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CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~

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Message from the President

Nous sommes heureux de vous communiquer les dernières nouvelles provenant des membres du CR 46. Vous devez prendre note de notre prochaine activité et de notre programme, au Congrès de Götheberg, Suède. Il faut le voir comme un rappel à soumettre un résumé de communication. A cet effet, nous avons prolongé le délai de soumissions des résumés jusqu'au **15 novembre**, afin de favoriser une plus grande participation.

Notez qu'une traduction en français des principales informations de la *newsletter* vous parviendra dans une dizaine de jours.

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We are pleased to send to you the latest news from the RC 46 members. Please note the coming event and our program, at the World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, as a reminder to present an abstract. In that respect you will see that we extended the deadline for submission of an abstract to **November 15** to permit to a greater number of people to be involved.

A French version of the principal information in this newsletter will be sent in the next ten days.

-- Jacques Rhéaume

## *Presentations at the World Congress (July 11-17, 2010)*

RC46 members are encouraged to send in their presentation proposals for the World Congress in Goteborg, Sweden. Please note that our RC46 submission deadline is now **November 15, 2009**. Complete information about the program can be found on the ISA website under RC46 Clinical Sociology. Abstracts will be reviewed and so there will be a selection process. It is to your advantage to submit your proposal as soon as possible.

Please submit your proposal to both coordinators and, if you have a preference for a session, also to the session organizer. If you are sending your proposal to a particular session organizer, please indicate that when you submit your abstract to the coordinators. If no session organizer is indicated, the coordinators will make the decision. Please note that depending on the number and kind of submissions, session titles may change. The last page of this newsletter (p. 6) contains a form that is to be included with your abstract.

## **Programme Coordinators**

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Proposals for presentations and sessions are to be sent by **November 15, 2009**.

Les propositions de communication doivent être envoyés avant le **15 novembre 2009**.

Titles and summaries of presentations should not exceed 100 words. Papers can be presented in French, English or Spanish or even in another language, if necessary. If the paper is presented in a language other than English, it should be accompanied by a visual support (a Power point, transparency or handout) with English key words or sentences.

Le titre et le résumé de la communication ne doit pas dépasser 100 mots. Ils peuvent être présentés en Français, en Anglais ou en Espagnol, ou dans une autre langue si nécessaire. Si la communication n'est pas présentée en Anglais, elle devrait être complétée par un support visuel (Power point ou acétates) exprimant les mots ou phrases clés en anglais.

## **Sessions**

### **Section I : Theory and practice in clinical sociology / Théorie et pratique en sociologie clinique**

This section explores the main theoretical and methodological issues related to clinical sociology. The different presentations should be based on both conceptual and empirical material illustrating a clinical sociology approach./ Dans cette section, il est prévu d'explorer les principaux enjeux théoriques et méthodologiques liés à la sociologie clinique. Les différentes présentations devrait inclure autant un matériau conceptuel qu'empirique illustrant une approche clinique de la sociologie.

[Session 1: The complexity of social intervention : A clinical perspective / La complexité de l'intervention sociale : une perspective clinique.](#)

Chair : Jacques Rhéaume, Université Quebec, Montreal, Canada,  
rheaume.jacques@uqam.ca

[Session 2: Crisis and change, adaptation or transformation: New individuals for new social actors? / Crise et changement, adaptation ou transformation: des individus nouveaux pour de nouveaux acteurs sociaux?](#)

Chair : Vincent de Gaulejac, France, v.gaulejac@wanadoo.fr

[Session 3: Clinical sociology and sociological practice: Contributions to policy and practice / La sociologie clinique et la sociologie pratiquée: Contributions aux politiques et pratiques](#) Joint sessions of RC26, Sociotechnics, Sociological practice and RC46 Clinical Sociology [host committee] Chair: Jan Marie Fritz [jan.fritz@uc.edu](mailto:jan.fritz@uc.edu)

**Section II: Different social living spheres and issues for individuals: In organizations, the health system, urban life, and segregated spaces / Différents domaines de vie sociale et enjeux pour les individus: dans les organisations, le système de santé, la vie urbaine, les espaces d'exclusion**

In this section, the presentations bear on empirical research done in different areas with a clinical sociology perspective. The presenters are invited to include theoretical and methodological considerations in their conclusions. / Dans cette section, les présentations portent sur des recherches empiriques réalisées dans différents domaines suivant une perspective de sociologie clinique. Les présentateurs sont invités à inclure toutefois des réflexions d'ordre théorique et méthodologique dans leurs conclusions.

