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# Note from the RC48 President

Dear RC48 colleagues,

We hope this message finds you well.

We are glad to send you the third issue of our newsletter Grassroots, which presents two highly urgent subjects, some of our most recent collective achievements, and our current projects and undertakings.

The first subject is related to the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology. The congress will take place in Yokohama, Japan on July 13-19, 2014, and it has been convened under the motto "Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology." In this issue of Grassroots we provide all the relevant information regarding the World Congress: program coordinators, session organizers, session themes and abstracts, guidelines to present a paper, registration instructions, and procedures to apply for registration grants. We give detailed information on sessions organized by RC48, and joint sessions co-organized with fellow ISA Research Committees. There is still a long way ahead of us to Yokohama, but time goes by quickly, and September 30 is the non-extendable deadline to submit a paper abstract. We would very much like to count with your participation, so please mark this date in your calendars.

The second subject relates to the revision of RC48's Statutes, an internal aspect that is equally important as it deals with the norms that regulate each and every aspect of the professional relationship established among the members of our committee. In order to ensure transparency and democracy, sometime ago the ISA asked its Research Committees to revise and adapt their statutes to meet the ISA latest standards. This edition of Grassroots includes a second draft of the revised RC48 statutes, prepared in collaboration with RC07 President and RC48 Board Member Dr. Markus Schulz. Comments and suggestions are more than welcome and will be reviewed carefully with the aim of arriving at the best possible statutes for our RC. The deadline to submit comments is November 1, 2013; after this we will begin an online voting process in which all RC48 members will be able to participate. Our objective is to achieve a provisional approval of the revised Statutes before Yokohama -- the final approval will be sought at the RC48 Business Meeting to be celebrated during the World Congress.

In addition, this issue of Grassroots reports on some of our latest collective achievements. Among them is the publication of a monograph issue in the ISA journal *Current Sociology*. The issue is entitled *From Indignation to Occupation: A New Wave of Global Mobilization*, and includes articles on the Spanish 15M, the Arab Spring, the Portuguese Geração à Rasca, the Greek Indignados, and the Israeli J14 Movement, among others. Second, the edited volume entitled *Crisis and Social Mobilization in Contemporary Spain: The M15 Movement*, currently in preparation and soon to appear in The Mobilization Series on Social Movements, Protest, and Culture edited by Ashgate under the direction of Hank Johnston. Published in conjunction with *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, the premier research journal in the field, this series publishes a broad range of research in social movements, protest and contentious politics.

Finally, this issue of Grassroots deals with our first official membership drive. Back in 2007 our Committee had 150 members; today, our membership stands at 196. In 2012, this important membership increase allowed us to organize twenty sessions amidst the Second ISA Forum of Sociology, and entitled us to a 1,050 USD-budget for registration and travel grants. With the objective of expanding our membership even further, in early 2014 we will be launching a membership drive under the motto "Adopt a Graduate Student." The campaign intends to boost RC48 membership by encouraging full and associate professors to cover both the ISA and RC48 membership costs of at least one of their graduate students. We kindly encourage you to participate in our drive by spreading the word... and, also, by adopting a graduate student yourself!

Please, do not hesitate to send us comments and suggestions regarding these and other issues.

Looking forward to hearing from you and meeting you in Yokohama!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Benjamín Tejerina". The signature is stylized, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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## Nota del Presidente del RC48

Estimado colega del RC48:

Esperamos que este mensaje te encuentre bien.

Nos complace enviarte esta tercera edición de nuestra *newsletter* Grassroots, la cual presenta dos asuntos urgentes para los miembros de nuestro Comité de Investigación, algunos de nuestros logros colectivos más recientes, y nuestros proyectos e iniciativas actuales.

El primer tema se refiere a las sesiones que estamos organizando para el XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology. El congreso se celebrará del 13 al 19 de Julio de 2014 en Yokohama (Japón), bajo el lema "Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology". En esta edición de Grassroots encontrarás toda la información relevante sobre el congreso: coordinadores de nuestro programa, organizadores, temas y contenido de las sesiones, instrucciones para presentar una ponencia y para la inscripción al congreso, y una guía para aplicar a nuestras becas. Incluimos información detallada sobre las sesiones organizadas por el RC48, y co-organizadas con otros Comités de Investigación de la ISA. Todavía queda un largo trecho hasta Yokohama, pero el tiempo pasa rápidamente y el 30 de septiembre termina el plazo improrrogable para poder participar activamente en el congreso. Ante cualquier duda que tengas al respecto, no dudes en contactarnos. Te ayudaremos en la medida de nuestras posibilidades.

El segundo tema se refiere a la revisión de los Estatutos de nuestro Comité, un tema que es igualmente importante dado que regula cada uno de los aspectos de la relación profesional establecida entre nuestros miembros. Con el objetivo de garantizar la transparencia y la democracia interna, hace algún tiempo la ISA pidió a sus Comités de Investigación que revisaran y adaptaran sus estatutos para alcanzar sus estándares más recientes. Esta edición de Grassroots incluye un segundo borrador de los Estatutos del RC48, revisados en colaboración con el Presidente del RC07 y miembro del Board de nuestro Comité, el Dr. Markus Schulz. Comentarios y sugerencias son más que bienvenidos, y serán evaluados con cariño y detenimiento para arribar a los mejores Estatutos posibles. La fecha límite para enviar comentarios al borrador es el 1 de noviembre de 2013; después de esta fecha comenzará una votación online en la cual podrán participar todos los miembros del RC48. Nuestra meta es obtener una aprobación provisoria antes de Yokohama; la votación definitiva se realizará en el Business Meeting que celebraremos durante el congreso.

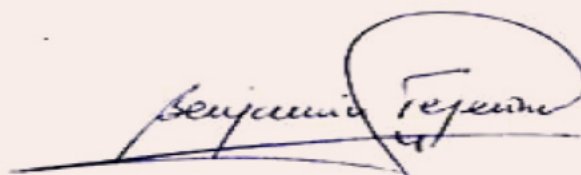
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Asimismo, en esta edición de Grassroots informamos acerca de nuestros últimos logros colectivos. Entre ellos se encuentra la publicación de un número monográfico en la revista académica *Current Sociology*. El monográfico se titula *From Indignation to Occupation: A New Wave of Global Mobilization*, e incluye artículos sobre el 15M español, la Primavera Árabe, la Geração à Rasca portuguesa, los Indignados griegos, y el movimiento J14 en Israel, entre otros. Segundo, un volumen editado que aparecerá el próximo año en *The Mobilization Series on Social Movements, Protest, and Culture* editada por Ashgate bajo la dirección de nuestro colega Hank Johnston. Publicada en conjunto con *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, la revista académica más importante dentro de nuestro campo, esta serie publica una amplia gama de investigaciones sobre movimientos sociales. El volumen se titulará *Crisis and Social Mobilization in Contemporary Spain: The M15 Movement*.

Finalmente, esta edición de Grassroots presenta nuestra primera campaña de afiliación. A inicios de 2007 nuestro Comité tenía 150 miembros; hoy contamos con 196 colegas afiliados. En 2012, este crecimiento nos permitió organizar 20 sesiones en el marco del Second ISA Forum of Sociology, y nos brindó un presupuesto de 1.050 dólares estadounidenses para subvencionar inscripciones y viajes al congreso. Con el objetivo de seguir expandiendo nuestras filas, a principios de 2014 lanzaremos una campaña de membrecía bajo el lema "Adopta un estudiante de posgrado". La campaña pretende motivar a profesores titulares y asociados para que cubran los costos de la suscripción a la ISA y al RC48 de al menos uno de sus estudiantes. Los invitamos a participar en nuestra campaña corriendo la voz... y, también, adoptando a un estudiante de posgrado.

Quedamos a la espera de vuestras noticias, y esperamos encontrarlos en Yokohama.

Un saludo muy cordial,



**Benjamín Tejerina**

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# XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology “Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology”

RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MOVEMENTS,  
COLLECTIVE ACTION AND SOCIAL CHANGE (RC48)

Yokohama, Japan  
July 13-19, 2014

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NUMBER OF ALLOCATED SESSIONS INCLUDING BUSINESS MEETING: 22

## ON-LINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Deadline: September 30, 2013 24:00 GMT.

## Accepted Sessions (in Alphabetical Order)

If you have questions about any specific session, please feel free to contact the Session Organizer for more information.

