Letter From the President of RC08

Dear colleagues and friends,

Final reflections on some old/new challenges: open-mindedness, mutual respect and autonomy.

Something has changed since the COVID 19 pandemic: our meetings are not only in situ but also on zoom: there are now two ways of debating and socialising. But without face-to-face interactions, how is it possible to build strong networks inside the different sociological specialties and a strong sense of membership between colleagues coming from diverse countries? And how are we to elect new boards of RC?

We have had to organise our scientific and academic life in a different way, at the local, national and international levels. The structure of the ISA is bifurcated. As an international association it is a federation of scientific communities with two main dimensions: on one side, the research committees, and on the other, the national groups. There has long been a tension between these two dimensions, but it has been possible to manage the conflicts this structure generates. In the present context – both national and global – the ISA has to protect its autonomy against the intrusion of more radical ideologies and political convictions; we have to maintain a real 'public space' where we can share the same universal values – democracy, social justice, equality – and discuss with mutual respect our different theoretical and empirical
orientations. We also have to fight within our institutions (universities, research centres) to protect our autonomy against the authorities and other forms of power (finance, etc.).

The theme of our next IAS Conference in Melbourne is sensitive one. What does 'Resurgent Authoritarianism' mean? We know that 'authoritarianism' is different from 'totalitarianism', etc. But can an authoritarian political regime also be democratic? It will not be so easy to find a consensus between us. And what about the subtitle 'The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies'? In French we can translate the notion of 'Entanglement' with the word 'imbroglio', which means a 'complicated situation'. We can agree that complexity is a very general notion: everything is complex today, but there are so many kinds of complexities...

It hasn't been easy during many of our recent meetings to debate the rather sensitive problem of collective identities: gender, transgender, queers, race, etc. I don't think wokeism is a new 'totalitarian' ideology in our discipline, but we have to be careful. In our specialty, the history of sociology, there is a new trend which is a radical critique of our pioneers and predecessors, many of whom were men, white, and occidental. Critique is a fundamental dimension of our work. We also have to identify and analyse the biases, prejudices, and political orientations of our founding fathers (and the few mothers). But without trying to 'kill' them...

Sociology is an academic discipline (with departments, conferences, journals, etc.) and a profession (with associations, ethics, etc.). By definition, in a few words, it is the scientific study of societies, collective groups, and individuals in interaction, in relation and in conflict with other societies, collective groups and individuals: the inside ('us', with groups of different people and individuals) and the outside ('the others', with different groups of people and individuals). But there is not only one paradigm in sociology, but a diversity of perspectives and theoretical conceptualisations: the Durkheimian perspective with notions of differentiation, integration and regulation; the Marxist perspective with notions of domination, social class, alienation, etc.; the Bourdieusian perspective with notions of field, cultural capital and habitus; and the intersectional perspective with notions of race, gender, social class, sexuality, etc., etc. Often, in their own works, many sociologists use, in an eclectic way, more than one theoretical perspective.

I will conclude, saying that a good department of sociology or a good sociological association is the one which is eclectic, open to debates and critiques, and respectful of other colleagues and their perspectives.

Have a very good Conference in situ or on zoom. Thanks to the organisers. And special thanks to the members of the board of our RC 08, and to Fran Collyer who has been, for many years, the 'pillar' of our committee.

Marcel Fournier
President RC 08

1. This is not the place to elaborate on the definition of a science. Sociology is, according to Pierre Bourdieu, a science, but a science which is different from the other sciences because sociology has an object: the humans, who can speak.
Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a rather exciting time for our RC08 at present, with voting currently underway in the election of a new board of management of the research committee. We have lots of candidates eager to participate in the management of the research committee. The new board, which will be announced at the World Congress, will take us into the next four years (2023-2027) with lots of enthusiasm for a re-energised program of events.

(If you haven't voted yet, please do so! You only have until June 10th).

