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President’s Letter

My Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from New Delhi (National Capital Region)

In the last six months we have conducted one International Conference in collaboration with Global Research and Educational Foundation India (GREFI) and ISS RC 08 (Sociology of Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies) and ISS RC 14 (Globalization and Culture) on the theme “Media, Gender and Development in the Era of Globalization” from 24 to 27 November 2023 at Council for Development (CSD), Lodhi Road New Delhi. The conference was very successful as so many delegates from India and abroad actively participated in the deliberations of the conference. Recently, Dr. Preeti Tiwari (Board Member) and me actively participated in Chandigarh Climate Meet-3 held at Chandigarh from 20-22 March 2024. We have recently launched WG01 website (https://www.isawg012327.com). The site is still in developing stage. I invite the members to write blogs on the topics of their interest and send the blog to Dr. Preeti Tiwari on her mail (tiwari.preeti31@gmail.com). Please give your valuable suggestions for improvement and full utilization of website platform. I hope that we shall be able to grow further academically as well as in terms of the organizational facet. So far, we have only 53 active members in the group (44 regular and 9 student members) which is just on the margin needed for the survival of the working group. This is my appeal to all the active members to make efforts for the new regular and student membership among the colleagues and students so that we can get more sessions in the ISA conferences (the sessions are allotted on the basis of the strength of the membership).

As you are aware that V ISA Sociological Forum will be held at Rabat, Morocco in July 2025. Proposal for organising session can be submitted from May 02 to July 01, 2024 through online Confex platform. Paper abstract submission period will be from August 05 to October 15, 2024 only. I hope that most of the WG members will be able to actively participate in the Forum activities.

I take this opportunity to thank Prof. Parvez Abbasi who recently completed the task of preparing the draft of our new statutes as per ISA new guidelines and circulated among the members of the working group for their observations and suggestions (if any). I have received suggestion from Dr. Amy Shumin Chen (amyshumin@gmail.com) which has been incorporated in the final draft of the Statutes.

Finally, I am thankful to Dr. Sarvesh Dutt Tripathi, of University School of Mass Communication, GGSIP University, New Delhi, India for undertaking the task of publishing the newsletter of the WG. Please share reports of your activities with us and information of the activities you are organizing so that we can disseminate information to a wider group.

With best wishes and warm regards

Yours sincerely

Virendra P. Singh
President 2023-2027

Board 2023-2027
Prof. Virendra P. Singh is the Founder and Chairman of Global Research and Educational Foundation India (GREFI). He is an eminent sociologist of international repute. He worked as a faculty in Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi and National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) Northeastern Regional Centre, Guwahati, India in the initial years of his career and has a vast experience in teaching and research at state and central universities at Bhopal, Silchar, and Allahabad. He has to his credit three books and several research papers in national and international research journals. Taught Sociology at Barkatullah University, Bhopal, Reader in Sociology, Assam University (Central), Silchar (1996-2005); Professor of Sociology at Assam University, Silchar (2005-2010). He established Centre for Globalization and Development Studies in June 2010 when he was appointed as Founder Head and Professor of Globalization and Development Studies by University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, India and served there over a decade. Prof. Singh actively participates in and organizes sessions within ISA research committees, including RCs-14, 52, and WG-01 and served as Board Member of ISA-RC 14 (2014-2018) and ISA-RC 52 (2014-2018). He served as member of Management Committee of Indian Sociological Society (ISS) (2011-2017) and national Convenor of ISS-RC 14 for several years since 2000.