### ACTIVISTS AND ACTIVISMS AMIDST OCCUPY-TYPE PROTESTS: PRACTICES, POSSIBILITIES AND DILEMMAS

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Session in English/Spanish

Little more than two years have passed since the Tunisian uprisings, the spark that ignited a series of occupy-type protests that spread like wildfire across three different regions of the world: the Arab countries, Southern Europe and the United States. Much has been written about these mobilizations in terms of their struggle against socio-economic inequality, their demands for democratization/"real" democracy, their participatory, horizontal and deliberative organization, the savvy and intensive use of social media/the internet, and the occupation and transformation of the public space into a public sphere. Less has been said, however, about the impact of these traits on the praxis of activism, and on the self-perception and public portrayal of activists themselves. In this session we would like to reflect on the issue of activism amidst the current cycle of protest.

We invite papers addressing the following main topics, among others:

1. The interaction between an embodied/territorialized political praxis associated to the occupation of public space, and disembodied/de-territorialized online activism;
2. The challenges derived from the political socialization of (usually young) "political neophytes," and the "re-socialization" of "senior" activists trained in hierarchical organizations;
3. The display of humor, irony and parody, and the possible inception of a novel type of "ludic activism," characterized by ingenuity, pleasure, creativity, and play;
4. Activists' previous socio-cultural profiles, militant trajectories, and multiple activisms, and their conflictual embeddedness and articulation in mobilizations that reject politico-ideological "flags and banners" on account of their divisiveness;
5. The influence of cultural collectives, hacktivists, bloggers, and community organizers in the implementation of tactics such as sousveillance, media hoaxing, subvertising, flash mobs, street art, and hacktivism, to name but a few;
6. The tension between the exclusive category of "activist/militant" and the encompassing identities that were crafted for the social movement community (e.g. "the persons," "the 99%," "common people") in an attempt to garner broad public support.

Papers that are both theoretically driven and empirically grounded will be favored. A focus on the current cycle of protest and comparative papers addressing continuities and discontinuities with previous waves of mobilization are equally welcome.



## APRENDIZAJE EN LA CALLE: CASES OF EDUCATION REFORM MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA

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This panel features four richly researched empirical papers that attempt to provide a framework for understanding the forms of popular resistance to neoliberal education policies that see emergent movements coalescing around education issues and longstanding social movements extending their agendas to address new education challenges. These papers address how resistance movements in Chile, Brazil, and El Salvador analyze and critique new educational policies, generate programmatic proposals, strengthen cross-issue coalitions, and innovate pedagogically through the movement-building networks they establish.

The first paper investigates the way that a new generation of Chilean students are challenging the neoliberal education legacy of the country's 17-year military dictatorship, which OECD has called the most unequal among their membership, by framing political opportunities through online social networks and engagement with key media actors.

The second paper offers a look at the historical roots of the current movement in the anti-dictatorial mobilizations of teachers and students in the 1980s.

The third paper examines how the Brazilian Landless Workers Movement (MST) has entered the education debate to transform social relations of production in the countryside through critical pedagogy that would enable cooperative ownership and management.

The final paper continues a community-centered approach in assessing how a Salvadorian area traditionally aligned with the once revolutionary FMLN has resisted the World Bank-backed EDUCO program to preserve established popular education approaches. Through in-depth fieldwork, long-form interviews, policy analysis, archival research, examination of media coverage, and study of network structures, these papers provide insight into how education-centered social movements are reshaping the region from the bottom-up.

This research carries implications at multiple levels of social movement analysis, from the impact of movement demands and community structures on regional and national policy to increased understandings of movement dynamics and political process perspectives at the micro, meso, and macro levels.



## CIVIL SOCIETY AND COLLECTIVE ACTIONS

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Session in English

The civil society in the contemporary world has been posited in a paradoxical situation especially in the context of globalization and the emergence of the neo-liberal state on the one hand, and the resurgence of the culture of grass roots resistance on the other. The emerging scenario has caused phenomenal change in the functioning of civil societies and its relationship with the state and the people. Even as the state is emerging to be hegemonic, and the market is becoming all encompassing civil society still creates the space for creative engagement of people to protect their dignity, autonomy and identity. Through this creative space it not only develops contestations against the conventional hegemony of the state and the market but also creates new body of knowledge, identity, and ontology of collective being in a globalizing world. Significantly a vast body of this knowledge is formed based on every day experiences at the grass roots.

As against this backdrop this session would integrate varieties grass root civil society engagements, their emerging patterns of collective mobilization, social net working and alternatives initiatives especially of the marginalized people.

## CLIMATE JUSTICE? CLIMATE MOVEMENTS AND CLIMATE INEQUALITY

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Session in English

Anticipating dangerous climate change, a range of social movements have emerged to demand effective climate action and to contest existing climate policy. These movements have become evident amongst the high-income countries that are most responsible for the emission of green house gasses. They have also become evident in low-income countries that are affected by global climate policy or are suffering the immediate impacts of climate change. As such, climate movements reflect the asymmetries of climate change, between those principally responsible, most insulated from the effects of climate change and with greatest capacity to adapt, as against those least responsible, most exposed and least able to adapt. These movements are often defined against climate action that downplays these asymmetries, and have sought to construct their own model centered on `climate justice`. These climate justice conceptions directly address global inequalities, and seek to offer a means of constructing global solidarities to address widening climate inequalities.

Advocates argue such approaches are the precondition for more effective climate policy. What are the parameters for this emergent climate justice orientation? To what extent does climate justice signal the advent of a new kind of social movement? In terms of mobilization and leverage, how effectively has climate justice been pursued and what problems have arisen? What are the prospects for this emergent movement in contesting the new climate inequalities?

## DEMOCRACY NOW: ARE NEW UNDERSTANDINGS OF RADICAL DEMOCRACY TRANSFORMING ITS PRACTICE?

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Fifteen years ago the conventional wisdom among scholars and many activists was that radically democratic decision making was a quixotic exercise in idealism, undertaken by committed (and often aging) idealists unconcerned with political effectiveness or economic efficiency. Today, bottom-up decision making seems all the rage. Crowdsourcing and open source, flat management in business, horizontalism in protest politics, collaborative governance in policy studies—these are the buzzwords now and they are all about the virtues of nonhierarchical and participatory decision making. What accounts for this new enthusiasm for radical democracy? Is it warranted? Are champions of the form understanding key terms like equality, consensus, and decision differently than did radical democrats in the 1960s and 70s? And is there any reason to believe that today's radical democrats are better equipped than their forebears to avoid the old dangers of endless meetings and rule by friendship cliques?

This panel invites papers on how the people who practice radical democracy today – in movements, but also in nonprofits and even for-profits – understand what radical democracy means. Where do those understandings come from? And what are their consequences for groups' ability to act effectively and fairly?

## DILEMMAS OF UNFINISHED REVOLUTIONS

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The last decades of the twentieth century as well as the first decade of the twenty-first century have witnessed an unprecedented number of successful pro-democratic social movements from below resulting in fundamental regime transformations. Some of them, embracing all levels of social reality – political, economic, cultural, mental, everyday life – are rightly referred to as revolutions. One may mention several areas where such epochal events took place: Eastern-Central Europe, the Ukraine, Georgia, the Balkans, Baltic States, Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya.

In spite of the great differences in the revolutionary goals, strategies and processes, there is one striking similarity. Most revolutions seem incomplete, unfinished, suffering from various unexpected challenges. To name but a few:

- post-revolutionary social and cultural traumas,
- anomie in axiological and normative area,
- asynchrony of developments at various levels of social life,
- often incompetent, dishonest and weakly motivated elites,
- weakness of civil society and apathy of citizens,
- incomplete reconciliation with the past,
- deficit of democracy and resulting ungovernability,
- backlash of populist and nationalist tendencies.

The congress of ISA seems the perfect place to bring together sociologists from various countries that have experienced revolutions, to compare post-revolutionary dilemmas, new forms of inequality and exclusion, and to share reflections on possible remedies and directions of further developments.

## FEMINISTS MOVEMENTS AND FEMINISTS MOBILIZATIONS IN A COMPLEX WORLD

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Session in English

Feminists mobilizations and feminists movements take nowadays an enormous number of forms: from the typical SMO, to a library, a bar or a squatting building. Feminists are also present in political parties, other social movements (LGTB, anti-globalization, environment...), ONGs, and they have played an important role in the 2011 uprisings all over the world. Likewise, feminists actions do not focus merely on the State, but politicizes with their actions everyday life. This diversity of feminists mobilization troubles, partly, the study of these collective action with the tools of social movements theories. But at the same time, encourage us to reshape some of our approaches for a better understanding of social movements in a complex world.

This session invites contributions that go beyond the acknowledgment of the diversity of feminists mobilizations and feminist movements – already credited by most feminists movements scholars. By presenting specific feminists mobilizations or mobilization of feminists in other collective actions, the propositions should challenge social movement approaches and/or make an analysis of those feminists mobilizations through an interdisciplinary and/or inter-approach to the analysis. Some of the issues and questions we would like to address are: what can a feminist and/or queer approach do to the analysis of feminists mobilizations nowadays?, how can the intersectionality of discriminations proposal contribute to a better understanding of feminists movements and mobilizations in a complex world?, how the studies on the anti-globalization or the 2011 uprising can inform or be informed by feminists movements analysis in the last years?, etc.

