



Sociology of
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Objectives

To establish contacts and to encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of sociology of occupational/professional groups throughout the world; to encourage the international exchange of research findings in the sociology of occupational/professional groups.

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Letter from the President of ISA RC52

Dear members and friends of ISA RC52,

Welcome to the June 2021 issue of the Newsletter for Research Committee 52 (Sociology of Professional Groups). It has been more than a year since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic that continues to affect our associational life in so many ways, including the RC52 community. It is too early to present a conclusion about the societal impact of the pandemic, and many of us have been dealing with unfamiliar questions and dilemmas during this crisis. The pandemic has demonstrated the vulnerability of large groups in our societies. Although globally more connected, one experiences a weakening of the human element of building personal relations and meeting up. Covid-19 effectively changed the way we engage with each other. Many events have been suspended or postponed including the World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne in 2022. This event has now been postponed to 25 June - 1 July 2023, and we hope that an in-person and hybrid format will be possible. Further details are on page 8.

Yet despite this, it is an interesting time in terms of our domain of research focused on professions and professional groups. The current Covid-19 health emergency has placed the greatest unknowns before the professions. What is happening in professional work contexts? How will we live and succeed in the post-pandemic future? How might the Covid-19 pandemic be remaking professions and professionalism? These and many other questions arise and we realise how critical it is to advocate the sociology of professional groups. The work of RC52 will contribute to this agenda.

A detailed report on the IV ISA Forum of Sociology can be found on page 9. In total, RC52 contributed to 18 sessions and 79 papers were presented. Thank you to the Programme Coordinators (Debby Bonnin and Lara Maestripereri), all session organisers and participants for a very successful IV ISA Forum for RC52.

Despite the pandemic the RC52 community has been keeping in touch and enabling a lively intellectual exchange. Since its launch in late 2020 the *RC52 Webinar Series* has progressed with much success, five webinars have been organised. There will be a break over the northern hemisphere summer and it will return in September. Thanks are due to those who have organised and chaired the sessions, speakers and participants. A special thanks to Lara Maestripereri for her logistical support. See page 10 for more details.

Please look at the Notices section where you can find information on forthcoming events; calls for papers; recent and forthcoming publications with special attention to the latest issue of *Professions & Professionalism*. You can follow RC52 activities on the RC52 blog (researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). The blog provides news and welcomes debates and announcements on the professions and professionalism; please contact blog Administrator Gitte Sommer Harrits (isa52.blog@gmail.com).

Some words are due to all colleagues who contribute in different ways to the achievements of RC52. Many thanks to all for taking RC52 to such a strong position; with more than a

hundred members drawn from nearly thirty countries – one of the larger International Sociological Association Research Committees. I would ask members of RC52 to encourage new members to join to add further to its size and diversity. Guidance on how to join the ISA and RC52 appears later in the Newsletter, as well as other matters of interest to readers.

With very best wishes
Keep safe!!!

Helena

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Carta de la Presidente del Comité RC52 de la ISA

Estimados miembros y amigos de ISA RC52

Bienvenidos a la edición de junio de 2021 del Boletín de la Comisión de Investigación 52 (Sociología de grupos profesionales). Ha pasado más de un año desde el inicio de la pandemia de Covid-19, que sigue afectando nuestra vida asociacional de muchas maneras, incluida nuestra comunidad RC52. Es demasiado pronto para presentar una conclusión sobre el impacto social de la pandemia de Covid-19, pero al mismo tiempo que muchos de nosotros hemos estado lidiando con preguntas y dilemas desconocidos durante esta crisis, la pandemia ha demostrado cuán vulnerables son grandes grupos de nuestras sociedades. Aunque globalmente más conectados, uno experimenta un debilitamiento del elemento humano de construir relaciones personales y reunirse. El Covid-19 efectivamente detuvo todo el panorama y, por supuesto, la forma en que nos relacionamos entre nosotros. Muchos eventos han sido suspendidos o pospuestos y ese es el caso del Congreso Mundial de Sociología, Melbourne en 2022. Este evento ahora ha sido pospuesto para el 25 de junio-1 de julio de 2023, y esperamos que un formato presencial e híbrido sea posible. Por favor, mire (página 8) para mantenerse actualizado.