Parvez A. Abbasi is a former Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at VNSG University, Surat. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Global Research and Educational Foundation India (GREFI). He holds a doctoral degree in Social Stratification among Muslims, focusing on the Gaddi Caste in Western Uttar Pradesh. He authored the book "Social Inequality among Indian Muslims" and has published numerous research articles in national and international journals. Prof. Abbasi actively participates in and organizes sessions within ISA research committees, including RCs-14, 52, and WG-01, and has chaired sessions since the Yokohama World Congress. He served as a board member for ISA RC14 Sociology of Communication, Knowledge, and Culture (2018-23) and is the convener of ISS RC08: Inequalities, Stratification, and Exclusion Studies. He has worked as a Research Officer on UNESCO and ICSSR projects related to Rural-Urban Inter-Relations of Muslims in the Meerut region. Prof. Abbasi is also associated with academic bodies at various Indian universities and has served as a Co-Editor of ISS Hindi Journal Samajshashtra Samiksha. Currently, he is a member of the advisory board for the journals Emerging Trends in Development Research and Navrachna (Hindi).

Sarvesh Dutt Tripathi, Newsletter Editor

Professor Sarvesh Dutt Tripathi is an assistant professor at Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India. He had shifted to Media academics after serving in Print Media for more than a decade in different capacities. During his occupation as correspondent for newspapers, he covered tribal/rural issues, Naxalism, Environment, Development and Culture. He has presented his research works on several national and international academic seminars and conferences. From time to time, he also engaged by UNICEF to train journalists working in rural/tribal areas of the country, health workers and tribal adolescent in Child Rights. He has been teaching Print Journalism and Corporate Communication and supervising research works on Fake News, Influence of New Media on Families, Community Radio and Developing Media literacy models for visually impaired.

Marina Rodionova, Member of the board

Professor Maria Rodionova is the Director of Centre for European Studies, Educational Services and Consulting and an Associate Professor and Deputy Head of Department Sociology and Political Science in Academic and International Work at Financial University, under the Government of Russian Federation. She has also worked as Associate Professor at Lomonosov Moscow State University. Maria has been a member of European Sociological Association (ESA), reflecting her commitment to the field of sociology. She has previously served as the Director of Organizational and Strategic Development at MosAuditService LLC, bringing her wealth of knowledge and experience to this role.

Nelly Vuyokazi Sharpley, Member of the board
Dr. Nelly Sharpley serves as the Acting Director for Special Projects within the Office of the Vice-Chancellor at WSU. In this capacity, her primary focus is on addressing urgent issues, particularly the institution's strategy for combatting gender-based violence and sexual abuse. Prior to her current role, Dr. Sharpley has held several key leadership and strategic positions at WSU, including Head of Social Sciences, where she oversaw 36 staff members and managed five academic programs. She has been an active member of the Senate and served a full term on the WSU council. Her contributions were instrumental in shaping the approved WSU 2030 strategic goal, and she has also been a valuable member of the WSU commission for Community Engagement and internationalization. Dr. Sharpley's research expertise is evident in her involvement as a lead researcher in the ECSECC/HSRC/WSU COVID-19 and Funeral Protocols project for the Eastern Cape Government. Beyond national boundaries, she represented South Africa at the BRICS Seminar in Russia on population and economic development and played an active role in the BRICS university project. Additionally, she represented the country at the Belarus-Minsk Population and Development conference in November 2018.

**Roman Smirnov, Member of the board**

Roman Smirnov received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Graz, Austria and is currently a research fellow at the Institute East European Studies, Free University Berlin. His primary research focuses on the influence of the Russian-Ukrainian war on the academic community in Russia and social and political consequences of modern Russian authoritarianism for academic freedom. His work focuses also on the social and professional mobility of scientists, social inequality and comparative international analysis.

