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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF RC52

Dear all

This Newsletter, amongst other things, provides more detail about the ISA World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, on 11-17 July 2010, including the current list of RC52 sessions. Over 160 abstracts from a very wide range of countries were submitted for RC52 sessions by the deadline of 31 December 2009, which were considered by the RC52 Board at its meeting in Frankfurt on Friday 22 January 2010.

In light of the large number of submissions and the selection criteria employed, not all abstracts could be accepted – although it was possible to include most of these as presented and distributed papers in the programme. The final submission of approved sessions/abstracts was made to the ISA by the deadline of the end of January 2010, with any further updating required to be completed by 1 June 2010.

This issue of the Newsletter is in part aimed at ensuring that all members are aware of the resulting RC52 programme and associated details for the ISA World Congress in July 2010. You are particularly reminded that the deadline for registration and submission of abstracts is 4 May 2010. A list of recipients of grants for registration and travel/accommodation is now posted on the ISA website at <http://www.isa-sociology.org>.

I would also like to remind current and prospective members of RC52 to make sure they have paid their dues for 2010. Please encourage too new members to join RC52 to add to the size and diversity of the group. Guidance as to how to join the ISA and RC52 and renew membership is supplied at the end of this Newsletter.

In addition, notices of relevant calls for forthcoming conferences and publications are included in this Newsletter. I sincerely hope that you will take up these and other opportunities in the sociology of professions field – and in particular attend and/or participate directly in the RC52 programme at the ISA World Congress in Gothenburg.

I am taking up a new post as Provost and Chief Executive of University Campus Suffolk (UCS) in the UK from 1 May 2010 and will notify you shortly about my new contact details. My remit is to establish high quality University provision in the county of Suffolk. This involves close working with both the University of East Anglia and the University of Essex.

This new move will not affect my ongoing role as President of RC52, and indeed should enhance it – not least given that the University of Essex had the highest rating in the last Research Assessment Exercise in the UK in sociology and the social sciences.

Finally, for your future reference, I am pleased to say that Jens-Christian-Smeby agreed to become Secretary of RC52 at our Board meeting in Frankfurt on 22 January 2010.

Best wishes

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SOCIOLOGY ON THE MOVE
LA SOCIOLOGIE EN MOUVEMENT
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11-17 JULY, 2010
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RC52 SESSIONS

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1. GLOBALIZATION AND THE PROFESSIONS

From the migration of health and IT professionals across societal boundaries to the outsourcing of professional tasks to distant locations, globalization is having a profound impact on the work of the professions in many countries. This session will explore a broad range of issues across a variety of professions and national contexts. As such, it will consider empirically and/or theoretically the extent and nature of the influence of globalization specifically on professional groups in the occupational division of labour. Papers on this theme will cover a comparative international perspective.

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Presented Papers

Can 'global' professional fields structure the labor market access of migratory professionals?

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L'Union Européenne, le MERCOSUR et les professions. Une perspective comparative

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Skilled Romanian immigrants in Barcelona: The migratory project and professional pathways

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Academic mobility within the European context: A qualitative approach from a gender perspective

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New professions in a global world: The case of global professors

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Globalization and the accounting profession in the Middle East

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Twenty years experience in development of social professions in Lithuania: Between global and national

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Distributed Papers

Knowledge transfer in the professionalization of social work in Mainland China

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Winners and losers? The ambivalent picture of globalization in occupations

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Moral and market entrepreneurs: Aspirations, values and ambition amongst transnational professionals

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2. PROFESSIONS, REGULATION AND THE PUBLIC

Professional groups typically subscribe to the ethos of subordinating their own self-interests to the interests of their clients and the wider public. However, the implementation of this ideology in practice has come under increasing challenge in recent times in many areas – with a growing number of critiques of professional behaviour. This session asks whether professions have been too heavily maligned in this respect in the past and how professions may be best regulated in the public interest in future. As such, it will consider the following key questions: Do professional bodies act altruistically? Do they require further external regulation by the state, employers and/or citizens themselves? And what form might this and any internal reforms of professions most appropriately take? Papers addressing this theme will cover a range of professional groups and societal contexts, informed by empirical studies and theoretical perspectives as appropriate.

