Professional Development sessions will be held at 19:30 – 20:50 on Monday through Thursday, June 26-29, 2023

In Conversation with Senior Sociologists: Making Connections, Bridging Generations
Session organizers: Filomin Gutierrez, Chih-Jou Jay Chen, Elina Oinas

This professional development session brings together established senior sociologists and early career sociologists from different global regions. In a roundtable of a small group of early career sociologists the senior sociologists discuss their biographical, professional, and epistemological journeys as sociologists—from how they started in sociology to insights on doing research and publishing. Senior and junior sociologists then discuss with each other topics such as navigating the constraints of a career in the academe and collaborating with other scholars, or engaging publics to foster change in society. This professional development session aims to enhance dialogue among a global community of early career and senior sociologists.

In groups of ten in a roundtable, senior sociologists are matched with early career sociologists based on their research interest. Slots to the session are open to ISA Student Members and early career sociologists who will be participating in the Congress in person.

Getting Active with the United Nations
Session Organizers: Jan Fritz, Rosemary Barberet

The United Nations has many divisions and activities all over the world. This panel will discuss the activities of the official ISA representation to the UN in New York City and also feature a few individuals and ISA constituent groups (Research Committees, National Associations, Thematic Groups, Working Groups) that are actively involved in some way in UN activities around the world. Individuals already active with the UN are encouraged to attend the session and share their experiences. Those individuals and ISA divisions that would like to be involved are also strongly encouraged to attend this session. The open discussion with those who attend will provide additional ideas about increasing the participation of sociologists in UN activities.