



Sociology of
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RC52 Sociology of Professional Groups

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Objectives

To establish contacts and to encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of sociology of occupational/professional groups throughout the world; to encourage the international exchange of research findings in the sociology of occupational/professional groups.

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Letter from the President of ISA RC52

Dear members and friends of ISA Research Committee 52 'Sociology of Professional Groups',

I am pleased to welcome the December 2016 issue of the RC52 *Newsletter*. A busy and exciting 2017 is waiting for us. I wish to thank Ellen Kuhlmann, the outgoing President, for all her hard work. Thank you Ellen for your commitment to making RC52 one of the larger and more active ISA Research Committees. Personally, I sincerely thank you for letting me learn from you and for all your support during the transition.

We are busy preparing for the next Interim Conference, organized by Jens-Christian Smeby, in Oslo, 8-10 June 2017. The call for abstracts is available on the conference website (details on p.6). Abstract submissions close on **15 January 2017**.

Thinking ahead, keep in mind the *XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology* in Toronto, Canada, 15-21 July 2018. The title '*Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities*' focuses on the world social, economic and political situation. Professions are crucial in understanding the current global challenges. However; these challenges are not similar across the globe. The specificity of some regions open up new possibilities for research in the field of professions and professionalism; allowing opportunities for new theoretical approaches.

I am confident that the Sociology of Professions will continue to make a major contribution to the future role of professions in society, strengthening a GLOBAL DIALOGUE and opening new possibilities for research in the field of professions and professionalism. If you are interested in contributing to the efforts of strengthening a global dialogue, please contact Helena Serra and/or the Country Representatives of ISA RC52; a list of Board and Associated members follows.

Follow RC52 activity on the RC52 blog. It provides news and announcements and welcomes debates on the professions and professionalism. Please contact blog Administrator Lara Maestriperi (lara.maestriperi@gmail.com).

Last but not least, let me take the opportunity to express my thanks to all colleagues who contribute in different ways to the achievements of RC52. Membership has been increasing and I sincerely wish the interest in RC52 continues. New members are very welcome! The membership details are at the end of the Newsletter.

With all the best wishes
Helena

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Carta de la Presidente del Comité RC52 de ISA



*Queridos miembros y amigos del Comité de Investigaciones ISA RC 52
“Sociología de los Grupos Profesionales”*,

Tengo el placer de dar la bienvenida a la edición de diciembre de 2016 del Boletín del RC52. Nos espera un excitante y ocupado año 2017. Quiero agradecer a Ellen Kuhlmann, la Presidenta saliente, por todo su trabajo duro. Gracias, Ellen por tu compromiso para lograr que el RC52 sea uno de los Comité de Investigaciones de ISA más grandes y más activos. Personalmente, deseo agradecerte sinceramente por permitirme aprender a tu lado y por tu apoyo a lo largo de todo el proceso de transición.

Estamos ahora ocupándonos de la próxima Interim Conference, organizada por Jens-Christian Smeby, en Oslo, del 8 al 10 de junio de 2017. El llamado para envío de resúmenes está disponible en el sitio web de la Conferencia (detalles en la pág .6). El llamado cerrará el próximo **15 de enero de 2017**.

Mirando hacia adelante, tengan presente el *XIX Congreso Mundial de Sociología de la Asociación Internacional de Sociología (ISA)*, que se realizará en Toronto, Canadá, del 15 al 21 de julio de 2018. El título '*Poder, Violencia y Justicia: Reflexiones, Respuestas y Responsabilidades*' hace foco en la situación mundial en lo social, económico y político. Las profesiones son cruciales para entender los desafíos globales actuales. Sin embargo, estos desafíos no son similares en todas las partes del globo. La especificidad de algunas regiones abre nuevas posibilidades para investigar en el campo de las profesiones; abriendo también oportunidades para nuevos enfoques teóricos.

Tengo confianza en que la Sociología de las Profesiones continuará realizando una importante contribución para definir el rol futuro de las profesiones en la sociedad, fortaleciendo un Diálogo Global y abriendo nuevas posibilidades para la investigación en el campo de las profesiones y la profesionalización. Si están interesados en contribuir a los esfuerzos para fortalecer este Diálogo Global, por favor, contacten a Helena Serra y/o los Representantes de País del ISA RC52: una lista del Consejo y de los miembros asociados está disponible más abajo.

