

# XX ISA World Congress of Sociology



**Resurgent Authoritarianism:**  
*Sociology of New Entanglements of  
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## **Former ISA Presidents Session: History of ISA and its twenty World Congresses of Sociology**

Former ISA Presidents Session, organised by the Program Committee, will be held at 15:30-17:20 Melbourne, Australia, local time on June 28

In July 2023 in Melbourne, we are celebrating the twentieth ISA World Congress of Sociology. To highlight this important anniversary, Sari Hanafi focused part of his Presidential Project on publishing abstracts of all previous Congresses and updating the outstanding work of Jennifer Platt's *History of ISA 1948-1997*. Two studies were commissioned. One was conducted by Gisèle Sapiro looking at plenaries and programs of selected Research Committees at past Congresses and analyzing their changing forms and contents in terms of topics, theories and methodologies. The second study was conducted by Tom Dwyer to update the *History of ISA* from 1997 until today.

In addition to the two presentations by Sapiro and Dwyer, former ISA Presidents will comment on the two studies.