



RC/WG/GT Presidents 2018-2022



Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution

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Economy and Society

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I have learned that there are two RC02s that need nurturing: the transient and ephemeral Forums and World Congresses, and our permanent online community. I aspire for RC02 to become a continuous online discourse rather than a syncopated meeting site. We are moving off our email listservs and PDF newsletters and into an integrated newsletter and announcement platform accessible via a new website. To promote members' research, we've secured an institutional affiliation with an established public sociology media outlet. Our board members are pursuing several strategies to increase the number of interim conferences. Finally, we are in the early days of organizing a RC02 International Doctoral Student Workshop at the next World Congress.

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Community Research

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Projects for RC03:

1. Increase communication and activities among RC03 members: new newsletter and website contents, and promote new activities, especially among RC03 junior researchers.
3. Increase the presence of RC03 in activities promoted by the ISA and the ongoing relationship between RC03 and similar committees in ISA and other international academic associations.

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Sociology of Education

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Priorities: organization of regional RC04 mid-term conferences between Forums and Congresses in different part of the world; increase communication channels and dissemination of research activities between membership; provide space for collaborative projects and joint publications

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Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity

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Family Research

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The main projects I and colleagues on the Executive of RC06 have on our radar include deeper collaborations with sister RCs. We had a highly successful joint conference with RC41 in Singapore in 2018 on which we can build. We are also committed to public mobilization of our research through social media. And we continue to seek ways to encourage junior scholars and those from B and C countries to participate in RC06 events.

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Futures Research

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The RC 07 Futures Research is mostly concerned with analysing the future of societies. Besides giving attention to long term trends and structural patterns, the emphasis is placed on agency and on the envisioning of scenarios for the future: the possible, the probable, and especially the preferable. The RC will encourage the debate on the recent waves of conservative and authoritarian social movements in many parts of the world, focusing on values, moral concerns, culture and the changing notion of 'rights'. The RC will promote a permanent discussion of such issues through the next four years.

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History of Sociology

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Social Transformations and Sociology of Development



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Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management

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Creating a better understanding of global inequality in the quest for social justice should be one driving force for RC 10 activities and programmes. Issues of digital technology changing work and labour markets as it relates to conditions for participation and democracy, action research, collaboration with other RC s and student involvement are also a critical components of RC 10's continuing relevance.

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Sociology of Aging

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Professor in Sociology and the Chair in Social Gerontology at Uppsala University, Sweden. As a critical social gerontologist, her work problematizes old age-related constructs and deconstructs some of the taken for granted assumptions that inform research, policy and practice. Her main scholarly contributions come from studies that have used the sociology of migration and ethnicity to expand the social gerontological imagination. Sandra is a member of both the Steering and the Management Committee of the COST-Action ROSEnet (Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion: Collaborations in Research and Policy). She co-leads the Working Group on Civic Exclusion of that network as well as the Gerontological Society of America's Interest Group on International Aging and Migration.

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Sociology of Law

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The focus of my work: activating the potential of our students and young colleagues, support for the 12 very active RCSL Working Groups, foundation of new ones, particularly on KoL (Knowledge and Opinion about Law/Legal Consciousness), Family Justice and Legal Education. Support and close co-operation with the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL) in Onati/Spain. Planned conferences: 2019 for the 30th anniversary of the Onati Institute: Linking generations for global justice, 2020 participation in the ISA World Forum in Porto Alegre and RCSL Conference in Lund/Sweden, 2021 in Bangor/Wales, U.K.; 2022 joint international socio-legal conference with other socio-legal associations.

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Sociology of Leisure

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Priorities as President RC-131.

- In light of declining membership in RC-13, the real priority is to enhance the membership.2.
- To resolve various issues involving members regarding different aspects by having dialogues with them3.
- To conduct mid-term conferences of RC-13 in November 2019 in India on the theme : Leisure and Social Development and also one in November 2021 somewhere in Europe/China.