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Presented Papers

Changing jurisdictions within the health professions? Autonomy, accountability and evidence-based practice

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Medical orthodoxy and CAM in Portugal: CAM's professionalization and regulation

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The professional ideology of altruism of Russian medical practitioners

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Inclusion and equality: The challenge of Maori knowledge for the professionalization of New Zealand counselling

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Regulation and the public interest: The state, science and professions in Portugal

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Ecologists: Institutionalization and establishment of a new social-professional group

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Professional behaviour of students, professors and programme coordinators in Mexican universities

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Distributed Papers

Professional services: Questions for possible regulation in a globalized world

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Regulating the professional in the profession: The case of medicine
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Physicians, teachers and the state: Professionalization strategies and regulatory responses
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Regulating self-regulating professional associations: What changes in Portugal with Law 6/2008?
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What depends on 'street level' bureaucrats? Changes in tax inspectors in Russia in the 2000s
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Knowledge and trust in the veterinarian-client interaction: A study in Portugal
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Increasing opportunity, limiting discretion: Sign language interpreting in a video relay service
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3. CHALLENGES TO PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

This session will focus on the characteristics and challenges to professional competence. Professional competence is complex and includes 'knowing that' and 'knowing how', and descriptive as well as normative elements. Even though parts of it are research based, the relationship between establishment, acquisition and application of knowledge is unclear. The legitimacy of professional competence is mainly based on educational credentials, but significant parts of professional learning is informal and takes place in the workplace. Such challenges to professional competence become more significant due to the characteristics of modern societies. The expanding number of professions, many with an unclear and sometimes competing knowledge base, tends to undermine public trust. Professionals are losing status and their diagnoses, recommendations and knowledge are questioned by other professionals, as well by a qualified lay audience. The introduction of formal procedures and claims for evidence-based practice may also undermine the basis of professional authority and autonomy.

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Presented Papers

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The professional competence paradox: From professionals to specialists?
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Young managers and their professional dispositions
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Professional competencies of management in social service organizations
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Long-term conditions and the changing nature of the work of professionals and patients
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Research and writing by city planners: An approach from the sociology of professions
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Becoming entrepreneur in private security: The case of Argentina
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Distributed Papers

Professionalization in the social sphere: The path of social entrepreneurship
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Transforming 'natural' or 'universal' competences into specific competences in France
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Competence of employees in the innovational sector of economics
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Changes in worklife: Multiple demands in the qualification of banking employees in Brazil
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4. PROFESSIONAL IDENTITIES ON THE MOVE

Both the world and societies on one side and professional identities on the other are on the move. If determinism is dead in sociology, then professionalism and professional identities do not depend any more on functional imperatives and the social system. Therefore the hypothesis is that professional identities are shaped in settings in which professions as collective actors interact with the public and the way in which the public see them. This is a three fold process. The first stage is the relation between the public in need and professionals who can meet these needs. In dealing with the uncertainty and the dependency that their life conditions generate, the asymmetrical relation between the client and the professional requires a high degree of trust by the former of the latter. The second part of the process is acknowledging how strongly this affects the building of professional identities because this cannot be done without the recognition of others. The third stage is recognizing that these interactionist dynamics have a more powerful impact than social system imperatives in shaping professional identities. The session explores this process at all stages. Empirical and theoretical papers will be included on this theme.

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Introduction: Four ideal types of physicians in search of an author
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Shaping medical identities: An internet forum
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Professional identities in the new socio-educational assistant (SEA) profession
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Between doctors and nurses: The case of the professional identity of cardiopneumology technicians in Portugal

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The development of free software and professional identities

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Lighten up: The place of humour in the shaping of professional identities

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Professional communities online: Italian Lawyers' mailing lists and social networks

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Distributed Papers

Being a Roma women employee: The experience of the second labour market segment

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The impact of professionalization in the missions and identities of NGOs

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Changed roles of trustees in the legal process of apprehension in Sweden

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Career transition and consciousness of 'lateness' in moving into the legal profession

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Society, university and identity of female social workers in Mexico

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5. PROFESSIONS: SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND DIFFERENTIATION

Social integration and differentiation are classical issues in studies of professions, to which it is important to return after decades of changing organizational framing at national as well as local levels and expanding international markets and organizations. This has created new conditions for economic, social and cultural integration. So, where are the differentiating forces and borders within and between professions today? Is there any kind of integrating common moral specifically connected to professions and professional work? Do professionals have any distinctive core values, identity or culture? And do they represent a new class and a political force of their own? Theoretical and empirical studies on these issues are included.

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The social logic of professionalism
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The professional landscape: Deciphering Parsons' concept of a professional complex
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The spirit of family entrepreneurs: Forming a profession of its own?
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Anomie of professionals in the changing institution
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Occupational composition and positions for a sociology of social scientists
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Professions in Portugal: The process of reconfiguration
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Problems of professionalization of teachers of high school in Russia of the twenty-first century
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6. RC52 BOARD MEETING

7. PROFESSIONALISM, SOCIAL THEORY AND THE CULTURAL SPHERE

The sphere of culture, creative production and the media traditionally does not fit into the concept of professionalism represented by the established professions. In contrast to the model of codified knowledge, work in the cultural sector was seen as mainly based on the idea of originality and swayed by subjectivity. But in the course of structural changes of the cultural sector and the emergence of the culture and media industry, the tasks and roles of occupations have changed, as has their structural base. On the other hand, even the authority of professional expertise in modern industrial society is being questioned, and monopolies of jurisdiction are being undermined. Against this background, the session focuses specifically on examples of the notions and dynamics of professionalism and professionalization in the culture, media and the creative industries. Papers address, amongst other things, the questions of how far approaches in the sociology of professions help to explain developments and changes in the cultural sector – and whether the analysis of professionalism in these fields contributes to new theoretical conceptualizations of professionalism in general.