**Preeti Tiwari, Member of the board**

Dr. Preeti TIWARI is Research Associate in Global Research and Educational Foundation India (GREFI). She attained her master’s degree in English from University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, India, M.Phil. in Women Studies from Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, Maharashtra, India. She did D. Phil. From Centre for Globalization and Development Studies, Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies (IIDS) University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, India on the topic “Globalization and Postmodernism: A Critical Analysis of Anthony Giddens” in 2021. She has actively participated in ISA conferences organized in India and abroad. She has published articles in journals of national and international repute. Recently she contributed a chapter entitled “COVI-19 and Patterns of Local and Global Migration in India” in Georgios O. Tsobanoglou and Aikaterini T. Kokkinou (eds.) Sustainable Communities: Prospects and Challenges (2022), Nova Science Publishers.
47 individuals from 10 countries participated in the ISA-WG01 and GREFI Conference, New Delhi, India November 24-27 2023

Photos of ISA-WG01 and GREFI Conference
Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene

The 5th ISA Forum of Sociology will take place in Rabat, Morocco on July 6-11, 2025. This is the first ISA Forum to be held in the region and specifically in a country that is known for being at the crossroads of civilizations spanning the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Africa. This unique geographic location, and the campus of Mohammed V University where we will be hosted, is the perfect setting for the intense intellectual debates that are foreseen around the theme “Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene”. The dates of the Forum provide us with the opportunity to engage these debates in our Forum and in a sociological film festival that will be open to the public, just before the city will turn its gaze from sociology to football as host of the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations.

The Forum will bring together sociologists from around the world to unpack this complex theme. Our point of departure lies in the recognition of the Anthropocene and the environmental concerns that accompany it. This word entered our lexicon at the turn of the Millennium when geologists first began to identify what they considered to be irreversible geological traces of human societies on the planet. In March 2024, the ‘scientists’ (according to a New York Times reporter) decided that no, we were not really in a new geological epoch. But the journalist noted that the term had already gained so much importance in anthropology and history that it will most likely stay relevant in societies. This situation of contested knowledges is precisely what we will tackle in Rabat.

What does it mean to “know” in the context of the Anthropocene? Whose knowledge counts? What forms of knowing (understood in its feminist and relational sense) are prioritized, and with what consequences, in societal change? While some sub-disciplines have been actively contributing to academic and public debates, sociology writ large has not been at the center of these debates regarding the conditions of living with and in the Anthropocene. How might engaging the sociological imagination in discussions of the Anthropocene better equip sociologists and citizens?
to contribute to these public debates about our individual and collective capacities to live together in such an epoch?

This brings us to the question of justice. How do we know what is fair and just? Can we forge new understandings of justice for the Anthropocene? What can sociology contribute to how we know justice among knowledges (ontological and epistemic justice) or about aspects of our social worlds, such as environmental justice, legal justice, transitional justice, land justice, water justice, interspecies justice, racial justice, ethnic justice, or gender justice? What new questions are opened about these types of relations when the conditions of the Anthropocene are taken seriously?

This broad theme provides a space for dialogue within and across ISA's 67 Research Committees (RCs), Working Groups (WGs), and Thematic Groups (TGs). We invite all sociologists from all walks of life and all corners of the earth to join us in Rabat in 2025!

Allison Marie Loconto
Vice-President for Research & 5th ISA Forum President

Deadlines:

April 15, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Announcing Program Coordinators
* RC/WG/TG provide the name and contact details of the Program Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat at isa@isa-sociology.org

May 2 - July 01, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Call for Sessions
* The RC/WG/TG session proposer must submit the session description online via the Confex platform.
* The invited session organizer (RC/WG/TG, Presidential, Plenary, LOC sessions, etc.) must submit the session’s description online via the Confex platform.

July 02 - July 31, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Final List of Sessions
* The RC/WG/TG Program Coordinator must finalize a list of sessions. The format, titles, descriptions, and language (English, French, or Spanish) of the sessions, as well as the contact details of session organizers (name, affiliation, country, e-mail), will be available on the ISA conference platform run by Confex.

August 05 - October 15, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Submission
* Participants and organizers of invited sessions must submit abstracts online via the Confex platform in English, French, or Spanish. Only abstracts submitted online will be considered in the selection process.