Pueden seguir las actividades del RC52 en el blog. Éste brinda noticias y anuncios, así como alberga debates acerca de las profesiones y la profesionalización. Por favor, contacten a la Administradora del blog, Lara Maestriperi (lara.maestriperi@gmail.com)

Por último, pero no menos importante, déjenme expresar mi gratitud a todos los colegas que contribuyeron de diversas maneras a los logros del RC52. Los miembros han ido aumentando y espero sinceramente que continúe el interés creciente por el RC52. ¡Los nuevos miembros son más que bienvenidos! Los detalles de cómo obtener la membresía del Comité están al final de este Boletín.

Con los mejores deseos,
Helena

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Lettre de la Présidente du RC52 de l'AIS

Chers membres et amis du Research Committee 52 "Sociologie des groupes professionnels" de l'AIS.

J'ai le plaisir d'accueillir le numéro de décembre 2016 de la Newsletter de notre réseau. Une année 2017 bien remplie et excitante nous attend. Je tiens à remercier Ellen Kuhlmann, Présidente sortante, pour le travail impressionnant qu'elle a fourni. Merci Ellen pour ton engagement pour faire du RC52 l'un des plus importants en membres et des plus actifs des réseaux de l'AIS. Je te remercie aussi à titre personnel de ton aide dans la prise de mes nouvelles fonctions, et de ce que j'ai ainsi pu apprendre grâce à toi.

Nous sommes actuellement engagés dans la préparation de la prochaine conférence intermédiaire, organisée par Jens-Christian Smeby à Oslo du 8 au 10 juin 2017. L'appel à abstracts est disponible sur le website de la conférence (informations p.6). La date limite pour soumettre un abstract est le **15 janvier 2017**.

Pour prendre de l'avance, ayez en tête le *19e Congrès mondial de sociologie de l'AIS* à Toronto, Canada, du 15 au 21 juillet 2018. Son titre '*Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities*' (*Pouvoir, violence et justice : Réflexions, réponses et responsabilités*) pointe sur la situation sociale, économique et politique du monde. Les professions sont cruciales pour comprendre les défis mondiaux contemporains. Cependant, ces défis ne sont pas les mêmes sur toute la planète. Les spécificités de certaines régions ouvrent de nouvelles possibilités pour la recherche dans le champ des professions et du professionnalisme et offrent des opportunités d'approches théoriques nouvelles.

J'ai pleinement confiance que la Sociologie des Professions va continuer à fortement contribuer au futur rôle des professions dans la société, en renforçant un DIALOGUE GLOBAL et en ouvrant de nouvelles possibilités pour la recherche sur les professions et le professionnalisme. Si participer aux efforts pour renforcer un dialogue global vous intéresse, merci de contacter Helena Serra et/ou les représentations des différents pays auprès du RC 52 de l'AIS ; une liste des membres du bureau et des membres associés suit.

Suivez l'activité du RC52 sur son blog. Vous y trouverez des nouvelles et des annonces, notamment de débats sur les professions et le professionnalisme. Merci de contacter l'administrateur du blog, Lara Maestriperi (lara.maestriperi@gmail.com).

Last but not least, je tiens à saisir l'occasion de remercier tous les collègues qui contribuent de diverses façons aux réalisations du RC52. Le nombre d'adhérents est en augmentation, et je souhaite sincèrement que le vif intérêt pour le RC52 se confirme dans le futur. Les nouveaux membres sont très bienvenus ! Les informations nécessaires pour devenir membre figurent à la fin de cette Newsletter.

Avec mes meilleurs sentiments
Helena

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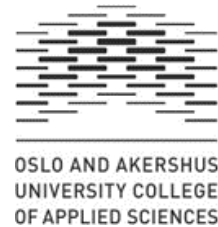
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ISA RC52 Interim Conference

Oslo & Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Oslo, Norway

8-10 June 2017

Change in Professions and Professionalism – Signs and Directions

Professionalism has been considered to be the main way of institutionalising expertise in modern societies. There are several signs of change in professions and professionalism, however. Major challenges are arising from the global economic crisis, migration and technological development as well as the ways in which governments are restructuring their public sectors and the concept of citizenship. On the other hand, challenges also foster professionalism in new domains and organisational contexts nationally as well as globally and pave the way for further development. Studies of professionalism, professional groups, professional services, cultures, training and identities is a way to explore the changing dynamics and contexts of professions and professionalism as well as the future of professionalism. Examinations of change and the various limits and benefits of the professions call for new theoretical and methodological approaches. Analysis at the micro and macro level across professional groups and countries are especially helpful in this respect.

