

Newsletter of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 15 (Sociology of Health) – July 2022

English version

Greetings from the President of International Sociological Association, RC15 Sociology of Health

Miwako Hosoda, Seisa University, Japan



The world situation is tense, conflicts, invasions, coups d'etat and genocide are taking place in various places, and the number of refugees and displaced people is increasing every year. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the number of refugees and displaced persons has exceeded 100 million. The COVID-19 pandemic has also afflicted people around the world, and – although the development of the COVID-19 vaccine has helped to improve the situation – vaccination rates have plateaued, mutant strains have re-emerged, and the situation does not appear to be under control. In Japan, a former prime minister was murdered with a homemade gun.

Security and peace seem to be threatened in many parts of the world. This is why we believe that discussion, fraternity, and tolerance will be increasingly recognized as important. What academics can do may be limited, but we would like to do what we can to help the world move in the right direction.

I believe that the ISA is a place where sociological researchers from around the world can gather to share these social issues and continue the dialogue. The 20th ISA World Congress of Sociology will be held in Melbourne, Australia, June 25-July 1, 2023. It will be a hybrid format with in-person and online sessions. The theme of the Congress is "Resurgent Authoritarianism: New Relationships between Religion, Politics, Economics and Sociology".

I am very pleased to announce that RC15 has been able to construct 23 sessions at the Melbourne conference. My sincere thanks to the organizers, Mike, Nelson and Farah. I look forward to discussing with you the new pathways sociology can take in today's confusing world and to exploring the meaning of the discipline.

Best wishes,

Miwako Hosoda

Japanese version

世界社会学会 RC15 健康社会学 会長からのご挨拶 細田満和子(日本、星槎大学)

世界情勢が緊迫し、様々なところで紛争、侵略、クーデター、虐殺が起き、難民や避難民の数は年々増えています。国連難民高等弁務官事務所の発表では、難民や避難民は1億人を超したとのことです。これは10年前には想像できなかった危機的な事態です。COVID-19のパンデミックも、世界の人々を苦しめました。COVID-19ワクチンの開発によって状況改善が図られてきましたが、ワクチンの接種率は頭打ちになっていたり、変異株が再び出てきたりと、なかなか収束とはいかないようです。日本では、元首相が手製の銃で殺害されるという事態もありました。

世界のいろいろなところで安全や平和が脅かされているようです。だからこそ話し合い、友愛、寛容性といったものがますます重要と認識されると思います。学問のできることは限られているかもしれませんが、世界が少しでも良い方向に向かうように、できることをしていきたいと思います。

ISAは世界の社会学研究者が集まり、このような社会の問題を共有し、対話を続けていく場だと思います。第20回ISA World Congress of Sociologyは、2023年6月25日から7月1日にかけて、オーストラリアのメルボルンで開催されます。対面とオンラインとのハイブリッド形式の予定です。大会のテーマは、「復活する権威主義：宗教・政治・経済と社会学との新たな関係」です。

このメルボルン大会で、RC15が23のセッションを立てることができたことをご報告でき、とても嬉しく思います。オーガナイザーのマイク、ネルソン、ファラに心から感謝します。混迷する現代社会において、社会学と社会との新しい関わり方を追求し、学問的意味を探究するため、皆様と議論ができますことを楽しみにしております

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Italian version

Saluti dal Presidente dell'International Sociological Association, RC15 Sociology of Health

Miwako Hosoda, Università di Seisa, Giappone

La situazione mondiale è caratterizzata da tensione, conflitti, invasioni, colpi di stato e genocidi che hanno luogo in vari contesti, e il numero di rifugiati e sfollati sta aumentando ogni anno. Secondo l'Alto Commissariato per I Rifugiati delle Nazioni Unite, il numero di rifugiati e sfollati ha superato i 100 milioni. La pandemia di COVID-19 ha pure colpito le persone nel mondo, e – nonostante lo sviluppo del vaccino per il COVID-19 abbia contribuito a migliorare la situazione – I tassi di vaccinazioni si sono stabilizzati, dei ceppi mutanti sono riemersi, e la situazione non appare essere sotto controllo. In Giappone, il precedente primo ministro è stato assassinato con una pistola fatta in casa.