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Crystallization, occupations and the university system
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Becoming an artist in Mexico
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Professionalization in dramatic arts by questioning artistic ideals

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The precarious work of technical professionals in performance arts in a Brazilian public theatre

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The variety of professional models: Russian experience in the Western research context

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Profession – interaction – social theory: A microsociological approach on macrosocial phenomena

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Hughes revisited

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JOINT SESSIONS: REMAKING THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WORKFORCE (WITH RC15 – SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH)

New health policies and workforce change produce complex changes in the structure of the health workforce as well as in professional identities and the avenues of professionalization. This in turn calls for further theoretical and empirical investigation. This session focuses on the complex drivers for change fuelled by different interests, policies and players. Strong dynamics arise, amongst other things, from initiatives centred on different patterns of skill-mix and collaborative care, as well as the professionalization of new groups such as complementary and alternative therapies. Other important arenas of change relate to gender arrangements, more flexible employment patterns and the challenge to existing professional boundaries posed by new mobility and migration flows. Papers explore the 'making' of a future health professional workforce based on political and organizational change and dynamics arising 'bottom-up' from the professional and professionalizing workforce.

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RC15 Session (Chair: Ellen Kuhlmann/Mike Saks)

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Integrating health and social care: Interprofessional relations in multidisciplinary teams in Italy

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Health professions as a national industry: Framing of controversies in nursing education and migration in the Philippines

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Brazilian health reform from the 1990s: An analysis of the interrelationship between state and health professional communities

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Marginalization, professionalization and public policy: Emerging health and social care professions in the United Kingdom

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Aging populations and the professionalization of traditional, alternative and complementary medicine

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'New' ageing populations, the life course and the destabilization of modernist healthcare

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Professional identities of general practitioners in a changing welfare state: A qualitative study of physicians employed by public sector and labour leasing companies in Finland

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Distributed Papers

Professionalization in new and old health-related jobs in the wellness-sector in Germany

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Palliative care and changes in physicians' modalities of work: An empirical research based analysis

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The variation of institutional medical response to CAM therapies: The case of acupuncture and homeopathy in Portugal

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Occupations or professions? Midwives in the process of transformation of health systems: A comparison between Italy and UK

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Emotion, enabling practice and the professional identity of MENCAP workers

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Policies of incorporation of alternative medicine in Russian health care

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8. RC52 session (Chair: Mike Saks/Ellen Kuhlmann)

Presented Papers

Standardized risk assessment and communication tools: The importance of professional boundary work

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Intra-professional stratification and the rationalization of clinical practice

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Expert nurses and the division of labour in hospitals

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'New midwifery' in Australia: Professionalization and the current processes of change
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Reinventing a figure: 'Foreign doctors' in France
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Beyond the usual incentives: What the conductorless orchestra can teach an accountable care organization
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The positions of medical staff in outsourced primary health care services
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Teamwork and reformation of healthcare workforce: The nurse practitioner in Japan
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The definition and prevention of 'psychosocial risks': A new stake for company doctors
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Remaking healthcare identities: Ontological insecurities and reflexive narratives in health reform
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How health professionals deal with management shaping of their activity
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9. UNIVERSITE, PROFESSION ET PROFESSIONALISATION DANS LA SOCIETE DE CONNAISSANCE / UNIVERSITIES, PROFESSIONS AND PROFESSIONALIZATION (FRENCH/ENGLISH SESSION)

Les universités sont placées au croisement de plusieurs mutations et de plusieurs réformes, celle de la mutation des référentiels du marché du travail (économie de service, économie de la connaissance,) et les réformes de management public sur le fonctionnement de l'université. Il s'agit d'élaborer les points suivants:

- Expliciter la place des référents professionnels dans le fonctionnement universitaire (curriculum, skill, savoirs pratiques, et théorie de la pratique) ; quel est le rôle des standards d'évaluation et de gestion dans la prise en compte de ces référents professionnels ?

Caractériser les nouveaux processus de professionnalisation dans lesquels les universités sont engagées (diversité des compétences, longueur de la professionnalisation, poids de la gestion).

- Comment s'établissent les équilibres entre la formation de savoirs généraux et la pression de savoirs spécifiques (savoirs professionnels, savoirs de gestion) ? Il convient de préciser le rôle spécifique de l'université dans les processus de professionnalisation de haute spécialisation.

