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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 RC52,

Welcome to the December 2017 issue of the Newsletter for Research Committee 52 (Sociology of Professional Groups). ISA RC52 looks back at a very successful year with the Interim Conference this summer in Oslo; increased support for PhD students/early career researchers; an expansion of dialogue and membership; and, many more activities. A detailed report on the Oslo Interim Conference can be found in the July 2017 newsletter.

But the year of 2017 was also very important for ISA RC52 with regard to strengthening the GLOBAL DIALOGUE and opening new possibilities for research in the field of professions and professionalism. In September 2017, a colloquium focusing on '*A Southern African Dialogue on the Professions and Professional Work*' was held at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. The colloquium was jointly organised by Debby Bonnin and Shaun Ruggunan. It was the first cohesive effort in South Africa to bring together scholars with an interest in the sociology of professions from a Southern African perspective. Many thanks to Debby and Shaun and to all the local team! Look inside the Newsletter (p.10) to know more about this event.

I am confident that the sociology of professions will continue to make a major contribution to the future role of professions in society, reinforcing a GLOBAL DIALOGUE. If you are interested to contribute to the efforts of strengthening a global dialogue, please contact Helena Serra and/or the Country Representatives of ISA RC52; please see the list of Board members and Associated Members on p.8 of the newsletter.

We are also expecting an exciting new year with the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto, Canada, 15-21 July 2018. RC52 is organising 18 sessions comprising nearly 200 papers. The selection of abstracts is finished and notification letters have been already sent to all the authors. What is next for Toronto? Please look to the next steps which appear in this Newsletter (p.9), including information on applications for registration grants and registration deadline for presenters. The final programme will be developed next spring (autumn for those in the south); please visit the conference website for further information, at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/>.

Please also have a look at the Notices section (p.11) where you can find information on forthcoming events; recent and forthcoming publications; and many more. You also can keep following RC52 activity on RC52 blog (researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). The blog provides news and welcomes debates and announcements on the professions and professionalism; please contact blog Administrator Lara Maestriperi (lara.maestriperi@gmail.com).

Some words are due to all colleagues who contribute in different ways to the achievements of RC52. Many thanks to all for taking RC52 forward to such a strong position, with more than a hundred members drawn from nearly thirty countries – it is one of the larger International Sociological Association Research Committees. I would ask members of RC52 to encourage new members to join to further increase the membership numbers and diversity. Guidance on how to join the ISA and RC52 appears later in this Newsletter (p.16), as well as other matters of interest to readers.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Helena

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Carta de la Presidente del Comité RC52 de ISA

Estimados miembros y amigos de ISA RC52,

Bienvenido a la edición de diciembre del 2017 del boletín del Comité de investigación 52 (sociología de los grupos profesionales) de la Asociación Internacional de Sociología (ISA RC52). Nuestro comité mira hacia atrás un año muy exitoso, con la Conferencia interina este verano en Oslo, un mayor apoyo a los estudiantes de doctorado/investigadores jóvenes y una expansión del diálogo y la membresía, así como muchas más actividades. Un informe detallado sobre la Conferencia interina de Oslo puede encontrarse en el último boletín.

Pero el año 2017 también fue muy importante para ISA RC52, respecto del fortalecimiento del diálogo global y de apertura de nuevas posibilidades de investigación en el campo de las profesiones y profesionalismo. En septiembre de 2017, en la Universidad de Pretoria, Sudáfrica, se celebró un coloquio centrado en "Un diálogo sudafricano sobre las profesiones y el trabajo profesional". El Coloquio fue organizado conjuntamente por Debby Bonnin y Shaun Ruggunan. Fue el primer esfuerzo cohesivo en Sudáfrica que reunió a académicos con interés en la sociología de las profesiones, desde una perspectiva del sur de África. ¡Muchas gracias a Debby y Shaun y a todo el equipo local! Dentro del boletín hay más información sobre este evento.

