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Note from the RC48 President

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to send you the preliminary program for the Second ISA Forum of Sociology on the RC48 theme “Global Movements, National Grievances. Mobilizing for ‘Real Democracy’ and Social Justice”.

SUBMISSION AND PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

We received a new record number of submissions and had to make many tough decisions in the selection of papers, and in the allocation of slots for oral presentations. Following ISA procedures, some papers may have been designated as “distributed papers” in the program. If one of the scheduled presenters does not show up, the first participant listed under distributed papers may be asked to present; in any case, session chairs may also allocate time for brief summary presentation of “distributed papers”.

BUSINESS MEETING

One of our regular time-slots has been reserved for an RC48 Business Meeting. We have included a preliminary agenda for the meeting in this special issue of *Grassroots*; please let me know of anything you’d like to add to it. One thing I’d like to establish is a Prize for the best paper written by a graduate student in order to promote future-relevant work among young scholars and lend them some support and recognition. Also, I would like to discuss the possibility of creating a new journal focusing on social movement and collective action research. In addition, we will revise the RC48 Statutes; our colleague Markus Schulz is kindly working on an updated version of the current Statues. Finally, I would like to analyze the possibility of launching a membership drive under the motto “Adopt a Graduate Student”.

SOCIAL GATHERING

Despite all work, the Committee is planning a social gathering. We are trying to coordinate a joint RC48-RC07 reception, perhaps best to be held on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 2. We are currently scouting local venues with the help of Argentine scholars.

GRANTS

The winners of ISA travel grants were individually notified and their names are already posted on the ISA website. Apologies to all of whom we could not assist with an award. We gave priority to junior scholars, and only applicants from B and C countries were eligible for travel grants.

PUBLICATIONS

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 format, it will have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and will thus count as a book chapter in your CVs. After the Forum, a committee of RC48 members will make a selection of the best papers and we will attempt to publish them in a book format in Spain or Latin America.

NEWSLETTER

We are preparing the next issue of **Grassroots**. Please send us any information on social movements, collective action and social change, with an emphasis on events and developments around the globe. Short essays, thought-pieces or other materials are also welcome.


MEMBERSHIP

Please encourage colleagues and students working on social movement-related issues to join not only ISA but also RC48. Membership figures are being used to determine the budget we get allocated from ISA, the grants we can disburse, and the number of sessions we can convene during the next World Congress. We enjoyed over the last few years an increase in the number of members, and let's keep growing to promote research that is relevant for our future. RC48 membership starts at a low USD 10 for four years.

I thank all who are contributing papers, and especially to our session organizers for their hard work and intellectual courage in preparing what promises to be an exciting conference. Many thanks go to Michael Burawoy, Margaret Abraham, and Raquel Sosa, and especially to Alberto Bialakowsky and Alicia Palermo, the co-chairs of the Local Organizing Committee, and to Melina Vázquez, our committee's national liaison in Argentina. They are working with an amazing energy in hammering out countless logistics at the University of Buenos Aires, the host for our Forum.

Looking forward to seeing most of you in Argentina.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Benjamín Tejerina". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

Benjamín Tejerina

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Global Movements, National Grievances

Mobilizing for “Real Democracy” and Social Justice

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

Second ISA Forum of Sociology
Social Justice and Democratization
Buenos Aires, August 1-4, 2012

In the ashes of political and socio-economic collapse, social movements sometimes rise like a phoenix. Little more than a year has passed since the Tunisian uprisings, the spark that ignited a series of “mobilizations of the indignant” that spread like wildfire around the world. Many observers and journalists have reported on these unprecedented global protests. They have portrayed citizens who declare feeling marginalized if not scapegoated, and who reject the increasing disparities between the rich and poor, the declining mobility of most, the “dis-classment” of many, and governments and politicians that are indifferent at best, duplicitous at worst, and in any event blatantly closed to popular concerns and pressures.

Many have indeed asked what took so long for people to protest given this fatal combination. For the social scientist, however, the questions of who, why and how mobilizes are not so simple. There are specific problematics of mediation between structure, culture and individual or collective agency that need to be addressed.

The objective of the panels and joint sessions organized by the RC48 in the context of the Second ISA Forum of Sociology is to foster theoretical reflections and present empirical evidence on the mobilizations that began in 2011 all around the world. The meeting will provide, as well, an opportunity to engage in a necessary and enriching debate about the continuities and discontinuities established between these mobilizations and previous social movements in terms of their contexts, organization, repertoires, and identity work. In doing so, we will delve into two major analytical threads. First, mobilizations that demand political reforms to initiate or deepen ongoing processes of democratization. Second, massive displays of discontent regarding the political mismanagement of socio-economic crises and the erosion of the Welfare State. In addition, we will analyze the interrelation between these political and socio-economic demands at both the local and global levels. Borrowing from the slogans displayed in recent demonstrations around the world, we will examine mobilizations for “real democracy” and social justice.

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Second ISA Forum of Sociology RC48 Preliminary Program

This updated preliminary program is subject to change, including, but not limited to, changes in the sequence and composition of sessions, schedule and venues. Please make sure to double-check times and locations upon arrival.

The program is interactive. If you click on the titles of RC48 panels and joint sessions you will be directed to their corresponding page in the Second ISA Forum of Sociology webpage. If you click on the titles of papers, instead, you will be directed to their abstracts.

