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Message from the RC48 President



Dear RC48 Members,

I hope this message finds you all well and in high spirits.

As we reflect on the year, I am thrilled to share that 2024 has been an exceptionally active and productive period for our Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action, and Social Change (RC48). Our collective efforts have not only expanded our reach but also deepened our impact across various fronts. Here are some highlights of our activities and achievements over the past months:

1. Creating New Social Media Channels: To enhance our communication and engagement with members and the broader academic community, we have successfully launched new social media channels and sites for RC48, including our [Website](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitter/X](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). These platforms are designed to facilitate the sharing of research, updates on events, and the fostering of conversations among RC48 members globally.

2. Fourth RC48 PhD Workshop: The upcoming [Fourth RC48 PhD Workshop](#), which will be held at the University of Catania, Italy, on September 12 and 13, 2024, has already received a remarkable number of 19 proposals from doctoral students representing 15 countries, underscoring the international interest and participation in our work in the field of Social Movements.

3. Global Online Conversations 2024: This year, we launched the initiative '[Global Online Conversations 2024 - Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Global Talks on Social Movements](#).' This online seminar series is envisioned as a platform to bring together scholars, practitioners, and activists from around the world.

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Through these dialogues, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities and potentials inherent in social movements, thereby contributing to a more informed and empowered global community dedicated to positive social change. Please check out our [YouTube channel](#) to watch the first three conversations!

4. Statement of Solidarity with Palestine: In a significant act of solidarity, we released a [Statement of Solidarity with Palestine](#), which was endorsed by RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements and RC44 Labour Movements. This statement reflects our commitment to supporting global justice and human rights.

5. Call for Sessions for the V ISA Forum of Sociology: We have also opened the call for sessions for the next [V ISA Forum of Sociology](#), scheduled to take place in Rabat, Morocco, from July 6-11, 2025. We encourage all RC48 members to submit session proposals and participate actively in this important event.

6. Supporting Academic Events: Our research committee has supported several significant academic events during 2024, including the ['International Conference: Social Movements and Globalisation: An Ibero-American Look at Latin American Challenges'](#) held on January 18 and 19, 2024, in Bilbao, Spain, and the Second International Workshop ['Reimagining victims' reparation: building new perspectives on empathy, dignity, and justice for victims of serious human rights violations in the Global South'](#) held on May 2 and 3, 2024, in Middelburg, The Netherlands.

As we look ahead, I invite all RC48 members to become more active and engaged with our research committee. Your participation is crucial in building a vibrant community of knowledge and practice. RC48 is here to support you and to foster collaborations that advance our collective understanding and action on social movements, collective action, and social change scholarship.

Message from the RC48 president

Thank you for your dedication and contributions. Together, we can continue to make a significant impact on the global stage.

Warm regards,

Camilo Tamayo Gomez
President, RC48
International Sociological Association

About RC48

The Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) is part of the International Sociological Association (ISA). It was founded as a Working Group in 1992, under the presidency of Prof. Bert Klandermans. In 1994, it was recognised as an ISA Research Committee.

The objective of RC48 is to foster intellectual, academic and scholarly exchanges between researchers of broadly defined social movements, collective action and social change. The RC48 is currently based at the Collective Identity Research Centre (Department of Sociology 2, University of the Basque Country, Spain).

The ISA was founded in 1949 under the auspices of UNESCO. With more than 5,000 members coming from 167 countries, the ISA is currently the most important international professional association in the field of sociology. Its goal is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world and to represent sociologists everywhere, regardless of their school of thought, scientific approaches or ideological opinion.

The ongoing scientific activities of the ISA are decentralised into 55 Research Committees (RC), 3 Working Groups (WG) and 5 Thematic Groups (TG), each dealing with a well-recognised speciality in sociology. These groups bring together scholars who wish to pursue comparative research on a transnational basis and they constitute basic networks of scientific research, intellectual debate and professional exchange. Although they must fulfil certain minimum requirements, RCs have complete autonomy to operate. Each RC's governing body is the Board, formed by a President, a Secretary, and a variable number of board members. RC48 participates in the organisation of both the ISA World Congresses, celebrated every 4 years since 1950 (Zurich), and the ISA Forums of Sociology, also celebrated every 4 years since 2008 (Barcelona).

In contrast to the ISA World Congress, which has a more professional and academic character, the forum's original

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purpose was to establish an open dialogue with colleagues doing sociology in public institutions, social movements, and civil society organisations. This means that every two years, we are involved in the organisation of a worldwide event. In between ISA World Congresses and forums, our committee organises smaller scientific meetings called RC48 international conferences. These meetings tend to be more narrowly focused than other ISA events and, on average, they gather between 30 and 60 scholars. Consequently, colleagues can make longer presentations, and we can hold deeper and more enriching debates.