## MEDIA AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION

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The media has always been an important research topic in the literature of contentious politics and social movements. We have learned that favorable media coverage of social movements will likely embolden movement participants, make them less vulnerable to state repression, and thus facilitate diffusion of their ideas and repertoires. However, recent contentious events – such as the protest mobilization in the Arab Spring and a series of social forums around the world – signal the changing nature of the media and public sphere.

The rise of social media – Facebook, twitter, and so on – offers an unprecedented opportunity for those who live under authoritarian conditions both to have access to and disseminate the information without relying on traditional mainstream media, such as television, radio, and newspapers. What will be the theoretical implications of such a change? Does the emergence of new interactive media shift the balance of power in favor of movement actors? Has the traditional media become less relevant to social movements' success today? Or, do the social media empower movement actors more in the authoritarian countries than those in the democratic ones in which the traditional media maintain credibility?

This session invites papers that examine empirically the relationship between social movements and the media, both traditional and new.

## MOVEMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ORGANIZED CRIME

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Session in English

Political corruption and organized crime are two crucial issues in contemporary societies. In the field of social and political sciences, literature flourished in the last decades about the mechanisms supporting the development and thriving of political corruption and organized crime. A growing body of studies is also focusing on the anti-corruption and anti-organized crime policies at the level of national and local public administration as well as on the incorporation of these issues in the agendas of political parties, not only during electoral campaigns.

The role of civil society and social movement actors in fighting against corruption and organized crime, on the contrary, remains a heavily understudied topic. This, although citizens' participation in both institutional and non-institutional settings has an important role in fighting corruption as well as organized crime.

This session aims at attracting empirical contribution on grassroots mobilizations against corruption and organized crime in the Global South and the Global North. In particular, we are interested in papers that:

1. explore the organizational patterns, forms of protest, mobilization of resources, communication/mediation practices, and/or contentious discourses that civil society and social movement actors develop when mobilize against corruption and organized crime;

2. investigate the role of institutional political actors, especially at the national and local level, in creating spaces for citizens' participations as well as participatory mechanisms of accountability, like for instance the Social Audit policies in India

3. explain the outcomes of civil society and social movement actors mobilizations against corruption and organized crime, with particular attention to the outcomes at the level of policy making at the local and national level;

4. discuss the methodological challenges that the study of such mobilizations, that span from high-risk and high-visibility protests to high-risk and low-visibility actions, imply for scholars approaching them.

We welcome papers employing qualitative, quantitative or mixed-methods approaches. Comparative studies, contrasting different mobilizations, different countries, and/or different periods of time are also welcome.

## OCCUPY-TYPE PROTESTS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

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Occupy-type protests are an unexpected type of social movement, sharing some characteristics of both new social movements and the more recent anti-globalization movement, but with a distinct focus on domestic socioeconomic issues. Do these protests imply not only an unanticipated historical development, but also a paradigm crisis at the theoretical level? At the empirical level, research so far on contemporary anti-austerity and Occupy movements has focused mainly on Europe and North America, with partially parallel developments in Latin America receiving separate attention, and without questioning why such protests did not occur in other developed regions (Eastern Europe, Australasia, Japan).

This points to the need to move from national case studies to cross-national comparisons, with questions like: what is similar and what is different about the Occupy-type protests and those that took place earlier in the Arab world? Is a single analytical model appropriate or not? Why did anti-inequality protests take root in some affluent societies but not others? Is there value in differentiating between different sub-types of Occupy protests or is there a compelling family resemblance among all of them? We envisage that proposals for this session will be explicitly comparative in their orientation, including case studies informed by a comparative perspective as well as paired case studies and systematic multi-country comparisons.

## OUTSIDE AGITATORS, COALITION PARTNERS, AND SOCIAL MOVEMENT SUCCESS

### Session Organizer

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Session in English

In the US in the 1960's, media commentators sometimes attributed social movement activities to 'outside agitators,' often Communists. After the Cold War, there was less such attribution, but, in fact, it has happened that there were outside agitators, although they were not usually Communists. One example of outside agitators from American social movements is Fundamentalist Christians who participated in, and escalated, Anti-Abortion protests, sometimes leading to more violence than the originators intended.

Another example was outsiders fomenting the Deaf President Now protest in Washington, DC in 1988. A non-American example was the participation of disabled people in protests which occurred during and proximal to the Arab Spring protests in Egypt. But how common are they? Outsiders can have goals allied with the movement they joined, their goals or means can be a little different, their goals can be so different that they effectively hijack the movement, or they became coalition partners within the original movement.

When do outside agitators become coalition partners, or vice versa? And what role do these outsiders play in the success or failure of a particular action or of the movement as a whole? While we know that movement success is related to mobilization patterns, is this true if those who are mobilized are not part of the same movement? Under what conditions would such participants facilitate movement success, and under what conditions would they not? Ultimately, how do we link those participants to the success of the movement?

## PLAYERS AND ARENAS: STRATEGIC DYNAMICS OF POLITICS AND PROTEST

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Not open for submission of abstracts.

In recent years pejorative psychological theories of social movements and the structural theories that replaced them have both been dislodged by perspectives that take the point of view of participants seriously, with improved understandings of what protestors want. But this cultural sensitivity must still be linked with the strategic interactions between protestors and a number of other players who can help or hinder them. This session would promote this emerging strategic approach by combining insights from the structural and cultural paradigms while focusing on decisions and actions. It has the potential to profoundly transform theories of local politics and protest.

**Integrative Rationale:** Similar strategic dynamics can be found in many social institutions, but especially among organized politics, protest, and markets. An integrative session would allow experts on different arenas to perceive similar strategic tradeoffs and dilemmas in their respective realms.

## PRE-DISASTER ALTERNATIVE POLITICS IN POST-DISASTER PROTESTS

### Session Organizer

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Session in English

Following Japan's "triple disaster" on March 11, 2011, Japanese society has witnessed some of the largest public protests to emerge in decades. This panel locates the rise in collective protest within the historical trajectory of existing civil society organizations in Japan. It examines the continuation, change, and transformation of these social movements since 3.11 as they have responded to the ramifications of the disaster, and relates them to the broad body of literature on social movements and collective behavior. Organizations within Japanese civil society have a long history of grappling with various social issues that arose from the fracturing of the postwar paradigm premised on economic growth and political stability.

The panel will approach the rise in protest since the 3.11 crisis through the responses of organizations that have been dealing with issues such as nonstandard employment, U.S. military base issues in Okinawa, dispossessed youths who hop from job to job, constitutional revision, and other social issues. The panel will explore the following questions.

- How do these organizations frame the crisis and engage in post-3.11 popular protests?
- What were the processes of connecting their old agenda to a new agenda?
- What do the connections linking pre-existing social movements with new actors, and new movements that have emerged from the 3.11 crisis suggest about the future of Japanese civil society?
- What do these studies contribute to the study of social movements and collective behavior more generally?



## PROTEST, MOVEMENT AND NEW IDENTITIES IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA

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Contemporary India has been experiencing many protests and social movements concerned with the issues of casteism, land rights, environment, women's rights, life style choices ethnicity and human rights. These movements have mobilized the people for developing a socio-political force and challenged the state and society. Further expressions of such movements have broadened the meaning of freedom. A much-needed exercise is an assessment of trends in social movements, past and present and their impact on people across the country. Indian movement scholars have been debating over the concept of social movement and people's protest and the later being treated as a politically a more effective and potent concept than the social movement. Moreover, these have been termed as new social movements that encapsulate the class movements within its fold and covers all kinds of people's rights – the movements of Dalits, Tribal people, Peasants and women in Indian situation.

The anti-caste movements i.e. movements of lower castes and untouchable castes (Dalits) have influenced the mainstream politics in India and created a socio-political space for themselves. Environmental movements in India have questioned the development process and industrial growth. Human right groups asserted people's identity by exposing the state authority. Similarly, women activists raised the issues of structural and cultural oppression. The primary objectives of the session is a critical assessment of people's protests and movements in India, historical and contemporary and setting an agenda for future. Further it will present a spectrum of macro and micro social movements in India.

## RADICAL LEFT WING MOVEMENTS AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS

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Recently, scholars have paid attention to the role of radical leftist parties in Europe; both regarding newly democratized post-communist political systems and more established liberal-democratic regimes. However, the corresponding political role and impact of the radical left's extra-parliamentarian part – or its social movement base – has hitherto not been sufficiently analyzed. It has often been noted that radical leftist groups have played a prominent role for the broader left and the new social movements of Western democracies since the late 1960s; often appearing as their "radical flank". The ideas, strategies and forms of protests of these radical groups have many times – directly or indirectly – influenced the agendas and action repertoires of more established organizations, e.g. political parties and trade unions.