And of course, we have the World Congress taking place in only a few weeks. This year it will be in Melbourne Australia, and I am sure it will be as successful as the last one held in Australia (Brisbane, 2002). I will be in Melbourne in person, and I hope to catch up with as many of you as possible. I look forward to talking with you about future activities we might plan for RC08 (perhaps a website? some in person or online workshops or seminars?) and ideas for our journal Serendipities?

warm greetings for all of you,
Fran Collyer
Editor and Secretary RC08

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**Serendipities Update**

Fran Collyer would like to let you know that the latest issue from **Serendipities**, our journal on the Sociology and History of the Social Sciences, has recently been published. You can find it here:
Serendipities publishes a broad range of approaches to its subject matter, and the editors are keen to receive papers on related subjects. For example:

• the development of methodologies and research techniques for examining the history of sociology or the social sciences;
• the institutionalisation processes of disciplines and research directions;
• the ‘traveling of ideas’ from one scholarly culture to another;
• the role of funding agencies;
• the interaction of social science with the public or publics;
• and the relation among the social sciences, the state, and social movements.

Of particular interest at this time are papers that offer comparative analyses of national sociologies – either an analysis itself or a discussion of the methodologies appropriate for such an endeavour.

This journal is naturally of interest to all members of RC08. If you have a paper ready for publication, or have ideas about a special issue or a set of themed papers, Fran or other members of the board would be happy to talk with you about it and introduce you to others who may share similar interests.

Andreas Kranebitter has recently stepped down as a managing editor, but remains as a valuable member of the board. Thank you Andreas for all your hard work over the last few years! We are currently seeking new members who would like to join the editorial board. Please feel free to talk to Fran, or another member of the board, about your interest. We run the journal as a collective, so board members need to be prepared to actively participate in its management.

Serendipities’ Editorial Team

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World Congress RC08 Sessions

Upcoming ISA XX World Congress June 25 - July 01, 2023 Melbourne, Australia.

Natalia Maystorovich Chulio, Program Convenor for RC08 offers an update:

We originally had 11 sessions, however, as two of the sessions had only three papers, we have combined these to form a single session. This means that those who submitted abstracts to 'Follow the Money, Social Research and Funding Sources', or 'When the Devil Started Laughing: Social Prognostication in Historical Comparison', will now form a single session called 'Social Research, Funding Sources and Social Prognostication in the History of Sociology' chaired by Paolo PARRA SAIANI. This leaves us with ten exciting sessions that examine the history of the discipline in distinct ways. From comparative national histories; transnational histories; learning from past research; funding sources and social research; social prognostication; the importance of social knowledge production and politics; sociology and its influence on other disciplines; South-South intellectual exchanges; sociology and sociologists in Latin America; theories and methods for studying the history of sociology and reflecting on translation in the history of sociology. These other sessions are:

- **Comparative National Histories of Sociology** - Fran Collyer and Matthias Duller
- **Past, Present and Future: Learning from 'Old' Sociological Research** - John Goodwin and Laurie Parsons
- **Reflecting upon Translation in the History of Sociology** - Rafael Schoegler
- **Sociology and Sociologists in Latin America. Institutions, Biographies, Networks, and Comparative Perspectives** - Diego Pereyra and Joao Marcelo Ehlert Maia
- **South-South Intellectual Exchanges: Networks, Actors, Theories, Impact** - Stephane Dufoix and Leandro Rodriguez Medina
- **The Genesis of Sociology and the Relationship to Its Sibling Disciplines** - Hedvig Ekerwald
- **Theories and Methods in Undertaking Histories of Sociology** - Marcel Fournier
- **Transnational Histories of Sociology** - Barbara Hoenig, Marcia Consolim and Wiebke Keim
- **When Sociologies Matters. Authority of Social Knowledge Production and Political Inclusion of Sociologists** - Mikhail Sinyutin

We also have two integrative sessions:

- The Good University: Addressing Growing Stratification and Gender Discrimination in the University Workforce - Participating units: Australian Sociological Association, RC08, RC32, RC56.
- De-Centering Global Sociology: The ‘Peripheral Turn’ in Social Theory and Research - Participating units: German Sociological Association, RC08, RC16, RC35.
Stephen Turner from the University of South Florida has a couple of recent publications for us to enjoy:


https://doi.org/10.1162/posc_a_00580


doi: http://doi.org/10.24201/es.2023v41nne.2458

Charles Crothers offers us information about a book we might like:

Star Sociologists: Anatomy of a Disciplinary Elite


This book uses large citation studies and gives insight into how scholars rise or fall from eminence and empirically probes the elites gatekeeping power.