Please refer to the section on Practical Information at the end of Grassroots for details such as due dates, registration, logistics, and how to get to the venues. Contact isa.rc48@gmail.com for any further questions related to the program, and isaconf@confex.com for any follow-ups related to registration.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

- New trends and theoretical approaches in the field of social mobilizations and social change
- Session Organizer & Chair: Benjamín TEJERINA

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

- Creativity, emotion and risk
- Session Organizer & Chair: Helena FLAM

12:30 PM-2:00 PM

- Collective action and the rebirth of social movements for social and economic justice in Chile: Causes, demands and result in a global world
- Session Organizer & Chair: Francisco BAEZ URBINA

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

- From alienation to empowerment - Part I
- Session Organizer & Chair: Marvin PROSONO

4:15 PM-5:45 PM

- General Opening Ceremony

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

- Democratization movements and human rights - Part I
- Session Organizer & Chair: Sharon BARNARTT

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

- Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part I
- Session Organizers: Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA, Markus S. SCHULZ and Benjamín TEJERINA
Chair: Benjamín TEJERINA

12:30 PM-2:00 PM

- Visual representation of injustice and exclusion
- Session Organizers: Malgorzata BOGUNIA-BOROWSKA and Piotr SZTOMPKA
Chair: Piotr SZTOMPKA, Co-Chair: Malgorzata BOGUNIA-BOROWSKA

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

- From alienation to empowerment - Part II
- Session Organizer:
Chair:

4:15 PM-5:45 PM

- Democratization movements and human rights - Part II
- Session Organizer & Chair: Sharon BARNARTT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2012

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

- Movimientos sociales actuales en América Latina. Posturas frente a la arena político-institucional: Participación, oposición, articulación - Part I
Session Organizers: Antonia MUÑOZ, Fernanda Valeria TORRES and Lidia VILLAR
Chair: Fernanda Valeria TORRES

12:30 PM-2:00 PM

- Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part II
Session Organizers: Markus S. SCHULZ, Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA and Benjamín TEJERINA
Chair: Benjamín TEJERINA

- Movimientos sociales actuales en América Latina. Posturas frente a la arena político-institucional: Participación, oposición, articulación - Part II
Session Organizer & Chair: Antonia MUÑOZ

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

- RC48 Business Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2012

9:00 AM-10:30 AM

- Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part III
Session Organizers: Markus S. SCHULZ, Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA and Benjamín TEJERINA
Chair: Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA

- Movimientos sociales actuales en América Latina. Posturas frente a la arena político-institucional: Participación, oposición, articulación - Part III
Session Organizers: Antonia MUÑOZ, Fernanda Valeria TORRES and Lidia VILLAR
Chairs: Antonia MUÑOZ and Lidia VILLAR

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

- Acciones colectivas y luchas democratizadoras en Latinoamérica, Europa, y Norte de Africa / Collective Action and Democratization Struggles in Latin America, Europe, and Northern Africa
Session Organizer & Chair: Graciela DI MARCO

12:30 PM-2:00 PM

- Democratizing science and technology through protests and mobilizations for social justice
Session Organizer & Chair: Binay Kumar PATTNIAIK
- Social movements as embodied collective acts
Session Organizer & Chair: Tova BENSKI

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

- Strange bedfellows: Activist affinities across difference
Session Organizer & Chair: Deborah GOULD

4:15 PM-5:45 PM

- La voz en las calles iberoamericanas: Las manifestaciones públicas como modo de acción
Session Organizers & Chairs: Sergio TAMAYO and Michael VOEGTLI

Panel Details

NEW TRENDS AND THEORETICAL APPROACHES IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL MOBILIZATIONS AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements Session
Organizer & Chair: Benjamín TEJERINA

- Emergence of a global social movement: World says “no” to inequality (Oral presentation)
Simin FADAEE, Humboldt University of Berlin
- Distributive grievances and socio-political blockages: The role of middle-class youth in the Israeli social protest movement (Oral presentation)
Zeev ROSENHEK, The Open University of Israel; Michael SHALEV, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 21th century collective movements (Oral presentation)
Antimo Luigi FARRO, Sapienza University of Rome
- Globalization and social movements in the last decade: De-coupling internationalization and institutionalization? (Oral presentation)
Geoffrey PLEYERS, FNRS/UC Louvain & CADIS/EHESS
- State violence against protesters in Turkey (Distributed paper)
Esin ILERI, CADIS/EHESS
- Seeking for social change, struggling for culture: Collaborative creation as political action and moral orders in the case of free culture movement (Distributed paper)
Elisenda ARDÈVOL, Internet Interdisciplinary Institute
- Articulations among collective actions (Distributed paper)
Graciela DI MARCO, Center of Studies on Democratization and Human Rights (CEDEHU), Universidad Nacional de San Martín

CREATIVITY, EMOTION AND RISK

Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 10:45 AM-12:15 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)
Session Organizer & Chair: Helena FLAM

- “Boss of your own belly”. The creativity of the social protest for women’s social justice in Sweden during the 1970s (Oral presentation)
Eva SCHMITZ, University of Halmstad
- Artistic protest strategies: The critical art ensemble (Oral presentation)
Nina PETER, Freie Universität Berlin
- “Jaia eta borroka”: Political ethnographies of cultural activism amidst a context of illegalization in the Basque Country (Oral presentation)
Ignacia PERUGORRIA, Rutgers University
- A small revolution: Young favela dwellers and audiovisual production (Oral presentation)
Lia ROCHA, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
- Affects and the struggle for recognition: The national street population movement in Brazil (Distributed paper)
Rosimeire SILVA, University of Coimbra

COLLECTIVE ACTION AND THE REBIRTH OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN CHILE: CAUSES, DEMANDS AND RESULTS IN A GLOBAL WORLD

Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 12:30 PM-2:00 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Session Organizer & Chair: Francisco BAEZ URBINA