RC48 Social media and website information

RC48 Website



It is our pleasure to announce that **RC48 now has a website!** The website serves as a hub for information on our committee's activities, publications, and events. We invite you all to explore it at <https://isarc48.com>



As RC48 we want to be connected to the professional world. That is why **RC48 now has an account on LinkedIn.** Follow us [here!](#)

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We have also created a [YouTube channel](#), where you can find videos related to our committee's research, seminars, and events. Subscribe to stay updated and access valuable RC48 content.



Connect with us on Twitter/X! **Follow RC48's new Twitter account:** https://twitter.com/RC48_ISA for real-time updates, news, and engaging discussions within the field of social movements, collective action, and social change

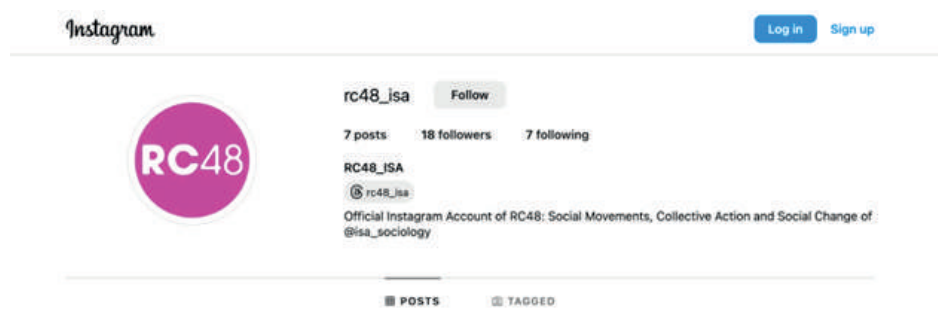
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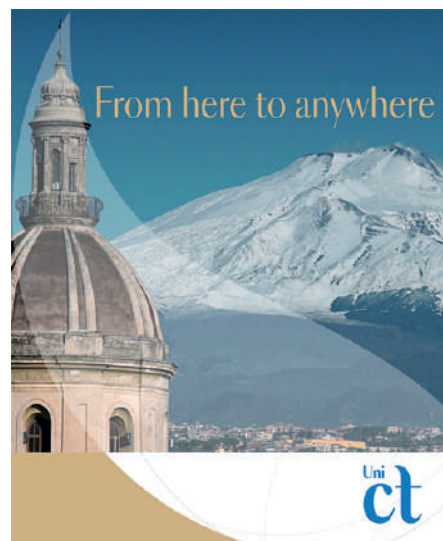
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The aim of the ISA RC48 PhD workshop that will take place on September 12 and 13, in Catania (Italy), is to discuss with international PhD students working in the field of social movements about their doctoral projects in an open and helpful environment.

Each of the 18 PhD students who have been accepted will have the opportunity to present her/his/their doctoral project in a stimulating international setting and receive theoretical and methodological feedback from both senior and junior scholars as well as other students.

The Workshop will discuss recent developments in the field, publication, and career strategies, and provide an opportunity to network with other social movements scholars within the ISA community.

Fourth ISA RC48 PhD workshop



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4th PhD Workshop
ISA - RC48 (Social movements, collective action and social change)



Catania, Italy, September 12 and 13, 2024

About this PhD Workshop

The aim of the ISA RC48 PhD Workshop is to invite international PhD students working in the field of social movements to discuss their doctoral projects in an open and helpful environment. Each participant will have the opportunity to present her/his doctoral project in a stimulating international setting and receive theoretical and methodological feedback from both senior and junior scholars as well as other students. The Workshop will discuss recent developments in the field, publication, and career strategies, and provide an opportunity to network with other social movements scholars within the ISA community.

PhD Workshop guidelines

The workshop welcomes submissions by doctoral students at any stage of their PhD, as well as students who are close to completing their PhD. Proposals are welcome in the areas of social movements and collective action.

Proposals should be submitted in English in the form of extended abstracts. The abstracts should not exceed 1,000 words and should be submitted by **April 01, 2024**. The abstract and a short bio (max 300 words) must be sent by email to one of the workshop organisers (see below).

Proposals will be selected by a Scientific Committee following a peer-review process and on the basis of the scientific excellence of the proposal. The Scientific Committee will aim to choose a fair representation of proposals from different regions and areas of social movement research.

Future participants will receive the outcome of their application on **May 01, 2024**. The PhD Students must become ISA RC48 members before the Workshop.

The workshop will take place at **the University of Catania** in Catania, Italy, on **September 12 and 13, 2024**. RC48 will provide refreshments and a light lunch during the days of the workshop.

