



The Body in the
Social Sciences

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“The Borders of Integration: Empowered Bodies and Social Cohesion”

I am really happy, dear Colleagues, to inform you about the high number of Participants to our performance at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 15-21 July 2018: 120 social students have submitted to our Committee their hoping abstract. For this very substantial reason, the **hope**, I have allowed myself to accept everybody, also if rejected by the involved Chair Sessions. I warmly would like to thanks each of you, therefore, for this high level of **collective effervescence** that brings honor to our RC54 within the ISA and around the World. There are three items, on which I would like to focus your attention from today, December 31, 2017, as follows:

1. The Registration Fee at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 18-21 July 2018;

1 Applications are sent to the Program Coordinator till January 31, 2018

2. Each RC selects candidates and allocate the funds available for that group.
(in case of RC54 it is Euro 1500)

The Program Coordinator shall decide on allocation in consultation with the RC/WG/TG President and Secretary and the results shall be published at the ISA conference website.

2a. A backup list of potential grant recipients in order of priority shall also be prepared to be used in case someone cancels participation or has been allocated a grant by another RC/WG/TG.

2b. It is recommended to avoid repetition of the same persons who have received grants for previous conferences.

2c. Full amounts of registration grants have to be allocated; grants are not paid in cash but a special code will be given to each participant.

3. A list of selected individuals and registration grant amounts must be sent by the Program Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat (isa@isa-sociology.org) before FEBRUARY 15, 2018 for verification and approval.

2. The RC54 Collctive Book *The Borders of Integration: Empowered Bodies and Social Cohesion*:

it is currently in press at Cambridge Scholars Publishing for a number of pp. 360. Here below the blurb by John Galtung, Founder of the Peace Research Institute, Oslo, and Former Professor of the United Nations University, Tokyo: Founder of the Peace Research Institute, Oslo,
“A disturbing perspective: human beings as bodies, just that. And moving, migrating, with their needs for body sustenance. Even as mass migration, masses of body material. Look at some chapter titles in this very original collection superbly edited: "the body says run", "bodies and corpses on the Mediterranean beaches", "migrant bodies", "labeling bodies", "migrant bodies in search of place". Disturbing. And true. A partial truth like all others, but a very important truth. A **major book**”.

Johan Galtung, Founder of the Peace Research Institute, Oslo, and Former Professor of the United Nations University, Tokyo.

3. The New RC54 website at the ISA:

It is planned the new RC54 website at the isa@isa-sociology.org to be launched at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto 15-21, 2018.

The interdisciplinary exchange of scholars and experiments (Sociology, Psychology, Neural Sciences, Health, Philosophy, Education, Anthropology, Migrations, Urban Studies and so on) lies at the core of the forthcoming website and moves its “making policies” within the *cosmopolitan conditions* or, better, on *urban rhythms*; i.e., mobilities, social times, needs and memories. Memory is, indeed, considered as an instrument of politics in the present. Refuting longstanding notions that culture alone is responsible for group behavior, the Sections cogently should argue that behavioral science must first specify *what the notion of culture consists off*, in terms of concrete empirical evidence. The *body on the move* should be considered, therefore, as the privileged instrument able to manage conflict and change.

In waiting for your kind feedback/ suggestions and proposals from today, 31 December 2017/ I wish to everybody a great

Happy New Year.

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