Sicurezza e pace sembrano essere minacciate in molte parti del mondo. Ciò spiega perchè riteniamo che la discussione, la fraternità e la tolleranza siano sempre più riconosciuti come importanti. Ciò che gli accademici possono fare è limitato, ma vorremmo fare il possibile per aiutare il mondo a muoversi nella giusta direzione.

Ritendo che l'ISA rappresenti un luogo dove I sociologi da tutto il mondo possono ritrovarsi per condividere questi problemi sociali e continuare a dialogare.

Il XX Congresso Mondiale di Sociologia si terrà a Melbourne, Australia, dal 25 giugno al 1 luglio 2023. Sarà in modalità ibrida con sessioni in presenza e online. Il tema del Congresso è “L'autoritarismo risorgente: nuove relazioni tra religione, politica, economia e sociologia”.

Sono assai felice di annunciare che il RC15 è stato in grado di organizzare 23 sessioni alla conferenza di Melbourne. I miei sinceri ringraziamenti agli organizzatori, Mike, Nelson e Farah. Non vedo l'ora di discutere con voi i nuovi percorsi che la sociologia può intraprendere nel mondo confuso di oggi e di esplorare il significato della disciplina.

Auguri,

Miwako Hosoda

Portuguese version

Saudações da Presidente da Associação Internacional de Sociologia, RC15 Sociologia da Saúde

Miwako Hosoda, Universidade de Seisa, Japão

A situação mundial é tensa, conflitos, invasões, golpes de estado e genocídios ocorrem em vários lugares, e o número de refugiados e deslocados aumenta a cada ano. De acordo com o Alto Comissariado das Nações Unidas para os Refugiados, o número de refugiados e deslocados ultrapassou 100 milhões. A pandemia de COVID-19 também afligiu pessoas em todo o mundo e – embora o desenvolvimento da vacina para a COVID-19 tenha ajudado a melhorar a situação – as taxas de vacinação se estabilizaram, as cepas mutantes ressurgiram e a situação não parece estar controlada. No Japão, um ex-primeiro-ministro foi assassinado com uma arma caseira.

A segurança e a paz parecem estar ameaçadas em muitas partes do mundo. Por isso acreditamos que a discussão, a fraternidade e a tolerância serão cada vez mais reconhecidas como importantes. O que os acadêmicos podem fazer pode ser limitado, mas gostaríamos de fazer o que pudermos para ajudar o mundo a se mover na direção certa.

Eu acredito que a ISA é um lugar onde sociólogos de todo o mundo podem se reunir para compartilhar essas questões sociais e continuar o diálogo. O 20º Congresso Mundial de Sociologia da ISA será realizado em Melbourne, Austrália, de 25 de junho a 1º de julho de 2023. Será um formato híbrido com sessões presenciais e online. O tema do Congresso é "Autoritarismo Ressurgente: Novas Relações entre Religião, Política, Economia e Sociologia".

Estou muito feliz em anunciar que o RC15 conseguiu construir 23 sessões na conferência de Melbourne. Meus sinceros agradecimentos aos organizadores, Mike, Nelson e Farah. Estou ansiosa para discutir com você os novos caminhos que a sociologia pode tomar no mundo confuso de hoje e explorar o significado da disciplina.

Muitas felicidades,

Miwako Hosoda

Note of thanks for translations

Many thanks are again due for the translations in this edition of the Newsletter to Miwako Hosoda, Guido Giarelli and Nelson Barros.

XX ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA 25 JUNE - 1 JULY 2023 Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies



The next ISA World Congress is scheduled to take place on 25 June-1 July 2023

Overview

In terms of the overarching theme, the global rise of authoritarianism, as well as populism, xenophobia, and racism, makes our task as sociologists more crucial than ever. This dilemma is assisted by the gradual symbolic thickening of public culture through combinations of extreme nationalist and religious fervour underpin the Congress.

What is the best way to analyse global resurgent authoritarianism? In addition to dealing with the scars of the colonial era, a postcolonial approach should be supplemented with another approach; we need to find ways to diagnose and resist this resurgence. This approach should take into account how authoritarianism affects not only our societies, but also our knowledge production. The self-centred and unspoken have become more important than the told and argued. We are concerned not only with the hard authoritarianism that heralds the brutalization of society and politics, but also the soft authoritarianism that often thrives in the shadow of neoliberalism, as the state moves deftly in the open or in secret to devise modes of governance that shore up its power against popular discontent.