All selected participants will be required to submit a full paper (no more than 8,000 words) in Word format by **August 01, 2024**, to the workshop organizers. This is essential in order to make sure that participants get the most out of this workshop.

Papers will be circulated in advance and allocated to the discussants. An exception will be made for early-stage doctoral students, from whom only a short paper is required (no more than 3,000 words).

Submission process

We kindly ask you to apply only if you accept these terms of conditions and are prepared to follow the proposed guidelines and deadlines.

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RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change



Università di Catania

Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Global Talks on Social Movements

Convenors:

- Camila PONCE LARA, Philipps University of Marburg (Germany)
- Eloy RIVAS-SANCHEZ, Athabasca University (Canada)
- Camilo TAMAYO GOMEZ, The University of Huddersfield (United Kingdom)

Presentation

The International Sociological Association's Research Committee 48 (ISA RC48) recognises the critical importance of fostering global conversations that delve into the dynamics of social movements, collective action, and the profound implications they hold for social change. In an era characterised by unprecedented connectivity and a rapidly changing global landscape, the need for a nuanced understanding of these phenomena is more pressing than ever. These are our key motivations for hosting a Global Online Seminar dedicated to exploring these crucial aspects of societal transformation and an open invitation for you to join us!

Global Interconnectedness:

In our interconnected world, social movements and collective actions no longer adhere to national boundaries. Social movements including those advocating for environmental justice, human rights, migrant rights, and racial equality resonate globally. By hosting a Global Online Seminar, ISA RC48 aims to facilitate a cross-cultural dialogue that transcends geographical limitations, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the interconnected nature of contemporary social movements.

Diverse Perspectives:

Social movements manifest in diverse forms across different cultures, regions, languages, and social contexts. Bringing together scholars, activists, and experts from various disciplines and backgrounds will enable a rich exchange of ideas and perspectives. This diversity is essential for developing a nuanced understanding of the commonalities and differences that shape the landscape of social movements globally.

Knowledge Exchange:

This Global Online Seminar aims to provide a platform for the exchange of cutting-edge research, theoretical insights, and empirical findings related to social movements and collective action. By facilitating this exchange, ISA RC48 wants to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field, fostering collaborations and partnerships among researchers and practitioners dedicated to the study and promotion of social change.

Emerging Challenges:

Social movements are continually evolving in response to emerging challenges including technological advancements, climate change, and the changing nature of work. This Global Online Seminar seeks to address these contemporary challenges and explore how social movements adapt and innovate in the face of evolving societal conditions.

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Empowering Activism:

Recognising the potential of social movements to effect positive change, this Global Online Seminar wishes to empower activists and practitioners by providing them with insights from scholarly research. Bridging the gap between academia and activism, the seminar seeks to facilitate a two-way exchange that enhances the effectiveness of both scholarly endeavours and real-world social movements.

Accessible Knowledge:

The online format of the seminar ensures accessibility to a global audience, overcoming traditional barriers to participation. By leveraging digital platforms, ISA RC48 aims to democratise access to knowledge and create an inclusive space where individuals from diverse backgrounds can engage in meaningful conversations about social movements, collective action, and social change.

To sum up, the Global Online Seminar on Social Movements, Collective Action, and Social Change, hosted by ISA RC48, is envisioned as a platform that brings together scholars, practitioners, and activists from around the world. Through this initiative, we seek to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities and potentials inherent in social movements, ultimately contributing to a more informed and empowered global community committed to positive social change.

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DATE	CONVENOR	TOPIC	GUEST
March 28 13:00 - 14:00 (CET Time) 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT Time)	Camilo TAMAYO GOMEZ The University of Huddersfield (UK)	Book presentation: Desde las calles a La Moneda: Liderazgo estudiantil y transformación política en el Chile contemporáneo. From the streets to La Moneda: Student leadership and political transformation in contemporary Chile	Camila PONCE LARA Philipps University of Marburg (Germany)
April 25 13:00 - 14:00 (CET Time) 12:00 - 13:00 (GMT Time)	Camila PONCE LARA Philipps University of Marburg (Germany)	Book presentation: Está entre nosotros: ¿De dónde sale y hasta dónde puede llegar la extrema derecha que no vimos venir? It is among us: where does the extreme right that we did not see coming come from and how far can it go?	Dr. Melina Vázquez (Universidad de Buenos Aires - UBA) Dr. Pablo Semán (Universidad Nacional de San Martín) (Argentina)
May 30 11:00 - 12:00 (MX Time) 5:00 - 6:00 (GMT Time)	Eloy RIVAS-SANCHEZ Athabasca University (Canada)	Open Discussion: Grietas en las Fronteras: Migración, Solidaridades y Resistencias Transfronterizas Cracks in the Borders: Migration, Solidarities and Cross-Border Resistances	Dr. Amarela Varela Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México (UAEM) Odilia Romero Comunidades Indígenas en Liderazgo (CIELO)