[Session 4: Work, management in a globalizing world economy / Le travail, la gestion dans un monde en voie de globalisation de l'économie](#) Joint session of RC 17 Sociology of Organization and RC46 Clinical Sociology [host committee] *Chair* : John Cultiaux, Belgium [johncultiaux@yahoo.fr](mailto:johncultiaux@yahoo.fr) and a co-chair (to be announced) from RC 17

[Session 5: Health issues, inside and outside of the health system / Les enjeux de santé, à l'intérieur et à l'extérieur du système de santé](#) *Chair*: Massimo Corsale, Italy, [massimocorsale@yahoo.it](mailto:massimocorsale@yahoo.it)

[Session 6: Business meeting](#)

[Session 7: Increasing phenomena of marginalization and exclusion in urban life / Phénomène grandissant de marginalisation et d'exclusion dans la vie urbaine](#)  
*Chair* : Norma Takeuti, Brazil, Universidade do Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, [nortak@uol.com.br](mailto:nortak@uol.com.br)

[Session 8: Intercultural or multicultural dynamics facing the migration movements in present societies / Les dynamiques interculturelles ou multiculturelles confrontées aux mouvements migratoires des sociétés actuelles](#) *Chair* : Catherine Montgomery, Canada, [catherine.montgomery@ssss.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:catherine.montgomery@ssss.gouv.qc.ca)

[Session 9: Violence and conflict in the different spheres of societies, a clinical approach / Violence et conflit dans les divers espaces de vie, une approche clinique](#)  
*Chair*: Marisela Hernández Hernández, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela, [mhernand@usb.ve](mailto:mhernand@usb.ve)

### ***New Members***

Two of our newest members have provided some information about their work:

**Remo Siza** (Italy) is the author of "Povertà provvisoria" (The Spread of Temporary Poverty) published in Milan by FrancoAngeli (2009). Siza says that poverty is no longer an issue concerning only a defined portion of the population living in typically disadvantaged circumstances, but is increasingly affecting other social classes that would normally benefit from adequate living conditions. Siza, a public authority executive and professor of Social Policies and Social Planning at the University of Cagliari, was appointed Managing Director of Social Policies for the Sardinian Regional Government (Italy) (2006-2009). He is a past member of numerous Italian consultancy and research

units for several ministries as an expert in social planning and social policy. He may be contacted at [remo.siza@tiscali.it](mailto:remo.siza@tiscali.it)

**Wilfred Taylor-Cole** (Canada) is an adjunct faculty member at both a public and a private university. He also works for the government as an administrator of social programs. He is a Canadian-trained sociologist with a three levels of degrees (including his Ph.D.) in sociology. He was trained in family therapy and supervises practicum students at worksites. For the past ten years, he has taught sociology courses (including families, ethnic relations and social inequality) to undergraduate students. He is a member of the Canadian Association for Development and Peace, an organization that advocates for social justice at home and abroad. He has written and given presentations about topics such as profiles of families in need of protective services, ethical dilemmas in the delivery of social services and working in multidisciplinary teams. He can be reached at [Wilfred.taylor-cole@bell.blackberry.net](mailto:Wilfred.taylor-cole@bell.blackberry.net)

### ***Presentations by RC46 Members***

**Gwynyth Overland** (Regional trauma centre in Southern Norway, University of Agder, Institute for Religion, Ethics and Society) presented findings of a study of resilient survivors of the Khmer Rouge at the International Conference on Welfare and Values in Europe at Uppsala University on March 27th and at the European conference on Traumatic Stress in Oslo on June 16th.

**Jan Marie Fritz** (USA) presented “Human Rights in the Context of War” and “Clinical Sociology, Mediation and a Culture of Peace” at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in San Francisco, California this August and in September she gave the featured presentation (about UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and Mediation) to The Mediation Council of Greater Cincinnati. In October she is giving presentations at the annual conference of the Association for Conflict Resolution (Atlanta, Georgia) and at the first congress of Ukrainian sociologists (Kharkov, Ukraine).