Key Note Address

The Future of Professional Work: It's not what you think.

Kevin Leicht (University of Iowa, United States)

Please consult the conference website for the preliminary program and further information: <http://www.hioa.no/Om-HiOA/SPS/Interim-Conference-of-the-International-Sociological-Association>

Call for Abstracts

- We invite papers which address professions and professionalism focusing on either a single professional group and country or based on a comparative perspective.
- The proposal should include preferable session (see below), a title, an abstract of no more than 250 words and your contact details.
- Please submit your proposal by email to the conference organizer Jens-Christian Smeby (Jens-Christian.Smeby@hioa.no) and cc to Helena Serra (helena.serra@fcsh.unl.pt).

Deadline: 15 January 2017. <http://www.hioa.no/Om-HiOA/SPS/Interim-Conference-of-the-International-Sociological-Association/Call-for-abstracts2>

Sessions

1. [Theories and Concepts for Professional Change: criticism and suggestions](#)
2. [The Changing Nature of Professional Knowledge](#)
3. [On conditions, processes and logics for welfare sector professionals' professional development](#)
4. [Creating sustainable health professional workforces in changing societies: which way forward to improve governance and management?](#)
5. [How professional groups can contribute to changing public services](#)
6. [Changing forms of professionalism: reconstructing the link between professions and organisations](#)
7. [Science and professions](#)
8. [What new direction in dentists' professionalization?](#)
9. [Changes in Professions and in Higher Education](#)
10. [The demise of professions: Do professional groups have a future?](#)
11. [Professionalisation of the Public Sector in the Global South](#)
12. [Professional commitments to innovations in contexts of work](#)
13. [Globalization of Professions and Professional Role Performance: Conceptual Frameworks and Empirical Reality](#)
14. [The Impact of Digitalization on Professionalism](#)
15. [Professions and consumers in the market of green innovation](#)
16. [Changing professions and professionalism, changing routines?](#)



XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology Toronto, Canada (15-21 July 2018)

Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses, Responsibilities

RC52 will meet at the XIX ISA World Congress in Toronto, Canada in July 2018. The Programme Coordinator will be announced on 15 January 2017. Please note the following deadlines:

- *Call for Sessions:* 2 February - 15 March 2017.
- *Abstracts submissions:* 25 April - 30 September 2017.
- *Notification letters:* 30 November 2017.
- *Registration deadline for presenters:* 20 March 2018

ISA President Margaret Abraham motivates the Congress theme *Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses, Responsibilities*. "Since the inception of the discipline, sociologists have been concerned with power, violence and justice. Current social, economic and political challenges enhance their relevance. As capitalist globalization expands and deepens, corporate power increases along with global, national and local inequalities. New geo-political power configurations and confrontations are emerging, with violence being used as a tool to oppress and also to resist oppression. Colonial histories and contemporary land appropriations reflect the structures and cultural processes that perpetuate violence against indigenous and minority communities. States' failures to meet their responsibility to provide basic resources are often deflected by blaming the most vulnerable. Both global economic and geo-political processes create crises and massive displacements of people and, at the same time, fuel racism, nationalism and xenophobia. We have also seen an increasing buildup of a culture of fear as a powerful tool used by states, corporations and other institutions to generate popular support for curtailing freedom in the name of security. Efforts to curtail the flow of desperate refugees, attest to the reinforcement of national and racialized borders. Despite visible progress on equality issues, violence against women and intersectional violence point to the entrenchment of the gender border around the world. Equally significant is the need to consider the role of state and institutional power relations to ongoing everyday violence. In response to disempowerment, violence, and injustice we have also witnessed nonviolent movements, humanitarian interventions, and peace processes that have empowered communities, reduced violence, and promoted justice. These diverse communities have built solidarities outside the neo-liberal frames of state-global capital nexus.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Brante (1947-2016)



Thomas Brante died on the 26th of September 2016. He was Professor of Sociology and Social Work at the University of Lund, Sweden. His research was mainly devoted to the Sociology of Science and the Sociology of Knowledge. From this vantage point he studied controversies and debates in the field of technology and its applications. This perspective also characterised his extensive studies of the professions. This became his main research interest in the last decade. In 2015 he received the award for excellent interdisciplinary studies from The Royal Society of Science in Uppsala, chiefly based on his book *The Professional Logic. Uniting Science and Practice in the Modern Knowledge Society* (2014 in Swedish).