This session is interested in the political role of contemporary radical left groups that are rooted in different intellectual traditions of the Worker's movement such as Anarchism, Autonomism, Communism and Trotskyism. In this session, we wish to focus these groups' interplay with new social movements, political parties and trade unions, as well as their direct or indirect impact on the general public debate, agenda setting and decision-making (also including the state's use of counter-measures against these groups).

Especially, we are interested in the role of specific ideas of democracy and political change for radical left groups' political visions/goals as well as movement-internal practices/repertoires of action. We invite papers concerning the radical left from all parts of the world.



## RC48 Business Meeting

### SYMBOLS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

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This session focuses on what is an often overlooked aspect of social movement action: the use and production of symbols. In some cases social movements create new symbols by mobilizing around unjust events. In other cases social movements draw on already existing symbols in order to generate cultural resonance. A variety of objects can attain symbolic status: Photographs, events, people, art.

The session is open to all papers dealing explicitly with the relationship between social movements and symbols. It particularly welcomes papers that address: the methodological and theoretical challenges of studying symbols in social movements; the visual aspects of symbols; the transnational aspects of symbols; the relationship between violence and symbols; the political effects of symbols.

### THE TRANSNATIONALITY OF TRANSNATIONAL MOVEMENTS

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This session calls for papers conceptualizing transnational movements and proposing novel ways of approaching them. While some researchers argue that the established conceptual and methodological apparatus is sufficient to analyze transnational movements, others hold that transnational movements have a complex organizational structure, choose unusual cooperation partners and develop novel cooperation and action patterns. Alone these features call for developing new approaches. Such movements are often composed of `movements from below` linking bottom-up and across borders to other movements; cooperating with the representatives of the state(s), international organizations, and even selected enterprises. They sometimes rely on a few dominant, but at other times many different languages. Their ongoing work is accomplished by core activists, but also movement entrepreneurs, translators, brokers, institutional activists, etc.

Of interest are approaches capable of grasping this diversity, problems it causes and solutions it brings forth, while addressing the question under what conditions (by what sorts of power: strategic, moral, economic, symbolic or network-based) such movements manage to accomplish the goals they set for themselves.

## WITH THE 2011 MOBILIZATIONS: PROGRESSIVE, REGRESSIVE OR IRRELEVANT

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Not open for submission of abstracts.

In 2011, the self-immolation of a Tunisian fruit peddler ignited a massive protest against the government that not only led to new leadership, but inspired protests throughout the MENA region. This was followed by similar protests over sovereign debt crises in Southern Europe and then the Occupy Wall Street movements.

These protests were rooted in Neo-liberal globalization, growing inequality, injustice, poverty and limited mobility, while retrenchments of State services and benefits adversely impacted a wide range of actors. Young, often college educated activists played significant roles in organizing mobilizations and publicizing them throughout the world via ICT and social media. Moreover, a growing precariat has become a major factor for these movements.

At this point, there are two major questions that need to be considered. What has been the impact of these movements that might be considered moments of a longer cycle of global justice movements? While articulating anger, alienation and indignation, have there been any genuine changes?

Secondly, these movements have required a rethinking of social movement theorizations, especially since the predominant paradigms,

RM and/or NSM do not really grasp these movements, especially since they are rooted in political-economic crises of legitimacy. While collective identity has played a major role in these movements, NSM theories have not paid much attention to the role of emotions and constellations of emotions that motivate and sustain mobilizations. At the ISA Forum, these movements were widely discussed. A number of RCs had panels concerned with these questions, especially RC 36 and 48 that held some joint sessions, while 07 also addressed these issues from a futures perspective.

Given the importance of these movements in impacting the political, as well as the extent to which we must advance our frameworks of understanding, we therefore propose an integrated session that would bring diverse, but complimentary frameworks to consider the consequences of these movements.

## Joint Sessions

### RC07-RC48/2 COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR THE DEGROWTH

Joint session of RC07 Futures Research and RC48 Social Movements,  
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The diffused economic crisis, together with pressing global environmental problems such as greenhouse effect, global pollution, depletion of natural resources, etc. are showing that the human economic growth is clashing with the limits of the biosphere on which human life is predicated. This supports the correctness of the critique of standard economics by the Ecological Economics: it is impossible to support an endless growth of production and consumption on a planet with limited resources (see Georgescu-Roegen, 1971; Kallis et al., 2012; Daly 1973, 1996, 2010; Jackson 2009; NEF 2009 among others).

Today the need for a slow-down in the depletion of natural resources and pollution is urgently called for. Degrowth should not be delayed (NEF, 2009). Nevertheless, “growth economies do not know how to degrow. They collapse” (Kallis et al. 2012). This raises serious questions for sociology:

- How to create a society able to live in prosperity (Jackson 2009) without growth?
- What social strategies can be developed in degrowth economies in order to support the growing share of population that is dumped and marginalized now?
- If relationship to governments and international institutions that are not acting in the direction of degrowth (with a few Latin American exceptions), how can the needed change be initiated?

This brings the attention to the role of social movements.

Apart from protest movements and degrowth lobbying groups, how can creators and diffusers of concrete alternative bottom-up ideas and practices like voluntary simplicity (Alexander, 2011), co-housing projects (Lietaert, 2010), ecological communes (Cattaneo and Gavalda, 2010) and such like become able to slow down economic growth and instead increase social wellbeing? The panel welcomes contributions involving theory, methodology and research.

## RC07-RC48/3 INTELLECTUAL SOUTH-SOUTH AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUES FROM CRITICAL THINKING, THEORY AND COLLECTIVE PRAXIS

Joint session of RC07 Futures Research and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change [host committee]  
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Social changes from the perspective of critical, social and sociological thinking contain two essential components: a future project and collective action. While this notion is often appropriated for research and analysis of social movements opposed to neoliberal thinking, is not sufficiently developed in the reflection within the scientific community in a symmetric and associative intercontinentally way.

This is how this panel session is started to raise the debate on the challenges that a global sociology faces to social inequality and how to stand with a collective intellect to face the obstacle of the asymmetries of the north-south link and the fragility of south-south and multicentric dialogues.

As well, the necessary steps to compose a dialogue and a collective action to overcome methodological and epistemological individualism, according to the progress of critical, public and coproductive thinking. Encompassing the discussion contained, among others, the right to free access to information, the universalization of knowledge, scientific creation and higher education, as well as the social participation on the technological and cultural change.

## RC44-RC48 LABOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS

Joint session of RC44 Labor Movements and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change [host committee]  
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In the last century, labor and environmental movements provided comprehensive visions on politics and economic life, and profoundly touched upon people's daily practices. Between these two movements, there existed tension, competition, and cooperation. This panel seeks to explore the delicate love and hate between labor and environmental movements from different parts of the world, under siege of deepened commodification of labor force and Mother Nature in the twenty-first century.

## RC18-RC47-RC48 RETHINKING DEMOCRACIES: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

Joint session of RC18 Political Sociology, RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements [host committee] and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change  
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We have been the witnesses of important movements of democratization against authoritative regimes in Asia, Africa and Latin

America. Social movements have highlighted the plural notion of democracy, looking beyond its traditional liberal version. Searching for a new articulation of equality and freedom, social movements are involved in the transformations of democracy and they can contribute to reshape its relationship with the economic system.

In this session we would like to compare the analysis of scholars working on different national experiences around the process of democratization directly influenced by social movements.

### RC07-RC48 SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, PUBLICS, AND THE CONTENTIOUS POLITICS OF THE FUTURE

Joint session of RC07 Futures Research [host committee] and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change  
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The ISA Research Committees on Future Research (RC07) and on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) are planning one or more Joint Sessions on contentious politics and on how social movements shape futures.

Questions may include (but are not limited to):

- How do social movements create, articulate, disseminate, debate, and attempt to implement projects and visions of the future?
- Under what conditions do the horizons of imaginable futures expand or shrink?
- How do social movements invent new practices?

- How do social movements relate to old and new media?
- What factors influence the outcomes of social movement struggles?

### RC34-RC48 YOUTH AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

Joint session of RC34 Sociology of Youth and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change [host committee]  
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The economic crisis has restricted the younger generation's opportunities in the labor market and its access to welfare, pushing many to a marginalized position in society. Participation in social movements has become one of the young people's answers to the crisis; they offer possibilities for identification and belonging, and a prospect for change. As stated by Ulrich Beck more than a decade ago, social movements are taking the initiative in defining social risks and offering solutions to them. Today, technological developments also enable participation in international communities and movements. New (political) worldviews spread quickly to different locations. The aim of the joint session on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change and Sociology of Youth is to bridge between different strands of research.