Confío en que la sociología de las profesiones seguirá haciendo una contribución importante al futuro papel de las profesiones en la sociedad, reforzando un diálogo global. Si usted está interesado en contribuir a los esfuerzos de fortalecer un diálogo global, por favor comuníquese con Helena Serra y/o los representantes del país de ISA RC52; por favor vea la lista de miembros de la Junta y miembros asociados en: <http://www.ISA-Sociology.org/en/Research-Networks/Research-committees/rc52-Sociology-of-Professional-Groups/>

También estamos esperando un emocionante año nuevo con el XIX Congreso Mundial de Sociología de ISA, que se llevará a cabo en Toronto, Canadá, del 15 al 21 de julio de 2018. RC52 está organizando 18 sesiones que comprenden casi 200 ponencias. La selección de los resúmenes se ha terminado y las cartas de notificación ya han sido enviadas a todos los autores. ¿Qué más hay que saber sobre el Congreso en Toronto? Por favor, mire los siguientes pasos que aparecen en este boletín, incluyendo información sobre solicitudes de subvenciones de registro y plazo de inscripción para los presentadores. El programa final se desarrollará en la próxima primavera boreal, otoño septentrional; por favor visite el sitio web de la Conferencia para más información, en <http://www.ISA-Sociology.org/en/conferences/World-Congress/Toronto-2018/>.

Por favor, también puede consultar la sección avisos donde podrá encontrar información sobre los próximos eventos, publicaciones recientes y próximas; y muchos más. También puede seguir la actividad del Comité en el blog del RC52

(researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). El blog ofrece noticias y acoge debates y anuncios sobre las profesiones y el profesionalismo; Póngase en contacto con el administrador del blog Lara Maestriperi (lara.maestriperi@gmail.com).

Algunas palabras deben ser dichas sobre todos los colegas que contribuyen de diferentes maneras a los logros de RC52. Muchas gracias a todos por haber contribuido a que el RC52 se haya fortificado, con más de un centenar de miembros pertenecientes a casi treinta países – uno de los más grandes comités de investigación de la Asociación Internacional de Sociología. Pido a los miembros de la RC52 que alienten a los nuevos miembros a sumarse para incrementar el tamaño y la diversidad del grupo. La orientación sobre cómo unirse a la ISA y RC52 aparecen más adelante en este boletín, así como otros asuntos de interés para los lectores.

Con los mejores deseos para la Navidad y el año nuevo
Helena

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Lettre de la Présidente du RC52 de l'ISA

Chers membres et amis du RC52 de l'ISA

Bienvenue pour la lecture de la Newsletter du Research Committee 52 (Sociology of Professional Groups).

Le RC52 de l'ISA vient de connaître une année pleine de succès, avec la Conférence intermédiaire cet été à Oslo, un soutien accru aux doctorants et aux jeunes chercheurs et un accroissement du dialogue et des adhésions, notamment. Vous trouverez un compte rendu détaillé du colloque d'Oslo dans la newsletter précédente.

Mais l'année 2017 a aussi été importante pour le RC52, du fait du renforcement du DIALOGUE GLOBAL, et de l'ouverture de nouvelles possibilités de recherches sur les professions et le professionnalisme. En Septembre 2017, un colloque consacré au «Dialogue sud-africain sur les professions et le travail professionnel» s'est tenu à l'Université de Pretoria, en Afrique du Sud. Ce colloque était organisé conjointement par Debby Bonnin et par Shaun Ruggunan. C'était la première fois qu'un tel effort était fait en Afrique du Sud pour réunir des universitaires s'intéressant à la sociologie des professions dans une perspective Sud-Africaine. Un grand merci à Debby et Shaun et à toute l'équipe locale. Reportez-vous à la suite de la Newsletter pour en savoir plus.