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Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture

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Sociology of Health

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RC15 (Sociology of Health) is one of the relatively large research committees with over 200 members. In our global society, health issues are becoming increasingly international, and the exchange of knowledge across borders is occurring with increasing frequency. I would like to expand the network of opportunities for sociologists internationally to exchange information and to engage in mutually beneficial discussions in addressing pressing health and ethical concerns

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Sociological Theory



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Sociology of Organizations

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My primary aim will be to strengthen the role of organizational sociology within the ISA, and to develop RC17 as a productive and congenial home for the resurgence of interest in organizational and institutional analysis. The study of organizations is now dispersed over a variety of disciplinary fields, and an important part of the development of RC17 will be to establish and strengthen connections with research being done in those other fields, such as management and business, as well as in other ISA RCs.

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Political Sociology

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Project for RC18:

- 1) To consolidate CPS legal and organizational framework (statutes, membership, Webpage...), positioning the committee in social networks and recruiting new active members;
- 2) To continue the disciplinary reflection about political sociology through scientific projects that go in a twofold direction, both in terms of publications and the organization of events/networking worldwide;
- 3) To develop and strengthen the ongoing collaboration with sociology and political science associations as well as other RCs in order to create and increase synergies among them.

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Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy

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Comparative Sociology

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I will continue RC20's tradition of being open to a wide range of substantive topics and to both quantitative and qualitative methods. As president, I hope to strengthen our relations with other research committees and to increase the visibility of the research committee's journal, Comparative Sociology.



Urban and Regional Development

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Having had (visiting) positions in the Netherlands, USA, and UK, I currently am professor in urban and regional sociology at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. I received my PhD from Amsterdam University in 1998, with a thesis published as 'Urban Bonds' (Polity 2003).

RC21 will further develop two projects: the mobilization of active membership in all parts of the world and the relationship to other RCs. Questions of exclusion, diversity, racism and xenophobia, but also of borders, migration, citizenship or social movements are increasingly discussed as or with reference to 'urban'. Here are bridges to be built. The RC21's interest in new methodologies or researcher's positionality also gives ground for connections with other RCs. In a world fragmented as ours, the intellectual and political project of bridge-building between strands of urban studies / sociology and of self-reflection on academics' public role is of increasing importance. RC21 sees comparative urbanism as important vehicle for addressing the imbalance noted by Burawoy between sociologies 'of the North and of the South': we will continue to address the problematics of this imbalance and experiment with ways to overcome it and move forward to innovative ways of doing urban sociology in global times.

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Sociology of Religion

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Afe Adogame is deeply honored to be elected and consider it a privilege to serve the ISA-RC22, a role that gives opportunity to bring his experience in another capacity, having gained deeper insight and understanding of the many challenges and opportunities that organizations grapple with on an ongoing basis. He is working, in conjunction with the RC22 Board, to further promote international collaboration, intercultural exchange between scholars; explore new mentoring strategies for early-career scholars/graduate researchers in contributing to the sociology of religion globally, and in their participation at ISA/RC22 programs.

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Sociology of Science and Technology

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Environment and Society

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Our first priority for RC24 in the coming term is to review and revise our policies and procedures to enhance our capacity to ensure that RC24 is a welcoming and respectful environment for members regardless of gender, sexual orientation, language, ethnicity, or religion. In addition, we will be focusing on increasing opportunities for meaningful graduate student engagement.

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Language and Society

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Being both a sociologist and an economist, I am researching in a publicly funded research institution, which works in close relation with the Walloon Housing Ministry, and the housing administration and stake holders. My scholarship is first anchored in the categorization processes toward identities – I analysed skin colour/race declarations in Brazil to understand how they are constructed for 15 years (University of Auvergne, of Strasbourg, and of Paris-Est-Créteil, France). I also worked about cultural practices in Luxembourg at CEPS/INSTEAD (current LISER, Luxembourg). The overarching principles of my research are understanding preferences, behaviours, mainly looking at language.

As RC25 president, beyond the expected duties to fulfil, I would like to reflect with members about the question of language in our RC, and how to deal with it in concrete ways in our communication and during conferences.