Philipp Korom (Author)

This book aims to overcome sociology’s preoccupation with individual authors by exploring a larger social phenomenon that occurs in all academic disciplines but has been paid little attention: the prestige elite. Members of this elite attain the highest levels of peer recognition, their books sometimes circulate by the hundreds of thousands, and every student has read about them. Based on large citation studies, Star Sociologists provides a roster of eminent sociologists, documents the changing elite’s composition over time, contrasts the elite’s career pathways with those of the Nobel Laureates in economics, gives insights into how scholars rise
to or fall from eminence, and empirically probes the gatekeeping power of one of its key proponents. The book explores eminence by contextualising conditions that are outside of the elite and argues that in any discipline that is intellectually as disintegrated as sociology, eminence is to be understood as a nested phenomenon: scholars make it into the elite if their ideas are adopted in very different intellectual fields that share little common ground.

- Suggests links between the overall cognitive and intellectual structure of a discipline and the composition of the elite.

- Asks which factors contribute to the diffusion of an author’s ideas across national and disciplinary boundaries.


Charles Crothers also suggests:

**Sociology Global: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**

By R Sooryamoorthy

The book examines the world of sociology and its global features and trends. It covers themes such as: sociologies in the world, major research areas in sociology, collaboration and interdisciplinarity, and contemporary challenges, pertinent issues and debates.

Paperback, 230 Pages. ISBN: 9781839986819 February 2023 £45.00, $75.00

*and*

**The Quantified Scholar How Research Evaluations Transformed the British Social Sciences**

By Juan Pablo Pardo-Guerra

Columbia University Press

2022
George Steinmetz informs us that his new book was reviewed in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/buecher/george-steinmetz-ueber-koloniale-soziologie-18869035.html) and in the Review of Democracy's history of ideas podcast (https://revdem.ceu.edu/2023/05/11/the-colonial-origins-of-modern-social-thought/).

The book itself is here:


Stephan Moebius tells us about a new book edited by Nicole Holzhauser, Stephan Moebius, and Andrea Pfleger:

Soziologie und Krise: *Gesellschaftliche Spannungen als Motor der Geschichte der Soziologie*

This volume explores the question of how sociology has dealt with economic, political, social and cultural tensions, with power and inequality structures and with resulting crises in different phases of its history. Closely connected to this is the question of how social circumstances have influenced the development of sociology, perhaps even becoming motors for the discipline. The contributions approach the historical connection between social tensions and sociology in times of crisis in different ways.

Romulo Lelis (Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning) would like to share his recent publication - a review of:


https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003975623000164
Mahmoud Dhaouadi from Tunisia offers his recently published books:


2 - *Les troubles identitaires.*


and a previous book:
*New Explorations Into the Making of IBN Khaldun’s Umran Mind*

Clara Ruvituso provides a link to the dossier 'Reading sociological theory against its grain' (Klein/Boatca), which came out at the end of 2022 in the journal *Sociedade e Estado*: https://periodicos.unb.br/index.php/sociedade/issue/view/2515 (Open Access). Her contribution was about the (unknown) trajectory and pioneering thinking of Cynthia Hewitt de Alcántara: https://periodicos.unb.br/index.php/sociedade/article/view/44342/35356

João Marcelo Maia provides us with some recent publications:


https://doi.org/10.1007/s12108-023-09565-4

This article discusses the circulation of knowledge in sociology through a case study based on the transnational exchanges between North-American sociologist Irving L. Horowitz and Latin American sociologists and intellectuals in the sixties. We explore his letters with three figures who played pivotal roles in the institutionalization of sociology in Latin America: Gino Germani, an Italian born sociologist who became a pioneer figure for establishing scientific sociology in Argentina; the Mexican sociologist Pablo González Casanova, who performed a similar role in his country; and Arnaldo Orfila Reynal, a prestigious editor in the region, who headed two of the most powerful publishing houses in the Latin American market for the social sciences and humanities in the 1960s and 1970s - Fondo de Cultura Económica (FCE) and Siglo XXI. We argue that while these exchanges happened under unequal conditions produced by the structural inequalities of the global system of knowledge production that emerged after World II, the works of Latin American intellectuals were relevant for Horowitz’s project of critical sociology for two main reasons: they provided intellectual sources for radical theorization on development and modernization, and they represented strategic assets for Horowitz present himself as a mediator between Third World problems and North-American audiences.
João Marcelo Maia also lets us know about another work of his:

