

Summer 2009

# CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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

## *Dear Members,*

Our members have been very productive these last months. We hope you enjoy reading about their activities (pages 4-7).

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Please remember our deadline (**October 15**) for presentation proposals for the next ISA World Congress. (See some information about our program on pages 1-3.) 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. The last page of this newsletter (page 8) contains a form that is to be included with your abstract.

Please also note that we are seeking your ideas. We have money in our ISA account and we will be making decisions about how to spend it. We want to use the money to increase our membership, retain members and reward membership. All ideas about how to do that are very welcome. For more details, please see the announcement on page 4.

And, finally, for those of you are living under very difficult circumstances (e.g., please see the note on page 7), we are always very, very glad to hear from you.

## ***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 our RC46 submission deadline is **October 15, 2009**. Complete information about the program can be found on the ISA website under RC46 Clinical Sociology. Abstracts will be reviewed by panels and there will be a selection process. Some session organizers will use a rolling selection process and so some early decisions will be made. It is to your advantage to submit your proposal as soon as possible.

## **Programme Coordinators**

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Proposals for presentations and sessions  
are to be sent by **October 15, 2009** to:

Les propositions de communication doivent  
être envoyés avant le **15 octobre 2009** à :

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 devraient 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,  
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[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)

### ***RC46 Book Project***

Jan Marie Fritz and Jacques Rheaume are continuing to work on the book proposal. The tentative title of the volume is ***Essentials for Community Intervention: Clinical Sociology Contributions from around the World***. The book will showcase important intervention efforts to improve the quality of life in communities in a number of countries. The chapters will be written by scholar-practitioners as well as analysts who are not practitioners but provide significant reviews and commentary regarding community intervention efforts.

### ***RC46 Receives ISA Grant***

Jan Marie Fritz applied, on behalf of RC46, for an ISA grant to support the development of the proposal for ***Essentials for Community Intervention***. We received \$300. The amount of the grant is based on the RC's membership at the time of the last world congress.

### ***Suggestions Requested to Increase and Retain Membership***

RC46 is pleased to announce that it has \$2000 in its account that can be used for RC46 initiatives. The Executive Committee and the Officers of our RC will make the final decisions about the use of the funds. We are looking for ideas that would increase our membership, provide membership incentives and/or give rewards to our current members. We are a rather small RC (49 members) and need to make sure that we have our highest number of members in 2010 as the membership number in 2010 sets the size of our grant possibilities from the ISA over the next four years. Membership size also determines (in good part) the number of sessions we have available at ISA meetings. We need to encourage people to take part in our upcoming meeting in Goteborg, Sweden and make sure that we don't lose members during the four year period between world congresses. Please send all your ideas to both Jan Fritz [jan.fritz@uc.edu](mailto:jan.fritz@uc.edu) and Jacques Rheume [rheume.jacques@uqam.ca](mailto:rheume.jacques@uqam.ca)

### ***New Publications from RC46 Members***

- Hadiza Isa Bazza** (2009) Domestic Violence and Women's Rights in Nigeria. *Societies Without Borders*. July. She also has written "Peace Education and Youth Development in Nigeria" and co-authored (with Iya Aliyu Gana) "Gender Differences in Academic Achievement of Single-Sex and Coeducational Secondary School Students in Maiduguri Metropolis, Borno State, Nigeria"
- G. Du Plessis and **Frans J. Bezuidenhout** (2009) Capital in the Field of Reproductive Rights: Women and HIV. *Acta Academica*. July.
- Vincent de Gaulejac** (2008). La sociologie clinique, entre psychanalyse et socioanalyse. *SociologieS*, Toulouse, AISLF.
- G. Du Plessis and **Frans J. Bezuidenhout** (2009). Analysing the Paradigms: Developmental Social Welfare and Children's Right to Social Services in South Africa. *Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*. 21/2:July.
- Vincent de Gaulejac** (2008) Approche socioclinique de la souffrance au travail. *International Review of Sociology*. 18/3.
- G. Du Plessis and **Frans J. Bezuidenhout**, F.J. HIV/AIDS as Biographical Disruption: A Qualitative Study of Female Clinic Attendees. *Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*. (Forthcoming).
- F. Belgin Gumru and **Jan Marie Fritz** (2009). Women, Peace and Security: An Analysis of the National Action Plans Developed in Response to UN Security Council Resolution 1325." *Societies Without Borders*. July.
- Harry Perlstadt** (2009), Ethics and Values in Sociological Practice, Chapter 14 in Jammie Price, Roger Straus, Jeffrey R. Breese, eds. *Doing Sociology: Case Studies in Sociological Practice*. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield.
- Vincent de Gaulejac** (2009). Qui est "JE"? sociologie clinique du sujet, Paris: Seuil.
- Anastasia Valentine Rigas** announces these publications (in Greek): *The Greek Family in Our Days*. (co-authored) Ellinika Grammata, 2008, Athens; *The Psychology of Art*, (volume I), *Creativity and Art*, Pedion, 2009, Athens; *The Psychology of Art*, (volume II), *Analyzing Heros' Portraits in Literature using the Biographical*

