Porto Alegre, February 26th 2021
IV ISA Forum of Sociology 2021
“Democracy, Environment, Inequalities: challenges for the world of work”

Business Meeting
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3. Contribution of regional coordinators
4. ISA 2022 in Melbourne (only 16 months away)
5. Collective and open discussion about activities
6. Informal and joyful time together
The RC30 members: a short review
Board Members

**President:** Maria Eugenia Longo  
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*Current Board (2018-2022):*

- Guzel Rimovna BAIMURZINA, Russian Academy of Sciences, **Russia** *(Delegate for Russia region)*
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- Isil ERDINC, Université Paris-Dauphine, **France** *(Delegate for Turkey region)*
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- Ndeshi NAMUPALA, University of Namibia, **Namibia** *(Delegate for African region)*
- Ernesto NORONHA, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, **India**
- Jose Ricardo RAMALHO, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), **Brazil** *(Delegate for South America region)*
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- Diane Gabrielle TREMBLAY, Université TÉLUQ, **Canada**
- Byoung-Hoon LEE, Chung-Ang University, **Republic of Korea**
- Federica VIGANO, University of Bolzano, **Italy**.
RC30 Active members (on Feb 2021) : 146
A « rich countries » overrepresentation?

Worth noticing that:
- no member from North Africa at the moment...
- India is quite well represented in the Asia category, unlike China...
- important countries like Argentina and Chile are almost absent in the Latin America region, etc.

Active members by regions:
- Western countries members overrepresented... in spite of a high representation of Asia and Latin America.
ISA membership by TYPE OF COUNTRIES:
about 70% of members from A countries

Current data of active members on Feb 18 2021

Members

A

B

C

Countries

69.2

24.0

6.8
➢ By status/position: data not available for a substantial part of the sample...

But it seems that very few PhD candidates and Postdoc academics are represented

**Current POSITION of RC30 members**

- Unknown: 83
- Postdoc: 4
- PhD candidate: 7
- Other: 52
Activities (2018-2021)

- Addressing the inclusiveness of B and C countries
- Supporting junior sociologists
- Reinforcing RC30 participation in key conferences
- Developing RC30 communication and relationships between members
In 2019, we were asked by the ISA presidency about B&C countries (goal: to increase inclusiveness within the ISA)

Opportunity for us to review the situation: actions that were done and progress to achieve

Demographics: quantitative data reveal a continuity in the “country profile” of new members along the last two decades (1998-2018)

Only 1/3 of new members coming from B and C countries

... But, through a qualitative approach, the RC30 has actually been attracting very active and committed members from Latin America and B and C countries.
➢ The influence of “south” issues on the core topics of the RC30: industrial work was relocated, sociologists from A countries may have been more interested in other kinds of sociologies...

➢ The Board:
- Actions done during each Forum and Congress to welcome new members in the Board… while trying to maintain a balance between historical coherence and renewal
- In Toronto, we wished to have a “broader Board” including Regional Coordinators, to create some dynamics around the RC30 in their region between each big event of the ISA.

➢ During the Forum/congresses:
- For 10 years, organization of round-tables about the region where the Forum takes place. A great idea for the Forum in Porto Alegre…. that was unfortunately cancelled!
- Giving some responsibilities to young researchers from B and C countries in organizing some sessions
- Organization of regional or thematic round-tables/sessions (e.g: on Africa in Toronto + on Brazil, Latin America and Russia in the Forum of this week)

➢ Grants to facilitate the participation of members from B and C countries
Supporting junior sociologists

- Invited Session including junior sociologists:
  - Encourage junior sociologists as presenters in central discussions of RC30. Ex: Labour Reforms In Latin América

- Grants for juniors sociologists
  - Prioritize registration grants for juniors colleagues of a B or C country
  - Pay Membership to a junior sociologist from a B country (Argentine)
Reinforcing RC30 international participation in key conferences

- **ILO 100th Anniversary** (Russia) in February 2019, invited by Guzel Baimurzina

- **ILPC Conference** (Austria): presentation of the activities of the RC30

- **ALAST Congress** (Colombia) organized by the Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios del Trabajo...
Developing RC30 communication and relationships between members

► We launched our RC30 Newsletter! called **WoW – Work in the World!**
► 4 issues since 2019!
► Feel free to send your ideas, latest publications... to flora.bajard@gmail.com
The Facebook page
Funds

- Affiliation fees
- Grants
- Registration grants
- Expenses
RC30 CURRENT FUNDS (A+B-C): 11 213 €