The session focuses broadly on social movements and young people as crucial agents of social change. Besides formal organizations, there is a growing body of decentralized movements that aim to change cultural codes, engage in lifestyle politics, and promote new forms of collective identity as means of fostering social change. Papers that explore any form of social movement and young people will be considered for the session.

## Guidelines for Presenters

### HOW TO PRESENT A PAPER

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should submit an abstract on-line through a centralized website which will be operational from June 3 through September 30, 2013.

Please follow the below listed steps.

#### 1. Select session

List of sessions is available in the relevant RC/WG/TG section

- Research Committees (RC)
- Working Groups (WG) and
- Thematic Groups (TG)

Most sessions will be in English, except some that will be in Spanish or French. Please check the programme. Simultaneous translation in Spanish or English will be offered only for Plenary Sessions.

#### 2. Submit abstract: from 3 June, 11:00 GMT till 30 September 2013, 24:00 GMT

Participants must submit abstracts on-line through a centralized platform operational from June 3, 11:00 GMT through September 30, 2013, 24:00 GMT

- Abstracts must be submitted in English, French or Spanish
- Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process
- The author is required to choose the RC/WG/TG session in which s/he wishes the abstract to be included
- One cannot submit the same abstract to two different sessions
- It is the Author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract; any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.

All changes/updates should be done via on-line system by September 30, 2013 24:00 GMT.

- Each abstract received on-line will be assigned an identification number

#### 3. Notification: 30 November 2013

- Session Organiser will handle all correspondence concerning the session and is responsible for informing authors by November 30, 2013 whether their papers have been accepted for presentation.
- A final presentation designation (oral presentation, distributed paper, poster, or round table presentation) needs to be stated. This information can be modified later once registration check has been completed.

**Note:** *Distributed papers* will be listed in the programme and their abstracts will be included in the Abstracts Book, providing the authors register in time. If a participant does not show up, the first participant listed under distributed papers will be asked to present his/her paper.

#### 4. Registration deadline for presenters: 1 April 2014 24:00 GMT

- On the registration deadline April 1, 2014 presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the programme.
- It is very important that all participants respect conference deadlines concerning registration and submission of abstracts. No extension of deadlines is possible.

## RULES FOR ALL PRESENTERS

### 1. Limited appearance in the Program

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.

### 2. ISA and RC/WG/TG membership

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. Those RCs which require that presenters in their sessions are members of the RC, and/or also of ISA, should clearly inform potential presenters about these requirements from the very start of conference preparations.

### 3. Registration payment

In order to be included in the program the participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.) need to pay registration fees by **April 1, 2014**. If not registered, their names will not appear in the Program Book and in the Abstracts Book.

For 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 April 1, 2014; 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.



## Guidelines for Grant Applications

### 1. TYPE OF GRANT

Registration grants have been established for active participants in the Research Committee (RC), Working Group (WG) or Thematic Group (TG) programs.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

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) are eligible for registration grants.

### 3. HOW TO APPLY

One can apply for a grant to only one RC/WG/TG. Multiple applications will not be considered. A letter of application should be sent **before January 31, 2014** to the Program Coordinator of the RC/WG/TG where a paper will be presented.

E-mail addresses of the Program Coordinators of the RC/WG/TGs are available in the relevant RC, WG, TG section.

### 4. DECISIONS

The Board of each RC/WG/TG will review all applications and recommend the allocation of available funds by March 1, 2014. A list of the selected individuals will be posted on the ISA website in mid-March 2014.

### 5. GRANT ALLOCATION

Registration grant code will be provided to the selected individuals by the ISA Secretariat so that all successful applicants can register with this code to the conference before the early registration deadline **April 1, 2014**.

## RC48 Conference Proceedings

As in previous occasions, our Committee will publish the Conference Proceedings in a book format at the University of the Basque Country Press. Although the publication will be in electronic and pdf format, it will have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and will thus count as a book chapter in your CVs. The book will be edited by Benjamín Tejerina and Ignacia Perugorria.

After the World Congress, a committee of RC48 members will make a selection of the best papers and we will attempt to publish them in book format either in the United Kingdom or the United States. If you wish your paper to be reviewed for this edited volume, please submit an English version of it. In order to publish your paper in the RC48 Proceedings, please write to [isa.rc48@gmail.com](mailto:isa.rc48@gmail.com) and ask for the Manuscript Preparation Guidelines. The deadline to submit your paper for publication in the RC48 Conference Proceedings is May 1, 2014.

# RC48 Revised Statutes

In order to ensure transparency and democracy, sometime ago the ISA asked its Research Committees to revise and adapt their statutes to meet the ISA latest standards. Below you will find a second draft of the revised RC48 statutes, prepared in collaboration with RC07 President and RC48 Board Member Dr. Markus Schulz. A first draft was circulated and discussed among members of the RC48 Board during the previous months; the current draft incorporates the suggestions that emerged during this process.

Comments and suggestions to the current draft are more than welcome and will be reviewed carefully with the aim of arriving at the best possible statutes for our Research Committee. The deadline to submit comments at [isa.rc48@gmail.com](mailto:isa.rc48@gmail.com) is November 1, 2013; please, include the subject "RC48 Statutes." After this we will begin an online voting process in which all RC48 members will be able to participate. Our objective is to achieve a provisional approval before Yokohama; the final approval will be sought at the RC48 Business Meeting to be celebrated during the World Congress.

## STEPS FOLLOWED IN THE REVISION OF RC48 STATUTES:

1. First draft elaborated by Benjamin Tejerina and Markus S. Schulz
2. Discussion of this draft among RC48 Board members, and elaboration of second draft
3. Invitation to RC48 membership to comment on second draft, and elaboration of third draft
4. Online vote of RC48 members on third draft (vote on complete proposal or proposal minus contested passages)

International Sociological Association  
Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action,  
and Social Change (RC48)  
Revised Statutes

### Second Draft

## PREAMBLE

The International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action, and Social Change (ISA-RC48) aims to promote intellectual, academic and scholarly exchanges between researchers of broadly defined social movements, social change and collective action.

The RC 48 recognizes the fact that contemporary social movements become a significant vehicle of social change and that they are the component of various collective endeavors, including protest politics, social struggles, class actions, union organizations, uprisings, rebellions, revolutions and revolts.

The RC 48 recognizes the fact that social movement research is done from various theoretical, methodological and epistemological premises.

The RC's purpose is to allow, to facilitate and to enhance exchange of information and fostering of research initiatives in the areas of the cognitive activity of its intellectual constituency.

## ARTICLE ONE: OBJECTIVES

1.1. The RC48 shall carry out the policies of the International Sociological Association and shall enhance worldwide cooperation in theoretical and empirical research and teaching in the broadly defined field of social movements, collective action, and social change.

1.2. To achieve these ends, the RC48 shall help within its means:

- (a) to promote institutional and personal contacts between sociologists and other social scientists interested in social movements, collective action, and social change throughout the world;
- (b) to encourage the worldwide dissemination and exchange of sociological knowledge and expertise about social movements, collective action, and social change;
- (c) to facilitate and promote research and training related to social movements, collective action, and social change;
- (d) to convene meetings in the same orientation, including participation in ISA World Congresses and at least one midterm meeting every four years.

## ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP

2.1. The members of RC48 shall consist of regular and affiliated members in good standing who have paid their dues.

2.2. Regular individual members shall be scholars or professionals active in teaching, research or practice related to social movements, collective action, and social change who are members in good standing of both RC48 and ISA.

2.3. Affiliated individual members shall be scholars or professionals active in teaching, research or practice related to social movements, collective action, and social change who are members in good standing of RC48 but who do not belong to ISA.

2.4. All members shall respect the principles upon which the Research Committee is founded, contribute to its purposes, and pay their dues. The amount and structure of dues are to be periodically reviewed and determined by the Assembly of RC48 members and are to be in accordance to ISA statutes. The fees of regular members shall be paid to the ISA Secretariat while the Secretary-Treasurer shall collect the fees of affiliated members.

2.5. All regular and affiliated members in good standing have the right to vote on RC48 matters and to make nominations, but only regular members in good standing can be elected to the board.

### ARTICLE THREE: THE BOARD

**3.1.** The Research Committee has a board elected every four years according to democratic procedures and geographical distribution.

**3.2.** The Board consists of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, and at least three additional officers with responsibilities such as Membership, Newsletter Editor, or designations such as Regional Representative or at-large. Elections should proceed in this sequence. In the interest of balancing the benefits of experience and renewal, at least one third of the board members should continue and at least one third should be replaced. The Assembly can increase the total number of board members for practical purposes and in consideration of regional representation as determined per majority decision. Likewise, the Assembly can allow the sharing of specific offices per specific majority decision. In addition, the Board can invite for the remaining duration of the term up to three additional board members upon the recommendation of the President and with the agreement of a majority of Board Members.