October 15 - November 10, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Selection
* The Session Organizer must complete the selection of abstracts and provide a final presentation designation (oral, distributed, poster, round table). Session Organizers move good-quality abstracts unsuited for their sessions to the Program Coordinator’s bin for
transfer to another session.
* Note: Abstract transfers should be made to the Program Coordinator’s bin as early as possible so that good abstracts may be transferred to other appropriate sessions. This will enable organizers to consider these transferred abstracts and make decisions within the deadlines.
* Session Organizers add chairs, co-chairs, discussants, and panelists to their sessions as needed.

**November 10 - November 30, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Relocation**
* Program Coordinator re-locates good quality abstracts considered unsuited by Session Organizers from the Program Coordinator’s bin to other sessions.
* No more sessions can be added after that deadline.

**December 05, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Notification Letters**
Confex sends notification letters to:
- Authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts
- Authors of rejected abstracts

**December 15, 2024 - January 26, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Sessions Scheduling**
* Dec 15 - Jan 15: Confex schedules Joint Session, Round Table, and Poster Sessions
* January 16 to 26: Program Coordinators schedule regular sessions

**January 31, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Applications for Registration Grants Deadline**
*Participants should submit applications for ISA grants to the Program Coordinator.

**February 15, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Submission of proposed Registration Grants recipients**
* The Program Coordinator sends the selected recipients and amounts recommended to the ISA Secretariat at isa@isa-sociology.org for verification and approval.

**March 22, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Registration Deadline for Presenters**
*Registration must be paid by the deadline. Confex matches registrations with accepted presenters and will send out the last reminder to register. Presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.

**April 3 - April 18, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Abstracts Relocation**
* Session Organizer modifies sessions based on the withdrawal of non-registered presenters.
* Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants.
* The program Coordinator completes sessions scheduled according to the conference timetable.
* If the type of an individual’s presentation is changed or if a presentation is transferred to a different session, Confex will notify the authors of the final session and presentation details.

**May 9, 2025 - 24:00 UTC/GMT Online program published**
To the President of ISA WG01 Sociology on Local Global Relations

London, UK. 8 November 2023

Dear Professor Virendra Singh,

May I express my great pleasure and send my warmest congratulations to you and your colleagues on the revival of WG01 of the ISA.

For me as a founder of the original thematic group in 1996 it is especially satisfying to see the renewal of the local/global focus. This was then, as it remains today, a creative solution to accommodating all sides of the continuing globalization controversies.

May I also tell you of my special personal pleasure in seeing that the impetus for this revival comes from India.

For me attending the World Congress in New Delhi in 1986 was an inspiration, as was my collaboration with President T.K. Oomen in launching the new journal of the ISA, *International Sociology*, in that very year.


Yours sincerely

Martin Albrow
Message from Victor Roudometof
roudometof.victor@ucy.ac.cy
(Executive Member of First Board of WG01)

Dated: Nov 8, 2023, 7:53 PM

Dear Prof. Singh, Dear Dr. Tripathi,

Many thanks for the email and the additional information. I was a member of the TG Local-Global relations in the 1990s and I would also happily renew my association with the group (now a WG) in the future. Unfortunately, I was unable to travel to Australia for the Congress. My congratulations to Prof. Singh for his election as President of the WG.

Here are some recent items for inclusion to the Newsletter:


The first of them is the print version of my on-line presentation at the last International Conference on Globalization and the Emergence of a New World Order: Theoretical Formulations and Empirical Reality.

Kind regards,

VR

Message from Amy Shumin CHEN (amyshumin@gmail.com)
(Active member of the WG01)

Apr 22, 2024, 7:20 AM

Dear Dr. Singh:

Thank you for your efforts to organize this draft for the group. My suggestion is here for your reference.

About 5.6:5.6 Elections shall be conducted by EO through Zoom meetings so that all WG members can participate in the election process in person or virtually.

I think that there are many tools for online meetings; maybe there is no need to limit it to ZOOM.