A special interest of our Congress is how to disaggregate the Western, but also sociological, assumption of secularism as inherent in modern society and at the same time analytically dissociate the state from religion. While this separation is still a crucial pathway toward democracy and citizenship, the process needs to be problematized. We particularly look forward to discussing the promising avenues of inquiry within sociology and related disciplines about what have been termed 'post-secular societies' and 'multiple secularities'.

Thus the Congress will focus on how sociologists worldwide can (and do) contribute to the understanding of the resurgent authoritarianism and analyse the new entanglements of religions, politics, and economies. It will also focus on how sociologists engage (physically and critically) in the formidable social movements we are witnessing today in different parts of the world and in a renascent civil society.

Session selection for ISA World Congress

Although we pleasingly received many more proposals than those listed and had difficult decisions to make given the ISA limit on the number of our sessions, the following RC15 sessions have been agreed by the Program Coordinators Mike Saks (m.saks@uos.ac.uk), Nelson Barros (nelfel@uol.com.br) and Farah Purwaningrum (fara.arum@gmail.com), together with five joint sessions with other RCs:

- Advances in Salutogenesis: New Applications for the Creation of Wellbeing
- COVID-19 Pandemic and Global Health Workforce Policies and Governance: Challenges and Issues at the Forefront (with RC52)
- Community Influences on Lifestyles and Health (with RC03)
- Cross-country Comparative Sociological Analyses of Covid-19 patient experiences: Insights from the DIPEX International Collaboration
- Digital Health Futures
- Enhancing the Dialogue between Science and Society: The Challenges of e-Health Care
- Inequalities in Health, Mental Health, and Discrimination
- Inequality in Health Care – Empirical Studies about Health Care Professions
- Knowledge Co-Production, Communities, Social Justice and Human Rights (with RC09)
- Language on Health under COVID-19 Pandemic (with RC25)
- National Health Systems and the State: The Experience of Practitioners and Patients
- Patients Participation and Transformation of Society
- Pharmaceuticalization of Society: Current Debates and Empirical Contributions
- Reproduction in the Current World: Focusing on Prenatal Testing and Abortion
- Social Dimensions of Public Health Activism: Global, National and Local Perspectives
- Sociology of Vaccines
- The Climate Crisis and Young People's Health and Well-Being (with RC34)
- The Entanglements of Religions, Health, and Political Economy in Africa
- The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the Social Construction of Health and Illness for and By Persons with Disabilities: Call for a Sociological Reflexivity
- The Response of Health Professions to Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Where Next for Sociological Alcohol Research?
- RC15 Business Meeting.

The process of abstract submission

The submission of abstracts is encouraged to all open sessions listed on the ISA Congress website. The submission stage began on **1 July 2022**, and will end on **30 September 2022 at 24:00 GMT**. Participants must submit abstracts online via the ISA Confex platform. Please do not miss the deadline, as this period will not be extended, and be aware of the following:

- One cannot submit more than two abstracts.
- One cannot submit the same abstract to two different sessions.
- The abstract text cannot contain more than 300 words and must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.
- It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract; any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.

- All changes/updates should be made via on-line system by 30 September 2022 24:00 GMT.
- Once abstracts have been accepted, no changes in authorship and text can be made.
- The author must specify a preferred format of presentation: on-site or virtual.
- Each abstract received on-line will be assigned an identification number.
- Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.
- There is a limit of 7 authors per abstract
- Authors and co-authors cannot present and chair in the same session
- Participants can be listed in the program only up to 2 times as author or co-author of abstracts.

After the deadline has passed, abstracts will be selected from 7 October to 7 November 2022 and relocated as necessary from 8 November to 25 November 2022. Submitters of abstracts will be notified by the ISA of the outcome of their submission on **2 December 2022**.

