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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS
(2014-2018)

David G. Embrick, Luis Berruecos



Dear RC36 Colleagues,

Welcome to the new year. It is a new year, indeed...a crazy year filled with anxiety, uncertainty, fear, despair, but also reinvigoration with regard to the mobilization of people who would protest the return of crass and overt racism, sexism, ethnocentrism, homophobia, elitism, fascism and so much more. Obviously, we are speaking about the recent election of Trump in the United States. But, across the globe we find ourselves facing the fight of our lives to maintain hold on an increasingly right wing takeover. And as we write this, it becomes clear that organizations like RC 36 are more important than ever.

That said, let us also reiterate how important it is for us to highlight and feature our members' accomplishments in our newsletter. Our requests this round has yielded very few results. So, please, again...we are asking RC36 members to please send us any and all of your research, teaching, and service accomplishments. We ask those of you who frequently take photos during ISA/RC36 and ISA/RC36 sponsored conferences to please send us some of your favorites to be included in future newsletters.

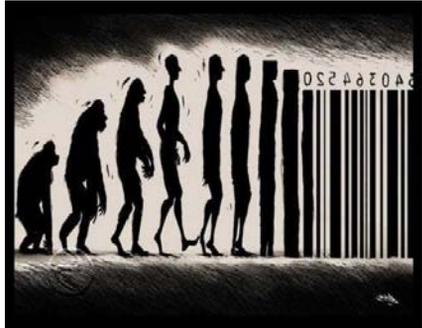
We hope to see as many of you as possible in in Toronto in 2018, if not before.

With much respect, David and Luis.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
(2014-2018)

Vessela Misheva



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you know, a basic requirement for an RC to be in good standing at the ISA is to have no less than two interim conferences between World Congresses, which take place every 4 years. One of our strengths is our ambition to do better than this, and we have established the practice of not only having an RC 36 conference in each of the three years between World Congresses, but also of developing additional opportunities to increase the number of our meetings. This undertaking to open our discussions to other specialized fields has been so consistent throughout the years that it may be regarded as a part of our RC's conscious strategy to reinvigorate and update its research theme by engaging with interaction partners from a variety of other sociological fields. Good examples in this regard are our efforts to open the discourse on alienation to such specialized research fields as social movements, future studies, media research, social psychology, symbolic interactionism, and others. I refer to this as the *Extended Network of Alienation Theory and Research* that has been created over the years, which by itself is an important indicator of the professional status and social well-being of our group.

During 2016 our RC was an active participant at the Third ISA Forum of Sociology, which was held July 10-14 in Vienna, Austria. We were pleased to receive more than 80 abstracts and organized 8 sessions after the review process, some of which were joint sessions with other RCs. RC 36 was also invited to join the European Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (EU SSSI) at its 7th annual conference July 4-8 in Topola, Bulgaria, which was organized with the support of the SSSI. Such relationships between RC 36 and the EU SSSI have existed since 2013, when a number of our members took part in the 4th EU SSSI conference in Uppsala, Sweden.

In light of the joint venture last year with the EU SSSI, which was successful as both a scholarly and social event, we have accepted an invitation to again join the EU SSSI at their 2017 annual conference July 4-8 in Łódź, Poland. We will have the opportunity to organize our own sessions within the framework of the conference, but will also be free to join other sessions or submit a paper that will be assigned to the most relevant thematic group. The deadline for abstracts is March 15. More details about this event will be provided below in the Letter of the Secretary-Treasurer.

I hope to see you soon in Łódź!

Sincerely,
Vessela Misheva, President RC 36



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER (2014-2018)

Andrew Blasko



Dear RC 36 Members,

An important issue was raised in the President's letter that I would like to address in some detail, namely, a new forum for research collaboration has been developed with the European Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (EU SSSI), which is affiliated with the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI).

This collaboration began to emerge by virtue of the fact that members of RC 36 were active with both the SSSI and the EU SSSI, which has expanded to include board membership. At last summer's annual meeting of the EU SSSI in Topola, Bulgaria, RC 36 members had presentations, sessions, and workshops, including a keynote address, as well as organizational responsibilities. The subsequent invitation to participate in this year's conference in Łódź, Poland, included the opportunity to organize sessions and presentations at the level of the Research Committee, not simply as individual members of RC 36, and will be announced as such. We reached agreement with the Łódź organizers about the formal participation of RC 36 just a matter of days ago. Our sessions and presentations will thus be official activities of our RC and the conference will qualify as one of our interim conferences.

Further information about this conference is available at

<https://sites.google.com/site/sssinteraction/home/conferences-events/eu-sssi-2017>. The Deadline for abstracts has been extended to March 15th. Any abstracts you submit specifically for RC 36 sessions should be indicated as such.

I would also like to note that the Polish Sociological Association, which will be one of the hosts of the conference, is a quite large and well-established organization, with the section on Qualitative Sociology and Symbolic Interactionism alone having over 200 members. Our hosts welcome our formal participation, and there should be a possibility at the conference to expand the membership of RC 36. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in Łódź.

With best regards,

Andrew Blasko, Secretary-Treasurer RC 36
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MORE FROM VIENNA 2016!!!





8th Conference of the European Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (EU SSSI),
Studying Everyday Life: Generic Dimensions of Interactionist Inquiry, Poland – Łódź, 4-
8.07.2017

<http://www.eusssi2017.uni.lodz.pl/index.php/conference-details/call-for-paper/>

The conference will be held at Łódź University. For more information on the Conference and the city, see the link below. RC 36's formal participation is announced on both the "call for papers" page and the "conference outline" page.

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