Sin embargo, dentro de esta situación, es un momento interesante en términos de nuestro dominio de la investigación, centrado en profesiones y grupos profesionales. La actual emergencia sanitaria del Covid-19 ha puesto frente a las mayores incógnitas a las profesiones. ¿Qué está pasando en los contextos de trabajo profesional? ¿Cómo viviremos y tendremos éxito en el futuro post-pandemia? ¿Cómo está la pandemia de Covid-19 rehaciendo las profesiones y el profesionalismo? Esas y muchas otras preguntas surgen, y nos damos cuenta de lo crítico que es abogar por la sociología de los grupos profesionales. El RC52 continuará contribuyendo con su trabajo a esta agenda.

Un informe detallado sobre el IV Foro de Sociología de la ISA se puede encontrar la página 9. En total, el RC52 contribuyó a 18 sesiones y se presentaron un total de 79 trabajos.

Gracias a los Coordinadores del Programa (Debby Bonnin y Lara Maestriperi), a todos los organizadores de la sesión y participantes por un IV Foro ISA muy exitoso para RC52.

La comunidad RC52 se mantiene en contacto y hace que su intercambio intelectual sea animado a lo largo de la pandemia. Desde su lanzamiento a finales de 2020, la serie de seminarios web RC52 ha estado progresando con mucho éxito, con cinco sesiones de seminarios web ya. Volveremos en septiembre con más sesiones. Los oradores y los participantes se deben a quienes organizaron y presidieron las sesiones. Un agradecimiento especial a Lara Maestriperi por su apoyo logístico. Consulte la página 10 para obtener más detalles.

Por favor, también eche un vistazo a la sección de Avisos donde puede encontrar información sobre los próximos eventos; convocatoria de ponencias; publicaciones recientes y futuras con especial atención al último número de *Profesiones y Profesionalismo*. También puede seguir la actividad de RC52 en el blog de RC52 (researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). El blog ofrece noticias y da la bienvenida a los debates y anuncios sobre las profesiones y el profesionalismo; por favor, póngase en contacto con el administrador del blog Gitte Sommer Harrits (isa52.blog@gmail.com).

Se deben decir algunas palabras de reconocimiento a todos los colegas que contribuyen de diferentes maneras a los logros de RC52. Muchas gracias a todos por llevar a RC52 a una posición tan fuerte, con más de cien miembros procedentes de casi treinta países, uno de los comités de investigación más grandes de la Asociación Internacional de Ciencias Sociológicas. Quisiera pedir a los miembros de RC52 para animar a los nuevos miembros a unirse para añadir más a su tamaño y diversidad. Las directrices sobre cómo unirse a la ISA y RC52 aparecen más adelante en este Boletín, así como otros asuntos de interés para los lectores.

Con los mejores deseos
Manténgase a salvo!!!

Helena
Presidenta del RC52 de ISA

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Lettre de la Présidente du RC52 de l' AIS

Chers membres et amis du CR52 de l' AIS.

Bienvenue à l'édition de juin 2021 du Bulletin du Comité de recherche 52 (Sociologie des groupes professionnels). Plus d'un an s'est écoulé depuis le début de la pandémie de la covid-19, qui continue à perturber à divers égards nos vies associatives, y compris celle du CR 52. Il est trop tôt pour tracer une conclusion quant aux effets sociétaux de la

pandémie de la covid-19, mais tout comme plusieurs d'entre nous ont été aux prises avec des questions et des dilemmes inhabituels en ces temps de crises, la pandémie a exposé au grand jour la vulnérabilité de larges pans de nos sociétés. Même si nous sommes plus interreliés mondialement, nous faisons tous l'expérience d'un affaiblissement des éléments humains dans la construction des liens sociaux et des rencontres. La covid-19 a effectivement suspendu le contexte général ainsi que, bien entendu, notre façon d'interagir les uns avec les autres. Plusieurs événements ont été suspendus ou reportés; c'est le cas notamment du Congrès mondial de sociologie, d'abord prévu à Melbourne en 2022. Il aura maintenant lieu du 25 juin au 1^{er} juillet 2023, avec l'espoir qu'un format en présence ainsi qu'hybride sera possible. Veuillez consulter la page huit (plus bas) pour plus de détails.

En dépit de ces perturbations, cette période apporte des circonstances intéressantes pour nos recherches sur les professions et les groupes professionnels. L'urgence sanitaire actuelle découlant de la covid-19 a mis au jour de grandes inconnues pour les professions. Que se passe-t-il dans les contextes de travail professionnel ? Comment allons-nous vivre et réussir dans l'avenir post-pandémique ? En quoi et comment la covid-19 transforme-t-elle les professions et le professionnalisme ? Ce sont là quelques-unes des questions qui émergent et nous réalisons qu'il est d'une importance capitale de promouvoir la sociologie des groupes professionnels. Le CR 52 continuera à apporter ses contributions dans cette direction.