- **A- AFFILIATION FEES : 13 352 €**
  - Collected at the ISA Secretariat (22 fev 2021): 7352 €
  - Received from ISA (since July 2018): 6000 €

- **B- GRANTS : 700 €**
  - Obtained for activities B/C countries: 700 €

- **C- EXPENSES (RC30 activities): 2839 €**
  - ISA Congress 2018 (Toronto): Invited session and Business meeting cocktail and dinner: 508 €
  - RC30 participation to ILO 100th Anniversary 2019 (Ufa): 2 flights and 1 hotel for 4 RC30 representatives: 2230 €
  - ISA (virtual) Forum Porto Alegre 2021: grant membership for junior sociologist in B country: 100.5 €

REGISTRATION GRANTS managed by ISA (proposed by RC30) : 12

- 11 (1913 USD) ISA Registration grants for participants at ISA Forum 2021
- 1 (313 USD) ISA Registration grant for a Program Coordinator at ISA Forum 2021
The impact of the pandemia on the RC30 Program
ISA Forum (in person), July 2020:

- 287 abstracts received!
- **19 sessions were scheduled** (hosted by RC30):
  - 2 joints sessions *(RC24 Environment and Society + RC34 Sociology of Youth)*
  - 2 invited sessions *(Latin America; Brazil)*
  - 14 regular sessions
  - Business meeting
- **Additional 8 joint sessions** (hosted by others RC)

... But all this was cancelled!
ISA Forum (online), February 2020:

- **Difficulties** during the autumn
- **17 sessions** (hosted by RC30)
  - 2 joint sessions (RC48 Social Movements, RC34 Sociology of Youth)
  - 2 invited sessions (Labour reforms in America Latina in the New Century, Brazil in the Changing Context of Work)
  - 13 regular sessions
  - business meeting

- **5 additional joint sessions** (hosted by other RCs): RC32 (gender), RC52 (professions), RC25 (language & society), RC34 (youth)

Until now... 75 presentations, 300 participants in sessions
ISA Forum (online) mourning
Labor Reforms in Latin-America: an inspiring and intelligent session with winds of hope also...

Work intensification & Family: a massive session in time of virtuality!

Regionalization, migration...: International, young and exciting quality session!

Beyond the Factory Gates...

Non Standard Work I & II: massive, incredible, reflective!

Digital Work, Professions...

Russia on the… : In the 50th anniversary of RC30, we honored our first and Russian president with this session!

Brazil in the Changing Context: A luxuriant open RC30 session!

Precarious Youth: 2 joints successfull sessions!

Work intensity: 2 joints successfull sessions!
ISA Forum (online) bloopers

Comical faces

Possibility of bringing one’s cat in a scientific conference

Ridiculous and sensitive Zoom transcriptions

Virtual cakes!

Most people are somewhat for two state title Allah so Allah sweating blood type stuff sabra sisterna de la casa de.

Le lun. 22 févr. 2021 à

Dear Flora and Deplhine,

Thanks for you mail and excuse me but I'm quite a bit "lost". This is a conference? I don't remember to be part of something about perhaps I'm missing things. including that I lost all emails before september 2020 due to a very adequate problem with my email.

Can you please, remind me the name of the conference, or my type of participation?
Contribution of regional coordinators

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**Theme**: “Resurgent authoritarianism: sociology of new entanglements of religions, politics, and economies”

Let’s dream a little bit! 😊

Https://youtu.Be/kyrdlq812c0
Discussion: RC30 actions and issues for the future?

Topics for next WC?
Assessment on virtuality
Members: How to increase diversity and inclusion?
Activities: Improve RC30 presence and/or information?
Others?
Topics for next WC?
- Old topics (Migrations, Labour conditions, Social mouvements and Unions...)
- New topics (Digital work...)
- Topics coming back (Temporalities under intensity/intensification...)
- Continuing with successful friendship with others committees (RC48 Social Mouvements ; RC34 Youth ; RC25 Language...)
- New friends: RC24 Environment
- ... other ideas/wishes ?

Assessment on virtuality?
Next congress in Melbourne... but what if it turn to be online as well ?

Members: How to increase diversity and inclusion?
- Country and regions
- Junior positions

Activities : Improve RC30 presence and/or information?
- Participation in regional/international events
- Tools to keep in touch (Wow, FB)

Others ?
Cheers!

(good memories from Russia :-)