- A specter haunts the neoliberal globe: Reworking the communist hypothesis through the Chilean student movement (Oral presentation)
Gabriel CHOUHY, University of Pittsburgh
- La elección de Sebastian Piñera y la paradoja de una oposición creciente en contra del neoliberalismo de parte de la clase trabajadora urbana en Chile (Oral presentation)
Caitlin FOX-HODESS, University of California, Berkeley
- El contexto sistémico y el factor generacional en los agravios y la política del movimiento universitario chileno (Oral presentation)
Victor Daniel MUÑOZ TAMAYO, Universidad de Chile
- Chile 2011, desde el largo letargo a la acción colectiva (Oral presentation)
Leonardo CANCINO PEREZ, Universidad Diego Portales
- Enfoques teóricos y metodológicos para el estudio de la acción colectiva en el resurgimiento de los movimientos sociales en Chile: El aporte de la sociología analítica (Distributed paper)
Mauricio GARCÍA OJEDA, Grupo de Sociología Analítica y Diseño Institucional, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
- Movimientos sociales en escena. El fin de los partidos, el renacimiento de la política (Distributed paper)
Jaime GARRIDO CASTILLO, Universidad de La Frontera

FROM ALIENATION TO EMPOWERMENT - PART I

Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 2:30 PM-4:00 PM
RC36 Alienation Theory and Research (host committee)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change

Session Organizer & Chair: Marvin PROSONO

- Agency, empowerment and utopian visions (Oral presentation)
Lauren LANGMAN, Loyola University of Chicago; Tova BENSKI, College of Management Studies
- Social theory and agency: The cave, social determinism and interdependency
Francois DEPELTEAU, Laurentian University
- Learning and (de)alienation in social movements: Considerations from two case studies on anti-poverty community organizing
Joseph E. SAWAN, University of Ottawa
- Work, alienation and subjectivity (Oral presentation)
Giovanni ALVES, Universidade Estadual Paulista
- Crisis, alienation and self-management praxis
Alberto L. BIALAKOWSKY, Cecilia M. LUSNICH, Demetrio TARANDA, Guadalupe ROMERO and Pablo D. ORTIZ, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- "Gender Technology" and "Self-technologies": An analysis of discourses and practices of contemporary self-help
Lara FACIOLI, Universidade Federal de São Carlos

DEMOCRATIZATION MOVEMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS - PART I

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)
Session Organizer & Chair: Sharon BARNARTT

- Mapping worldwide efforts to combat human trafficking (Oral presentation)
Stephanie LIMONCELLI, Loyola Marymount University
- 2001 as the year of disability protests: Diffusion of the “Arab Spring”, political opportunity, or the UN convention? (Oral presentation)
Sharon BARNARTT, Gallaudet University
- Disability rights movement in Spain: From the UN convention to the “indignation” in the streets (Oral presentation)
Miriam ARENAS CONEJO, Universitat de Barcelona

IMAGINING FUTURES: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, PUBLICS, AND CONTENTIOUS POLITICS - PART I

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 10:45 AM-12:15 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change
RC07 Futures Research (host committee)
Session Organizers: Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA, Markus S. SCHULZ and Benjamín TEJERINA
Chair: Benjamín TEJERINA

- Fear abatement and oppositional mobilization: Comparative perspectives on democratic movements in repressive states (Oral presentation)
Hank JOHNSTON, San Diego State University
- Democratizing futures: Radical imaginaries, police repression, and public engagements of the Occupy Wall Street movement (Oral presentation)
Markus S. SCHULZ, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Imagining another world. The role of language and political imagination in shaping a transnational movement of movements (Oral presentation)
Gabriele DE ANGELIS, Universidade Nova

VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF INJUSTICE AND EXCLUSION

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 12:30 PM-2:00 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)
TG05 Visual Sociology
Session Organizers: Malgorzata BOGUNIA-BOROWSKA and Piotr SZTOMPKA
Chair: Piotr SZTOMPKA, Co-Chair: Malgorzata BOGUNIA-BOROWSKA

- Injustice and exclusion revealed through photos (1898-1908) (Oral presentation)
Rosa PEREIRA, Universidade Federal do Pará
- “We are all Khaled Said”: Visual injustice symbols and activism (Oral presentation)
Thomas OLESEN, Aarhus University
- Visual representation of de-urbanization: New downshifting communities in the near north of Russia (Oral presentation)
Nikita POKROVSKY, Higher School of Economics
- Baring pain in the news media (Oral presentation)
Miranda CHRISTOU, University of Cyprus
- Identity battles, social movement networks and political opportunity structures in the Basque public space: Bilbao’s Aste Nagusia (2009-2010) (Oral presentation)
Ignacia PERUGORRIA, Rutgers University
- Exclusión: La visión de los actores sociales (Distributed paper)
Soledad SAMAMÉ, Iniciativa Social Blanco y Negro
- Visual approaches to social change in South Africa: What difference does it make? (Distributed paper)
Shannon WALSH, University of Johannesburg
- Visual discourses of the university in Santiago de Chile: Higher education advertisement, wall paintings and graffiti (Distributed paper)
Elisabeth SIMBUERGER, Universidad Diego Portales
- Cinema as a visual tool for immigrants’ welfare (Distributed paper)
Tülay KAYA, Istanbul University
- Photo-documentation and political participation: The role of photographic self-representation in Brazil and Bangladesh (Distributed paper)
Fabiene GAMA, UFRJ - EHESS

FROM ALIENATION TO EMPOWERMENT - PART II

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 2:30 PM-4:00 PM
RC36 Alienation Theory and Research (host committee)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change

Session Organizer:

Chair:

- How migrant women successfully appealed for a change of the anti-domestic violence law in Japan (Oral presentation)
Nanako INABA, Ibaraki University
- Human security and emancipation: Measurements and issues (Oral presentation)
Paulo KUHLMANN, State University of Paraíba; Fabio-la FARO, State University of Paraíba
- Origen, mantenimiento y desafíos de los movimientos sociales antiprohibicionistas de las drogas (Oral presentation)
Lukas PASOS, N/A