From the 1980s he was the coordinator for Studies of Science at the International University Centre of Dubrovnik, Croatia. He frequently participated in the International Association of Sociology, particularly in RC52 meetings. His contributions in the field of studies of professions were strongly characterised by his solid skills in general sociology, his orientation towards the sociology of science and knowledge, and by his persistent interest in the definitions of concepts in the social sciences.

With Thomas' requirement for honesty and clarity in argument, it was both a great pleasure and a severe challenge to work with him as a colleague, project co-worker and manager, as well as a co-author. It was also, as we like to remember, easy to be in constructive disagreement with him – as the critical scientist and confiding friend he was.

Gunnar Olofsson & Lennart G. Svensson
Lund University and University of Gothenburg (Sweden)

Q&A with Helena Serra



Helena Serra is the new President of RC52, taking office after the Business Meeting at the ISA Forum in July 2016. She agreed to answer some questions in order for us to get to know a little about her.

Tell us a little about your academic background?

I studied at the University of Lisbon. My first degree I graduated in History. Then I did a Masters Degree in Economic Sociology and the Sociology of Organisations. Followed by a PhD in Economic Sociology and the Sociology of Organisations.

What are your current research interests / projects?

Medical profession; healthcare research and organisations; organisational innovation; and qualitative studies. These are the main research interest areas.

Currently, in terms of research projects, I am a team member (as senior researcher) on a research project on “*Social foundations of technological innovation processes: strategic decision-making under uncertainty*”.

If you had to think of the three books that have had the most influence on your academic life what would they be and why?

That’s a very difficult question!!!! But I can choose between:

The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, by Max Weber.

It’s a brilliant analyses on the development of capitalism. Besides this, this book is important in epistemological and methodological terms, since it translates Max Weber conception of sociology as a comprehensive science of social action.

The Social Construction of Reality, by Peter Berger and Thomas Luckmann.
This book introduces the term “social construction” into the social sciences. This social constructivist approach, absolutely have been crossing all my research work over times.

The Birth of Clinic: An Archaeology of Medical Perception, by Michel Foucault.
It's difficult to choose only one of Foucault's books. I choose this one since it traces the development of the medical profession (my research object) and, most importantly, the institution of the clinic (that means, teaching hospitals). Foucault's' work is central to understand the power/knowledge relations: the concept of “medical gaze”, he explains the reorganisation of knowledge, noting the dehumanising medical separation between the patient's body and patient's person (body and identity).

How long have you been an RC52 member and why did you get involved?

Since 2004. Ellen Kuhlmann and Mike Saks, both invited me to joint RC52.

What are some of your main goals as the new RC52 President?

- Expand international dialogue (Global Dialogue) and knowledge exchange across the various regions of the world and the different research areas.
- Expand RC52 membership.
- Increase support for PhD students and early career researchers.
- Expand the dialogue between RC52 members and also strengthen our collaborative work with other Research Networks.
- Discuss emergent topics in the Sociology of Professions across the forthcoming conferences.

What do you in order to relax?

A difficult question. I try to balance work, family, friends and time to myself. “Balance” is the key word.



NOTICES

Julia Evetts featured as *Current Sociology's* August 'Sociologist of the Month'



Julia Evetts, past-President of RC52, Honorary Board Member and Emeritus Professor in the School of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Nottingham (UK) was featured as #SociologistOfTheMonth by *Current Sociology* in August. She answered a number of questions about her work which was then posted to *Current Sociology's* social media accounts.

Follow the links to find her answers to their questions:

Could you please tell us about yourself? How did you come to the field of Sociology?

<https://www.facebook.com/CurrentSociology/posts/1080293635387001:0>

What prompted you to research the area of your articles, "*Professionalism: Value and ideology*" and "*A new professionalism? Challenges and opportunities?*"

<https://www.facebook.com/CurrentSociology/posts/1080298505386514>

What do you think are the key findings of your articles?

