



**International Sociological Association
RC44 - Research Committee on Labour Movements (2023-2027)
*e-Newsletter July 2023***

Message from RC44 President, Michele Ford

Welcome to the first RC44 newsletter issued by the new executive! This time last month we met in Melbourne, where we listened to a fascinating range of papers, met with migrant worker activists and enjoyed each other's company. Now, we're looking forward to the next four years, in which we plan to host a variety of regional meetings, as well as the ISA Forum, before the next ISA World Congress in South Korea.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Executive and Board members new and old. Returning to the executive are myself, as President, and Jörg Nowak as VP Programs. Cirila Quintero Ramírez, Marcel Paret and Tom Barnes join us as Secretary, Treasurer and VP-Communications respectively.

On the Board, Michael Gillan remains our Australia/New Zealand/Oceania representative. He is joined by the following regional representatives as well as three new board members at large. Our new regional representatives include:

- Africa: Thabang Sefalafala
- Asia: Neethi P
- Central and Eastern Europe: Mateusz Karolak
- Latin America: Clara Marticorena
- North America: Barry Eidlin
- Western Europe: Işıl Erdiñ

Our new board members at large are Lutfun Nahar Lata, Mateus Mendonça, and Pablo Pérez Ahumada. I am very much looking forward to seeing how board members engage with you, the broader membership, over the next four years. If you have ideas for RC44 activities in your country or region, don't hesitate to contact me at PresidentRC44@gmail.com.

Message from new RC44 Vice-President for Communications, Tom Barnes

Kindly note the following:

- (1) We are in the process of transitioning to a new website. This process will take a little time, so we do ask for your patience.
- (2) A new approach to social media will be formulated over the next few weeks, partly in response to significant changes, e.g., the transformation of Twitter into 'X', the emergence of alternative social media platforms, etc. In the meantime, we will maintain our existing presence on [Twitter/X](#) and [Facebook](#).
- (3) The more people who read and circulate this newsletter, the better and more inclusive it will be! Therefore, you are **strongly encouraged** to invite colleagues and comrades to join this e-list,

including fellow researchers, academics and students of labour, work, employment and labour movements (and related fields), as well as trade unionists, NGO and movement activists, practitioners, etc. It's easy! You can invite them yourself or, alternatively, tell them to sign up directly by signing up to [googlegroups](#) (and searching for 'rc-44').

(4) Finally, items for this newsletter are encouraged and welcomed, e.g., new or forthcoming publications, upcoming events, calls for papers or abstracts, job posts, links to reports about labour movement activities, or other relevant news/announcements, etc. Items/news can be posted to this list or sent directly to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au.

(5) Got questions about the newsletter? Just ask!

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Publications

Book Chapters

Nowak, Jörg. 2023. "[The Pandemic Politics of the Bolsonaro Government in Brazil: COVID-19 Denial, the Chloroquine Economy and High Death Rates.](#)" Pp. 105-23 in *The Political Economy of Global Responses to COVID-19*, edited by Alan W. Cafruny and Leila Simona Talani. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

Journal Articles

Chen, Martha Alter. 2023. '[The informal economy in comparative perspective: Theory, policy and reality.](#)' *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, online first, 11 July

Ponte, Stefano, Jennifer Bair and Mark Dallas. 2023. '[Power and inequality in global value chains: Advancing the research agenda.](#)' *Global Networks*, online first, 5 July, pp. 1-8

Zanoni, Patrizia and Miłosz Miszczyński. 2023 '[Post-diversity, precarious work for all: Unmaking borders to govern labor in the Amazon warehouse.](#)' *Organisation Studies*, online first, 22 July, pp. 1-37

Special issues

Lefeng Lin (Xi'an Jiaotong - Liverpool University) has edited a special issue of *The Journal of Chinese Sociology* on 'China's Work and Labor in the Era of Industrial Transition and Globalization Crisis'. All articles are free to view/download [here](#).

Reports

Mezzadri, Alessandra and Rakhi Sehgal. 2023. [The Social Life of Industrial Disputes: Exploring workers-centred industrial relations in India's garment labour regime](#). New Delhi: International Labour Organisation.

Awards

Congratulations to Jenny CHAN, Mark SELDEN and PUN Ngai, who received CHOICE's 2022 Outstanding Academic Title: Work and Labor for their book, [Dying for an iPhone: Apple, Foxconn and the Lives of China's Workers](#) in June. This Award comes after already winning CHOICE's 2022 Outstanding Academic Title: China in January (as announced in the previous RC44 Newsletter). CHOICE is a division of the American Library Association. CHOICE editors consider several factors in their decisions, including:

- Overall excellence in presentation and scholarship
- Importance relative to other literature in the field
- Distinction as a first treatment of a given subject in book or electronic form
- Originality or uniqueness of treatment

This important book was published by Haymarket Books (Chicago) and Pluto Press (London) in 2020 and was translated into Korean (Narumbooks, Seoul) in 2021.

Call for Papers: Special Issue

“Authoritarianism, Popular Insurgencies, and Labor Movements in Latin America”

(English / Spanish / Portuguese)

Apuntes announces a call for papers for its special issue “Authoritarianism, Popular Insurgencies, and Labor Movements in Latin America.” The objective of this edition is to gather cutting-edge research on the actions of labor movements in contexts of insurgencies and strong activity of popular movements, as recently occurred in Chile, Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil.

Deadline for submission of full papers: September 30, 2023

Publication date: May 2024

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Call for Abstracts: Conference

42nd International Labour Process Conference

‘Coercion, Consent and Conflict in the Labour Process and Beyond’

Deadline for submission of abstracts/symposium proposals: October 31, 2023

Conference Date: April 3-5, 2024

Venue: Göttingen, Germany

News articles

Ovetz, Robert 2023. ‘[A Lost Opportunity](#).’ *The Chief*, 25 July (article is about the recent UPS strike in the United States)

Ovetz, Robert 2023. ‘[Killing the Taylor Law](#).’ *The Chief*, 11 July

Job posts

[Lecturer in Human Resource Management and Future of Work](#) at the University of Bristol (Business School). Deadline: 14 August

News and announcements

Please **join** or **renew** your [RC44 membership](#) now! The more paid-up members we have, the stronger our voice internationally and within the ISA.

In solidarity,

Tom Barnes, on behalf of the RC44 Board (2023-2027)

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