



Alienation Theory and Research

NEWSLETTER RC36 June 2023

Dear RC36 Members and Colleagues,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our Research Committee's Activities related to the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne.

The XX.ISA World Congress of Sociology

Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies

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 fervor.

What is the best way to analyze 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-centered 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.

The XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia, June 25-July 1, 2023 will be in a hybrid format. While we strongly advise and encourage everyone to come to Melbourne and enjoy in-person participation in the Congress, on-line presentations will also be possible.

Oral sessions will be a mix of in-person and virtual presenters, based on the presenter's preference.

For further details see: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023/deadlines-2023>

—Sari Hanafi, President of the International Sociological Association



Melbourne Convention and Exhibit Centre

Hybrid Format Rules

The XX ISA World Congress of Sociology will be in hybrid format.

The sessions listed below may include virtual presentations and will be held on Zoom for virtual attendees:

- Presidential Sessions
- Plenary Sessions
- RC/WG/TG Oral Sessions
- Integrative Oral Sessions
- Ad Hoc Sessions
- Australian Thematic Sessions
- Sessions of National and Regional Associations
- Professional Development Sessions
- Author Meets Critics Sessions

SCHEDULE:

RC36 Alienation Theory and Research

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2023/meetingapp.cgi/Symposium/759>

MONDAY. 26 June 2023

10:30 - 12:20

[532 Globalization, Alienation and the Cultural Patterns of Right-Wing Extremism](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 26 June, 10:30 - 12:20

15:30 - 17:20

[JS-14 The Rise and Fall of Authoritarian Populisms \(Hopefully\)](#)

- *203 (Level 2, MCEC)*

Join Virtual Event on 26 June, 15:30 - 17:20

17:30 - 19:20

[533 Irrational Rationality: Informational and Knowledge-Based Alienation](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 26 June, 17:30 - 19:20

TUESDAY. 27 June 2023

10:30 - 12:20

[JS-31 Art and Alienation](#)

- *M2 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 27 June, 10:30 - 12:20

15:30 - 17:20

[534 Alienation in the 21st Century: Revisiting, Reevaluating, Recentering. Part I](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 27 June, 15:30 - 17:20

17:30 - 19:20

[535 Existential Perspectives on Alienation](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 27 June, 17:30 - 19:20

WEDNESDAY. 28 June 2023

08:30 - 10:20

536 [Flexible Employment and Alienation](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 28 June, 08:30 - 10:20

15:30 - 17:20

537 [Alienation in the 21st Century: Revisiting, Reevaluating, Recentering. Part II](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 28 June, 15:30 - 17:20

19:30 - 20:50

538 [RC36 Business Meeting](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 28 June, 19:30 - 20:50

THURSDAY. 29 June 2023

10:30 - 12:20

539 [New/Old Forms of Alienation and Resistance Under Advanced Neoliberalism](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 29 June, 10:30 - 12:20

FRIDAY. 30 June 2023

10:30 - 12:20

540 [The Covid-19 Pandemic and Alienation](#)

- *M8 (Level 1, Crown)*

Join Virtual Event on 30 June, 10:30 - 12:20

538 RC36 Business Meeting *M8 (Level 1, Crown* and Election of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members

The agenda for the Business Meeting presented below lists the names of colleagues who have been nominated and the respective positions. The elections will be held during the business meeting under agenda items 5, 6, 7, and 8. Only members in good standing of RC36 who are present at the Business Meeting—either in person or via Zoom—may vote. Persons participating the meeting may present nominations from the floor from among those present at the Business Meeting. Nominees must be available either in person or on Zoom for questions and discussion concerning the election.

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by the President
2. Report of the Secretary
3. Report of the Newsletter Editor
4. Report of the Treasurer
5. Election of the President
Nominated for election
Dirk Michel Schertges (Aarhus University, Denmark)
6. Election of the Secretary
Nominated for election
Humberto Fernandes (Rio de Janeiro State University, Brazil)
7. Election of the Treasurer
Nominated for election
Andrew Blasko (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria)
8. Election of Board Members
Terry Maley (York University, Canada)
Olga Simonova (Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia)
Miriam Adelman (Brazil)
Zhaolun Fan (Tsinghua University, China)
Silvia Pezzoli (University of Florence, Italy)
9. Publication Initiatives and RC36
10. Interim Conference and Next World Congress
11. Other

RC36 DINNER

The RC36 Business Meeting is usually combined with the RC36 Dinner, the latter providing an opportunity to exchange experiences in a relaxed atmosphere after the first days of the conference. If social contradictions (or class struggles) are the engine of human history, then good conversation and creative thinking can be related to good food and drink. Melbourne is known for its international range of restaurants. In addition to a European menu, Asian food in particular, as well as vegetarian or vegan food, is available mostly everywhere.

An announcement will be made during the first days of the Congress concerning the restaurant that will host the RC36 Dinner. Our dinner has always been an important highlight of the World Congresses, and it will be a success again this year with the active participation of all our members who are present in Melbourne including, hopefully including many guests as well.

With best regards,

Vessela Misheva, RC36 Program Coordinator for the ISA World Congress

Dirk Michel-Schertges, RC36 Program Coordinator for the ISA World Congress

Andrew Blasko, RC36 Secretary-Treasurer