Un rapport détaillé sur le IV^e Forum de sociologie se trouve à la page 9. En tout, le CR 52 a contribué à la tenue de 18 séances; un total de 79 présentations a eu lieu. Un grand merci aux coordonnatrices de programmes (Debby Bonnin et Lara Maestripieri), tous les organisateurs de sessions et les participants pour la grande réussite du CR 52 dans ce IV^e Forum de l' AIS.

La communauté du CR 52 entretient ses réseaux et ses échanges intellectuels pendant la pandémie. Depuis son lancement à la fin de l'année 2020, la série de webinaires du CR 52 a connu un franc succès, avec déjà cinq séances de webinaires. Nous serons de retour en septembre avec d'autres séances. Nos remerciements s'adressent à ceux qui ont organisé et présidé des séances, aux conférenciers et aux participants, auxquels s'ajoute un merci particulier à Lara Maestripieri pour son soutien logistique. Pour davantage de détails, veuillez consulter la page 10.

Veuillez aussi jeter un coup d'œil à la section des Notices, où vous trouverez des informations sur les événements à venir, les appels à contributions, des publications récentes et à venir, avec une attention spéciale envers le dernier numéro de *Professions & Professionalism*. Nous vous invitons également à continuer de suivre les activités du CR 52 sur son blogue (researchcommittee52.wordpress.com). Celui-ci publie les actualités dans le domaine et accueille des débats et des annonces concernant les professions et le professionnalisme. Vous pouvez entrer en contact à ce sujet avec son administratrice, Gitte Sommer Harrits (isa52.blog@gmail.com).

Il nous faut dire quelques mots à propos de tous les collègues qui contribuent, à divers titres, aux succès du CR 52 : nos chaleureux remerciements à tous pour amener le CR 52 à une position si forte, soutenu par plus d'une centaine de membres issus d'une trentaine de pays. Il figure ainsi parmi les Comités de recherche les plus étendus de l' AIS. J'invite

d'ailleurs les membres du CR 52 à solliciter l'adhésion de nouveaux membres, afin d'accroître encore davantage sa taille et sa diversité. Les indications pour devenir membre de l'AIS et du CR 52 se trouvent dans les pages suivantes de ce Bulletin, aux côtés d'autres sujets d'intérêts pour ses lecteurs.

Avec mes meilleurs souhaits,
et demeurez en santé !!!
Helena

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XX ISA World Congress of Sociology



Resurgent Authoritarianism:
*Sociology of New Entanglements of
Religions, Politics, and Economies*

Melbourne, Australia | June 25-July 1, 2023
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
www.isa-sociology.org



XX ISA World Congress of Sociology

Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies

Helena Serra and Lara Maestriperi participated, as RC52 delegates, in the Assembly of Councils of the ISA held on 1 May 2021. At this meeting, the Assembly of Councils of the ISA agreed to postpone the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology to 2023. More information can be found at:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023>

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RC52 Events in 2021



REPORT FROM IV ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY

Thank you to the Programme Coordinators (Debby Bonnin and Lara Maestripereri), all session organisers and participants for a very successful IV ISA Forum for RC52.

In total RC52 contributed to 18 sessions and a total of 79 papers were presented. We were allocated 16 sessions (including the Business Meeting), twelve sessions were organised by RC52, additionally we hosted three joint sessions with RC01 (Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution), RC17 (Sociology of Organisations) and RC30 (Sociology of Work). A further three joint sessions were hosted by RC15 (Sociology of Health). Two sessions were held in Spanish/English, one session in Spanish/English/French and one in French/English.

Three invited sessions were organised. The Programme Coordinators organised a session titled *Professions Facing the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century: A World Perspective* where six papers were presented. Alexandra Vinson the RC52 representative of Early Career Researchers/PhD Students organised a session at which three papers were presented. Lastly there was an *Open Session*.

The RC52 Business Meeting on 25 February 2021 was preceded by a Board Meeting. At the Business Meeting, the Board presented the activities of RC52 since the last Business Meeting held at the Interim Conference in Florence (July 2019). The Financial Report indicated that RC52 had US\$4,314 at the time of the last report made at the Business Meeting in Florence. US\$1,128 was spent on travel grants for the Interim Meeting and US\$940 has been received in affiliation fees. The Membership Report indicated that RC52 has 104 members, of which 74 percent are from A Countries and 13 percent from B and C countries respectively.