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Sociotechnics, Sociological Practice

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Sociology of Sport

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She studies sports and physical activity from a sociocultural perspective, with a particular focus on Canadian society, youth and communities. Her current SSHRC (2018-2021) funded project compares the experiences of young adults (18-25 years old) that invest themselves in sports leadership roles.

"The legal object as stated in the CIO constitution is 'to advance for the public benefit education and research related to the social significance of sport, exercise and physical activity'. In order to achieve this, ISSA has designated the following objectives: a) To promote international co-operation in the field of the sociology of sport; b) To exchange information among all countries concerning the results of research in the sociology of sport; c) To convene international congresses, seminars or symposia on aspects of the sociology of sport; d) To prepare and circulate reports about the social background of sport and the status of the sociology of sport in different countries; e) To identify sociological problems in sport and, where appropriate, organize international research programmes concerning the same; f) To oversee and co-ordinate the official publications of ISSA; g) To advise and facilitate the establishment of other continental, regional and national sociology of sport societies. h) To co-operate with the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE), ISA and other committees, groups or organizations in order to solve tasks of mutual interest.

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Social Stratification

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Deviance and Social Control

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In 2009, he was invited as “Maitre de Conférences” at the Institute de Hautes Etudes de l’Amérique Latine (IHEAL) at the Université Sorbonne. In 2006 was Cogut Visiting Professor at Watson Institute in Brown University. In 2003 he was a Visiting Fellow for the Special Program in Urban and Regional Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). In 2004 joined the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars as Visiting Scholar.

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Sociology of Work

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As president of RC30 I hope to contribute with communication, organization and conviviality to the continuity of debates about “classical” but very important issues; to the renewal of “emergent” subjects we need to understand and approach with ours tools as sociologists of work; and finally to the diversity of themes and - more important- the diversity of people coming from different regions, countries, ages, genders, to share knowledge and experiences about work, employment, workers, activity and industries in the world.

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Sociology of Migration

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Sociologist at the University of Leicester (UK). No surprise, perhaps, that the president of RC31 is an immigrant — I'm originally from the USA and did my PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. My research in recent years has focused on the connection between migration and happiness; my impetus for this research is the suspicion that many people (migrants and natives alike) imagine the benefits of migration to be much greater than they often are in reality.

My main priority for RC31 is to develop a research agenda for members that leverages the key strength of the ISA: the involvement of scholars from so many different settings and cultures. We bring different perspectives and assumptions, and we can surely benefit from more explicit engagement with those differences, not least for the questions and challenges raised by migration. I am also leading an effort to reform the RC31 statutes, in connection with election procedures.

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Women, Gender, and Society

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She is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology at McMaster University, Canada. Her research interests include gender, sexualities, family politics, globalization, and the law. She has studied gender and racial ideologies in the Promise Keepers movement; the social consequences of marriage promotion policies on inequality in the United States; the politics of family transformation and same-sex marriage; and comparative legal and cultural framings of polygamy in regard to women's and religious rights.

As president of RC32, my objective is to provide opportunities for feminist sociologists across the globe to network and publish. I am working with the RC32 Board to organize the publication of a special issue in an international journal, such as *International Sociology*, on a topic of interest to global feminist scholars. RC32 will provide a workshop at the Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology in 2020 to present and receive feedback on potential submissions. At the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, an invited panel will feature the papers that have been selected for publication.

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Logic and Methodology in Sociology

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In the coming years I hope to produce more content on the newly designed website of RC33 (www.rc33.org). I plan to introduce an RC33 award for best paper and best young scholar. I will also be involved in organizing the next RC33 conference in Cyprus (2020) and the world congress in Australia (2022).

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Sociology of Youth

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RC34 with its focus on the sociology of youth has chosen a focus on Southern youth, southern theory and emancipatory practices as its overarching project for the coming four years. We are responding not only to the problematics of assumed universals from Northern scholars, but also to the growing participation of Southern members in ISA. It is now time to deepen our theoretical understandings of Southern youths' lifeworld's; showcase theories that remain uncirculated; map out research agendas and theoretical lacunae; and contrast what is available with what is needed. Our aim is to show how global South insights are able to benefit youth and youth sociologists everywhere, not only at their point of origin. A practical expression of this focus in RC34 will be a collaboration on the Oxford Handbook of Global South Youth studies – which will include over 50 contributors drawn mainly from our RC.