**3.3.** Any member in good standing may make a nomination or second to a nomination. The nominations and elections should be handled by the Secretary-Treasurer or other Election Officer, if appointed by the Board, who is a member but not candidate. Nominations shall be sent at least three months before the election to the Secretary-Treasurer or other Election Officer. The endorsement of at least two other members in good standing is required for becoming a candidate. Candidates shall confirm their willingness to serve and submit a curriculum vitae and brief statement of experience and interest in the position. Candidates for the same position shall be given equal opportunity to present their experience, interests, and endorsements per written statement or speech of equal maximum length or duration.

**3.4.** If there is more than one candidate for a specific office, or in the case of board members at-large, more candidates than positions, then a secret ballot will be held upon request by any member in good standing. In case of competitive elections, the votes must be counted in a transparent, verifiable, and uncontested manner. A recount must be held if requested by any member in good standing.

**3.5.** Temporary vacancies on the Board between consecutive World Congresses may be filled by appointment by the Research Committee's president. A Board Member who does not fulfill major parts of her/his responsibilities can be replaced by the Board per two-third majority vote.

**3.6.** Each Board member must be throughout her/his term of office a member in good standing of RC48 and ISA in accordance with ISA statutes.

**3.7.** The Board shall have the task of carrying out the policies established by the Assembly of RC48.

**3.8.** The Board shall provide a newsletter to the membership at least twice per year. The newsletter may be distributed electronically.

**3.9.** The Board may convene subcommittees to make recommendations on particular matters or undertake specific activities.

## ARTICLE FOUR: THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

4.1. The RC48 President and Vice-Presidents shall legally represent the RC48 both internally and externally. The president shall chair the meetings of the Board and name delegate and alternate to the Research Council, unless other provisions were decided by vote. In his/her absence, the meetings shall be chaired by a Vice-President; if also absent, then by the Secretary-Treasurer. A former president becomes Past-President but will have voting rights on the board only if elected to the incoming Board.

4.2. In case of vacancy of the offices of President and/or Vice-Presidents, RC48 shall elect an interim President and/or Vice-President until the end of the term. Until a new President and/or Vice-President can be elected in a democratic and transparent manner by the regular members in good standing, the Board shall appoint an interim Acting President. In case a president fails to carry out her/his presidential responsibilities or allow membership to lapse, the Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a six-month period of grace notice on the President. If the irregularity is not resolved by the end of this period, the Secretary-Treasurer is required to inform the Board and refer the matter to the ISA Secretariat. A qualified majority of three-quarters of the Board Members is required to replace a President with another Board Member.

## ARTICLE FIVE: THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

5.1. The Secretary-Treasurer maintains records and reports on the financial accounts at Business Meetings.

5.2. The Board audits the finances every four years in preparation for the Business Meeting at World Congresses.

5.3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be discharged of financial responsibilities by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of auditing board members.

## ARTICLE SIX: BUSINESS MEETING

6.1. The Research Committee shall hold a business meeting at least once during the four-year World Congress cycle for available members in good standing.

## ARTICLE SEVEN: CHANGE OF STATUTES

7.1. The Research Committee's statutes can be revised according to democratic procedures.

7.2. A change of statutes can be initiated by the Research Committee's Board, an appointed committee, or upon a petition signed by at least ten percent of regular members in good standing. Statute-changes proposed by members shall be sent to the Board along with an explanation of its rationale at least twelve months before the next Assembly meeting. The Board shall circulate proposed changes along with an explanation of its rationale at least three months before the next Assembly meeting.

- 7.3. Changes to the statutes can take effect if accepted by
- (a) a two-third majority at a regular business meeting; or
  - (b) a two-third majority in a referendum held at least four months after announcement of the proposed changes to the membership; or
  - (c) a simple majority at a regular business meeting, if at least three-fourths of regular members in good standing participated; or
  - (d) a simple majority in a referendum held at least four months after announcement of the proposed changes, if at least three-fourths of regular members in good standing participated.

## ARTICLE EIGHT: DISSOLUTION

8.1. The dissolution of RC48 shall be decided by the Assembly of RC48 following the procedures of the ISA Statutes.

8.2. The dissolution shall be declared provided that a quorum of at least two thirds of the members in good standing has been reached and that it has been approved by at least a two thirds majority of those present at the Assembly of RC48.

8.3. In the event of dissolution, the funds shall be transferred to the ISA.

## ARTICLE NINE: AWARDS

9.1. RC48 may establish awards to encourage promising young scholars to participate in RC48 and contribute to the field.

9.2. Rules for Awards specify the criteria and procedures. Rules for Awards are adopted upon the Board's recommendation by the simple majority of votes in the Assembly and take effect with ISA's approval.

## ARTICLE TEN: WORKING LANGUAGES

10.1. English, French, and Spanish are the recognized languages of the RC48. The administrative language of the RC48 shall be English.

# RC48 Collective Achievements

## Book on the Spanish 15M

The international conference “From Social to Political. New Forms of Mobilization and Democratization” (Bilbao, February 9-10, 2012), had several offsprings, one of which was a book proposal concentrated in the Spanish 15M. This conference brought together different academic networks and orientations around the study of mobilization, expressed by the Research Committees on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) and Social Movements and Social Classes (RC47).

We are proud to announce that the book proposal developed in the months following the conference has been recently accepted by Ashgate Publishers, and that it will appear in The Mobilization Series on Social Movements, Protest, and Culture edited under the direction of Hank Johnston. The book will be entitled *Crisis and Social Mobilization in Contemporary Spain: The M15 Movement*, and will be edited by Benjamín Tejerina and Ignacia Perugorría. The volume will gather eleven scholars currently studying the 15M from different perspectives. Below you can find the book's future Table of Contents.

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## Current Sociology monograph issue

In April 2012, members of RC48 submitted a monograph issue proposal to Current Sociology, which was finally approved in July 2012 after one revision. The monograph issue came out in July 2013 (Volume 61, Number 4) under the title "From Indignation to Occupation: A New Wave of Global Mobilization." Tova Benski, Lauren Langman, Ignacia Perugorría and Benjamín Tejerina are the guest editors.

The monograph issue is the offspring of the international conference "From Social to Political. New Forms of Mobilization and Democratization" (Bilbao, February 9-10, 2012). This conference brought together different academic networks and orientations around the study of mobilization, expressed by the Research Committees on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) and Social Movements and Social Classes (RC47).

Current Sociology is an official journal of the ISA. It is published by SAGE, and it is "one of the oldest sociology and most widely cited journals in the world. It is a fully peer-reviewed, international journal that publishes original research and innovative critical commentary both on current debates within sociology as a developing discipline, and the contribution that sociologists can make to modern societies in a globalizing world." It is ranked 59 out of 137 journals in Sociology, and according to the 2011 Journal Citation Reports its impact factor is 0.896 (Thomson Reuters, 2012).



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## Conference Proceedings

In 2012, RC48 published two edited volumes with conference proceedings. Funding for the design and publication of these volumes has come from the Collective Identity Research Center (Department of Sociology 2, University of the Basque Country, Spain), where RC48 is currently based.



Tejerina, Benjamín & Ignacia Perugorria (Eds.), 2012, *Global Movements, National Grievances. Mobilizing for "Real Democracy" and Social Justice*, Bilbao: Servicio Editorial de la Universidad del País Vasco, ISBN: 978-84-9860-768-0, DL: BI-2244-2012, 712 pp. (Paperback edition).

The volume includes a total of 33 papers, in both Spanish and English, presented at the Second ISA Forum of Sociology "Social Justice and Democratization" (Buenos Aires, August 1-4, 2012). All papers submitted in due time and format were accepted for publication; no papers were submitted in French. The volume has been published in both paperback and electronic formats, both of which can be purchased at the University of the Basque Country Press webpage.



Tejerina, Benjamín & Ignacia Perugorria (Eds.), 2012, *From Social to Political. New Forms of Mobilization and Democratization*, Bilbao: Servicio Editorial de la Universidad del País Vasco, ISBN 978-84-9860-595-2, 373 pp.

This second edited volume includes a total of 23 papers, in both Spanish and English, presented at the RC48 International Conference "From Social to Political. New Forms of Mobilization and Democratization" (Bilbao, February 9-10, 2012). The volume has been published in electronic format only, and is available here.

We would like to thank the authors for their intellectual contribution, and the Collective Identity Research Center for funding these publications.