<https://www.facebook.com/CurrentSociology/posts/1080300018719696>

What are the wider social implications of your research? How do you think things will change in the future?

<https://www.facebook.com/CurrentSociology/posts/1080302272052804>

Are there areas of future research that could be built on?

<https://www.facebook.com/CurrentSociology/posts/1080313562051675>

Do you have any links to images, documents or other pieces of research which build on or add to the articles?

<https://www.facebook.com/CurrentSociology/posts/1080315218718176>

REPORT

*The 9th European Public Health Conference was held from 9-12 November in Vienna. **Viola Bura** and **Ellen Kuhlmann** chaired a Workshop titled **How professional groups can contribute to health services innovation in European health systems**. They provided a short report of the Workshop.*

Health professions and workforce issues are gaining momentum as central concerns for health systems and public health. This in turn opens new opportunities to highlight the benefit of professions studies. Closer connections between healthcare and workforce issues on the one hand and professions and professionalism on the other were explored during a workshop at the EUPHA (European Public Health) Conference in Vienna in November. The discussion revealed many overlaps between the two areas of research and underlined the capacity of the study of professions to better understand if and how changes in healthcare services may be facilitated by professional groups.

Professions are key to the delivery of public services and their change; they translate political programmes into concrete services for citizens. This is echoed by recent contributions to the literature that highlight the close interplay between professional and organisational projects. However, little is known about the specific strategies emerging across different countries. How do professional groups use their unique resources to contribute to reforming public policies and to changing the organisation of public services? How do professional groups exploit their roles as vertical boundary spanners and help adapt policies and organisational innovation to specific (local) contexts, making changes more sustainable?

We believe it is important to continue this debate and to come up with more complex and timely approaches to professions; this is to counteract a past but still common assumption that professions may block innovation. The discussion will be continued at the next interim meeting in June 2017 in Oslo (please see the Call for Papers).



African Network

Debby Bonnin, University of Pretoria, South Africa

A further call to those working in the area of work and professions based on the African continent or researching any aspect of the professions in Africa. We are wanting to start a network

The idea is to share experiences and work with the intention of putting together a database of researchers/academics. If you are such a researcher please do send your contact details to Debby Bonnin debby.bonnin@up.ac.za . We would particularly encourage post-graduate students researching in this area to get in touch. Please share this message widely to anyone who you think might be interested. We would like to grow our research network as widely as possible.



NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the *RC52 Newsletter* are very welcome. These could feature news, new developments in the field, publications, forthcoming events including conferences, report-backs. Anything that you think might be of interest to members and help fulfil the objectives of RC52.

Please email, as a word document, your contribution to the Newsletter Editor Debby Bonnin debby.bonnin@up.ac.za

Deadline for next newsletter: 12 May 2017.

Forthcoming Conferences



The 13th Conference of the *European Sociology Association*
(Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities
will be held from 29 August – 1 September in
Athens, Greece

The **CALL FOR PAPERS** is now open.

Abstract deadline: 1st February 2017

Early bird registration deadline: 1st May 2017

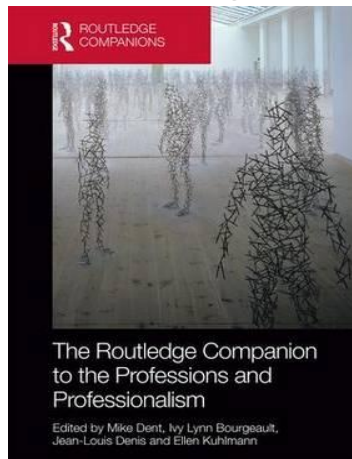
RN19 (Sociology of Professions) is calling for papers under the theme '*Professions - professionalism -professionalization and the current challenges of European societies*'

The RN19 conference coordinator is Christiane Schnell (Institute of Social Research at the Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Frankfurt/Main, Germany) Ch.schnell@em.uni-frankfurt.de

For further information please visit: www.esa13thconference.eu

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

The Routledge Companion to the Professions and Professionalism is a



state-of-the-art reference work which maps out the current developments and debates around the sociology of the professions, and how they relate to management and organisations. Supported by an international contributor team specialising in the disciplines of organisational studies and sociology, the collection provides extensive coverage of this field of research. It brings together the core concepts and issues, and has chapters on all the key aspects of professions in both the public and private sectors, including issues of governance and regulation. The volume closes with a set of international case studies which provide valuable practical insights into the subject. This Companion will be an indispensable reference source for students, scholars and

educators within the social sciences, especially within management, organisational studies and sociology. It will also be highly relevant for those working and studying in the area of professional education.