RC52 WEBINAR SERIES

Since its launch in late 2020 the RC52 webinar series has been progressing with much success. Many thanks are due to the various convenors, chairs and presenters and to Lara Maestriperi for her logistical support.

There have been a variety of interesting presentations.

The Health Professions Workforce under COVID-19 (17 November 2020)

- Coordinator and chair Tracey Adams (University of Toronto)
- Presenters Tania Jenkins (University of North Carolina) *COVID-19 as a Global Stressor for Medical Professionals* and Ellen Kuhlmann (Medical School Hannover) *The COVID-19 pandemic as focal glass of professionalisation processes: the cases of nursing and public health in Germany*
- Registered 111 participants

RC52 Ph.D. Workshop: Qualitative Research during Covid-19 (17 December 2020)

- Coordinator Alexandra Vinson (University of Michigan)
- Chair Jean-Luc Bédard (TÉLUQ University)
- Presenters Lara Maestriperi (Politecnico di Milano) and Alexandra Vinson (University of Michigan)
- Registered 52 participants

COVID19 Gender and Race in Professions (25 March 2021)

- Coordinator and chair Tracey Adams (University of Western Ontario)
- Presenters Nicky LeFeuvre (University of Lausanne) *Dissatisfied, but not discouraged: The effects of gender discrimination on the job satisfaction and quitting intentions of French female lawyers* and Elizabeth H. Gorman (University of Virginia) *Skill Development Practices and Racial-Ethnic Diversity in Elite US Law Firms*
- Registered 70 participants

Current challenges to professions in the context of academia (27 May 2021)

- Coordinator and chair Helena Serra (NOVA University of Lisbon)
- Presenters Teresa (Carvalho, University of Aveiro and CIPES) *The Knowledge Society and the emergence of new professional groups – A case from Portugal* and Taru Siekkinen (University of Jyväskylä) *COVID-19's impact on Finnish University Leadership*
- Registered 50 participants

Enjeux actuels touchant des groupes professionnels au Québec (14 June 2021)

- Responsable Jean-Luc Bédard (Université TÉLUQ)
- Presenters Monica Schlobach & Danic Ostiguy (Collège de Maisonneuve) *Cartographie des parcours de professionnalisation d'ingénieurs formés à l'étranger au Québec: ressources et stratégies mobilisées* et Nancy Côté & Andrew Freeman (Université Laval) *Identité*

professionnelle et sens du travail : le cas des cadres intermédiaires du réseau de la santé au Québec

- Registered 15 participants

NOTICES

News from the ESA Research Network 19 (Sociology of Professions)



European Sociological Association 15th Congress

31 August – 3 September 2021, Barcelona (or online)

Professional Knowledge for Alternative Futures

The Conference will take place fully online. The schedule for the 15th ESA conference in Barcelona (online) is now available <https://www.europeansociology.org/about-esa-2021-barcelona-online/schedule>

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the Higher Education and Healthcare Sectors Worldwide: Implications for Research, Teaching, Learning and Practice in the Healthcare Professions - in *Professions and Professionalism*

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The coronavirus pandemic has had a tremendous impact on people's lives, countries' economies, and the higher education and healthcare sectors across the world. In this thematic issue, we explore the impact of Covid-19 crisis on higher education and healthcare sectors and its implications for research, teaching, learning and practice in the healthcare professions worldwide. Firstly, we focus on the financial impact of Covid-19 on universities, through the potential loss of many healthcare students, and a decrease in research work and subsequent income. Secondly, we focus on the impact on professionalism in healthcare teaching, through the increase of staff workloads, and the abrupt shift from face-to-face to remote and digital teaching with staff having to transition to new modes of delivery without appropriate structured and extensive training or support. Thirdly, we focus on the impact on university student experience and learning, with healthcare student population having to abruptly readjust to new learning environments, timetables, resources, and modes of assessment, and potentially avoiding entering healthcare professions such as medicine, nursing, health support workers and healthcare assistants. Lastly, we focus on the impact of the pandemic on the healthcare workforce, with increasing levels of presenteeism and burnout.

