## To the Members of the ISA Research Committee 54 "THE BODY IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Dear Colleagues, first, my best greetings of a very Happy New Year. After broad dialogues and consultations, it is my pleasure to share with you the theme for the upcoming RC54 Sessions at the ISA Forum of Sociology, to be held in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July, 2016: **Body and Time in the Global Present** <u>http://www.isasociology.org/forum2016/rc/rc.php?n=RC540</u>, will be the theme of the RC 54, strictly connected with the umbrella theme "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World."



You will find the call within the next February 3rd, according to the stated deadline. A big thanks to our President Margaret Abraham, to our Vice-president, Research, Markus Shultz and to doctor Izabela Barlinska, ISA Secretary. The body-time couple offers a new and challenging perspective on the role of time in many areas of human life. Does the technology information revolution interfere with the inborn clocks that manage our physiology? It relates things that most people would never see related.

We are preparing the RC54 Sessions at the Third World Forum of Sociology, but other activities are planned too:

- 1. The International Conference "*Temps du corps, corps du temps*" to be held on the next October 1-2, 2015 in Rome, University of Roma 3, Aula Volpi [you will find the call on the February Isagram];
- 2. The collective RC54 book *Let's Re-invent an Embodied Sociology*, as Proceedings of the past World Congress to be submitted to Sage Studies in International Sociology (SSIS), a publication of the ISA. The objective of SSIS books is to identify new arenas of scholarship organizing the discipline internationally and to publish works that reflect scientific debates currently taking place in the discipline. SSIS would be the right place to publish because these books have the potential to be read by a large audience as these are sold at pounds 9.99 to ISA members. The book will be edited by me and by our Vice-President, Professor Thomas S.Smith, Rochester University, USA, as soon as a selection of papers will be done. I look forward for your feedback.

Warmest regards

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