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Conceptual and Terminological Analysis

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The Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis (COCTA), which developed out of an Open Meeting at the 1970 World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) and became the first social science research committee, promotes discussion of and research on conceptual and terminological issues within the social sciences. In respect of its broad nature, the RC has organized meetings on a wide variety of topics and has particularly attracted discussions on conceptual innovations which are not directly institutionally represented in ISA. RC35 thus offers a space in ISA to critical and non-mainstream approaches in sociology such as postcolonialism, critical theory, global sociology or new perspectives on power.

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Alienation Theory and Research

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Sociology of Arts

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My aim as President of the RC 37 Sociology of arts will be to foster this particular point of view on society with publications, researches and joint-panels with other RCs. As first project I intend to produce a publication (a book or a full number of a review) that can become a sort of *state of the arts* for sociology of the arts on a world perspective with the participants of RC37.

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Biography and Society

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One of the plans of the RC 38 for the next period is to enlarge its geographical representation, trying to incorporate more researchers from the global south. Being already recognized as the main forum for the epistemological, methodological and empirical discussion for researchers engaged in biographical analysis in the sociological research, the RC 38 will submit proposals for special editions for journals covering different aspects of the biographical research. At the same time the intention is to continue the dialogue and join activities with other Research Committees.

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Sociology of Disasters

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Sociology of Agriculture and Food

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We are working to strengthen our journal, the International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food. RC40 has also launched a website - <https://www.isa-agrifood.com>. We have expanded and strengthened our network of RC40 Regional Representatives, and our membership is growing. We co-sponsored a PhD summer school in 2018 <http://blogs.cornell.edu/envgov2018/>, and we expect this tradition to continue. We are committed to engaged and inclusive scholarship, and we will continue our rich tradition of mini-conferences in connection with IRSA, RSS, ESRS and ISA meetings.

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Sociology of Population

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One of the aims of RC41 should be to increase this number substantially. As we have seen in Toronto, the study of population is a multidisciplinary analysis; the interaction between sociologists and demographers from different fields creates a fruitful discussion and sharing of ideas. Secondly, I think that we will benefit from more frequent meetings. The World Forum will be held in two years' time, the next ISA World Conference two years later. We should do our best to organize at least one regional meeting each year and I will be happy to work with whoever is willing to initiate and organize such meetings (we can also provide some small financial support!).

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Social Psychology

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To bring RC42 into the 21st Century, Dr. Bianchi will be working on establishing an interactive Website that highlights video recordings of presentations given by RC42 members, notices of future conferences by sociological social psychologists around the world, and lists of new research pieces that would interest other RC42 scholars.

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Labour Movements

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During her time as president of RC44, Michele plans to work with the leadership team to develop strategies to strengthen collaboration with other RCs with similar or cross-cutting areas of interest, to broaden the membership of the RC, and to enhance the accessibility of the RC's programming especially for scholars from less wealthy countries. The latter will be a particular focus in the lead-up to the Brazil forum in 2020.

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Rational Choice

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He graduated from the University of Chicago and now is Professor at Seikei University, Tokyo, Japan. He edited Contemporary Japanese Sociology (three volumes, Sage, 2017). His research interests include rational choice sociology, family, social psychology, and quantitative methods. He is also the chair of Rationality and Society section at the American Sociological Association in 2018-19.

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Clinical Sociology

Emma Porio



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For ISA-RC 46 (Clinical Sociology), I hope to bring my experience in networking for knowledge production and application with local-regional-global researchers and policymakers. For me, RC 46 offers an exciting space for dialogue and collaboration between clinical, applied, and engaged public sociologists across generations from the global north and south through regular regional/global conferences and capacity building workshops

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RC47

Social Classes and Social Movements

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The promotion of dialogues and spaces of convergence between North and South and between activists and the academy is a constant feature in his trajectory. As RC47 President, the main priorities will be to encourage collective research and publications among RC members, to organize international conferences on crucial themes of contemporary social movements debate as well as to promote spaces of dialogue between activists and universities. Key RC47 projects will be further developed, such as [Open Movements](#) (a platform of public and global sociology of social movements) and the Initiative Against the Repression of Social Movements and Sociologists.