We welcome abstract submissions for scholarly articles that include, but are certainly not limited to, the following topics:

- the impact of Covid-19 crisis to the analysis of professionalism, or ways of organising work and controlling healthcare workers and higher education staff involved in healthcare degrees;
- the consequences of coronavirus pandemic for the development of healthcare professions, some of them with already a precarious and fragile status;
- the consequences of coronavirus pandemic for the quality of present and future healthcare professional work, with the shift to digital learning, training and practice;
- the increasing presenteeism, staff burnout, grief, loss, fear, fatigue, anxiety and mental health problems among healthcare workforce and higher education staff involved in healthcare degrees;
- the extent to which national governments have supported the higher education and healthcare sectors to overcome these challenges.

The deadline for all abstract submissions is 1 October 2021. All submitted papers will be subject to our standard independent peer-review. We kindly ask authors to send abstract submissions (300 words, in English) to Joana.Almeida@Beds.ac.uk and nelfel@uol.com.br

The selected papers will be published in a special issue of the journal in 2022.
For journal submission details see: <https://journals.oslomet.no/index.php/pp>

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER NETWORK

The RC52 Early Career Researcher Network is coordinated by Board Member Alexandra Vinson. All ECR's (grad students, postdocs and anyone who received their PhD in the last five years) should contact her at ahvinson@umich.edu. You will then be added to the ECR mailing list and directly included in future announcements.

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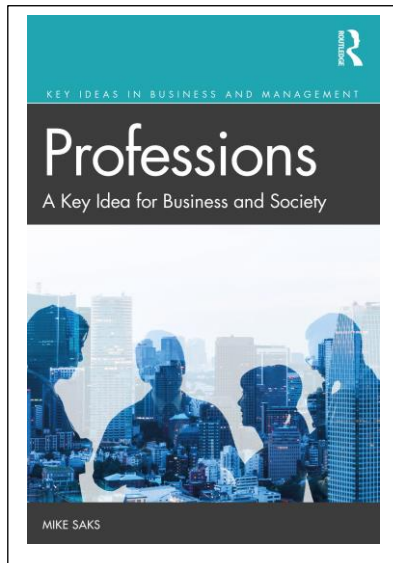
The mailing list of ISA RC52 is now available for subscription at: <http://bit.ly/RC52listSubscription>. The mailing list is the new official news channel of ISA RC52, in compliance with GDPR regulation of European Union. Please subscribe to the mailing list if you want to be updated about our initiatives and to keep receiving the ISA RC52 newsletter.

NEWSLETTER AND BLOG CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the *RC52 Newsletter* are very welcome. These could feature news, new developments in the field, call for papers, publications, forthcoming events including conferences, report-backs. Anything that you think might be of interest to members and help fulfil the objectives of RC52. Please email, as a word document, your contribution to the Newsletter Editor Debby Bonnin debby.bonnin@up.ac.za

Remember the ISA-RC52 Blog Please remember that you can post any news with relevance for the ISA-RC52 community and beyond on our blog! It could be call for papers, news on publications, or notes on events and developments in your part of the world. Send your contribution to blog editor Gitte Sommer Harrits at isa52.blog@gmail.com. And follow the blog at www.researchcommittee52.wordpress.com.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications



M. Saks (2021). Professions. A Key Idea for Business and Society. Routledge.

<https://doi.org/10.4324/9780429465802>

Professions and professionalism have played an integral part in business and society. In this book, Mike Saks provides a thorough overview of this field through an analysis of a range of professions, including, amongst others, accountants, doctors and lawyers.

The book offers a critical analysis of such privileged occupational groups in modern societies. Anticipating a positive if changing role for such groups in the years ahead, the book outlines conflicting theoretical perspectives on professions and discusses current developments in an accessible, multi-disciplinary style. The book documents their

evolution and contemporary transformation from medieval guilds to fullyfledged professions and international professional service firms, while pointing a path towards their future in the world of work and beyond.

With insights into the recent challenges provided by clients, citizens, the state and corporations in neo-liberal societies, Professions provides a concise overview that will be essential reading for students, academics and others interested in the operation of these key occupational groups in business and society.

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The latest issue of the Journal of Professions and Organizations Volume 8 Issue 1 March 2021 is available at

<https://academic.oup.com/jpo/issue/8/1>

The editor-in-chief David M. Brock shared the following update from the journal. "JPO is going strong! Currently in our 8th year, with a 2020 Cite score of 3.3, enjoying a surge in submissions, yet maintaining our traditional fast and constructive review processes.