J'ai confiance que la sociologie des professions va continuer à apporter une contribution majeure au rôle futur des professions dans la société, renforçant un DIALOGUE GLOBAL. Si vous voulez contribuer aux efforts pour renforcer un dialogue global, vous êtes priés de contacter Helena Serra et les représentants des divers pays au RC52. Merci de vous reporter à la liste des membres du bureau et des membres associés: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc52-sociology-of-professional-groups/>

Nous nous préparons à une nouvelle année excitante, avec le XIX^e Congrès mondial de l'ISA à Toronto, Canada, du 15 au 21 juillet 2018. Le RC52 organise 18 sessions accueillant près de 200 communications. La sélection des résumés a eu lieu et les notifications ont été envoyées à tous les auteurs. Quelle est la suite pour Toronto ? Merci de regarder, dans la Newsletter, les informations sur l'inscription en ligne, les frais d'inscription et les délais pour les participants. Le programme final sera disponible au printemps. L'adresse du site est: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/>.

Merci de regarder aussi la section des notices, où vous trouverez des informations sur les événements à venir, les publications récentes ou à venir, et bien d'autres sujets. Vous pouvez aussi suivre les activités du RC52 sur son blog: researchcommittee52.wordpress.com. Ce blog fournit des nouvelles et accueille des débats et des annonces sur les professions et sur le professionnalisme. L'administratrice du blog est Lara Maestriperi (lara.maestriperi@gmail.com).

Il faut saluer ici tous les collègues qui, d'une façon ou une autre, contribuent aux réalisations du RC52. Un grand merci à tous pour avoir permis de donner une position si forte au RC52, avec plus de cent membres venant de près de trente pays. C'est un des comités les plus importants de l'AIS. Je désire demander aux membres du réseau d'encourager de nouveaux membres à nous rejoindre, pour augmenter encore sa taille et sa diversité. Un guide de l'adhésion au RC52 figure plus loin dans cette Newsletter, ainsi que d'autres informations utiles aux lecteurs.

Avec mes meilleurs vœux pour Noël et la Nouvelle Année !
Helena

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Board member of RC52*

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

Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses, Responsibilities

Power and *Justice* have been central themes on the study of professions. Contemporary social, economic and political change, clearly challenge and enhance their relevance. Across the globe, professional work has been effected by broader social forces. New forms of professionalism have been associated to the influence of these current trends, translated in ambivalences of reducing/expanding professional power. At the same time, new arrangements of weakening/strengthening inequalities by professions are yet not clearly understood.

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The selection of abstracts is completed. RC52 has been allocated **18 sessions** and nearly **200 papers** will be presented. The RC52 sessions include a Board meeting and a joint session hosted by RC52. RC52 will also participate as a secondary RC in joint sessions with RC15 (Sociology of Health) and RC17 (Sociology of Organisations). Notification letters have been sent to all the authors.

WHAT IS NEXT?

31 January 2018, 24:00GMT – Deadline Registration Grant Applications. Programme Coordinator receives applications for ISA grants submitted by the participants (<http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/registration-grants/>)

20 March 2018, 24:00GMT - Registration Deadline for Presenters. All participants must have paid the full registration fee and completed the registration process. Confex will match registrations with accepted presenters and send out final registration reminders. Presenters who fail to register by this deadline will be automatically deleted from the programme. <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/congress-registration/>

14-30 April 2018, 24:00GMT - Final Session Modifications. Session organisers modify sessions based on the withdrawal of non-registered presenters.



Colloquium on ‘A Southern African Dialogue on the Professions and Professional Work’

University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa

18-19 September 2017

A successful colloquium focusing on ‘A Southern African Dialogue on the Professions and Professional Work’ was held at the University of Pretoria, South Africa on the 18th and 19th September 2017.

The colloquium was jointly organised by Professor Debby Bonnin head of sociology at the University of Pretoria and Dr. Shaun Ruggunan from the discipline of human resources management at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. It was the first cohesive attempt in South Africa to bring together scholars with an interest in the sociology of professions from a Southern African perspective.

Presenters travelled from different parts of South Africa to participate in the colloquium. In total there were 22 participants, presenting 19 papers. Papers represented empirical work done in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Togo. A highlight of the colloquium was the generous participation of Professor Mike Saks, who presented a keynote address to the larger university community, as well as provided feedback to emerging scholars in a special workshop for Ph.D. students.

A ‘meet the editors’ session was also organised where three experienced editors (including Professor Saks) offered guidelines to participants on how to get published.

