

RC 20 Newsletter, January-July 2023

From the Outgoing President: My final act as president is to welcome Martia Carballo as the new president of RC20. Marita is a long-time member of RC20. Her distinguished career includes offices in the ISA, the World Association of Public Opinion Research, and the World Values Survey Association. See <https://en.voicesconsultancy.com/Staff/Marita-Carballo> for a brief biography. I will become a vice-president of RC20, and look forward to working with Marita over the next four years. I will also continue as editor of *Comparative Sociology*, and welcome paper submissions and proposals for special issues from RC20 members.—David Weakliem

RC20 Election Results: Elections for officers and board members were held in June 2023. The election was held online—thanks to Electoral Officer Tetsuo Mizukami for organizing. The results:

President: Marita Carballo

Vice-Presidents:

Kseniya Kizilova

David Weakliem

Treasurer: Stephen Vertigans

Executive Secretary: Fumiya Onaka

Board Members:

Nate Breznau

Saroj Dhal

Officers and board members will serve a four-year term ending in 2027. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

RC20 Thanks Fred Turner: One member of the outgoing board did not stand for re-election. Frederick Turner is taking a well-deserved rest after serving RC20 in various capacities for more than 30 years. He has been a board member, secretary, and vice-president, as well as an active participant at ISA conferences. We thank Fred for his many years of outstanding service, and hope to see him at future conferences.

World Congress of Sociology: The World Congress of Sociology was held in Melbourne, Australia from 25 June to 1 July. RC20 had eleven sessions, plus three joint

sessions. Thanks to Kseniya Kizilova and Nate Breznau for their work as Program coordinators, as well as the session organizers, presenters, and other participants. The sessions are listed below:

VET Around the World. Comparing Vocational Education and Training Systems and Outcomes Globally (Session Organizer: Judith OFFERHAUS, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany; Chair: Judith OFFERHAUS, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), Germany)

[Joint session with RC18] Securitized the State? the Challenges of Illiberal Democracies and Authoritarian Benevolence (Session Organizers: Abu BAH, Northern Illinois University, USA and Cyril OBI, Social Science Research Council, USA; Chair: Temitope ORIOLA, Dept of Sociology, Canada)

Current Research in Comparative Sociology (Session Organizer: David L. WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA; Chair: David L. WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA)

Comparative Sociology: Research and Methods (Session Organizer: David L. WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA; Chair: David L. WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA)

Values in Transition and Development: New Findings from the World Values Survey (Session Organizers: Kseniya KIZILOVA, Institute for Comparative Survey Research, Austria; Christian HAERPFER, University of Vienna, Austria and Marita CARBALLO, voicesconsultancy, Argentina; Chair: Xiaoxu YANG, Louisiana State University, USA)

The Comparative Political Sociology of Public Opinion, Policy and Social Inequality (Session Organizer: Nate BREZNAU, University of Bremen, Germany; Chair: Fumiya ONAKA, Japan Women's University, Japan)

Comparative Sociology: Theory and Methods (Session Organizer: David L. WEAKLIEM, University of Connecticut, USA; Chair: Andrey REZAEV, Rikkyo Institute for Global Urban Studies, USA)

Values, Social Structures and Social Interactions: The Consequences and Challenges of the Pandemic (Session Organizer: Marita CARBALLO, Voices Research and Consultancy, Argentina; Chair: Ionel SAVA, University of Bucharest, Romania)

Trust and Social Capital in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Examining the Key Indicators and Newest Trends (Session Organizers: Kseniya KIZILOVA, Institute for Comparative Survey Research, Austria and Christian HAERPFER, University of Vienna, Austria; Chair: Ionel SAVA, University of Bucharest, Romania)

Comparative Analysis of Transnational Migration Communities and the Formation of New Urban Ethnicity in the Global Cities in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Online Culture (Session Organizers: Tetsuo MIZUKAMI, Rikkyo University, Japan and Andrey REZAEV, Rikkyo Institute for Global Urban Studies, Japan; Co-chairs: Andrey

REZAEV, Rikkyo Institute for Global Urban Studies, USA and Tetsuo MIZUKAMI, Rikkyo University, Japan)

[Joint session with RC05] Indigenous Sociology, Indigenous Lifeworlds (Session Organizers: Tahu KUKUTAI, The University of Waikato, New Zealand and Margaret WALTER, University of Tasmania, Australia; Chair: Margaret WALTER, University of Tasmania, Australia; Co-Chair: Tahu KUKUTAI, The University of Waikato, USA)

Happiness, Well-Being and Life Quality in Comparative Perspective (Session Organizers: Kseniya KIZILOVA, Institute for Comparative Survey Research, Austria and Marita CARBALLO, voicesconsultancy, Argentina; Chair: Fumiya ONAKA, Japan Women's University, Japan)

Comparative Sociology of Public Opinion (Session Organizer: Christian HAERPFER, World Values Survey Association, Austria; Chair: Aminath RIYAZ, The Maldives National University, Maldives)

[Joint Session with RC 32] Female Employment, Gender Equality and Women Empowerment across the Globe (Session Organizers: Tatiana KARABCHUK, United Arab Emirates University, United Arab Emirates; Natalia SOBOLEVA, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation and Malina VOICU, GESIS Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences, Germany; Co-Chair: Tatiana KARABCHUK, UAE University, United Arab Emirates)

Publications by RC20 Members:

Khutkyy, Dmytro. 2023. "Citizen Engagement and Open Government Co-creation: The Cases of Brazil and the Dominican Republic." *DGO '23: Proceedings of the 24th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3598469.3598491>.

Khutkyy, Dmytro, Matveieva, Olga, and Diana Mirza-Grisco. 2023. "Voting in online surveys on open government policies in Moldova and Ukraine." *Internet Policy Review* 12(2). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14763/2023.2.1712>.

Khutkyy, Dmytro. 2023. "Opportunities and dangers of digitalisation: Global and European dimensions." European Digital Development Alliance, February 19, 2023, Retrieved March 15, 2023 (<https://europeandigital.org/opportunities-and-dangers-of-digitalisation-global-and-european-dimensions>).

Georg P. Mueller: The Recent Dangers for European Happiness: Is Homeostatic Resilience Sufficient? In: Applied Research in Quality of Life <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11482-023-10178-9>

Other Activities:

- Members of the Executive Committee of The World Values Survey Association met from July 3rd to 5th at Harvard University to finalize the WVS wave 8 questionnaire to be fielded worldwide in 2024-2026 with Christian Haerpfer, Christian Welzel, Pippa Norris, Marita Carballo, Marta Lagos, Bi Puranen, Roberto Foa, Kseniya Kizilova. Alejandro Moreno Alvarez and Juan Diez Nicolas joined online.
- Marita Carballo and Kseniya Kizilova members of the board participated in panels of the RC17 Comparative Public Opinion in the IPSA 27th World Congress of Political Science 3 with theme " Politics in the Age of Transboundary Crises: Vulnerability and Resilience " from 15-19 July 2023 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.