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EX-PRESIDENT'S LETTER 2023

With my term as President of RC01 officially coming to an end in July 2023, I hereby want to thank all outgoing board members. Here I must make special mention of Tibor Szvircesev Tresch who has been a board member since 2010 and has been vice president since 2014 and to Eyal Ben-Ari, who has served on the Board for many years and is now retired, as well as to those who have remained to provide the much-needed continuity. At the same time, I am excited to welcome new board members, to support our President Celso Castro in the years ahead. Celso stepped up to the role of Executive Secretary whilst in his role as Vice-President in 2020 and is well-placed to take our Research Committee forward in new and exciting ways with your support.

Looking back, my term between 2019-2023 has not been a smooth ride and was severely compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic. This led to the cancellation of the Stellenbosch RC01 Conference in South Africa in 2020, which was partially offset by the hosting of the joint ERGOMAS/RC01 Conference in June 2021 in Tartu, Estonia. This hybrid conference provided a welcome opportunity to reconnect but did not allow for the usual active engagement and debate of an in-person conference. Similarly, the World Congress of Sociology this year in July 2023 in Australia was delayed by Covid-19 by a year, and came with other challenges. Costs of traveling to Australia and differences in time zones affected the attendance and involvement of online discussions. Nonetheless, there were a number of interesting panels on broader political issues, such as Contemporary Nationalisms and Conceptions of National Security; The military and Politics in the 21st century; Vulnerability in Contemporary Armed Conflict; COVID-19 and Domestic Military Operations and matters affecting the military organization, such as Retention in the Armed Forces, Conscription in Europe, among others.

A major challenge facing RC01 now is the need to expand our membership base to enable this research Committee to represent and reflect the diverse views of scholars working on similar topics across the world. The value of such inter-disciplinary and collaborative work is reflected in the upcoming book research project initiated by RC01, on Domestic Military Operations, Covid-19 Deployments and Civil-Military Relations. The book includes contributions from 26 countries on six continents making this project the most comprehensive cross-country comparison ever attempted in the study of domestic deployments and civil-military relations in response to a common event. Collective volumes such as this, and others such as the Handbook of the Sociology of the Military, highlight the important contribution that social scientists make to the study of military organizations and their relationship with broader society.

For this reason, we really need to find new and innovative ways to broaden our membership and intellectual footprint going forward. Never has our intellectual engagement been more important in unraveling the effect of current wars and armed conflict on military organizations, on societal change, and on how this affects global



peace and stability. Indeed, as reflected in the topics we research we can see the relevance captured within the Sustainable Development Goal 16, on Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions. This reiterates the need to broaden our inter-disciplinary research on issues of conflict resolution, to address issues of violence; the rule of law and armed conflict; the need for effective, accountable, and transparent military institutions; the influence of the military and global governance; the need to expand the military's responsibility to protect and how to enhance inclusive and representative decision-making on matters of security. With these thoughts, I look forward to serving on the Board and seeing you all in the near future.

Lindy Heinecken
Ex-President RC01

PRESIDENT'S LETTER 2/2023

Letter from the President

Dear Colleagues,

This is my first letter as president of RC01. I want to start by thanking everyone who voted for me for their trust and the previous Board, who maintained our committee's activities during such a difficult period. I would also like to thank my colleagues willing to participate in the new Board.

We spent the last years greatly affected in our academic activities by the COVID-19 pandemic. This was reflected not only in our RC but throughout the whole ISA. Consequently, we had a decrease in the number of members, which may also have been worsened by the fact that the last ISA Congress was held in Australia, as it was a far and expensive destination for several of our colleagues. Even so, our RC had a good participation, both in person and online. In 2025, we will be challenged to maintain good participation in the ISA Forum, in a location that has not yet been decided.

We need now to work to increase our number of members, as having more space in the ISA is very important. To this end, it will be essential for us to spread our activities more widely through social media and actively act to contact and invite colleagues to join us. I count on the collaboration of all of you!

All the best,

Celso Castro
President RC01

ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY

RC01 had a successful program with 10 sessions (including joint ones) and 48 papers given both in-person and remotely. We truly appreciate the session chairs' and organizers' efforts in making the RC01 program successful.

Detailed information can be found on the website at:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023>.

Journal of Contemporary Military Challenges - INVITATION TO SUBMIT JOURNAL ARTICLES

CALL FOR PAPERS

The scientific journal Contemporary Military Challenges (publisher Slovenian Armed Forces via Sciendo) invites authors to submit articles. The journal covers a broad range of topics from military expertise to national and international security.

