



Sociology of Disasters

Research Committee on the Sociology of Disasters

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to this issue of *Unscheduled Events*. We have some exciting announcements for you to read about in this issue.

The 2023 World Congress is quickly approaching in a hybrid format next July in Melbourne, Australia. I want to thank everyone who has submitted abstracts. I am indebted to Michèle Companion and Valerie Ingham for serving as our co-organizers for the RC39 portion of the World Congress. Thank you so much for everything you have done for us.



We have also been hard at work for nearly two years on reimagining the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*. We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with SAGE and relaunch of the journal for 2023.

Finally, our current board members are reaching the end of our term and we are actively seeking nominations for a new slate of candidates for 2023-2027. The five elected positions are President, Vice President, and three at large members (one to represent each country category A, B, & C—see the ISA Website for a complete Table of Economies by Category). You can also find all of the board positions and descriptions on our ISA RC39 webpage.

If you are interested in being considered for a position on the RC 39 board, please send me a current resume and letter/email of interest (welovekamp@eiu.edu) by March 1, 2023. We will assemble the slate of candidates and conduct a vote of all current ISA RC39 members shortly thereafter.

May you be filled with kindness and prosperity in 2023!

Bill Lovekamp



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XX ISA World Congress of Sociology



REGISTRATION OPEN

Deadline: March 22, 2023

Melbourne, Australia | June 25-July 1, 2023
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre



Valerie Ingham and Michèle Companion, RC-39 Program Coordinators for the International Sociological Association's 20th World Congress of Sociology, are excited to invite you to register and attend this year's conference in Melbourne, Australia! The conference will be held from 25 June – 1 July at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

We have a great lineup of 17 sessions that cover broad topics including Decolonizing Disaster Studies in the Global South, Volunteers and Aid in Disaster Contexts, Research and Best Practices, and the Rise of the Professionals: Emergency Management and Community Responses to Disasters and Crisis. We are also offering topically themed clusters of sessions around women practitioners and the impact of disasters on women and LGBTQ+ communities, as well as themes encompassing migration, challenges and opportunities posed to livelihoods and resilience by climate changes, complex emergencies, technological disasters, urbanization, and crime. For a comprehensive list of our sessions, please see the forthcoming program.

We are excited to also be partnering with other Research Committees to co-sponsor a number of sessions. Joint sessions are a great way to connect to other scholars across the organization. We urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to develop your networks at these sessions. This year's joint sessions include "Understanding the Entanglements of Urban Disasters," with RC21 (Regional and Urban Development) and RC43 (Housing and Built Environment). We are also co-sponsoring a session called "Childhoods at the Cross Section of Disasters" with RC53 (Sociology of Childhood) and "COVID-19: Patterns in Domestic Military Operations" with RC01 (Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution).

Finally, we'd like to remind everyone that the RC39 business meeting has been scheduled for the evening of Tuesday June 27th. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. This is a chance to learn about the RC, get involved, and provide us with feedback. Please note that this is Australia time! All times and dates listed in the program are listed in Australia time. If you are attending and/or presenting remotely, you will be able to change the program schedule to your local time once it becomes available.

Registration is open now and is available until 22 March at: [XX ISA World Congress of Sociology \(isa-sociology.org\)](https://isa-sociology.org) If you have had an abstract accepted, including as a distributed paper, please be sure to register by this deadline. If you don't register, you will no longer be included in the program. Those whose papers have been accepted as distributed papers and who have registered will be eligible to move into presentation slots, as spaces become available.

We are looking forward to all the wonderful presentations and discussions and opportunities to socialize. We can't wait to meet you in Melbourne!



Dear friends of the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*

We are delighted to officially announce that the ***International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters (IJMED) has joined SAGE Publishing's family of journals and has been relaunched for 2023!*** Created by members of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on the Sociology of Disasters (RC-39) in 1983, IJMED has a long and distinguished history as one of the oldest disaster science journals. The journal will continue to publish rigorous articles addressing issues of theory, research, planning, policy, multiple dimensions of risk, hazards, emergency and disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. In addition, we will now be fully indexed and current, future, and importantly, back issues will now be fully searchable online.

The importance of interdisciplinary approaches is increasingly recognized as critical to addressing the complex interactions between and among humans/social systems, changing hazard profiles associated with climate change, and the built environment. Therefore, with its relaunch, IJMED seeks to expand and encourage both disciplinary and interdisciplinary research from not only the social, behavioral, and economic sciences, and emergency management, but also engineering, disaster and environmental sciences, geography, and related disciplines.

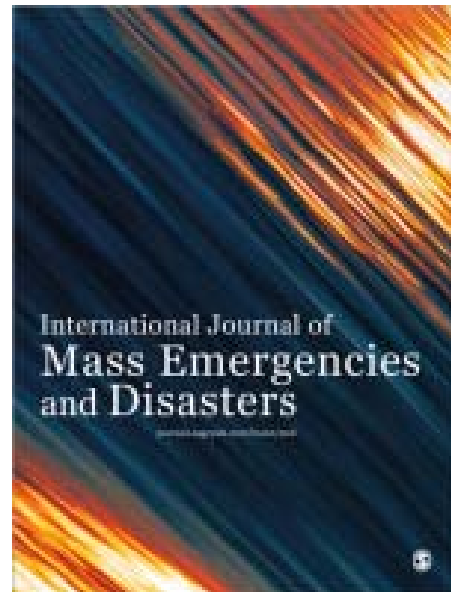
And, as an ISA member, you have full access to the journal through the SAGE Sociology Collection. This is a repository of approximately 100 journals that members have Full-Text access to with a current membership. Finally, as part of our relaunch, SAGE has provided a free access period to the journal from the journal website until April 5th, 2023.

Feel free to further explore the relaunching of the [International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters with SAGE](#), our revised [Aims and Scope](#), the [editorial team](#), and the [opportunities for publishing](#) and participating as a [reviewer](#) or team member as we seek to continue IJMED's forty years of excellence.

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SEEKING ISA RC 39 BOARD NOMINATIONS!



Our current RC 39 board is seeking nominations for board members for the 2023-2027 term.

The governing body of the RC 39 is a Board consisting of eight members (five elected—the President, Vice President, and three at large members: the appointed RC 39 Secretary/Treasurer, and two ex-officio members—the previous term President and the previous Secretary/Treasurer.

Board members serve a four year term until the next election of Board members. Terms begin at the convening of the World Congress of Sociology. All, except the incumbent RC 39 President who can never be reelected, are eligible for reelection, up to eight years. Board members, according to ISA Rules, must be paid up members of both the ISA and the RC 39 and can not assume office until the ISA confirms their status.

If you are interested in filling a role on the board, please send a current resume and letter/email of interest to Bill Lovekamp welovekamp@eiu.edu by March 1, 2023.



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