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Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change

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Mental Health and Illness

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As a president of RC49, my priority is to increase the membership of young scholars and to attract them to the sociology of mental health and illness. Furthermore, I would like to intensify the exchange with other RC's.

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International Tourism

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Sociocybernetics

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Objectives within RC51: (1) Contribute to RC51 strength and development; (2) Promote key concepts from Sociocybernetics (systemic analysis, reflexivity, second order observation, feedback system, complex systems approach, interdisciplinary research frameworks, modelling) within ISA and other Social Sciences communities; (3) Collaborate with other RCs and ISA bodies to reinforce the academic production of our community.

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Sociology of Professional Groups

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Sociology of Childhood

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Projects for 2018-2020 concern with expanding the role of the committee as a really international forum of discussion on childhood research and policies: increasing membership both in a quantitative way, for instance in countries/regions where RC 53 has got no members, but also qualitatively, where already existing members could be participating more and contributing in different ways. Regional encounters with the institutional support of RC 53 should be also an expected goal. Publications on childhood issues also consist an important aim, also virtual exchange, such as by electronic bulletins an updated site should be important projects of our RC. Another important point and objective is the interaction of RC 53 with other Research Committees of ISA.

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The Body in the Social Sciences

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He serves as Dean of the School of Education in Redding, California, where he works with issues of equity and justice in the state of California educational system. His research interests lie in the sociology of the body, gender, and sport, from a culturalist approach, seeking for ways to understand the social construction of the corporeal self in society. His research interests have focused largely on these issues as evidenced in Southeast Asia, where he spent 26 years between the Philippines and Indonesia.

In the coming two years, I want to gather together other researchers with a focus on the body, movement, and society, into a cohesive group that collaborates in research and disseminates key research findings across the globe in regard to the sociology of the body. My wish is to produce a newsletter for RC 54, along with key social media outlets which give RC 54 a foundational home in the International Sociological Association.

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Social Indicators

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Full professor of sociology at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland since 2003. After receiving his PhD in sociology from the University of Zurich in 1988, he was lecturer of sociology at the University of Zurich and senior researcher at the University Hospital Zurich (1988-94), visiting scholar at the Colegio de México (1994-95), visiting professor at the Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena (2000) and assistant professor of sociology at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich (1996-2002). He is currently doing research on wellbeing, quality of life, social indicators and social reporting as well as on social and economic inequalities, poverty and deprivation. Earlier research has focused on sovereign debt and global debt crises, economic globalization and political transformation in Latin America, social support and health as well as on science and technology studies.

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Historical Sociology

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RC56 has grown out of the Thematic Group, later Working Group Comparative and Historical Sociology, and has become an RC on Historical Sociology in 2016, during the ISA World Forum in Vienna, when I also assumed the presidency. The change in title and the upgrade already dictated part of the project associated with the presidency by making sure that the historical dimension of research presented in the RC events is strengthened, while the comparative does not disappear and the global and relational perspectives become more visible.

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Visual Sociology

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As president of RC 57 my mandate is to continue to democratise knowledge and promote PRG and ECR engagement through a number of RC57 related initiatives including the visual workshop series (www.visualworkshop.info) and our free, pre Forum/Congress workshops. In addition, I am overseeing the development of a new website, having initiated a RC 57 Social Media Team to better promote our work and enhance our visibility. Lastly, my wish is continue to build collaborative cross/interdisciplinary links with other WG/TG/RC's and promote the value of visually orientated method and analysis.

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Sociology on Local-Global Relations

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We are going to develop projects connected with the problems of Local Governing and Local Activities in the context on Globalization, with the role of Civil Society in new conditions of Public Policy, including comparative studies as well as New forms of Participation and Political Activities in Local Communities and Regions determined by Globalization.

