papers intended to be published in the special issue Sociological Engagement. The regular submissions of book reviews, research papers on any other themes, academic translations and interviews remain continuous, that is, they may be submitted at any time.

2. This journal follows a meticulous double-blind reviewing procedure. All authors are therefore requested to submit:

2.1. A manuscript without any author's names and other types of identifications. On that account, even affiliations, self-identifying citations and so forth should be avoid;

2.2. A separate page containing author names, affiliations, contact information, founding information and so on;

3. Style and formatting guidelines as well as additional information for authors are available at

www.ifch.unicamp.br/ojs/index.php/ideias/pages/view/submissionguidelines;

4. Submission of a manuscript implies approval for publication according to the rules as well as the aims and the scope of the *Idéias Journal*. Submission also implies that the work has not been published, and that it is not under consideration for publication anywhere else in Brazil. Authors must be aware that they are liable for their views and opinions expressed within their texts;

5. The final decision about whether to accept or reject a manuscript rests solely with the editorial board;

6. Important! Please send the electronic blind copy of your manuscript to the editorial

board **only** at revistaideiasunicamp@gmail.com.

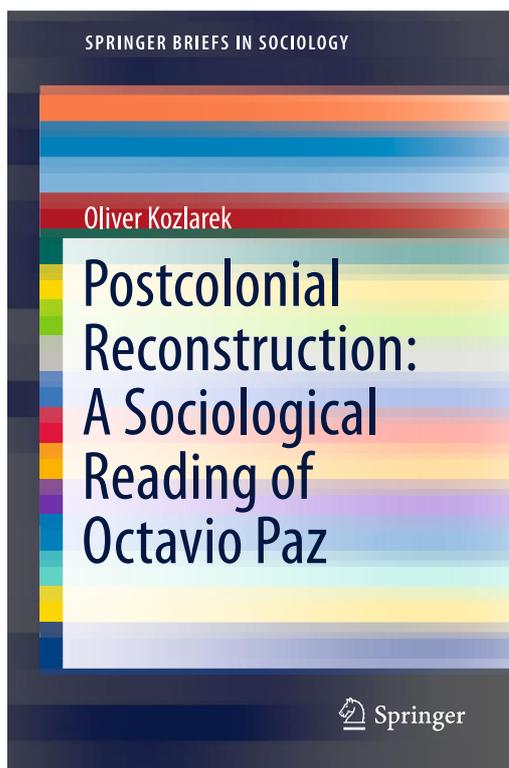
II. Special Issue *Sociological Engagement*

We live in a condition in which the making of Sociology implies at least a certain degree of engagement. Since the axiological belief in neutrality remains criticized and discredited, the contemporary sociological knowledge pushes us to some sort of involvement. This involvement is seemingly almost inevitable and has been revealed throughout our daily activities: research, teaching, learning, academic management, within a clearly oppressive imperative of productivism which involves publication, more publication, attendance at seminars and other academic events, organizations and planning of events according to rigorous criteria, thesis supervisions, strict observance of institutional deadlines seeking research funding, and (of course) more publication. The very observation, awareness as well as the taking of positions within the public sphere are developed along with all these activities. “And God knows”, in the words of Alain Caillé, “that assuming all these demands is today increasingly close to the mission of an apostle”. Nevertheless, either by the recognition of elective affinities or by the impulse to face the questions with which the lifeworld challenge us, the sociologist is increasingly invited to overcome the condition of plain professional involvement and to actually engage herself/himself in the realities which were considered (merely) as an object in the past.

Website of *Idéias Journal*:

www.ifch.unicamp.br/ojs/index.php/ideias/pages/view/english

Publication



This book presents a close reading of the work of the Mexican writer and Nobel Prize Laureate, Octavio Paz. It does so from the specific perspective of sociology and the more general perspective of the social sciences. The book identifies opportunities for relating Paz' sociological ideas to contemporary debates, arguing that Paz' sociology is linked very closely to his assessment of what could be called the post-colonial condition that Mexico has been experiencing. The book thus advances the understanding of the differences between post-colonial experiences in Latin America and those of other areas of the world. In addition to revealing Paz' sociology, the book focuses on Modernity and examines Paz' critique of Modernity and his "project of Modernity". It shows that a close examination of the works of Octavio Paz helps redefine Modernity from a Latin American perspective as an experience in which the global and local are intertwined, and helps to point in the direction of a new kind of humanism.

Dr. Oliver Kozlarek teaches political and social philosophy as well as social theory at the Institute for Philosophical Research at the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo in Morelia, Mexico. He has been a Visiting Fellow at the Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut in Essen, Germany, at the New School for Social Research, and at Stanford University, as well as an Edmundo O'Gorman Fellow 2015 at the Centre for Mexican Studies, Columbia University.

Composition of the Board for the Period 2014-2018

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