Hybridization at the ISA World Congress

As you are probably aware, the World Congress of Sociology 2023 will be in a hybrid form, however it is important to note that:

- Oral sessions will be a mix of in-person and virtual presenters, based on the presenters preference.
- Roundtable Sessions (concurrent running roundtable presentations in one room) will have in-person format only
- Poster Sessions will have in-person format only
- The ISA is very keen that as many participants as possible attend the conference in person and has set bounding rules about the extent of hybridization.

ISA membership grants for students

To support students attending the ISA World Congress of Sociology, the ISA Executive Committee has approved the creation of an ISA Solidarity Fund designed by the Finance and Membership Committee to boost student membership and to breach inequalities between sociologists in category A countries and those in categories B and C countries.

Grants will be paid from the ISA Reserve Fund. Each Research Committee, including RC15, can allocate ISA membership grants for students as follows:

- Up to 3 students from category A countries
- Up to 5 students from category B and C countries.

Research Committees are responsible for the selection of grantees and shall inform Izabela Barlinska, Executive Secretary, isa@isa-sociology.org, at their earliest convenience but no later than **15 December 2022**. If you are interested and eligible, please contact the RC15 Program Coordinators with your case by **8 December 2022** at the latest.

This deadline is set before the following one for applying for registration grants which are only available to ISA members.

Registration grants for ISA members

Funds allocated to each Research Committee for registration grants have been increased by 30%. How to apply: An e-mail requesting a registration grant must be sent by the participants

directly to the RC15 Program Coordinators by **31 January 2023**. Applications for a grant cannot be submitted to more than one RC/WG/TG. All ISA members in good standing, who are active participants in the program, are eligible to apply for a registration grant.

RC15 activity grant and other funding for the ISA World Congress

In addition, RC15 has received an activity grant of €1,540 and the Board has decided to use it (along with any other available funding) mainly to cover members' Congress registration fees. This will be allocated as appropriate to junior sociologists, participants from B and C category countries and RC15 Board members.

Payment of registration fees and further information

All program participants (paper givers, session organizers, chairs, and discussants, etc.) must pay the registration fee before **22 March 2023**. For further information about the Congress and its timescales, please see the ISA website.

The many attractions and delights of Melbourne and Victoria

To encourage you further to attend the World Congress in Melbourne, we are indebted to Sumit Kane, Associate Professor at the Nossal Institute for Global Health in the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health at the University of Melbourne, who has very kindly provided the following reasons to come to the Congress in person and to keep time aside to make the most of your trip down under.

He notes that Melbourne is the cultural capital of Australia, and offers a vast menu of interesting and fun experiences. There is always something going on in Melbourne – be it about food, music, art, film, or sport! Our city centre is called the CBD (the Central Business District) – and it is across the Yarra River from the ISA venue, with lots of theatres, cinemas, art galleries, museums, live music venues, restaurants, beautiful gardens, quirky markets to delight everyone's tastes, as well as walking trails.



Melbourne is home to people from over 200 countries, and you can get a taste of it all in the vibrant food scene, and in the many traditional markets (Queen Victoria Market and South Melbourne Market are 15-minute tram rides from the ISA venue). Melbourne's public transport is world class - the trams are free within the CBD limits!



You will definitely love Melbourne and will fall in love with its charms, but do not miss out on the many attractions of Victoria. Extend your stay at the ISA to enjoy the endless sandy beaches and breath-taking coastline, snow-capped mountains, stunning walking-hiking-biking trails, adventure sports, the unique wildlife sanctuaries and national parks, luxurious spas, and indulgent wineries.

You can do a range of day-trips in and around Melbourne:

- The Great Ocean Road is a must-do trip; hire a car or take one of the many bus tours. Just the ride is worth the trip, and if you add to the ride a trip to the Erskine Falls in the Great Otway National Park, you are in for an absolute feast - at the base of the falls, is a fantastic picnic spot.
- July is Skiing Season in Australia and the ski-slopes of Mount Buller, Mount Baw Baw are just 2-4 hours away from Melbourne!
- Within a couple of hours of Melbourne is the Yarra Valley wine-growing region famous for its cool-climate award-winning wines. Plan a day-trip, or an overnight stay at a vineyard of your choice – and enjoy the wonderful wines and great, fresh food.