João Maia and Stéphane Dufoix organised a dossier on non-Eurocentric perspectives on the teaching of sociology. It collected contributions from members of the RC08, such as Sujata Patel and Stéphane himself (besides me 😊), and includes papers from Brazilian scholars. It was published in the most recent issue of the Brazilian Journal of Sociology/Revista Brasileira de Sociologia, and it is available free of charge here:


Our three contributions are published in both English and Portuguese.

Linda Luiz reminds us about a book likely to be of interest to members by R. Sooryamoorthy, Sociology Global: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.

Book Summary
This book is about sociologies around the world. Viewed from a global perspective, this research-based study examines the world of sociology and its global features and trends. Sociology as a discipline has a history of two centuries which has varied between countries. Its presence across the world is felt now more than ever. Over the years, sociology has been established as a discipline and contributed to the advancement of knowledge about society through scientific research. This facilitated the development of knowledge in other areas and disciplines as well. What sociology is doing globally, the contributions it has made to the knowledge of society and social phenomena, and the direction in which it is moving are of interest to both academics and the public. Specifically, the book deals with the trends in sociology; the broad and general areas of fields, subfields and research areas; the prominent, flourishing, emerging and/or declining areas of sociology; the origin of sociological knowledge; geographical regions and countries; the characteristics of global sociology in terms of language, research methodology, disciplinary backgrounds, interdisciplinarity and authorship; the relationships between the country of affiliation of authors and research areas; the effects of gender of the author and its interrelationships with the discipline, department, research areas and collaboration. The book will be an important resource for students, teachers, practitioners, researchers and the public.

About the Author:
R. Sooryamoorthy is a Professor of Sociology at the University of KwaZulu - Natal, South Africa. He is also a Research Fellow at the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in STI Policy, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.
Dirigée par Pascal Rouleau, la collection « 54 », créée par Michel Wieviorka est un lieu de publication pour des auteurs de monographies dans les différentes disciplines des sciences humaines et sociales. Elle offre une place aux ouvrages qui se distinguent par leur traitement, leur originalité, leur regard au sein du catalogue des Éditions de la Maison des sciences de l’homme.

Mots clés : Maison des sciences de l’homme, Fernand Braudel, Clemens Heller, histoire des institutions, sciences humaines, sciences sociales

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librairie en ligne : www.lcdpu.fr
distribution : CID


« Nous sommes beaucoup à souhaiter que nos institutions aient un plus grand souci de leur propre histoire, des raisons de leur succès et aussi de leurs limites ou même de leurs échecs. »

Alain Touraine, « Hommage à Clemens Heller », 2002

– L’histoire d’une institution unique dans le paysage des sciences
– Les sciences humaines et sociales revisitées
– Fernand Braudel et Clemens Heller, impresarios des sciences de l’homme

L’HISTOIRE DE LA MAISON DES SCIENCES DE L’HOMME
Sujata Patel offers the following publications:


https://doi.org/10.20336/rbs.947


https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2023.1143776


Doi:10.4323/9781003054016-13

Members' Notices

Charles Crothers would like us to know that he is the winner of the 2023 The Robert K. Merton Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Sociology of Science and Technology.

This will be officially announced at a ceremony on: Thursday, 29 June 2023: 17:30 - 19:20, Crown, M10 at the ISA World Congress in Melbourne, Australia, June 25-July 1, 2023.

Congratulations Charles!
Call for Submissions to the History Section of the Clinical Sociology Review

Clinical sociology is about analysis and possible intervention in problematic situations at all system levels, from individual through global. Members of RC08 are invited to submit pieces for the historical section of the journal.