*Approach*, Pedion, 2009, Athens; and *Social - Clinical Psychology in Practice*, Gutenberg, Athens, (in press).

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

**Emma Porio** (Philippines), presented her research findings on access to urban assets among the urban poor in the Philippines in the "Access to Justice for the Urban Poor in Asia" workshop organized by the Asian Development Bank (Manila) on April 23-24, 2009. The workshop was attended by 60 policymakers, local/national officials, civil society (NGOs/POs) leaders, and academic researchers from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, USA and Europe.

**Vincent de Gaulejac** (France) gave a presentation "'Sociologia clinica e trabalho social'" at the Instituto Superior de Serviço Social do Porto (Portugal) in May 2009.

**Judith Gordon** (USA) is now a member-at-large of the executive committee of the NGO Committee on Mental Health (a CONGO Committee at the UN)..

**Jan Marie Fritz** (USA) gave a workshop about clinical sociology and mediation for faculty members in the Department of Sociology at the University of Johannesburg. She also gave two presentations – about teaching sociological practice and about UN Security Council Resolution 1325 – at the South African Sociological Association annual meeting. (July 2009)

**Frans Bezuidenhout** (Group Dynamics Postgraduate Programme, Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa) will present "Inner Effectiveness: Fact or Fiction" at the Third International Business Conference in Zanzibar (September 16-17).

Many RC46 members gave presentations at the French Sociological Association (L'Associatoin Francaise de sociologie) conference in Paris (April 2009). Included among them: **Vincent de Gaulejac, Nicole Aubert, Jacques Rheaume and Jan Marie Fritz.**

**Emma Porio**, on August 10-11, will present her research findings on climate change and its impacts on the urban poor before Metro Manila-based national/local government officials, policymakers, NGO/community-based organization leaders and academic researchers. Part of a broader study on climate change in Asia, this study explores the sociocultural as well as the political and economic dimensions of climate mitigation and adaptation among disadvantaged sectors in Asian cities.

**Jan Marie Fritz**, a vice president of the ISA, chaired two sessions and gave a closing presentation at the conference of the ISA Council of National Associations at its meeting in Taipei, Taiwan (March 25). She also gave a presentation about "Teaching Sociology in a Globalizing World" at National Dong Hwa University in Hua Lien City, Taiwan

(March 20) and gave a presentation about Women, Peace, and Security (UN Security Council Resolution 1325) to NGO representatives in Taiwan. (March 19).

**Anastasia Valentine Rigas** (Greece) gave a presentation - "The Biographical Approach in the Psychology of Literature" - at the International Symposium on Creative Psychology and Literature in Cassino (Italy) this May.

**Jan Marie Fritz** organized a parallel event for the ISA at the meeting of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (New York City). The session title was "Equal Participation in Decision Making: Research and Action." (March 5)

**Vincent de Gaulejac** discussed "Le sujet face aux contradictions de la société hypermoderne" at a conference at the Université de La Réunion (February 2009).