Do also take some time off to soak in the many charms of Victoria – stay a few days in the many beautiful small towns and villages across the varied regions of Victoria, all within a few hours of Melbourne. And for those who truly want to make the most of the trip down under ... venture beyond Victoria, and you will have whole wonderful continent to discover!

BOOK SERIES

SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: FUTURE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTIONS

This series co-edited by Mike Saks and Mike Dent centres on the production of high quality, original work in the sociology of health professions with an innovative focus on the future directions of such professions. It covers a wide range of health professional areas, and interrelated health fields such as social care, medicine, nursing and allied health.

It is oriented towards final year/postgraduate students, academic lecturers and researchers, practitioners and policy makers. Its general aims are:

- To inform/stimulate debate about the sociology of health professions
- To influence policy development and practice in the fields concerned
- To make a significant contribution to thinking in the sociology of health
- To produce original national/international work of recognised high quality.

This is a reminder that proposals for future books in the series are invited. These should be submitted in the first instance to the series co-editors Mike Saks (m.saks@uos.ac.uk) and Mike Dent (Mike.Dent@staffs.ac.uk).

Currently published books in the series include:

- J. M. Chamberlain, M. Dent and M. Saks (eds) (2018) Professional Health Regulation in the Public Interest: International Perspectives.
- M. Saks (ed) (2020) Support Workers and the Health Professions in International Perspective: The Invisible Providers of Health Care.
- S. Nancarrow and A. Borthwick (2021) The Allied Health Professions: A Sociological Perspective.
- J-L. Denis, S. Germain, C. Régis and G. Veronesi (2022) Medical Doctors in Health Reform: A Comparative Study of England and Canada

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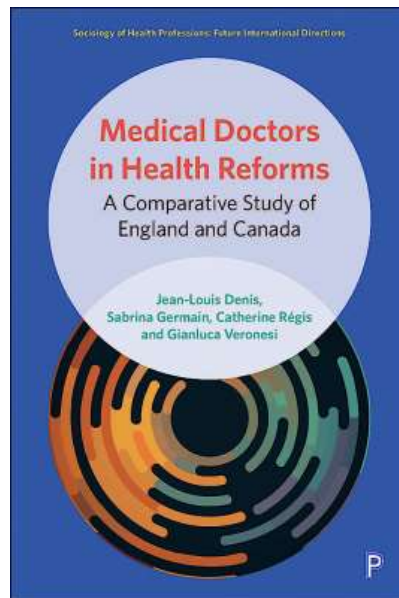
Associated with this, Mike Saks is Chair of the UN-endorsed Institute for Responsible Leadership which is actively seeking to recruit new members. For further details see its website: www.responsible-leadership.org.uk.

Mike is also editing the following book in association with the UN, which has considerable health relevance, and is scheduled for publication in paperback, e-book and hardback form in November 2022: Saks, M. (ed) (2022) *Responsible Leadership: Essential to Achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals*, Abingdon: Routledge.

NEW BOOKS

Medical Doctors in Health Reforms: A Comparative Study of England and Canada **Policy Press**

By Jean-Louis Denis, Sabrina Germain, Catherine Régis and Gianluca Veronesi



Discounts may be available as advertised on publisher's website

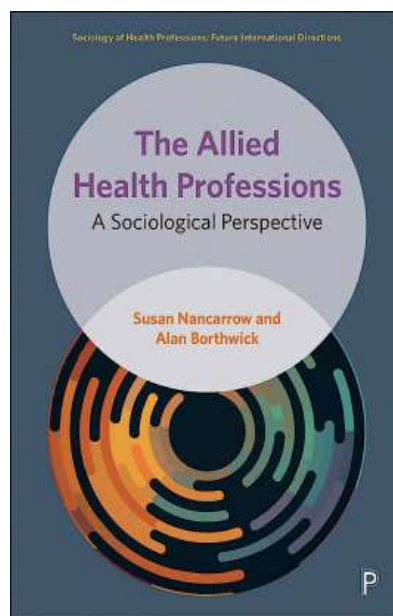
Overview

This timely comparative study published in 2022 assesses the role of medical doctors in reforming publicly funded health services in England and Canada. Respected authors from health and legal backgrounds on both sides of the Atlantic consider how the high status of the profession uniquely influences reforms. With summaries of developments in models of care, and the participation of doctors since the inception of publicly funded healthcare systems, they ask whether professionals might be considered allies or enemies of policy-makers. With insights for future health policy and research, the book is an important contribution to debates about the complex relationship between doctors and the systems in which they practice.