DEMOCRATIZATION MOVEMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS - PART II

Thursday, August 2, 2012: 4:15 PM-5:45 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Session Organizer & Chair: Sharon BARNARTT

- Transnational social movement as a governance babushka (Oral presentation)
Helena FLAM, University of Leipzig
- El impacto de la movilización de familiares de víctimas de la violencia policial en Argentina (Oral presentation)
Sebastian PEREYRA, Universidad Nacional de San Martín
- El movimiento social por los derechos de los niños y adolescentes en São Paulo: Su momento y su sitio en la construcción de la política pública de derechos (Distributed paper)
Maria do Carmo ALBUQUERQUE, Universidade Bandeirante

MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES ACTUALES EN AMÉRICA LATINA. POSTURAS FRENTE A LA ARENA POLÍTICO-INSTITUCIONAL: PARTICIPACIÓN, OPOSICIÓN, ARTICULACIÓN - PART I

Friday, August 3, 2012: 10:45 AM-12:15 PM

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Session Organizers: Antonia MUÑOZ, Fernanda Valeria TORRES and Lidia VILLAR

Chair: Fernanda Valeria TORRES

- Popular movements and patronage politics: Understanding demobilization processes in contemporary Argentina (Oral presentation)
Pablo LAPEGNA, University of Georgia
- De la confrontación a la cooperación. Los cambios en las estrategias y marcos interpretativos del movimiento de derechos humanos de Argentina frente al "Kirchnerismo" (2003-2011) (Oral presentation)
Enrique ANDRIOTTI ROMANIN, Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata - CONICET
- Las organizaciones sociales en los conjuntos oficialistas: Identidades parciales y definiciones de pertenencia en el MST y en organizaciones sociales kirchneristas (primer gobierno de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva y gobierno de Néstor Kirchner) (Oral presentation)
María Dolores ROCCA RIVAROLA, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Marcos interpretativos en torno a los comedores populares en Lanús y la influencia en la toma de decisiones sobre este espacio (Oral presentation)
Brenda PEREYRA, Universidad Nacional de Lanús
- Movimientos sociales y estado en el Kirchnerismo (2003-2009). La FTV y la gestión de políticas sociales (Distributed paper)
Alejandro ROLDAN, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Exceso y defecto: Movilización política e institucionalidad democrática. Un aporte Germaniano (Distributed paper)
German PEREZ, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires

IMAGINING FUTURES: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, PUBLICS, AND CONTENTIOUS POLITICS - PART II

Friday, August 3, 2012: 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

RC07 Futures Research (host committee)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change

Session Organizers: Markus S. SCHULZ, Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA and Benjamín TEJERINA

Chair: Benjamín TEJERINA

- Social movements and digital media (Oral presentation)
Christina SCHACHTNER, University of Klagenfurt
- Online environmental mobilization in Brazil: The Belo Monte future at crossroads (Oral presentation)
Marie Louise CONILH DE BEYSSAC, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- The technologies of Internet in the contentious repertoires: Clues and signs of Avaaz in a multi-sited fieldwork (Oral presentation)
Marcelo CASTANEDA, CPDA/UFRRJ
- Back to the future: Murals and conflict transformation in Northern Ireland (Oral presentation)
Gregory MANEY, Hofstra University

MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES ACTUALES EN AMÉRICA LATINA. POSTURAS FRENTE A LA ARENA POLÍTICO-INSTITUCIONAL: PARTICIPACIÓN, OPOSICIÓN, ARTICULACIÓN - PART II

Friday, August 3, 2012: 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Session Organizer & Chair: Antonia MUÑOZ

- Relations between NGOs, social movements and the state: Symbolic boundaries, institutionalization and legitimacy (Oral presentation)
Maria Carolina DYSMAN, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; Emmanuel RAPIZO, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- Autonomia: Visiones de los autores y actores sociales (Oral presentation)
Natalina RIBEIRO, Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
- Movimiento de la juventud negra y nuevos espacios políticos e institucionales: La lucha contra el "genocidio del joven negro" en los consejos y conferencias sectoriales en Brasil (Oral presentation)
Danilo DE SOUZA MORAIS, UFSCar
- Presupuesto participativo y sus efectos sobre la sociedad civil en el caso de Porto Alegre (Oral presentation)
Fernando SIMÕES NOGUEIRA, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul
- Globalizaciones y nuevas diplomacias en las Américas. La implementación de políticas públicas para la inclusión de sociedades civiles en las agendas de política exterior, política internacional y agendas globales en Argentina y México (Oral presentation)
Antonio ALEJO, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela
- Resistencia e integración: La institucionalización de los movimientos sociales. Un estudio de caso de la organización barrial Tupac Amaru (OBTA) (Distributed paper)
Pilar ALZINA, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Problemáticas y desafíos regionales en contextos de desigualdad y dominación: Movimientos sociales ambientalistas en oposición y articulación con otros actores políticos (Distributed paper)
Myriam BARONE, Universidad Nacional de Misiones

IMAGINING FUTURES: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, PUBLICS, AND CONTENTIOUS POLITICS - PART III

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

RC07 Futures Research (host committee)

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change

Session Organizers: Markus S. SCHULZ, Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA and Benjamín TEJERINA

Chair: Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA

- New actors on stage: Analysis of the emergent forms of collective action in the European context (Oral presentation)
Dora FONSECA, Faculdade de Economia da Universidade de Coimbra - CES
- Prefiguring the future or repeating the past? Collectivist democracy and the struggle against oligarchy in the German left (Oral presentation)
Darcy LEACH, Bradley University
- Building schools and futures with utopian social movements in Buenos Aires (Oral presentation)
Meghan KRAUSCH, University of Minnesota
- Constructing political spaces: Experiences of the Uttarakhand women's federation, a rural women's movement in India (Oral presentation)
Divya SHARMA, Cornell University
- Politics of the marginalized in the United States and South Africa (Oral presentation)
Marcel PARET, University of California-Berkeley

MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES ACTUALES EN AMÉRICA LATINA. POSTURAS FRENTE A LA ARENA POLÍTICO-INSTITUCIONAL: PARTICIPACIÓN, OPOSICIÓN, ARTICULACIÓN - PART III

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)

Session Organizers: Antonia MUÑOZ, Fernanda Valeria TORRES and Lidia VILLAR

Chairs: Antonia MUÑOZ and Lidia VILLAR

- Territorios disputados. movilización política y procesos de institucionalización en niveles locales de gobierno (Argentina, 1997-2011) (Oral presentation)
German PEREZ, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani; Ana NATALUCCI, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani - CONICET; María Soledad GATTONI, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani - CONICET
- Tensiones entre movimientos sociales y gobiernos progresistas. Las disputas por el territorio y los recursos naturales del pueblo guaraní en Tarija, Bolivia (Oral presentation)
Juan WAHREN, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Political society, social movements and the Workers' Party in Brazil (Oral presentation)
Charmain LEVY, Université du Québec en Outaouais
- De las prácticas articuladoras entre movilización social y gobiernos: Notas sobre las experiencias de Argentina y Bolivia en el siglo XXI (Oral presentation)
Maria Virginia QUIROGA, CONICET-UNRC
- Lo "otro" de los movimientos sociales: Hipótesis para pensar el estado hoy (Distributed paper)
Nuria YABKOWSKI, Instituto del Desarrollo Humano, Universidad Nacional General Sarmiento - Universidad de Buenos Aires - CONICET
- De la movilización a la institucionalización. La experiencia de organizaciones sociales de matriz nacional popular en el gobierno de la Provincia de Buenos Aires durante el periodo 2002 - 2010 (Distributed paper)
Juan Ignacio LOZANO, Universidad Nacional de La Plata
- Environmental networks in state and society: A comparative view of the Southern Cone (Distributed paper)
Ricardo GUTIÉRREZ, Universidad de San Martín

ACCIONES COLECTIVAS Y LUCHAS DEMOCRATIZADORAS EN LATINOAMÉRICA, EUROPA Y EL NORTE DE AFRICA / COLLECTIVE ACTION AND DEMOCRATIZATION STRUGGLES IN LATIN AMERICA, EUROPE AND NORTHERN AFRICA

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 10:45 AM-12:15 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)
Session Organizer & Chair: Graciela DI MARCO

- Movimientos democráticos en regímenes autoritarios de alta capacidad: Comparaciones desde el Medio Oriente, la Rusia y la China (Oral presentation)
Hank JOHNSTON, San Diego State University
- Participación ciudadana, revueltas árabes e “indignados”, en el cambio social (Oral presentation)
Sergio TAMAYO, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, México
- Los “indignados” toman las plazas. Del 19 y 20 de diciembre en los barrios porteños al 15M español: Similitudes y diferencias entre movimientos (Oral presentation)
Noelia MONGE, Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- El movimiento ambiental en Monterrey: Acciones colectivas e identidad (Oral presentation)
David PULIDO, Tec
- Movimientos sociales y derecho (Distributed paper)
Gabriela DELAMATA, Universidad Nacional de San Martín - CONICET
- The indigenous movement in Brazil and the processes of collective action (Distributed paper)
Eneida ASSIS, Universidade Federal do Pará

DEMOCRATIZING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THROUGH PROTESTS AND MOBILIZATIONS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 12:30 PM-2:00 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change
RC23 Sociology of Science and Technology (host committee)
Session Organizer & Chair: Binay Kumar PATTNAIK

- Globalization of science and technology research & development (Oral presentation)
Aqueil AHMAD, Walden University
- The risks of networking in Facebook for the 2012 Mexican national elections (Oral presentation)
Esteban DAMIANI, Yes
- Studying science communications in India, through people's science movements (Oral presentation)
Binay Kumar PATTNAIK, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
- La tecnología en la transformación del sistema democrático
Felipe ADDOR, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
- “Magic triangle” science - universities – high-tech business: The case of Siberia (Distributed paper)
Anatoliy ABLAZHEY, Institute of Philosophy and Law, Siberian Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch
- The interface between digital democracy and public policy: The challenges of digital inclusion in Brazil (Distributed paper)
Sayonara LEAL, University of Brasilia
- Assisted reproductive techniques: Moral judgments and mobilization for better access by gay couples and chronically ill people (Distributed paper)
Catarina DELAUNAY, Centro de Estudos de Sociologia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- Comunidades de software libre en Argentina: Algunas exploraciones y vectores de análisis (Distributed paper)
Agustín ZANOTTI, CIECS (CONICET-UNC)

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AS EMBODIED COLLECTIVE ACTS

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 12:30 PM-2:00 PM
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Session Organizer & Chair: Tova BENSKI

- Being the change: Performative acts in social movements (Oral presentation)
Lois Ruskai MELINA, Union Institute & University
- “Fuck middle class... burning and looting tonight!”: Forging the activist’s body in contemporary Germany (Oral presentation)
Bob KURIK, Charles University; Malte STIEBER, University of Bremen
- Talking bodies in public: Embodied activism and strategies for protest (Oral presentation)
Begonya ENGUIX, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
- Fat, hairy, sexy. Contesting standards of beauty and sexuality in the gay community (Oral presentation)
Nathaniel PYLE, University of California at Santa Barbara

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS: ACTIVIST AFFINITIES ACROSS DIFFERENCE

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 2:30 PM-4:00 PM
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Session Organizer & Chair: Deborah GOULD

