

Dear colleagues,

Before ending this very busy year, one last letter with some information and an invitation to join a Research Council meeting in January to share and discuss information about the elections that will take place in the ISA in 2023, both at the RC/WG/TG level and for the next ISA Executive Committee. Other important points on our agenda include a new opportunity for RC/WG/TG to collaborate with the UN.

- ➔ Please have a look at proposed agenda below of the Research Council meeting below and let me know if you would like another issue to be added.
- ➔ Please reply to the doodle survey before December 30th to find the best suitable day. (One delegate per RC/WG/TG. Please reply by indicating the number of your RC (e.g. RC44 or WG06) and your name <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dwVQjIRb>)
- ➔ Take a few minutes to read the synthesis of the Research Council consultation about the 2025 ISA Forum and help us in diffusing the call for bids.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the RC/WG/TG presidents, board members and program coordinators for the time and energy you have dedicated to activities connected to the ISA during 2022. Without your visible and invisible work, the RCs and our world congress would not exist. The pandemic and its aftermath made it a very busy year.

I wish you all a very happy end of 2022 and am glad that this new year will finally provide us with an opportunity to meet in personal, at the World Congress!

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1. Balance of the RCC and the Research Council consultations on the 2025 ISA Forum of Sociology & decisions by the EC.

In September and October 2022, the EC-RCC and the RC/WG/TG were consulted about the online or on-site organization of the 2025 ISA Forum. An overwhelming majority favored a “presential” Forum, with some possibilities to participate online.

- ➔ A synthesis of the consultation and of the vote will be available on the ISA website in the next few days.
- ➔ The consultation has resulted in some improvements in the call.
- ➔ The call for bids for hosting the V ISA Forum of Sociology 2025 is available at <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/call-for-bids/cfb-isa-forum>
Would your university be a strong candidate to host the next Forum? Have a look at the call and help us diffusing it.

2. January 2023 Research Council: agenda proposal

This meeting will be mostly dedicated to the rules and preparation of the elections that will take place at the ISA Congress in Melbourne (or before in some RCs).

1. RC/WG/TG internal election
 - a. Reminder of the main rules
 - b. Exchange of good practices (please send me an e-mail if you would like to share some good practice in your RC)
 - c. Q&A

2. Information and Q&A about the nominations of candidates for the election of the ISA Executive Committee 2023-2027
The World Congress is the occasion for electing 8 representatives of the Council of National Associations and 8 representatives of the Research Council, who will constitute the next Executive Committee.

3. Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA): information, implications for RCs & Q&A

4. New collaborations with the United Nation Special Rapporteurs
(see below)

The next Research Council meeting will take place in March. We will notably welcome the new editor of Global Dialogue, Breno Bringel, who is the current president of RC47.

3. New initiative to collaborate with the UN

A concrete way to work with the UN is to collaborate with the reports written by the 8 UN Special Rapporteurs.

Together with Olivier de Schutter, the UN Rapporteur on poverty, we are working on a process that would allow RC/WG/TG to collaborate to thematic reports. The formula will be tested with the UN Special Rapporteur report on the role of unions and workers' alliances in the struggle against poverty, with a focus on contributions from the Global South.

We will further develop some modalities of this collaboration proposal in the next VP Research letter. Olivier de Schutter will join us at the Research Council meeting.