Best regards,

Amy Shumin CHEN (National Tsing Hua Uni., Taiwan)
Letter from the President to the members regarding Draft of New Statutes

Subject: Draft of Revised Statutes of WG01

My Dear Colleagues,

As per ISA instructions we have prepared a draft of revised Statutes of our WORKING GROUP 01 in the light of ISA’s latest guidelines for smooth functioning of the RCs/WGs/TGs.

The draft Statutes are attached herewith for your suggestions (if any) and approval. The suggestions may be sent in a specific form (mentioning the clause number in the draft) with rationale by May 6, 2024. The relevant suggestions will be incorporated in the Final draft by the Draft Committee Chairman (President) within a week. The final draft will be circulated among the members for approval by 31 May 2024.

The members are requested to actively participate in this important task.

Looking forward to your cooperation

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Virendra P. Singh
President, WG01

Dependency is the indicator of underdevelopment
WG01 Sociology on Local-Global Relations

Established in 1996 as a Thematic Group
Recognized as a Working Group in July 2006
Statutes of Thematic Group/Working group were approved in January 1999

Final Statutes
In accordance with the principles of the Statutes of the International Sociological Association (ISA), these statutes are proposed to be approved by members of the Working Group in good standing of the International Sociological Association as of October 2023.

Article 1. Purposes
1. The purposes of the Working Group, the Sociology of Local-Global Relations are as follows:
   1.1 To encourage scientific research and knowledge on the relationships among global, local, and regional groups, associations, and organizations, both governmental and non-governmental.
   1.2 To establish contacts and to encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of globalization, local communities, and glocalization of socio-cultural milieu and related issues.
   1.3 To enhance international cooperation and exchange in theoretical and empirical research in the Sociology on Local-Global Relations.
   1.4 To link theoretical and empirical research in the Sociology on Local-Global Relations with any related specialist fields or disciplines.
   1.5 To act as the international representative body of the Sociology on Local-Global Relations.

Article 2. Activities
2. To achieve these ends, the Working Group shall focus on the following activities:
   2.1 To encourage research on Sociology on Local-Global Relations among the members and the international dissemination and exchange of information on the developments in this field.
   2.2 To organize sessions at meetings of the ISA and interim conferences in different continents between the Forum and World Congress in collaboration with local research bodies, preferably institutional members of ISA.
   2.3 To provide information on significant developments in the field through means such as regular newsletters (at least 2 in a calendar year), blogs, journals, and other publications by full exploration of social media networks.
   2.4 To support international seminars of theoretical, methodological, or substantive importance and international training seminars to add to the skills of research in the field.

ARTICLE 3. Membership
3. Members shall be either regular members or affiliated members.
   3.1 Regular members shall be individuals or institutions in good standing within the ISA.
   3.2 Affiliated members shall be individuals or institutions interested in the activities of RC14, who are not members of the ISA.
   3.3 All regular and Affiliated members of WG 01 shall be entitled to vote in the discussions about organizational matters at the General Meetings according to the principle "one member, one vote", which means that one institution also has one vote.
3.4 ONLY regular and Affiliated members of WG 01 shall be entitled to:
3.4.1 Participate in the scientific activities of WG01.
3.4.2 Receive/access free of charge the Newsletter/website/blog maintained by WG 01.
3.5. All regular and Affiliated members of WG 01 shall be obliged to:
3.5.1 Uphold the present Statutes of WG 01 and adhere to the stipulations of the present Statutes.
3.5.2 Conscientiously fulfill the tasks entrusted to them by the General Meeting or other bodies of WG 01
3.5.3 Pay their fees for the respective period of 4 years. The fees shall be fixed by the WG Board at each General Meeting for both.