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Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty

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On the last decades risk has become pervasive. It spread out into a huge number of societal domains. The central aim of the group is to establish a sustainable discourse on the sociology of risk and uncertainty in order to support and trigger new theoretical and empirical developments in (trans-) national research. The research network goes beyond approaches on risk perception, risk communication and sociology of catastrophes with a societal perspective referring to traditions such as cultural theory, risk society, governmentality, systems theory and edgework.

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Institutional Ethnography

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Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. She studied under Dorothy E. Smith, whose early work in the social organization of knowledge developed into the project of institutional ethnography, and she has been a participant in the network of institutional ethnographers for over 30 years. Her current research areas include migration, specifically the settlement and employment of immigrant women in Canada, and visual representation, both as a topic and as a method of inquiry, e.g., visual ethnography and research creation.

We are developing a mentorship program that will connect TG06 members new to institutional ethnography, who are often working in isolation in regions or universities where there is little presence of institutional ethnography, with experienced researchers. A handbook on institutional ethnography is in the planning stages. This will be an edited collection with contributions from TG06 members as well as members of our North American-based sister organization, the Institutional Ethnography Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. TG06 will be participating in the 2020 ISA Forum in Brazil.

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Senses and Society

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Kelvin co-founded TG07 Senses & Society in 2011, and has been elected as President for 2 terms (2012-2018; 2018-2022). As a fairly new thematic group of the ISA, we have been actively participating in ISA congresses and forums since our inception, and look forward to developing and expanding further into a Working Group within the ISA. Achieving the status of a WG would bring about further resources both in terms of the number of panels that we can organize for future ISA conferences, as well as financial support to aid younger scholars and postgraduates to take part in ISA activities.

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Society and Emotions

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Her recent research has focused on transnational finances, social movements, transitional justice regimes, and lawyers as harbingers of emancipation. Her most recent co-edited volume is entitled *Methods of Exploring Emotions*.

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Digital Sociology

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The TG10 aims to encourage research of high quality on the intersection between Digital Technologies and Society:

- 1) Establish a network of sociologists working in ‘the digital’ in order to advance the theoretical, empirical, methodological, and socioethical knowledge produced in the field.
- 2) Create synergies with other RCs and organizations dealing with similar issues
- 3) Attract new scholars and foster the research in Digital Sociology, as a central issue in current research trends.
- 4) Create opportunities for meeting, publishing, mentoring students and sharing information.

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President

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He is the author of numerous journal articles and book chapters on the sociology of religion, sociology of (forced) migration; politics of scientific research; civil society, elite formation and transitional justice. Among his recent books is: "Knowledge Production in the Arab World: The Impossible Promise". (with R. Arvanitis).

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Vice-President for Research

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His research focuses on social movements, youth activism, ecology, critical consumption, democracy and globalization. His main books are “Alter-Globalization. Becoming Actors in the Global Age” (Polity, 2011) and “Movimientos sociales en el siglo XXI” (CLACSO, 2018).

My five priorities as ISA Vice-President for Research are

- To support Research Committee's initiatives.
- To improve communication and mutual support among RCs and particularly among RC presidents.
- To improve the communication between RC presidents and officers and the ISA Executive Committee.
- To organize the 2020 World Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre, together with the EC and the local organizing committee.
- To contribute to improve active participation of students and scholars of “B and C countries” at ISA events.

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Vice-President National Associations

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She authored book chapters on the history of Philippine criminology and has published journal articles on crime, delinquency, and prison society locally and abroad. Following her publications on inmate gangs in Philippine prisons, her current research focus on masculine organizations such as fraternities and the police professionals, and on the Philippine anti-drug from the perspective of drug offenders and of police officers.

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Vice-President Publications

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She has been an academic editor since 1995. Between 2010 and 2017, she edited *Current Sociology*, where she created and implemented a successful program of Academic Writing. As Publications VP she will continue with her ongoing efforts towards scholars from non-mainstream academia increase their presence in international publications.

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