The Clinical Sociology Review (CSR) was the official journal of the Clinical Sociology Association. It first was published in 1982 and the final issue, Volume 16, was published in 1998. The 16 volumes are all available on Wayne State University's website at:

https://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/csr/ Each of these issues includes a history section.

The new CSR is being published by UJ Press and is available at:
https://journals.uj.ac.za/index.php/csr

The history section of the first issue published by UJ Press has an article about the work of selected activist clinical sociologists (Jane Addams, W.E.B Du Bois, Charles Gomillion, James Laue, Harold Wolpe, and H.W. van der Merwe) in the United States and South Africa. The forthcoming issue has a short article about Alice Paul's important work on achieving women's right to vote in the United States. This is followed with two brief newspaper articles about her incarceration (for her voting rights activities) and a piece based on a presentation she gave to a Quaker audience.

The CSR was relaunched last year, beginning with Volume 17, as an open-access journal by the Department of Sociology at the University of Johannesburg and the Clinical Sociology division (RC46) of the International Sociological Association. Collaborating organizations in this effort are the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (United States), Nodo Sur- América Latina – RISC (Uruguay), Réseau International de Sociologie Clinique - RISC (Paris, France), Sociologie Clinique (CR19) of the Association Internationale des Sociologues de Langue Française (AISLF) and Sociologie clinique (RT16) of the Association Française de Sociologie (AFS).

The new Clinical Sociology Review is a peer-reviewed and open-access journal that publishes contributions in English, French and Spanish. The author submits in one of the three languages and translation of a contribution in the other two languages will be available on the website. There is no fee for submission or publication.

Contributions are welcome to the journal's three sections: The History of Clinical Sociology, Articles and Resources. The History section contains articles about the history of the field as well as introductory pieces to historic publications by those who can be considered to be clinical sociologists. The Articles section contains short and long submissions such as research articles; essays; and discussions of intervention work. The Resources section contains reviews of one or more films or books; critical discussions about teaching and/or training as well as pieces about clinical sociology programs, membership organizations or services (such as program accreditation or individual certification as a clinical sociologist).

For detailed information, about submission requirements, please use the following link:

https://journals.uj.ac.za/index.php/csr
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If you have questions about a possible submission, please contact one of the Editors of the journal: Prof. Jan Marie Fritz at jan.fritz@uc.edu

Call For Papers

Rafael Schögler (rafael.schoegler@uni-graz.at) suggests we might be interested in a call for participation in a History of Translation Summer School. Although it is not directed towards sociologists in particular it might still be interesting for historians of sociology working with/on aspects relating to translation.

Department of Translation Studies, University of Graz
Summer School | Conceptualising Histories of Translation | 18-23 September 2023 | Graz, Austria
Conceptualizing Histories of Translation: From your story to history

The summer school Translation in History – History in Translation previously organised by the Center for Translation Studies in Vienna will be continued at the Department of Translation Studies in Graz this coming summer.

The focus of our discussions will be on contextualising our own case studies and exploring the theoretical relevance and significance of these examples for translation history. Renowned speakers will provide theoretical and methodological insights through workshops, encouraging lively discussions and debates. We will also offer opportunities for participants to discuss their work and related issues in small groups or individual consultations with researchers from the Department of Translation Studies in Graz. This will enable participants to further develop their projects and ideas.

Lectures and workshops by

- **Hephzibah Israel**, University of Edinburgh
- **Pekka Kujamäki**, University of Graz
- **Anthony Pym**, University of Melbourne
- **Larisa Schippel**, University of Vienna

Applications from all countries and different disciplines are welcome. Applicants should demonstrate their interest in translation and/or interpreting history in a short description (1 page) of their PhD project. Selected participants will be expected to prepare a poster of their PhD project by 1 September 2023.

**Details**
• **Start:** Monday 18 September, 12h00
• **End:** Saturday 23 September, 13h00
• **Costs:** EUR 150. This includes participation on site, refreshments during breaks, print costs for poster presentations.

We are working on funding for travel bursaries.
• **Deadline for application:** 05 June

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