- Building and crumbling of solidarity: An examination of the Dutch campaign in the run up to the G8 protests in Heiligendamm (Oral presentation)
Marije BOEKKOOL, VU University Amsterdam
- The Brazilian homosexual movement and its impact on construction of anti-discriminatory policy agendas in the national constituent assembly of 1987-1988 (Oral presentation)
- Rafael DE SOUZA, Universidade de São Paulo
Solidarity and tactical coordination in the German anti-nuclear movement: An event history analysis (Oral presentation)
Darcy LEACH, Bradley University

- Transnational activism and national affinities: Building cross-sectoral solidarity in global justice movements (Oral presentation)
Priska DAPHI, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

LA VOZ EN LAS CALLES IBEROAMERICANAS: LAS MANIFESTACIONES PÚBLICAS COMO MODO DE ACCIÓN

Saturday, August 4, 2012: 4:15 PM-5:45 PM
RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change (host committee)
Session Organizers & Chairs: Sergio TAMAYO and Michael VOEGTLI

- Acción colectiva y estructura social neo-colonial: De identidades emergentes y clases sociales (Oral presentation)
Pedro LISDERO, CIECS-CONICET-UNC / CIES; Lucas AIMAR, CIECS-CONICET-UNC / CIES
- Fuegos cruzados. sentidos en disputa en torno a un estallido social en la Provincia de Buenos Aires (Oral presentation)
Evangolina CARAVACA, FLACSO-CONICET
- El peor crimen es el silencio (Oral presentation)
Tatiana COLL LEBEDEFF, Universidad Pedagógica Nacional
- Desafíos y retos en la gestión de recursos naturales: Movimientos ambientalistas en la Provincia de Misiones en el marco de la construcción de obras hidroeléctricas (Distributed paper)
Myriam BARONE, Universidad Nacional de Misiones
- Movimientos sociales: Revisitando la categoría “identidad” desde un enfoque espacial (Distributed paper)
Fernanda Valeria TORRES, IDIHCS, Universidad Nacional de La Plata-CONICET

Second ISA Forum of Sociology RC48 Timetable

Time	Wednesday, August 1	Thursday, August 2	Friday, August 3	Saturday, August 4
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10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Creativity, emotion and risk (#2194)	Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part I (#1851)	Movimientos sociales actuales en América Latina. Posturas frente a la arena político-institucional: Participación, oposición, articulación - Part I (#2192)	Acciones colectivas y luchas democratizadoras en Latinoamérica, Europa, y Norte de Africa / Collective Action and Democratization Struggles in Latin America, Europe, and Northern Africa (#2200)
12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Collective action and the rebirth of social movements for social and economic justice in Chile: Causes, demands and result in a global world (#2202)	Visual representation of injustice and exclusion (#1618)	Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part II (#2520) Movimientos sociales actuales en América Latina. Posturas frente a la arena político-institucional: Participación, oposición, articulación - Part II (#2748)	Democratizing science and technology through protests and mobilizations for social justice (#2029) Social movements as embodied collective acts (#2191)
2:30 PM-4:00 PM	From alienation to empowerment - Part I (#2258)	From alienation to empowerment - Part II (#1755)	RC48 Business Meeting	Strange bedfellows: Activist affinities across difference (#2193)
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Note 1: The Registration Desk opens on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

Note 2: Timetable status as of May 31, 2012. Please note that all scheduling information is subject to change. Please double-check upon arrival.

Note 3: The Second ISA Forum of Sociology timetable can be found here:
<http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/forum-2012-timetable.htm>

Second ISA Forum of Sociology Preliminary Agenda for the RC48 Business Meeting

The RC48 Business Meeting will be held on Friday, August 3, 2012, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM at a venue that is still to be determined. Below you will find a preliminary agenda for the meeting. Please, e-mail **Grassroots** editors at isa.rc48@gmail.com with comments and suggestions.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of last meeting's minutes
3. Presidential report
 - a. Membership
 - b. Finances
 - c. Second ISA Forum of Sociology
 - i. RC48 Panels and Joint Sessions
 - ii. ISA Travel Grant
 - iii. Conference Proceedings
 - d. International Conference "From Social to Political. New Forms of Mobilization and Democratization"
 - i. Overview
 - ii. Conference Proceedings
 - iii. Current Sociology Monograph Issue
 - e. New RC48 website
 - f. **Grassroots**, new RC48 Newsletter
4. New Business
 - a. New journal
 - b. RC48 prize for the best paper written by a graduate student
 - c. Revision of RC48 Statutes
 - d. "Adopt a Graduate Student" membership drive
 - e. XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology (Yokohama, Japan)
5. Adjournment

Second ISA Forum of Sociology Important Deadlines and Information about the Forum

Forum Pre-Registration is now closed. ISA has deleted from the system all papers by non-registered authors, i.e. for which not at least the first author had registered in time. For any registration queries please contact Congrex Sweden AB per email isa2010@congrex.com or fax: +46 31 708 60 25 or ISA's new logistics provider Confex isaconf@confex.com. (See <http://www.isasociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/forum-registration-fees.htm>.)

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Please make sure your membership with the ISA and RC48 is current. Membership registration can be done online via the ISA's secure site: <https://secured.com/~f3641/formisa.htm> (in Spanish: <https://secured.com/~f3641/formisae.htm>). In case you are already a member of ISA, but not yet of our research committee, you may go to http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/. Please note that the regular membership period is four year, i.e. a registration done in 2012 will be valid until 2015. Please contact isasecretariat@isa-sociology.org for questions.