- Il s'agit d'éclairer les relations entre sociologie des groupes professionnels, université et processus de professionnalisation dans les termes contemporains, notamment en revisitant les auteurs classiques. Il s'agit d'explicitier les relations entre université et groupes professionnels dans la société de connaissances sur les dimensions suivantes. Mobilisation généralisée des trajectoires et diversité des processus de spécialisation.

Universities are at the crossroads of change, such as in the labour market and with the increased differentiation between professions and the reform of public management. The purpose of the session is to elaborate on the following questions:

- What explicit references to professions are made in university policy (curriculum, skills, practical knowledge and theories of practice)? Here the evaluative standards may be specified to characterize contemporary professionalization processes where universities are involved (diversity of competences, length of professionalization and place of management).

- What is the specific role of the universities in the professionalization processes of higher ranked professions? What is the balance between education for universal knowledge and the pressure for specialized knowledge? What are the main choices and debates for universities and academic professions?

- How can the relations between the sociology of professional groups, the university and professionalization be specified in the contemporary period? Classic authors may need to be revisited to clarify the relations between universities and professional groups in a knowledge-based society. General trajectories have to be combined with diversity in the specialization processes so that the relations between university frameworks and the requirements of professionalism can be explored.

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Presented Papers

The expansion of the university sector, emerging professions and professional landscape in Sweden

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Women in universities transforming professions

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University teaching in France and Germany: 'Professionalization' vs. Disciplinary education?

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Tertiarisation de la sociologie, réformes professionnalisante de l'université
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The impact of competency-based education on the professionalization of Mexican psychologists
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Distributed Papers

Université, professions et professionnalisation : Quels modèles de référence dans la professionnalisation de l'université ? / University, professions and professionalization: Which model of reference in the university professionalization?
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10. GENDER AND THE PROFESSIONS

The sociology of gender literature has evolved to take into greater consideration of how the influence of gender on the lives of women and men intersect with other factors such as class, race, and sexuality. With a few exceptions, we have lagged behind in the literature on gender and the professions. In this session, contributions apply this more contemporary perspective to a range of professional issues from micro level interactions and experiences to the meso organizational level and the macro policy and structural level. Contributions also focus on men as well as women in the professions because gender should not be equated only with women.

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Leadership in post-Soviet professional environment: Images and stories from Lithuanian academia

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Gender differences in the timing of career steps in German academia

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The sociological study of intra-professional relationships among nurses and physicians

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Gender mainstreaming in the health professions in Taiwan

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Gender and entrepreneurship in Portugal

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Gendered choices in a transitional economy: The case of Russian psychologists

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Insertion in the labour market: Women Argentine engineers

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Gender and carers

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Women in special units: The case of the border guard

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Who does the dirty work? Gender, race, and class construction in street sweeping
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Sociology, domestic work and gender: A critical insight
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Gender and the scientific professions in India: An empirical study
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The neglected side of segregation of men in 'female jobs'
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Liberal professions, self-employment and gender: Observations on Germany
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JOINT SESSIONS: RECONNECTING PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS (WITH RC17 – SOCIOLOGY OF ORGANIZATIONS)

Historically, the analysis of professions has been connected to broad sociological issues such as occupational closure, social stratification and exclusion, state formation and the development of a capitalist economic order. In the last fifteen years, however, a new research agenda has begun to emerge. This is characterized by a discovery of the organizational dimension of expert work, and the focus on the professional service firm (PSF) and its management as an increasingly topical subject area. But while this topic is now receiving much attention from a wide constituency of academics and practitioners, our knowledge of how organizations and professions interact and the evolving relationship between them remains limited. On the one hand, management theorists, especially those focused on the internal organization of PSFs, give little or no attention to the wider context and role of occupations as collective groups outside of organizations. In turn we find a relative neglect of organizations in many sociological accounts, at least until recently. Burrage and Torstendahl, for example, identify four key 'actors' in the development of professions – practicing members, users, the state and universities – but say little when it comes to the distinctive role of employing organizations.

By contrast, the objective of the sessions here is to encourage a different research agenda, one that – in order to further advance our understanding of contemporary professionalism – makes a far more explicit connection between organizations and professions as collective agents. To this effect, we propose to explore two central themes that emerge from the interface between professional organizations and occupations. The first is how professionals are responding to these changes and opportunities posed by new organizational contexts through alternative strategies and tactics. Second is how organizations themselves have become increasingly important sites where professional identities are defined, mediated and regulated and have more generally emerged as significant agents in the institutionalization and regulation of new areas of professional expertise. Contributions will cover these broad

themes or contribute, more generally, to our knowledge of the inter-relationship between professional occupations and organizations.

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Risky business: How professionals and professional occupations deal with new (organizational) issues
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Losing your identity? The making and remaking of transnational lawyers
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Identity construction and career politics of ICT-Professionals in Switzerland. Mediating between professional and organizational ethics
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Changing organizations and the implications for medical professionalism: The case of English primary medical care 2004/9
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Organizing hospitals, governing health professionals: Towards sustainable health human resource management
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Re-connecting contingent professionals and organisations – an impossible task?