## RC48 Projects and Initiatives

During the business meeting held during the ISA Forum of Sociology “Social Justice and Democratization” (Buenos Aires, August 1-4, 2012), RC48 members discussed a number of ongoing and future initiatives. Among them are:

### Creation of a new journal

For the last few years, the ISA has had an agreement with SAGE covering the publication of its official journals (e.g. *Current Sociology*, *International Sociology*). In early 2012, RC Presidents were encouraged to create their own journals. During the following months, members of the RC48 Board will begin to evaluate the academic need, but also the convenience and feasibility of creating a new journal concentrated on the topics of social movements, collective action and social change. The conclusions of this process will be discussed in Yokohama in 2014. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail us at [isa.rc48@gmail.com](mailto:isa.rc48@gmail.com) and include the following in the subject line: “new journal.”

### RC48 prize for the best paper written by a graduate student

This award is intended to encourage promising young scholars in the field of social movements, collective action and social change. The prize will recognize the best paper written by one or more graduate students and submitted to the ensuing editions of the ISA World Congress. A committee will be formed to draft the bylaws associated to the award. We will then submit the document to an online vote. The initiative was accepted during the RC48 business meeting held in Buenos Aires. If you are interested in participating in the committee, please e-mail us at [isa.rc48@gmail.com](mailto:isa.rc48@gmail.com) and include the following in the subject line: “graduate student paper award.”

### “Adopt a Graduate Student” membership drive

In early 2014 we will be launching a membership drive under the motto “Adopt a Graduate Student.” The campaign intends to boost RC48 membership by encouraging full and associate professors to cover both the ISA and RC48 membership costs of at least one of their graduate students. Combined ISA-RC membership (not RC membership alone) determines the number of sessions each research committee can hold in ISA Forums and World Congresses, and also their budget to organize events and allocate grants to their members.

Currently, the RC48 counts with 192 members. In 2012, this membership allowed us to organize twenty sessions (including our Business Meeting) amidst the Second ISA Forum of Sociology; it also entitled us to a 1,050 USD-budget for registration and travel grants. The initiative was accepted during the RC48 business meeting held in Buenos Aires. If you are interested in collaborating in the organization of the membership drive, please e-mail us at [isa.rc48@gmail.com](mailto:isa.rc48@gmail.com) and include the following in the subject line: “membership drive”.

## Research Notes, a new Grassroots section

Inspired by the enriching dialogues held in the context of the Second ISA Forum of Sociology celebrated in Buenos Aires in August 2012, Research Notes was born some months ago as a new Grassroots section aiming to showcase novel and exciting lines of research being developed by RC48 members around the globe. Research Notes is devised as an inclusive forum for young and senior scholars to discuss ideas and share knowledge. In doing so, we expect to explore and learn from the different ways in which social movement studies are conducted across national borders, and to help build new research networks or expand the boundaries of those already in place.

In the previous edition of Grassroots, Research Notes gathered three young and talented scholars specialized in the study of social movements in Argentina. They reflected on the changes observed in the social movement field since the arrival of Néstor Kirchner to the Argentine presidency back in 2003. Pilar Alzina delved in the challenges posed by the implementation of “social economy” initiatives by worker cooperatives and social movements, and also in the difficulties attached to the public policies developed by the ensuing Kirchner administrations. Ana Natalucci analyzed the redevelopment of the “grammar of collective action” by concentrating both in social movement organizations and new institutional actors within the self-defined “Kirchnerist multi-organizational space.” Finally, Melina Vázquez explored the sociological conditions under which “the youth” became both a politically relevant category, and a “public cause” generating support and mobilization during the Kirchner years.

We expect to include reviews of thought-provoking ongoing investigations in future editions of Grassroots. Please, do not hesitate to contact us with ideas and suggestions for this section. You can e-mail us at [isa.rc48@gmail.com](mailto:isa.rc48@gmail.com) and include the following in the subject line: “Grassroots – Research Notes”.

# Calls

## Sociopedia Letter from Bert Klandermans, Managing Editor, regarding contributions to Sociopedia

I am writing you as the Editor of **Sociopedia.isa**, a new online journal of the International Sociological Association, which publishes 'state-of-the-art' review articles on subjects in the social sciences. **Sociopedia.isa** is a joint venture between the International Sociological Association (ISA) and SAGE Publication and was founded in 2010. Since then, more than 45 entries have been published on a range of topics. Since this year, the ten best **Sociopedia.isa** entries of the year are selected for publication in a review issue of *Current Sociology*. This issue will come out annually, starting this September.

I am approaching you to see whether you and/or members of your Research Committee are interested in contributing to **Sociopedia.isa**. We welcome both review papers and commentaries on current publications. For an overview of our current entries and commentaries go to: [www.isa-sociology.org/publ/sociopedia-isa/sociopedia-isa-list-of-published-entries.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/sociopedia-isa/sociopedia-isa-list-of-published-entries.htm) To see these entries, go to the 'access' page and login with your ISA username and password. For more information on the aims and scope of Sociopedia.isa, what structure entries or commentaries should have and what the submission procedure looks like, have a look at our guidelines (attached).

I hope you and/or your colleagues are interested to contribute to **Sociopedia.isa**. To discuss possible topics for articles, deadlines and other matters, please send me an email at the address listed below.

Best wishes,

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## Other Calls ISA World Congress of Sociology

Dear friends,

It's a bit more than a month for the deadline to submit abstracts for ISA Yokohama 2014. I'm pleased to remind you to submit your abstracts to either of two quite similar sessions:

**The Future of Public Research Universities: Confronting the Demands of Increasing Economic Self-Sufficiency, and/or the joint session RC04 (Education), RC07 (Futures), and RC23 (S&T): The Future of Teaching and Research in Universities.**

Both sessions deal with the problem of the pressures experienced by the universities to increase the sources of self-financing, apparently at the expense of both reducing its role as producers of knowledge by its own sake, and neglecting research in the humanities. How is this dealt with in the First World? How it affects the development of universities in the Third World? How the problem compares between both worlds?

- Historical evolution of the financing of universities.
- Ecological consequences of more self-financing.
- The role of the social sciences and the humanities in the new financing scheme.
- The role of women in this new paradigm.
- Students should be (over)charged to fulfill financial expectations?
- Which departments/activities should suffer reduction of budget in case financial demands require it?
- What alternative sources of financing are available?
- How university authorities have managed reduction of budget?
- Other topics you may think of.

Those interested in publishing the complete piece of research in a refereed dedicated publication, kindly send it to me whenever ready. The edition should be ready for publication after Yokohama 2014 by the end of that year.

The submission of abstracts for the International Sociological Association's ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19, 2014 can be found at:

[isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2014/cfp.cgi](http://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2014/cfp.cgi)

The ISA World Congress detailed program is at:  
[www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/rc/rc.php?n=RC23](http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/rc/rc.php?n=RC23).

You may submit abstracts until September 30, 2013. You will receive notification of acceptance by November 30, 2013.

We look forward to welcome you in Yokohama next year!

Kind regards,

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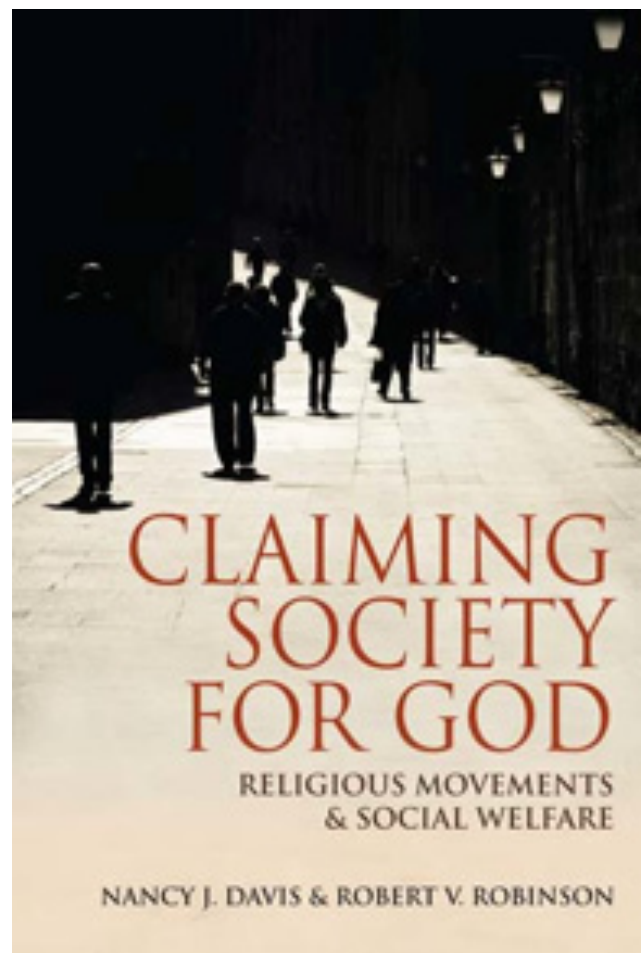
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## Announcements

Nancy Davis and Robert Robinson's *Claiming Society for God: Religious Movements and Social Welfare in Egypt, Israel, Italy, and the United States* (Indiana University Press, 2012) has been awarded the gold medal in the Religion category of the Independent Publishers Book Awards, which recognize books by university and independent presses.