For a full list of Contents and further information, please visit the Publisher's website:

<https://www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-Companion-to-the-Professions-and-Professionalism/Dent-Bourgeault-Denis-Kuhlmann/p/book/9781138018891>

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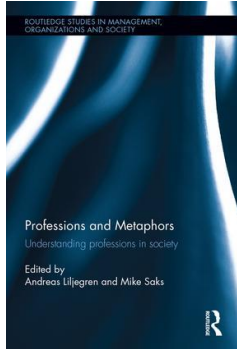


Some papers presented at the RC52 Session on '*Knowledge Workers: Processes of Hybridization, Marketization and Subjectivation*', at the ISA World Congress in Yokohama, 2014 (organised by Lara Maestriperi, Annalisa Murgia and Emilana Armano) have been published in a Special Issue of *Work, Labour and Globalisation*, 10, 6 (Winter, 2016). <http://www.plutojournals.com/world-organisation-labour-and-globalisation/wolg-next/>

Other papers will be published in the 2017 (Spring) issue.



The latest issue of the Journal of Professions and Organizations Volume 3 Issue 2 September 2016 is available at <http://jpo.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

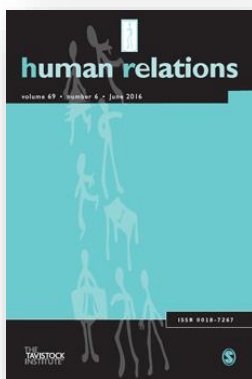


FORTHCOMING: Liljegrén, A. and Saks, M. (eds) (2017) Professions and Metaphors: Understanding Professions in Society. Abingdon: Routledge.

Professions and Metaphors: Understanding Professions in Society explores the way that two traditions have contributed to our understanding of both theory and society over recent decades. In the first tradition, the growing literature on metaphors has helped to guide thinking, providing insights into such phenomena as the study of organizations. In the second, there has been an increased interest in professions, from lawyers and university academics to doctors and social workers.

SPECIAL ISSUE CALL FOR PAPERS

**Inserting professionals and professional organizations in studies of wrongdoing:
The nature, antecedents, and consequences of professional misconduct**



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Fuelled by recent and historical scandals, there has been long standing and growing interest in corruption and wrongdoing (Palmer et al., 2016). Whilst it is well established that corruption is a collective rather than an individual endeavour, requiring the complicity if not contribution from a multiplicity of actors, relatively little attention has been paid to

the role played by different actors in these broader ecologies of wrongdoing (Muzio et al., 2016). Some particularly important and under-researched actors are the professions and their organizations. Indeed, to paraphrase Mitchell and Sikka (2011: 8), scratch the surface of any major case of wrongdoing and you will find the invisible hands of several professional occupations and organizations. This special issue intends to fill this void by inserting professionals and professional organizations in studies of wrongdoing.

Our general interest in professional misconduct can be articulated around three main research themes: (1) The nature of professional misconduct, (2) Explanations for professional misconduct, and (3) Consequences of professional misconduct. These themes are only indicative and we are open to a range of contributions which extend our knowledge of professional misconduct and its nature, antecedents and consequences. Papers may take varying methodologies and approaches: conceptual, theory building, meta-analytical, and empirical. Recognizing the multi-disciplinary character of this area, submissions may draw on a wider range of disciplines such as accountancy, business ethics, economics, healthcare, management, psychology, sociology and socio-legal studies. Indeed one of the aims of the special issue is to foster and consolidate debates across multiple disciplines relevant to the study of professional misconduct. Given the extremely fluid state of the field, we are also keen to consider speculative and thinking pieces.

The full Call for Papers can be found at:

http://www.tav institute.org/humanrelations/special_issues/Professional%20misconduct.html

Submission deadline: 30 April 2017 (papers should not be submitted before 1 April 2017). The special issue is intended for publication in 2019.

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