### ***Announcements***

**Judith Gordon** (USA) is the current representative of the International Alliance of Women at the United Nations and continues as a co-convenor of the working group on Mental Health, Racism and Related Intolerances of the CONGO NGO Committee on Mental Health.

**The Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology** holds its annual conference in San Antonio, Texas (October 8-10). Go to [http:// www.aacsnet.org](http://www.aacsnet.org)

**Frans Bezuidenhout** (Programme Coordinator of the Postgraduate Group Dynamics Programme at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa)

invites all to join the growing body of international students who have qualified as Group Dynamics Practitioners within the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. This qualification offers a one-year programme enabling learners the opportunity to gain knowledge, competencies and skills in the work of non-therapeutic groups. Course content: first semester (theory, research, group structure, variables related to group behaviour / functioning) and second semester (sociological skills training). Persons interested can contact Professor Bezuidenhout at [frans.bezuidenhout@nmmu.ac.za](mailto:frans.bezuidenhout@nmmu.ac.za) or visit the website: [www.nmmu.ac.za](http://www.nmmu.ac.za)

**Frans Bezuidenhout** also wants you to know that on November 25 there will be a 10-year reunion celebration for the alumni and current students enrolled in the Postgraduate Group Dynamics Programme. The event will be held at the Conference Venue, North Campus of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (Port Elizabeth, South Africa). The students from Germany, China and the African States have provided a most welcome “international flavour” to learning content. All of the former students are practicing sociology; some have positioned themselves in top management positions in national and international organizations, while some others have entered into training and consultancy. Some others have opened their own practices specialising in ADHD, recruitment, and personal and team building/development. While Frans says he is “extremely proud of their achievements,” he says he also wants “to acknowledge the American applied and clinical sociology fraternity for untiring support, goodwill and friendship.”

### ***Sad News***

We regret to inform you we have lost of number of important scholar-practitioners this past year. Among them: David Kallen (USA), Jonathan Freedman (USA) and Lucio Luison (Italy).

### ***Members of our Executive Board:***

***Officers:*** Jacques Rheaume, President (Canada) [rheaume.jacques@uqam.ca](mailto:rheaume.jacques@uqam.ca);  
Norma Takeuti, Vice-President (Brazil) [nortak@uol.com.br](mailto:nortak@uol.com.br); and Jan Marie Fritz, Secretary (USA) [jan.fritz@uc.edu](mailto:jan.fritz@uc.edu)

### ***Additional Board Members:***

Nicole Aubert, ESCP, France; Massimo Corsale, Italy; John Cultiaux, Fondation Travail-Université, Belgium; Vincent De Gaulejac, France; A. Halim Wan, Clinical Sociology Association, Malaysia; Yuji Noguchi, Tokyo Gakugei University, Japan; Michelina Tosi, Università "S.Pio V", Italy; Anastasia Rigas, Greece; and Catherine Montgomery, CLSC, Canada.

**RC 46 Clinical Sociology  
Submission Form  
for the ISA World Congress in Goteborg, Sweden (July11-17, 2010 )**

**A copy of this submission form(or all of the information requested here) needs to be included with your abstract. A copy of the form and the abstract must be sent to BOTH conference co-organizers - Jacques Rheume and Jan Marie Fritz.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants must be ISA and RC46 members for 2009 and 2010:**

**Member of ISA for 2009 and 2010**      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

**Member of RC 46 for 2009 and 2010**      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send a copy of this form and your abstract to both coordinators:  
Jacques Rheume [rheume.jacques@uqam.ca](mailto:rheume.jacques@uqam.ca) and  
Jan Marie Fritz [jan.fritz@uc.edu](mailto:jan.fritz@uc.edu)**

**Does your paper seem to fit in an existing session?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

**If “yes,” indicate the session:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **and send a copy of this form and your abstract to that session organizer.**

**Form and abstract have been sent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are unsure if your paper fits in any session or you think it does not fit, you should send a copy of this form and your abstract to both coordinators. The coordinators will find a proper session and review process for your proposed paper.**

**Title of Paper/Presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Include Abstract (of no more than 100 words):**