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Are new forms of professionalism emerging in healthcare?

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A political perspective on the relation profession – management: The Medical Council in Belgian Hospitals

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Law firms as sites of identity formation

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Healthy organizations and quality of work in Europe: New challenges for organizations and professional groups

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New conditions for professional innovation and decision making in organizations

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Managers as ‘professionals’ of management

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Avoiding conflict: Strategies for staying away from jurisdictional disputes

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Management tasks as professionalization or deprofessionalization: The case of journalism and science

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Organizing hospital physicians and accounting for a changing professional identity in Sweden

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Reverse colonization and the organizational dynamics of hybridization in the UK NHS

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Distributed Papers

Professional occupations in big firms: Parallel histories, heterogeneous dynamics

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Organization of the operator's work and organization of nuclear power plants

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12. 1990-2010 VINGT ANS DE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LA SOCIOLOGIE DES GROUPES PROFESSIONNELS. QUELS CHANGEMENTS? (FRENCH SESSION)

Le congrès mondial de sociologie de Madrid (1990) marque le point de départ d'un renouveau de la sociologie des groupes professionnels en France et dans le monde francophone. Ce développement incontestable sur le plan du nombre de recherches et publications s'est-il accompagné d'avancées scientifiques de même ampleur? Deux constats majeurs semblent pouvoir être tirés de cette période: d'une part, c'est avant tout à la lumière de courants d'analyse issus de la matrice anglo-américaine, d'abord interactionnistes (avec Hughes au premier plan) puis néo-wébériens (avec Abbott) que sont abordés les groupes professionnels; d'autre part, les travaux ont le plus souvent adopté une perspective monographique, tendant à multiplier les études de cas d'une profession ou un groupe professionnel particulier. Il en découle deux grandes questions qui sont proposées à la discussion pour les contributions à cette session:

- Quels sont les apports spécifiques de ces approches francophones: en quoi témoignent-elles d'un « regard sociologique » qui serait éventuellement propre à certaines des recherches françaises?
- Dans quelle mesure cette accumulation de monographies permet-elle aujourd'hui (ou ne permet-elle pas) de dégager des acquis transversaux et d'éventuelles montées en généralité?

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Introduction: Questions pour une socio-histoire de la sociologie des groupes professionnels
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De la sociologie des groupes professionnels à la sociologie des professions à pratique prudentiel
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La trajectoire de (trans)formation des compétences comme condition d'accès à une nouvelle professionnalité
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Les économies symboliques du travail à travers l'ethnographie comparée des groupes professionnels
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Pour un renouvellement du regard sur des professionnalisations atypiques : l'apport de la sociologie des groupes professionnels
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13. KNOWLEDGE WORKERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

Knowledge has been the backbone of modernization and a facilitator of social change. Knowledge is firmly linked to power being (mis)used by professional groups to defend their interests and define social and occupational boundaries. However, in contemporary societies knowledge is increasingly 'popularized', spreading from the knowledge towers of professions into organizations and everyday life. Knowledge is also commodified, with ever more people working as knowledge brokers. This session addresses the following questions: How do these developments shape professional action and identity? How is the concept of professionalism redefined as a mode of governing occupations, organizations and people? What role do global knowledge networks and international organizations, together with changing configurations of professional governance, play in these processes? And do the changes contribute to more inclusive forms of knowledge creation and a more equal distribution of power in society?

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Working with money: Changes in banking and professionalism in the knowledge society
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Drugs, knowledge and the social order: The case of English community pharmacy

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The identity policy of social anthropologists/ethnographers in post-Soviet Russia

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Asking for consent: Organ donation, compassionate professionals and the emotional tool kit

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Professionalism as justification: The case of consultancy

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Warming the chilly climate for women faculty at a college in the United States

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Manipulative intellectual property in the knowledge society

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14. RC52 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SESSION FORMAT

The ISA recommends that each regular paper session of the Congress of 120 minutes consists of up to five 20 minute presentations or seven 15 minute ones and 15-20 minutes of collective discussion. Distributed papers will be referred to by the Chair at the beginning or end of the session. These, like presented papers, will be listed for registered participants in the programme, and abstracts included in the abstracts book. If authors of presented papers withdraw or do not show up then distributed papers may be promoted to presented papers.

Papers may be in English or other languages, with creative means used to transcend any language barriers. It is understood that PowerPoint projection will be available in all session halls. Computers will be provided onsite and all presentations should be brought on a USB stick as internet access will not be available. Authors of presented papers and distributed papers should ideally bring hard copies of papers (minimum 15) for interested participants.