The colloquium demonstrated that a strong scholarly interest exists in the sociology of professions, from a diverse range of disciplines, in South Africa (Human Resources, Speech Pathology, Law, Auditing, Military Studies were all represented). The South African initiative shows the diverse reach of RC52 in generating a wider reach of its activities.

It is also hoped that selected papers from the colloquium will be published in a special issue of *Professions and Professionalism*.

The event was sponsored by RC52, the University of Pretoria and the University of KwaZulu-Natal. It is hoped that regular colloquia focusing on southern perspectives will continue to extend the reach of RC52 and add new theoretical, methodological and empirical perspectives to the field.



Shaun Ruggunan, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

NOTICES

News from the ESA Research Network 19 Sociology of Professions:)

Christiane Schnell, Co-ordinator RN19



At the ESA conference in Athens in August a new board of the Research Network Sociology of Professions (19) was elected. Following these elections Christiane Schnell is the coordinator of the network; Helena Hirvonen the co-coordinator and treasurer; board members are Taru Siekkinen (PhD student) and Roman Abramov; and Mirko Noordegraaf. Ellen Kuhlmann and Julia Evetts remain as honorary members. For further information contact: Christiane Schnell (Ch.Schnell@em.uni-frankfurt.de)

RN19 Summer School

In 2018 the network will hold a PhD summer school - *Summer School on Professions – Theoretical Views on Professional Groups* (May 16-18 2018, Aveiro, Portugal), which emphasises the theoretical views on professional groups. The purpose of the summer school is to provide an opportunity for PhD students to present their current research and to network with senior researchers and other PhD students in this research area. Theoretical views will include sociological theory on professions and professional groups; changes in professionalism, hybridism, academic profession, health profession, and social work profession. Further information will be published soon. Contact: Teresa Carvalho (teresa.carvalho@ua.pt)



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.

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 to anyone who you think might be interested. We would like to grow our research network as widely as possible.



Health Workforce Research

Ellen Kuhlmann,

A new section on 'Health Workforce Research' of the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) has been established recently. New members are welcome.

For further information please visit <https://eupha.org/health-workforce-research> .

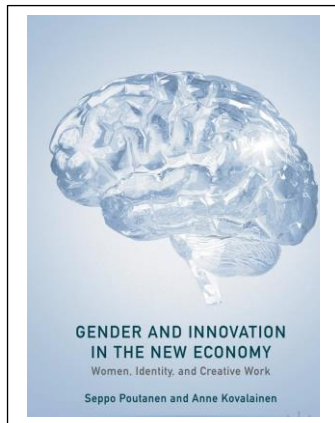
NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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 2018.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications



Poutanen, S. and Kovalainen, A. (2017) Gender and Innovation in the New Economy. Women, Identity and Creative Work. Palgrave Macmillan, New York.

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ISBN 978-1-137-52702-8 (ebook)

In their book the authors provide a thorough and novel examination of the gendered nature of innovations in the new economy. Through six chapters Poutanen and Kovalainen track the contemporary shift from heavy industry to game industry and how this shift has altered the relationships between gender, identity, corporate culture, creative work, and the future of business, platforms included. Through empirical and theoretical analysis, the authors present their own carefully contextualized cases and conceptual frameworks relating themes of innovation and gender to recent theories concerning globalisation and transnationalism. The chapters range from 'Gender in Inventions and Innovations', 'New Economy, Platform Economy and Gender', 'Innovations, Gender and the New Economy', to 'Creative Work and Gender' and 'Envisioning the Future'.

This wide-ranging and interdisciplinary text provides readers with insightful entries on what innovations are and the ways innovation processes become gendered. The book explores the business landscapes based on creative work, and offers a wealth of information for scholars on work and occupations, and culture, innovations and economy.

Burau, V., Carstensen, K. Lou, S. & Kuhlmann, E. (2017). Professional groups driving change toward patient-centred care : interprofessional working in stroke rehabilitation in Denmark. in: BMC Health Services Research, 17, 1, 622.
<https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12913-017-2603-7> .