We are excited to welcome Swethaa Ballakrishnen from the University of California, Irvine, to the JPO Editorial Team as a Consulting Editor. Swethaa is an award winning

researcher, and recipient of JPO's "Best Paper Award" for "'She Gets the Job Done': Entrenched Gender Meanings and New Returns to Essentialism in India's Elite Professional Firms" (<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/jox009>).

The first JPO issue of 2021 contained ground-breaking papers by Juani Swart, David Cross, Masashi Goto, Marie Leth Meilvang, Jan-Luuk Hoff, Marlot Kuiper, Luca Sabini, Steve Paton, Andreas Liljegren, Johan Berlin, Stefan Szucs and Staffan Höjer

The second 2021 issue will be published soon, and will feature a return to the "Connective Professionalism" forum published this time last year (see <https://academic.oup.com/jpo/issue/7/2>). This year's forum will feature contributions by Johan Alvehus, Netta Avnoon, David Brock, James Faulconbridge, Lasse Folke Henriksen, Mirko Noordegraaf, Amalya Oliver, and Leonard Seabrooke.

A promotion that might be of interest to you and your students: A collection of "Articles with impact" (see <https://academic.oup.com/jpo/pages/articles-with-impact>) which will be free-to-air for the next few months.

Finally, wishing you and yours a healthy and safe summer, and looking forward to returning to a healthier and safer world very soon! David"

Madhan Balasubramanian and Stephanie Short have edited a special issue of the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. **The Future Health Workforce: Integrated Solutions and Models of Care** brings together research that debates and provides innovative health workforce solutions directed towards meeting population needs, mainly through integrated solutions or models of care. There are also papers that cover challenges at an education or regulatory level. This special issue features a compelling range of research that spreads across the health professions, including medicine, nursing, dentistry, and allied health. This edition embraces quantitative as well as qualitative research approaches, as well as methodological pluralism and a rapid review. A hallmark of each article is methodological rigor, and it includes research conducted with health workforce groups dealing with different conditions in a range of contexts and countries including the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, Sweden, South Korea, Japan, China, and Brazil. The special issue features 13 papers.
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/special_issues/Future_Health_Workforce

Karolina Parding, Andrea Bellini, Lara Maestriperi have edited a Special Issue of Professions and Professionalism with the theme *Heterogeneity Among Professions and Professionals* <https://journals.oslomet.no/index.php/pp/issue/view/437>

P & PROFESSIONS PROFESSIONALISM

Professions and Professionalism (P&P) is an open-access online journal that invites research-based empirical, theoretical or synoptic articles focusing on traditional professions as well as other knowledge based occupational groups approached from any perspective or discipline. The journal creates a space for development of the research field, prioritizing no single theoretical horizon or methodological approach. All articles are peer-reviewed.

The latest issue Vol 11, No 1 (2021): Heterogeneity Among Professions and Professionals

Editorial

[Heterogeneity Among Professions and Professionals](#)

Karolina Parding, Andrea Bellini, Lara Maestripietri

Articles

[Shared Spaces or Shelters for Precarious Workers? Coworking Spaces in Italy](#)

Carolina Pacchi, Ilaria Mariotti

[The Academic Profession in Neoliberal Times: A Gendered View](#)

Camilla Gaiaschi

[Local Broadcast Journalists and the Trap of Professional Heterogeneity](#)

Clementina Casula

[Client Professionalization, a Resource for Heterogeneous Professionals: For a Pluralistic Account of Corporate Professions](#)

Scarlett Salman

[Labor Insertion of Italian Professionals in Valencia: Between Emerging and Traditional Professions](#)

Anna Giulia Ingellis, Fernando Osvaldo Esteban

[The Challenging Integration Paths of Migrant Health Professionals: The Case of Filipino and Indian Nurses in the UK](#)

Davide Calenda, Andrea Bellini

Indexing

The journal is included in Scopus and EBSCO Sociology Source Ultimate indexes.

For further information, registration with the journal, downloading and submission of articles access: www.professionsandprofessionalism.com

ISA RC52 Blog

The ISA RC52 blog researchcommittee52.wordpress.com has been available online for the past two years and provides a space where all those interested in professions can participate and put a step forward in the debate about professions.

PhD students and early career researchers are especially invited to participate, but the blog is open to everybody who is interested in the sociology of professions. It welcomes notices (max 1000 words) about professions in Europe and in the world, in which RC52 members and non-members can present their recent work in the field of sociology of professions and/or exchange of research findings. There are three main sections:

- **Conferences:** write about your national and international forthcoming conferences on professions
- **Publications:** present your recent books about relevant topics for RC52.
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