RC52 TIMETABLE

Monday 12 July

- 15.30-17.30 Session 1: Globalization and the Professions
17.45-19.45 Session 2: Professions, Regulation and the Public
20.00-22.00 Session 3: Challenges to Professional Competence

Tuesday 13 July

- 10.45-12.45 Session 4: Professional Identities on the Move
15.30-17.30 Session 5: Professions: Social Integration and Differentiation
17.45-19.45 Session 6: RC52 Board meeting

Wednesday 14 July

- 10.45-12.45 Session 7: Professionalism, Social Theory and the Cultural Sphere
15.30-17.30 Joint 15/52: Remaking the Health Professional Workforce
17.45-19.45 Session 8: Remaking the Health Professional Workforce
Joint 52/15
20.00-22.00 Session 9: University, Professions and Professionalization in the Knowledge Society

Thursday 15 July

- 10.45-12.45 Session 10: Gender and the Professions
15.30-17.30 Joint 17/52: Reconnecting Professional Organizations with Professional Occupations
17.45-19.45 Session 11: Reconnecting Professional Organizations with Professional Occupations
Joint 52/17
20.00-22.00 Session 12: 1990-2010 Le Developpement de la Sociologie Francophone des Groupes Professionnels

Friday 16 July

- 10.45-12.45 Session 13: Knowledge Workers in the Knowledge Society
15.30-17.30 Session 14: RC52 General Assembly

CONGRESS DEADLINES

4 May 2010: This is the registration deadline for all programme participants, to be met if your names are to appear in the Programme Book and abstracts of your papers are to be published. Please use the following link for registration:
http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/congress_registration.htm

4 May 2010: Once your presentation is approved by the session chair you must submit an abstract of your paper to the Cambridge Sociological Abstracts website. Abstracts are only accepted by the system from those who are already registered for the Congress. Click here for your abstract submission:
<http://editweb101v.csa.com/socioabs/submit.php>

Please see the ISA congress website for further details:
<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/>

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

An International Research Seminar on Professions and Professional Organizations in Contemporary Society: New Research Approaches

This Seminar is to be held on 6-8 April 2010 in Moscow, Russia, at the State University – Higher School of Economics in association with the Centre for Social Policy and Gender Studies, the Centre for Modern Philosophy and Social Sciences and the French-Russian Centre of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The transformation of contemporary labour markets leads to changes in social parameters and cultural meanings of professionalism. These processes are related to both classic professions and new professional groups and occupations, manifesting themselves in the revision of borders and between professional groups, evoking the formation of new social structures. Along with academic scholarship in the contemporary debates on the professions and professionalism, the state, business, third sector and mass media compete. They invade the certification of professionals, destroying the monopoly of professional knowledge in various spheres – from IT and journalism to philosophy, architecture, health care and sport. Changing social realities of professions require scholarly revision and interpretation. This changes intra- and inter-professional hierarchies of various occupations in aspects of their function, status and symbolic meaning. The goal of this seminar is to discuss new perspectives open for the researchers of everyday life of the professions and professional organizations in the context of recent changes, including structural dimensions and everyday life. The following issues are planned to be discussed at the seminar:

- New realities of professions and professional organizations: The impact of social transformations in post-Soviet societies, global crisis and the developing public sphere of civil society
- Intra- and inter-professional hierarchies in contemporary societies
- Modifications of professionalism under the reforms of welfare state, higher education, transformation of labor market and models of service provision
- Autonomy, power and identity of professionals in new conditions
- Human rights and professional hierarchies: Rhetoric and everyday life
- Peculiarities and perspectives of ethnographic, visual, biographic methods, social history and discourse analysis approaches in studying professions
- New research directions in the sociology and anthropology of professions.

The 14th International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) conference on 'The Crisis: Challenges for Public Management'

This will be held at the University of Berne in Switzerland on 7-9 April 2010. The conference is being organized by the Center of Competence for Public Management at the University. For details please see www.irspm2010.com or contact the following email address: irspm@kpm.unibe.ch.

Members of RC52 will be especially interested in the panel on Organizing Professionalism: Comparative Perspectives on Managing Public Professionalism. The panel is chaired by Mirko Noordegraaf, Ian Kirkpatrick, Daniel Muzio and Bram Steijn.

The 6th Interim Meeting of the European Sociological Association Research Network 19 (Sociology of Professions) on Professions and Professionalism in Times of Global Economic Crisis: Changes and Continuities

This will be held at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, on 22-24 April 2010. The Call for Papers has met with great interest, with some 60 abstracts received from across Europe and North America.

For the final programme, please visit the European Sociological Association (ESA) website at <http://www.europeansociology.org/> for further information or contact the organizers, Florent Champy (champy@ehess.fr) or Sirpa Wrede (sirpa.wrede@helsinki.fi).