The latest issue of the Journal of Professions and Organizations Volume 4 Issue 3 October 2017 is available at
<http://jpo.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

P & P PROFESSIONS PROFESSIONALISM

Professions and Professionalism (P&P) is an open-access Web-based peer-reviewed journal. We invite empirical, theoretical or synoptic articles that focus on traditional professions as well as other knowledge-based occupational groups. The journal creates a space for the development of the research field, prioritizing no single theoretical horizon or methodological approach.

A new issue Vol 7, No 3 (2017) is out now:

Barbara Sena [Professionalization without Autonomy: The Italian Case of Building the Nursing Profession](#)

Joakim Krantz & Lena Fritzén [From Expert to Novice? The Influence of Management by Documents on Teachers' Knowledge Base and Norms](#)

Björg Christiansen, Inger Taasen, Nora Hagstrøm, Kjellaug Kildal Hansen & Dorte Lybye Norenberg [Collaborative Learning at the Boundaries: Hallmarks within a Rehabilitation Context](#)

Chris Rønningstad [A Tale of Two Autonomies](#)

John I'Anson & Sandra Eady [Partnership as Educational Policy Imperative: An Unquestioned Good?](#)

Olli Rissanen, Petteri Pitkänen, Antti Juvonen, Pekka Räihä, Gustav Kuhn & Kai Hakkarainen [How Has the Emergence of Digital Culture Affected Professional Magic?](#)

Indexing

The journal is included in Scopus and EBSCO Sociology Source Ultimate indexes

For further information, registration with the journal, downloading and submission of articles access: www.professionsandprofessionalism.com

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ISA RC52 Blog

The ISA RC52 blog researchcommittee52.wordpress.com has been available online for the past two years and provides a space where all those interested in professions can participate and put a step forward in the debate about professions.

PhD students and early career researchers are especially invited to participate, but the blog is open to everybody who is interested in the sociology of professions. It welcomes notices (max 1000 words) about professions in Europe and in the world, in which RC52 members and non-members can present their recent work in the field of sociology of professions and/or exchange of research findings. There are three main sections:

- **Conferences:** write about your national and international forthcoming conferences on professions
- **Publications:** present your recent books about relevant topics for RC52.
- **Debates:** introduce your research, discuss 'hot spots' in the area of professions and professionalism, propose a new debate, or search for research project collaborators.

Everybody interested in participating the blog, please send a brief summary of your idea (max 150 words) to Lara Maestriperi (l.maestriperi@gmail.com), member of the ISA RC52 Executive Board and Representative of PhD students and early career researchers.

researchcommittee52.wordpress.com



Membership

We strongly encourage you to rejoin RC52 and ISA when your membership is due for renewal. Do also inform your colleagues about RC52 and ask them to join RC52 so that we can increase the strength of the group. To join the ISA please visit the ISA website and register online. The regular affiliation fees for RC52 specifically are an additional USD 40 for a 4 year period:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/>

Individual ISA membership is open to scholars and professionals of sociological teaching, research or practice. At present there are some 4,300 members from over 150 countries.

Benefits:

- Subscription to ISA journals *Current Sociology* and *International Sociology*.
- The Directory of Members.
- Reception of isagram, an electronic newsletter containing announcements of the forthcoming conferences, calls for papers and manuscripts, prizes and competitions.
- Access to e-bulletin, ISA on-line publication.
- Access to the Sage Full-Text Collection which includes 31 journals with more than 12,500 articles.
- 35% discount on Sage Publications books.
- Special subscription rates to journals offered by various publishers.
- A reduction in registration fees at the ISA World Congress and the ISA World Forum of Sociology.

All members may participate in the meetings of the ISA and its Research Committees, and the Working and Thematic Groups upon paying an affiliation fee.

To apply for membership, submit an

- electronic membership or renewal form
- membership form in pdf format
- or write to ISA at isa@isa-sociology.org

Change of Address

If you change your email or postal address, please do not forget to contact us by email.

Updated details should be sent to the ISA secretariat, email: isa@isa-sociology.org with a copy to ISA RC52 Treasurer/Secretary Jens-Christian Smeby, email: Jens-Christian.Smeby@hioa.no.