PAPERS DUE

Session Chair(s) may set a specific due date for full papers. If no other specific date is set, full papers should be sent to the Chair(s) and, if applicable, to the Discussants, by June 30, 2012.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS & DISTRIBUTED PAPERS

Unless specified otherwise by the Chair of your session and depending on the number of participants in your session, presenters may expect to have approximately 15 minutes time for their oral presentation. Observing any set time limit is important in order to allow time for collective discussion at the end of a session. In order to facilitate discussion across linguistic lines, presenters are encouraged to provide their audience with handouts or visual aids in languages other than the one in which the paper is presented or written.

Following ISA procedures, some papers may have been designated as "distributed papers" in the program. A distributed paper will be listed in the program and, provided the author pre-registered in time, the abstract will be included in the abstracts catalogue. If one of the scheduled presenters does not show up, the first participant listed under distributed papers may be asked to present; in any case, session chairs may also allocate time for brief summary presentations of "distributed papers". Registered participants who are unable to present in person should contact their session chair to arrange distribution of their paper.

PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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 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 Perugorría and will be entitled *Global Movements, National Grievances. Mobilizing for "Real Democracy" and Social Justice*. After the Forum, a committee of RC48 members will make a selection of the best papers and we will attempt to publish them in a book format in Spain or Latin America. In order to publish your paper in the RC48 Proceedings, please write to Benjamín Tejerina (b.tejerina@ehu.es) and Ignacia Perugorría (ignacia.perugorria@fulbrightmail.org) and ask for the Edition Guidelines. The last date to submit your paper for publication in the Proceedings is July 5, 2012.

CONFERENCE VENUES

We expect all our events to take place at the University of Buenos Aires's School of Economics (Facultad de Economía), Avenida Córdoba 2122. This is across the park Plaza Bernardo Hous-say, corner of Junín. Location in Google maps: <http://goo.gl/maps/osrN>

The “*subte*” (subway) has a stop right there, called after the nearby “Facultad de Medicina” (School of Medicine). The exact rooms for our sessions have not been determined yet. Please double-check for more detailed information and any changes upon arrival.



The Universidad de Buenos Aires's School of Economics (Facultad de Economía).

Second ISA Forum of Sociology Practical Information about Argentina and Buenos Aires

VISA

Argentina requires visa from citizens of several countries. Currently, no visa is required for stays of up to 90 days, for citizens from: the European Union, the United States of America and the following Latin American countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela. Keep in mind that regulations may change. You can obtain further information from the Argentine embassy and consulates in your country or visit <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/> and go to “Temas Consulares” (on left side of the screen) to select the country of citizenship. Please contact registrationargentina@mci-group.com for further questions.

DOCUMENTATION

Visa invitation letters will be sent to all participants who had requested a “Visa Letter” by filling out a form provided with the registration payment confirmation. For any additional queries about visa invitation letters please contact the MCI Group per phone: +54 11 5252 9801, fax +54 11 4813 0073, or email: registrationargentina@mcigroup.com.

TRAVEL

Aerolíneas Argentinas was reported to offer a discount for participants of our Forum. You may check available flights at <http://www.aerolineas.com.ar/Congresos> and try entering promotion code FCC17. You may wish to compare with

other airlines and travel search engines such as travelocity.com, expedia.com, kayak.com, or travelzoo.com. Buenos Aires’s international airport is called Ezeiza (abbreviation: EZE) and also referred to as Aeropuerto Internacional Ministro Pistarini. It takes about 30-45 minutes by car to downtown. *Remises* (prepaid taxis) are available from within the terminal for 150 pesos. Spanish-speakers familiar with Buenos Aires may also consider public bus no. 8, which costs 2 pesos and takes about two hours to downtown.

CLIMATE IN BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires has usually a mild and pleasant winter. Temperatures in early August range normally from 8 to 17 degree Celsius (45 to 65 Fahrenheit), while humidity averages 75% with a chance of precipitation around 25%. Historic data from the last hundred years show record highs of 30+ Celsius (93 F) and lows of -4 (25 F), though such extremes were very rare. Check right before leaving on the latest forecasts.

ACCOMODATION IN BUENOS AIRES

You may book hotel accommodation through MCI Buenos Aires, an events management company, at: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/accommodation.htm>. Upon request, MCI can send you also a list of two star hotels and hostals; contact: ISA2012-hotels@mci-group.com. You may also compare offers directly from hotel websites or via search engines such as kayak.com or tripadvisor.com, though please be careful with non-reputed sites.

MOVING AROUND IN BUENOS AIRES

Multiple means of transport allow you to travel around the city: six lines of *subtes* (the abbreviated name for *subterráneo* [subway]), almost two hundred lines of *colectivos* (name for “buses” in Buenos Aires) and interurban railways or trains. Taxis and *remises* are very common means of transport because they are safer and more economical than in other cities.

Subte (subway)

This is the fastest and easiest way to reach your destination. *Subtes* are connected with the main avenues and railway and bus stations, and converge upon downtown, the main tourist and hotel area.

The Buenos Aires *subte* system currently comprises six underground lines, labeled “A” to “E” and “H,” which are further identified by different colors. There is also one surface PreMetro E2 light rail line.

Maps showing the subway lines in different colors may be obtained at the ticket offices located in every station. You can also find one here: <http://www.subte.com.ar/mapas/subte.asp>

Information boards showing each line routes and transfer stations between lines are available in all stations. These connections that allow passengers to use more than one line are called *combinación*.

The service runs Mondays through Saturdays, from 5 am to 10 pm, and Sundays and holidays from 8 am to 10 pm, every 3–6 minutes, depending on the line considered.

With the current usage patterns, the entire system is overstretched, and during weekdays overcrowded and with insufficient services, especially during peak hours (7–9 AM, and 4–7 PM). Fares are cheap (ARS 2.50; around USD 0.60). Riders purchase either single-use or multi-use cards (called *SubtePass*) with a magnetic strip or use Contactless cards called Monedero, which can be rechargeable with cash or linked to a bank account for automatic debit. Cards are purchased at subway stations.