**Anastasia Valentine Rigas** organized a symposium in Social Clinical Psychology and Psychosocial Interventions at the Panhellenic Congress of Psychology this past May in Volos, Greece.

### ***Announcements***

**Frans Bezuidenhout** reports on the collaboration between the Department of Sociology, Johannes-Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany and his postgraduate Group Dynamics Programme in the Department of Sociology at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Frans says this had led to students from Mainz joining the program in South Africa to complete an additional qualification in group dynamics (the only postgraduate degree of its kind in South Africa). Frans says he will be teaching in 2010 at the university in Mainz.

**Harry Perlstadt** (Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, USA) has received a Fulbright Scholar Award. Starting in late January 2010, he will be lecturing on US Health Care Policy and Politics and on the History of Public Health and Epidemiology at Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary.

**Vincent de Gaulejac** announces the creation of a master's "Clinical Sociology and Psychosociology," at the University of Paris 7 Diderot, UFR of social sciences under the direction of Florence Guist and Vincent de Gaulejac. See the complete program on the university's website under master's in sociology and anthropology./ Création d'un **master "Sociologie clinique et psychosociologie"**, à l'Université Paris7 Diderot, UFR de sciences social, sous la direction de Florence Guist Desprairies et Vincent de Gaulejac (voir le programme sur le site de l'université Paris Diderot, master sociologie et anthropologie)

Four theses in clinical sociology – by Fabienne Hanique, Marie-Anne Dujarier, Emmanuel Graton and Aude Harle - that were developed in the Laboratory of Social Change (University of Paris Diderot) have been awarded the World Prize for Research. The decision was made by a jury presided over by Edgar Morin./ FabieQuatre thèses de

sociologies cliniques soutenues au Laboratoire de changement social (Université Paris Diderot) ont obtenues le **Prix Le Monde de la recherche** délivré par un jury présidé par Edgar Morin : Fabienne Hanique, Marie-Anne Dujarier, Emmanuel Gratton et Aude Harlé (qui a également reçu le prix de la meilleur thèse délivré par le Sénat)

*Doing Sociology: Case Studies in Sociological Practice*. Edited by Jammie Price, Rogert Straus and Jeffrey Breese. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, Rowman & Littlefield, 2009. Each of the chapters is a personal statement illustrating how each author practices sociology. The authors – including **Harry Perlstadt**, Stephen Steele, and Jay Weinstein – are members of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.

**Vincent de Gaulejac** received the Sorokin prize from the Association of the Academy of Sciences in Russia (University of Lomonosov) for sociology. Vincent de Gaulejac a reçu le prix Sorokine délivré par l'Association de l'Académie des sciences et l'Association des **sociologues universitaires russes** (Université de Lomonosov)

The Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology holds its conference in San Antonio, Texas (October 8-10). Proposals due: September 4. Go to [http:// www.aacsnet.org](http://www.aacsnet.org)

### ***Crisis in Nigeria***

Two of our newest members, **Hadiza Isa Bazza** and **Abdul-Mumin Sa'ad**, are faculty members at the University of Maiduguri (Nigeria). As you probably know, for five days – during the last week in July - there has been fighting in the northeastern part of Nigeria. According to a report in *The Guardian*, a Nigerian newspaper, “Heavy bombardments (took place) by the nation’s forces on suspected strongholds of Boko Haram, the northern-based Islamic sect that is championing a “Jihad” (holy war).” Boko Haram is a Hausa term for “education is prohibited.” The death toll is now estimated at between 400 and 600 while an estimated 4000 residents were displaced in Maiduguri where, according to one report, “fierce fighting took place.” A University of Maiduguri administrator writes that “a fundamentalist group here has been gathering sophisticated arms and ammunition... for over five years” and that he has heard that many churches in Maiduguri were burned between Sunday and Wednesday. Sa'ad is working this year at the American University of Nigeria in Yola and, at the time of this crisis, he was some 450 kilometers away from the violence. We are grateful to have heard from both Sa'ad and Bazza after this terrible event.

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#### ***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 (July            )**

***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:  
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***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):***