Article 4. Officers
4.1 Officers of the Working Group shall be elected once every four years in the business meeting of every World Congress of Sociology, as stipulated in Article V.
4.2 The composition of the Board shall be:
President: represents the RC both internally and externally and shall have general responsibility for the coordination and communication.
S/he shall chair the meetings of the Executive Board; in his/her absence, the meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President or another nominated Board member.
Vice-President: supports internal and external representation coordination and communication and represents the RC in the absence of the President.
Secretary/Treasurer: finance, subscriptions, and membership data.
Newsletter Editor
At least four other members
Ex-officio Former President(s)
4.3 The term of the office shall be four years.
   i) The president can serve a maximum of 2 terms.
   ii) Officers: Two Vice-Presidents (by election), 1 Secretary (by election), and 1 Treasurer (to be nominated by the President among the elected Board Members) can serve not more than 2 consecutive terms.
   iii) Board Members: no restriction
   iv) On completion of two consecutive terms on a position, a member can contest election for this position after a gap of four years (one term). But there will be no restriction on contesting election for other positions.

Article 5. Elections
5.1 To ensure the participation of all members, nominations shall be done by email. The Secretary shall prepare a form to be sent to all members at least two months in advance before the election day together with a list of all regular members of WG01.
5.2 Nominated candidate shall be a regular member in good standing of ISA and WG01. The nomination must be proposed by at least one regular member and seconded by another regular member of WG01 by a separate email of this effect.
5.3 Nomination shall be sent to the election officer (EO) appointed by the Board for this purpose at least six months in advance from the month of the meeting of the WC/Forum in the year of the completion of the term of the Board (i.e. normally in January). The election officer will be a former Board Member or office bearer of the WG01 who is not contesting for any position.
5.4 Nominations can be sent to EO one hour before the commencement of the business meeting of the WG at WCOS. The nominations can also be collected on the floor during the business meeting at WG at WCOS supported by two regular members.
5.5 All regular members and affiliated members shall be eligible to vote in elections.
5.5 Nomination submitted through email may be withdrawn by the candidate by informing the EO one hour before the commencement of the business meeting at WCOS.
5.6 Elections shall be conducted by EO through Zoom or any other appropriate platform so that all WG members can participate in the election process in person or virtually.
5.3 The proceedings of the elections will be prepared by the EO and shall be submitted to the Secretary after the election.
5.5 The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast will be deemed elected to each office.

Article 6. Business Meeting
6.1 A Business Meeting is held at least every four years, including at the ISA World Congress. The meeting is chaired by the President, or by the Vice-President of WG01. Votes can only be cast by regular and affiliated WG01 members in good standing who are present at the Meeting.
6.2 The role of the Business Meeting is to receive relevant reports from WG01 and to discuss and carry motions on any points that may arise. Decisions in a Business Meeting are taken by the simple majority.
**Article 7. Changes and Amendments to Statutes**

7.1 Any proposal for changes or amendments to the Statutes may be made by any member of the Board, or by at least five members in good standing of WG01.

7.2 The proposal will be circulated among all WG01 members by email. The suggestions from members shall be invited within 15 days from the date of circulation of the draft. The final draft has to be circulated for the approval of at least two-thirds of the regular and affiliated members by email only. The Board will be entitled to propose changes and amendments. All changes and amendments must follow the principles of ISA policy and guidelines.

**Article 8. Relations with Other Organizations**

Relations with other organizations may be established by the WG01 or by the Board as is deemed useful, or necessary in accordance with the aims and objectives of WG01 and ISA policy.

**Article 9. Membership Fee**

Dues are $40 ($20 discount) for 4 years. To become a member, submit a membership application from your user account: [https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/login](https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/login).

**Article 10. Responsibilities of Members**

In addition to paying dues, all members are responsible for the activities of the Group, including convening meetings, publications, contributions to the Newsletter (Web Page), and other undertakings of the Group.

*Note: This is Final Draft of the New Statutes of the Working Group 01. This is being circulated among the members through Newsletter. Members are requested to send their approval to the President via email (presidentwg0123.27@gmail.com; etdryps@gmail.com) by 17th June 2024. In case we receive no response from a member, it will be considered as the consent of the member for the approval of the statutes. After this the statutes will be sent to ISA Secretariat for further necessary action.*