The 6th Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference on Gender, Work and Organization

This conference is taking place at Keele University, Staffordshire, UK on 21-23 June 2010. The conference organizer is Deborah Kerfoot who can be contacted on d.kerfoot@mngt.keele.ac.uk.

Of particular interest to sociologists of the professions in this conference will be the streams on: Professional Identities, Gender and Transitions to Later Life. (Convenors: Celia Davies and Ellen Kuhlmann), Health Care: Professions and Provision? Reframing Gender (Convenors: Mike Dent, Robert McMurray and Nanna Mik-Meyer) and Understanding and Conceptualising Equality and Diversity in Professions, Management and Leadership (Convenors: Jennifer Tomlinson and Daniel Muzio).

The 29th International Labour Process Conference on Work Matters

This event is being held at the University of Leeds on 5-7 April 2011. The conference is being organized by Daniel Muzio, Jennifer Tomlinson and Steve Vincent, who can be contacted on dm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk, jtdm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk and svdm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk.

Proposals for streams that (a) are not usually covered in the International Labour Process Conference, including on the professions, and (b) will attract scholars who would not usually attend the event are invited by 31 May 2010. These should be sent to Daniel Muzio at dm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk.

The call for paper submissions opens in July 2010. The deadline for abstract submissions is 31 October, on which decisions regarding acceptance will be made in early December 2010. Registration for the conference will open in December 2010. Further information about the conference is available on <http://www.ilpc.org.uk/>.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATIONS

Gender, Work and Organization

Call for submissions for a Special Issue on Gender, diversity and inclusion in professions and professional organizations

The professions have historically suffered from poor records on gender, diversity and inclusion, with many professional associations formally excluding women well into the 20th century. Of course, over the last 30 years, in the context of broader economic, social and legislative changes cross nationally, we have witnessed undoubted progress. Most notable, the participation rates of both women and minority ethnic groups in professional occupations have increased significantly in all advanced economies. Across the globe, in certain professions, such as law or medicine, women are now on course to reach numerical parity with their male colleagues. Yet numerous academic studies and governmental reports suggest that if we move on from purely quantitative indicators to consider the terms and conditions with which women and minority ethnic professionals experience inclusion a different picture begins to emerge. To this effect, theoretical and empirical contributions from a range of disciplines are encouraged including: management, sociology, social policy, gender and racial studies, law and geography, to explore these issues further and to map patterns of inequality, segregation and segmentation in professions and professional organizations. The aim of this special issue is to cross-fertilize the study of professions and professional firms/organizations with perspectives, concepts and debates on gender, diversity, inclusion and intersectionality. The journal would be particularly interested to receive contributions to debates on:

- The extent to which the boundaries, cultures and working practices of professional organizations affect the working lives of women, ethnic minorities and other traditionally marginalized groups of workers;
- How access and promotion within professions and professional organizations create and recreate patterns of inclusion and exclusion cross nationally;
- How organizational dynamics create gendered and unequal 'opportunity structures' in terms of patterns of progression, segregation and segmentation within professional occupations and organizations in different national contexts;
- How forms of marginalization combine to shape the prospects and lived experiences of individual professionals.

For further information please contact: Daniel Muzio at dm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk or Jennifer Tomlinson at jt@lubs.leeds.ac.uk, in Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, UK. Full papers (not under review elsewhere), using Gender, Work & Organization guidelines for authors, should be sent by 30 September 2010 via Manuscript Central <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gwo> clearly marked with the name of the special issue. Please address any queries to the special issue editors: Daniel Muzio and Jennifer Tomlinson. Submissions should be no more than 7,000 words.

Journal of Management Studies

Papers are requested by 31 December 2010 for the special issue of the Journal of Management Studies on Professions and Institutional Change. For further details, please contact the guest editors of the journal: Daniel Muzio (University of Leeds) at dm@lubs.leeds.ac.uk, David Brock (Ben-Gurion University) at dmb@bgu.ac.il and Roy Suddaby (University of Alberta) at roy.suddaby@ualberta.ca.

Comparative Sociology

David Sciulli reminds RC52 members that the quarterly journal Comparative Sociology and the peer-reviewed book series International Studies in Sociology and Social Anthropology, of both of which he is editor, are keen to publish works on the professions. In this respect, cross-national comparisons are preferred to single-nation studies and works with theoretical backdrops/frameworks are preferred to straight descriptions or detailed ethnographies. For further information see <http://www.brill.nl/coso> and <http://www.brill.nl/issa> respectively.

Sociology, Problems and Policies

Articles are invited for submission to the Portuguese journal Sociology, Problems and Practices which is published by CIES/ISCTE-IUL in Portuguese and English and has a strong strategy for internationalization. The journal is read in all Portuguese language countries, including Brazil. For further information about this journal, please see <http://sociologiapp.iscte.pt/> or contact Luísa Oliveira at luisa.oliveira@iscte.pt.