The link to access the promotional video for this book is: <https://youtu.be/DNGGAutUNU8>

The Allied Health Professions: A Sociological Perspective **Policy Press**

By Susan Nancarrow and Alan Borthwick



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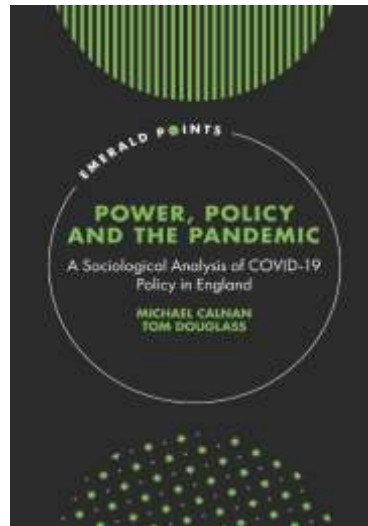
Overview

The allied health professions have gained legitimacy through the pursuit of research evidence and the standardisation of practice. Yet there remains very little analysis or understanding of these professions. Adopting theory from the sociology of health professions, this unique text published in 2021 explores the sociological, economic, political and philosophical pressures that have shaped the professions. Drawing on case studies and examples from occupations including optometrists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists to emerging vocations, including pedorthists and allied health assistants, this book offers an innovative comparison of allied health professions in Australia and Britain. By telling the story of their past, this original book prepares the allied health professions for a new and different future.

The link to access the promotional video for this book is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i98liWnrvoM>

Power, Policy and the Pandemic: A Sociological Analysis of COVID-19 Policy in England **Emerald**

By Michael Calnan and Tom Douglass



Overview

Providing a sociological analysis of the policy response to the COVID-19 pandemic in England, the analysis in this book published in 2022 places particular emphasis on the interplay between powerful structural interests and the influence on the development of COVID-19 policy. Considering a range of actors, (including the government, scientific experts and the medical profession, the media, and the public) and the nature of their relationships with one another, the authors identify the key sociological aspects that have shaped, facilitated, challenged, or constrained COVID-19 policy in England.

Drawing on published documentary material, the authors first examine government attempts to contain, delay, mitigate and suppress the spread of the coronavirus with non-pharmaceutical interventions in the absence of a vaccine (during the first wave) and then whilst vaccines were being gradually rolled out (during the second wave and third wave). The focus then shifts on to vaccination policy and the actors central in the design and implementation of the vaccination programme in England. The approach taken to the funding, development, and manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines is also explored and furthermore considers vaccine coverage, vaccine passports, and vaccine nationalism. The authors conclude with a discussion of the overall impact of COVID-19 policy on health and between socio-economic groups and with reflections on the sociologies of pandemics and COVID-19 specifically considering the explanatory power of the theory of countervailing powers. It looks forward with an agenda for research and finishes with an epilogue containing a brief analysis of policy during the final weeks of 2021.

This book will appeal and is accessible both to policymakers and health service managers and to those studying for undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the social, medical, and public health sciences.

NEW PAPER

Farah Purwaningrum has asked that attention be drawn to a paper in *BMC Health Services* she has co-authored on utilisation patterns of healthcare facility and estimated expenditure of PLHIV care under the Indonesian National Health Insurance Scheme. It is available at: <https://bmchealthservres.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12913-021-07434-9>.

ITEMS FOR NEXT ISSUE

If you have any items relevant to RC15 – from conference reports/announcements to publications – for inclusion in the next Newsletter, please send them by **15 January 2023** at the latest to Mike Saks. Email: m.saks@uos.ac.uk

MEMBERSHIP

The membership dues for RC15 are 60 USD (20 USD reduction) for four-years of membership. The ISA membership registration form is available at: <https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In>

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Please note that, although some members will be continuing until 2026, the term of others including the President and Vice-President has been extended from 2022 to 2023 due to Covid-19. An online election will be organised after the 2023 World Congress to fill the various vacancies that arise.