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About the Ethics of Responsibility of the RC54 at its New Website and in Real Places

Dear Colleagues,

here follows a synthetic Report on Activities of the RC54 during the period January-July 2017 and, exactly, after the RC54 International Conference “The Challenge of the Global Migrant: Bodies on the Move and Cultural Differences” (Rome, Refettorio Hall, 19-20 January 2017).

1.WHAT IS READY;

2.WHAT IS COMING;

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1.: What Is Ready

The book *The Challenge of Borders: Empowered Bodies and Social Cohesion* Selected Papers from the International Conference quoted above (Ed. Bianca Maria Pirani), Cambridge Scholars Publishing/ *currently in proofreading*.

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2. What Is Coming

It is coming the stated deadline for the delivery of abstracts at the XVIII World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, 15-21 July: 30 September 2017. We encourage all of you, dear RC54 Regular Members, to submit your proposals, due September 30, 2017, for the upcoming XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology to be held in Toronto, Canada on July 15 to 21, 2018. Please find the link here for all abstract submissions: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/call-for-abstracts/>.

Our hope is to continue our robust research showing that was evidenced at past conferences in Yokohama in 2014 and in Vienna in 2016. Thank you for sharing your expertise and research with us as we continue to foster a deeper understanding of our corporeal selves in the Social Sciences. Please direct any questions or inquires at biancamaria.pirani@uniroma1.it or t crgcook@gmail.edu.

3. What Is Planned

It is planned the new RC54 website at the isa@isa-sociology.org. We believe opportune and ethically correct a public collective *discussion on the ground* about the new RC54 website to be launched at its stated seat of the RC54 Acting at the XVIII World Forum of Sociology, Toronto 15-21, 2018. The interdisciplinary exchange of scholars and experiments (Sociology, Psychology, Neural Sciences, Health, Philosophy, Education and Anthropology) lies at the core of the RC54 website and moves its “making policies” within the *cosmopolitan conditions* or, better, on *urban rhythms*; i.e., mobilities, times and social interaction.

Aim of the RC54 website will be, therefore, to demonstrate that social cohesion should be seen as the capability of people and places to *manage conflict and change*. Towards this goal, it should be created *ad hoc* SECTIONS related to the specific topics (as health, religions, sport, migrations, urban studies, etc.), vided to prove that mental sets are *culturally builtup* and can be modified by the collective behavior. 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 RC54 website should become a living sample of an *Ethics of Responsibility*, able to build, in each *different place*, the relation between self and other in constant renewal. There's no question that research can change the world – and great research can come from scholars from any background and any academic discipline.

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