SECTION ACTIVITY

Germany

The section on the Sociology of Professions of the German Sociological Association has been very active of late. A conference will be held on The Significance of Professions within Social Theory on 5-7 May 2010 at the Institute of Social Research Frankfurt/Main. Further information is provided at <http://www.professionssoziologie.de>.

In addition, the German section on the Sociology of Professions will organize two afternoon sessions and, together with the German section on the Sociology of Knowledge, a plenary session at the Congress of the German Sociology Association on 11-15 October 2010. For additional information see <http://dgs2010.de/>.

Portugal

A section focused on Work, Organizations and Professions has been established as part of the Portuguese Sociological Association (APS), with the aim of enhancing the dialogue and circulating information about this area of research – as well as promoting cooperation with other sociological associations, including the ISA.

For further information, please see: <http://www.aps.pt/>. Alternatively, contact its organizers Anna Paula Marques at amarques@ics.uninho.com, Sara Falcão Casaca at sara@iseq.utl.pt, or Luísa Veloso at luisa.veloso@iscte.pt.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Congratulations go to Jens-Christian Smeby, who has been awarded 14 million NOK (1.7 million Euro) from the Norwegian Research Council for a four year project on Qualifying for Professional Careers. For further details see <http://www.hio.no/qpc>.

RC52 PRESIDENT'S NEW POST

News Release

Senior Pro Vice Chancellor from the University of Lincoln is appointed Provost of University Campus Suffolk



Professor Mike Saks from the University of Lincoln has been appointed Provost and Chief Executive of University Campus Suffolk (UCS). He will take up his post from 1 May 2010 and will lead UCS into its next stage of development, working closely with the Universities of East Anglia and Essex and other partners.

Professor Saks joins UCS from the University of Lincoln where he is currently the Senior Pro Vice Chancellor. He has been at Lincoln for over seven years and, as a member of the senior leadership team, has played a key part in transforming Lincoln from a new institution into a university of quality and distinction.

During his time at Lincoln Professor Saks has been responsible for a number of areas, in addition to his broad-ranging subject oversight. These include research, commercial partnerships, marketing and recruitment, teaching and learning, learning resources, academic quality, the student experience, industrial relations, health and safety, and international strategy.

As part of his portfolio, Professor Saks spearheaded Lincoln's recent success in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) which saw it become one of the most improved universities in the UK – with much increased staff research engagement, an international research profile across a wide span of units of assessment, and a six-fold increase in RAE income.

In addition, working with University colleagues and the Students' Union, he led Lincoln's recent rise to the top third of the National Student Survey rankings. Under his oversight the University also received commendation in the 2008 Quality Assurance Agency Institutional Audit for, amongst other things, its innovatory learning landscapes agenda, with 'impressive' student partnerships.

Professor Saks is a highly regarded academic, with a distinguished research and publication profile on health and social care and the professions – and a strong record of national/international collaboration. He is the author of a dozen academic books and many book chapters and journal articles, and is regularly invited to be a keynote speaker at high profile conferences.

He is currently President of the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Professional Groups and advises bodies such as the UK Departments of Health, the General Medical Council and the General Social Care Council on professional regulation. He has an Honours degree from the University of Lancaster, an MA from the University of Kent, and a PhD from the London School of Economics.

There are clear similarities between the University of Lincoln and UCS. It is also a new institution, founded in 2001, and has quickly developed a high reputation in the sector – with a rapidly improving league table position. It has helped to significantly transform the local community socially and economically, creating more than 3,000 jobs and generating over £200 million per annum for the local economy. Professor Saks will bring this experience of success to UCS and continue to build on the solid foundations already in place.

He has extensive experience of widening participation and partnership working both at Lincoln and in his previous post as Dean of the Faculty of Health and Community Studies at De Montfort University. He is very committed to UCS's core values of widening participation, raising local educational aspirations and increasing student employability. He believes that these can be best achieved by not only working closely with local stakeholders, but also raising the profile of UCS regionally, nationally and internationally.

Professor Mike Saks said: “I am really looking forward to taking up my post as Provost at UCS and taking a lead in its further development. Drawing on my previous experience at the University of Lincoln and building on the platform already established, I shall enjoy working collaboratively with partners at all levels – including staff, students, other stakeholders and the UCS Board. There are great opportunities ahead for UCS to make a very positive impact locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.”

Professor Colin Riordan, Chair of the UCS Board and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Essex said: “We are delighted to have Professor Saks as our new Provost. He is a distinguished academic who has helped shape the success of the University of Lincoln, another relatively new University. UCS has developed very rapidly and been a real success story in its early years and we are looking forward to Professor Saks guiding the institution through the next phase of its development. The next few years will be both challenging and exciting and we are confident that UCS will continue to grow and develop its academic profile as well as contributing to the economic and cultural well being of the communities we serve.”



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