Colectivo (Bus)

The *colectivo* (bus) is a fast and inexpensive means of transport to travel around Buenos Aires. There are more than 180 lines going across the city and providing connection with all districts in the Greater Buenos Aires.

Bus service is available all day long but its frequency decreases after 12 AM. The service is available at regular intervals, but streets may be sometimes blocked in the downtown area due to traffic jams.

The ticket is sold on the bus and only coins are accepted.

In order to find the line that will take you exactly where you want to go, see: <http://www.omnilineas.com/argentina/buenos-aires/city-bus/>. You can also buy a Guía T, the “Buenos Aires’ Bus Bible”.

See: <http://wander-argentina.com/the-guide-t-the-buenos-aires%E2%80%99-bus-bible/>

For further detail on buses in Buenos Aires, see: <http://wander-argentina.com/the-buses-of-buenos-aires/>

Taxis

Taxis can be requested by phone or you may call them on the street. Taking a cab is usually safe in Buenos Aires; however, if you are traveling alone and at night, we’d recommend you call a Radio Taxi Company instead of stopping a car on the street.

If you call a *radiotaxi* (taxis provided with radio systems) the operator will ask for an address, a first name, a phone number, and a taxi will come and pick you up within 10–20 minutes. You can ask the operator for an estimated cost of the trip. We recommend Radio Taxi Porteño (Tel 4566 5777; <http://www.radiotaxiportenio.com.ar/>), but here are some other companies: Mi Taxi (Tel 4931 1200 and <http://www.mitaxionline.com/>); RadioTaxi Premium (Tel 5238 0000 and 4374 6666 and <http://www.taxipremium.com/>).

There is a great number of taxis in the city – getting a taxi near the tourist areas is easy at any time of day or night. Usually, you will wait for no

longer than a few minutes. Taxis can be easily recognized by their colors – black and yellow. In addition, a red light on the taximeter indicates that they are available.

Remises (pre-paid taxis)

They are a sort of limo service or pre-paid taxi that you request by phone to the numerous agencies spread out in the city. These cars are not identified with a special color.

Renting a car

Buenos Aires has a wide offer of car rentals providing modern vehicles of different makes and types. You must be above 21 years old, have driving license issued at least two years before, and a credit card limit authorized to cover rental and guarantee.

Garage or parking areas: you can rent a parking space by the fraction of an hour, a full hour or a day.

Trains

If you want to visit areas outside the Capital such as the Delta or neighborhoods distant from downtown, the railways provide an affordable service. Several lines allow access to the center of the city.

MAPS OF BUENOS AIRES

<http://www.bue.gob.ar/?mo=portal&ac=componentes&pe=2.&ncMenu=18>

GOING OUT IN BUENOS AIRES

Museums, bookstores, theaters, tango, notable bars, restaurants:

<http://www.bue.gob.ar/?mo=portal&ac=componentes&pe=2.&ncMenu=17>

CULTURAL AGENDA

<http://www.bue.gob.ar/?mo=portal&ac=componentes&pe=2.&ncMenu=14>

TOURS

<http://www.bue.gob.ar/?mo=portal&ac=componentes&pe=2.&ncMenu=13>

ELECTRICITY

Electric power in Argentina is 220 volt, 50-cycle alternating current. Power outlets have 2 cylindrical holes or 2 flat holes with ground connection. It is convenient to bring an adaptor for these outlets to use your electric devices without problems.

TELEPHONE CALLS

From Buenos Aires. Buenos Aires has many public telephone booths. Public phones operate with 5, 10, 25, 50-cent and 1-peso coins and Phone cards that may be bought at any *quiosco* (sweet and tobacco stalls). These phones support urban, national and international calls. In addition to public phones, there are many communications centers (*locutorios* and *telecentros*) offering telephone, fax and internet services. For international calls, dial: 00 + country code + area code + local number.

To Buenos Aires. The country code for Argentina is 54, and the area code for Buenos Aires is 11.

Land lines

To call to land lines you just need the country and the area code. For example, to call to 4555-5555 from outside the country, you should dial: +54-11-4555-5555.

Mobile phones

In order to make a call to a mobile phone you should include the number “9” between the country and the area code. For example, if you’re calling a mobile phone in Buenos Aires, you should dial +54-9-11 + mobile phone number.

If you wish to use your own mobile phone and avoid hefty roaming charges by your carrier, you may consider purchasing a prepaid, local chip card that gives you an Argentine number and local rates. Major carriers in Argentina are Movistar (Telefónica), Claro (América Móvil), Personal (Telecom Argentina), and Nextel (NII Holding). However, the local chip will only work if your mobile phone is not locked by your carrier and compatible with the GSM 1900 frequency. Depending on details in the contract with your network provider, you may want to request general unlocking well before the trip. New mobile phones with a few free minutes sell in Buenos Aires from USD 20 and up.

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE

The Argentine currency is the peso (\$). There are \$ 100, \$ 50, \$ 20, \$ 10, \$ 5 and \$ 2 notes, and 1, 0.50, 0.25, 0.10 and 0.05 cent coins. The U.S. dollar is the most common foreign currency. Banks and *casas de cambio* (currency exchange offices), where you must present your passport, exchange foreign currency. Shops accept credit cards and dollars. The exchange rate in Argentina is convenient for the foreign tourist. The main banking area is located in the so-called “city”. This area comprises the first five blocks (numbered 100 to 500) of San Martín, Reconquista, 25 de Mayo, Sarmiento, Presidente Juan Domingo Perón and Mitre streets. The U.S. dollar is accepted in most shops, but it is convenient to exchange them for pesos in *casas de cambio* or banks.

One useful multilingual website to search for travel-related information is Buenos Aires’s official tourism site at <http://www.bue.gob.ar/>

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