The book also won the Scholarly Achievement Award of the North Central Sociological Association. The book focuses on common strategies used by religiously orthodox (what some would call "fundamentalist") movements around the world. Rather than using armed struggle or terrorism, as much of post-9/11 thinking suggests, these movements use a patient, under-the-radar strategy of taking over civil society. *Claiming Society for God* tells the stories of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the Sephardi Torah Guardians or Shas in Israel, Comunione e Liberazione in Italy, and the Salvation Army in the United States, showing how these movements, grounded in a communitarian theology, are building massive grassroots networks of religiously based social service agencies, hospitals and clinics, rotating credit societies, schools, charitable organizations, worship centers, and businesses. These networks are already being called states within states, surrogate states, or parallel societies, and in Egypt have now brought the Muslim Brotherhood to control of parliament and the presidency. This bottom-up, entrepreneurial strategy is aimed at nothing less than making religion the cornerstone of society. The Facebook page for the book, which includes news stories on orthodox movements and study questions for the book is at [www.facebook.com/ClaimingSocietyForGod](http://www.facebook.com/ClaimingSocietyForGod).



## About RC48 and the ISA

The Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) is part of the International Sociological Association (ISA). It was founded as a Working Group in 1992, under the presidency of Prof. Bert Klandermans. In 1994 it was recognized as an ISA Research Committee.

The objective of RC48 is to foster intellectual, academic and scholarly exchanges between researchers of broadly defined social movements, collective action and social change. The RC48 is currently based at the Collective Identity Research Center (Department of Sociology 2, University of the Basque Country, Spain).

The ISA was founded in 1949 under the auspices of UNESCO. With more than 5,000 members coming from 167 countries, the ISA is currently the most important international professional association in the field of sociology. Its goal is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world, and to represent sociologists everywhere, regardless of their school of thought, scientific approaches or ideological opinion. An account of the internal organization of the ISA can be found here, and a history of the ISA written by Jennifer Platt is published here.

The on-going scientific activities of the ISA are decentralised in 55 Research Committees (RC), 3 Working Groups (WG) and 5 Thematic Groups (TG), each dealing with a well-recognized specialty in sociology. These groups bring together scholars who wish to pursue comparative research on a transnational basis and they constitute basic networks of scientific research, intellectual debate and professional exchange. Although they must fulfill certain minimum requirements, RCs have complete autonomy to operate. Each RC's governing body is the Board, formed by a

President, a Secretary, and a variable number of board members.

RC48 participates in the organization of both the ISA World Congresses, celebrated every 4 years since 1950 (Zurich), and the ISA Forums of Sociology, also celebrated every 4 years since 2008 (Barcelona). In contrast to the ISA World Congress, which has a more professional and academic character, the Forum's original purpose was to establish an open dialogue with colleagues doing sociology in public institutions, social movements, and civil society organizations. This means that every two years, we are involved in the organization of a world-wide event.

In between ISA World Congresses and Forums, our committee organizes smaller scientific meetings called RC48 international conferences. These meetings tend to be more narrowly focused than other ISA events and, on average, they gather between 30 and 60 scholars. As a consequence, colleagues can make longer presentations, and we can go hold deeper and more enriching debates. The last of these conferences was convened under the motto "*From Social to Political. New Forms of Mobilization and Democratization*" and took place in Bilbao, on February 9-10, 2012. You can find all the information regarding this conference in our website.



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# Benefits associated to RC48 membership

## 1. SUBSCRIPTION TO ISA JOURNALS

- **Current Sociology**, one of the oldest and most cited sociological journals in the world;
- **International Sociology**, a journal in which all regions, branches and schools of thought within sociology are represented;

## 2. FREE ON-LINE ACCESS TO

- **eSymposium**, a forum through which ISA members (only) are able to engage in debate, showcasing the diverse work, practices, ideas and voices within international sociology.
- **sociopedia.isa** an online database with state-of-the-art review articles in social sciences. Each of the entries includes a debate section;
- **SAGE Collection**, which includes 37 journals with more than 12,500 articles.
- **Sage Studies in International Sociology**, these publications promote international debate and analyze dominant trends within sociology;

## 3. ACCESS TO ISA DIGITAL WORLDS

- **Global Dialogue**, the electronic newsletter and magazine of the ISA. It appears 5 times a year, and in 14 languages. It attempts to keep readers up to-date with events in the ISA with reports from Research Committees and National Associations, reports on conferences and on meetings of the Executive Committee, and by announcing changes in journals, in the organization, and so forth. It is also a venue for debates, state of different sociologies, interviews, and much more. The latest issue in English (November 2012) can be found here;
- **Universities in Crisis**, a blog of the ISA that reports on universities in crisis, aiming to build global communities of concerned academics;
- **Global Sociology, Live!** An experimental online course, born from the collaboration of the Global Sociology Seminar at the University of California, Berkeley, and the ISA. It involves conversations between sociology students at the University of California, Berkeley and scholars from around the world. Each week the conversation is recorded and then made available to a global audience through the International Sociological Association. The videos of weekly conversations can be viewed here. There is also a blog associated with the course that can be found at <http://globalsociologylive.blogspot.com/>.
- **Sociotube**. Films and videos on the everyday lives of sociologists from different parts of the world -- teaching, conducting research, engaging publics, attending conferences, and so forth. The videos can be viewed here.

#### 4. RECEPTION OF *ISAGRAM*

an electronic newsletter containing announcements of the forthcoming conferences, calls for papers and manuscripts, prizes, competitions, job offers, etc.

#### 5. IMPORTANT DISCOUNTS

- A 45% discount on **SAGE Publications books**;
- Special subscription rates to journals offered by various publishers.
- A reduction in registration fees at ISA World Congress and Forum of Sociology.

#### 6. SPECIAL BENEFITS DERIVED FROM RC48 MEMBERSHIP

- **Information:**
  - i. Reception of our newsletter *Grassroots*, including information regarding events and developments related to our area of study around the globe, and also short essays, thought-pieces or other materials written by RC48 members. *Grassroots* provides, as well, all relevant information regarding ISA Forums and World Congresses: conference programs, timetables, logistic information for travelers, etc. The first issue of *Grassroots* was published in July 2012 and can be found here. *Grassroots* is edited twice a year by Benjamín Tejerina and Ignacia Perugorría.
  - ii. Immediate access to this information through our **RC48 website, Facebook page and Twitter account**. In addition, the section “Resources” within our RC48 website includes information on other research networks specialized in the study of social movements around the world, non-ISA conferences, calls for articles, journals, book series, recent publications, blogs, newsletters, job openings, fellowships, grants and prizes.
- **Prizes and Grants:**
  - i. All RC48 members residing in B and C countries are eligible for **ISA travel grants** to attend ISA Forums of Sociology or World Congresses.
  - ii. Starting in 2013, all RC48 members undergoing MA or PhD studies and presenting a paper at ISA Forums of Sociology or World Congresses will be eligible for an **RC48 Best Graduate Student Paper Award**.
  - iii. All PhD students who are RC48 members are also eligible to participate in the annual **International Laboratories for PhD Students in Sociology**. This year, the laboratory will be celebrated in Sydney, Australia, under the theme “Towards a Global Sociology.” For further information, go to: [http://www.isa-sociology.org/isa\\_lab.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/isa_lab.htm)
- **Participation in ISA congresses:** In addition to presenting papers, all RC48 members are welcome to organize sessions, panels, etc., and to act as chair or discussants at ISA Forums and World Congresses, and RC48 international conferences.
- **Participation in RC48 Board and business meetings:** RC48 members are eligible to integrate the board, or to run for president or secretary of our research committee. Every RC48 member is also welcome and encouraged to participate in our periodic business meetings, celebrated in the context of ISA Forums and World Congresses.
- **Contribution to RC48 publications:** In 2012, and thanks to an agreement with the Collective Identity Research Center and the University of the Basque Country Press, RC48 began to publish the proceedings of RC48 international conferences and ISA World Forums in both electronic and paper format. It is our intention to continue with this effort in future ISA events.

## Staying in Touch

### RC48 website, and Facebook and Twitter accounts

On August 1, 2012 the RC48 launched its new website. The development and design were funded by the Collective Identity Research Center. The webmasters are Benjamín Tejerina and Ignacia Perugorría. Please, e-mail us at [isa.rc48@gmail.com](mailto:isa.rc48@gmail.com) with news about conferences, publications, call for articles, etc. related to our area of study. We will be happy to announce them in our web.

In addition, we have created a Facebook page and Twitter account. Please, join and stay in touch!

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