For more information: <https://sciendo.com/journal/CMC>

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY RC01 MEMBERS

Books:

1. Levy, Yagil. 2023. *Shooting, not Crying: The New Militarization of Israel in the 2000s* (Ra'anana: Lamda Scholarship - The Open University of Israel) (forthcoming in Hebrew).

Chapters:

1. Levy, Yagil. 2022. "Israel: A Politically Monitored Military in a Militarized Society," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Military in Politics*, eds. William R. Thompson and Hicham Bou Nassif (New York: Oxford University Press).
2. Levy, Yagil. 2022. "Major Contemporary Trends in Civil-Military Relations in Israel," in *Routledge Handbook on Contemporary Israel*, eds. Guy Ben-Porat, Dany Filc, Julia Mirski, Yariv Feniger, and Paula Kabalo (London: Routledge).
3. Levy, Yagil. "Military Contrarianism: The Case of Israel," in *Military Politics: New Perspectives*, ed. Thomas Crosbie (forthcoming in New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books).

Articles:

1. Harig, Christoph. 2023. What Difference Does it Make? UN Peacekeeping's Impact on Civil-Military Relations in Troop-Contributing Countries, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17502977.2023.2206257>
2. Levy, Yagil. 2022. "The Legitimacy Crisis of the Conscription Model," *Strategic Assessment* 25 (1): 79-100. https://www.inss.org.il/strategic_assessment/the-legitimacy-crisis-of-the-conscription-model/
3. Levy, Yagil. 2023. "‘The Skills... had to be Used Simply Because They Were There’: Instrumental Rationality in the Military Domain," *Millennium* (<https://doi.org/10.1177/03058298231185965>) .
4. Megan MacKenzie & Ben Wadham. 2023. Is the problem with military culture one of bad apples or bad orchards?: war crimes, scandals, and persistent dysfunction, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10361146.2023.2223502>
5. Wadham, Ben, Connor, James, Hamner, Karl & Sharon Lawn. 2023. Raped, beaten and bruised: military institutional abuse, identity wounds and veteran suicide, *Critical Military Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23337486.2023.2245286>

Reports:

1. De Roeck, Mathias and Delphine Resteigne. 2023. “Military Socialization and prejudice: the (mediating) role of right-wing authoritarianism and social dominance orientation”. In *Military diversity in multinational defence environments: from ethnic intolerance to inclusion*, Chapter 4, STO Technical Report HFM 301, NATO- CSO: Paris, April 2023.
<https://www.sto.nato.int/publications/STO%20Technical%20Reports>
2. Tetiana Lukeria (2023). Who will manage the communities in the de-occupied territories?
<https://parlament.org.ua/en/2023/01/17/who-will-manage-the-communities-in-the-de-occupied-territories/>
3. Wadham, Ben, James Connor, Kellie Toole, Emma Thomas. 2023. Mapping Service and Transition to Self-Harm and Suicidality, Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, ACT.
<https://defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au/system/files/2023-08/mapping-service-and-transition-to-self-harm-and-suicidality.pdf>

Symposium Papers:

1. Tetiana Lukeria (2023). The Ideology of Decentralization in Ukraine and the Impact of the War on its Implementation, ISA Portal, E-Symposia 2023. <https://www.isaportal.org/resources/resource/the-ideology-of-decentralization-in-ukraine/>

Workshops:

1. Organizer: Delphine Resteigne
“Integrating NEETs in Society through Employment, Recruitment and Training in the Belgian Defence: Final workshop” on November 20th 2023 (AM) at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels.

In the light of the considerable NEET group in our society, the Belgian Defence has placed a special attention on the recruitment of personnel and its social role with regards to the representativeness of the broader society. This workshop will present the results of the sociological research that was conducted for two years at the Belgian Defence on the integration of these young people by a team of researchers of the HIVA Institute (KU Leuven) and the Chair of Sociology (Royal Military Academy). In order to analyse the societal challenges and opportunities related to the recruitment and inclusion of more diverse groups at the Belgian Defence, we will first reflect on the current integration of these young people in military organizations. In a second stance, we will extend our analysis to other types of partnerships that were recently concluded with private organizations and local actors.

News Magazine Articles:

1. Tetiana Lukeria (2022). Challenges and resistance of Ukrainian communities in the condition of a full-scale russian invasion, <https://mahabahu.com/challenges-and-resistance-of-ukrainian-communities-in-the-conditions-of-a-full-scale-russian-invasion/>

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