Book presentation: Desde las calles a La Moneda: Liderazgo estudiantil y transformación política en el Chile contemporáneo

From the streets to La Moneda: Student leadership
and political transformation in contemporary Chile

(28 March 2024)

**Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change**

RC48 Seminar Series: Global Online Conversations 2024

Crossing Borders, Building Bridges:
Global Talks on Social Movements


Thursday
28 March 2024


13:00 - 14:00
(CET Time)

12:00 - 13:00
(GMT Time)


Online: [By clicking here](#)
(MS Teams Platform)

Book Presentation:

***'Desde las calles a La Moneda:
Liderazgo estudiantil y transformación
política en el Chile contemporáneo'***
(ES)



Camila PONCE LARA
Philipps University of Marburg
(Germany)

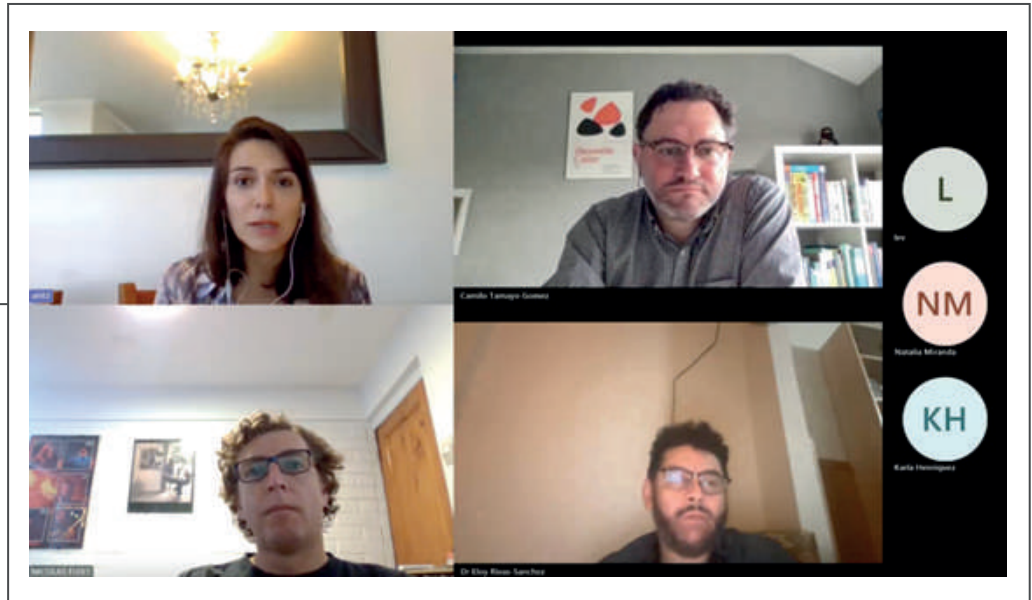


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Notes by Camilo Tamayo Gomez

In the first session of the series, the presentation was on the book “Desde las calles a La Moneda: Liderazgo estudiantil y transformación política en el Chile contemporáneo (From the streets to La Moneda: Student leadership and political transformation in contemporary Chile) written by RC48 member Camila Ponce Lara. In her presentation, Camila delved into the intricate journey of Chilean student leaders from the protest-ridden streets to positions of significant political power. The book provides a nuanced exploration of how these leaders, originating from the vigorous student movements, have influenced and reshaped the political landscape of contemporary Chile. Camila examined in this seminar the socio-economic factors that fueled these social movements, highlighting the pivotal role of secondary and university students in challenging the status quo. Also, she highlighted in her presentation the transition from street activism to formal political engagement of several key student leaders, and how they move from leading protests to running for public office. This book provides detailed accounts of their campaigns, their challenges, and their strategies to gain political traction. Camila stressed the importance of youth activism in challenging entrenched systems of power and advocating for substantive change. The book is a significant contribution to the literature on social movements and political change. It offers valuable insights for scholars, activists, and policymakers interested in understanding the dynamics of youth-led social movements and their potential to effect systemic change. Furthermore, this book serves

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as both a historical account and a strategic guide for future social movements seeking to transition from protest to governance.

[Click here to watch the First Session.](#)

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Está entre nosotros: ¿De dónde sale y hasta dónde puede llegar la extrema derecha que no vimos venir?

It is among us: where does the extreme right that we did not see coming come from and how far can it go?

(April 25, 2024)

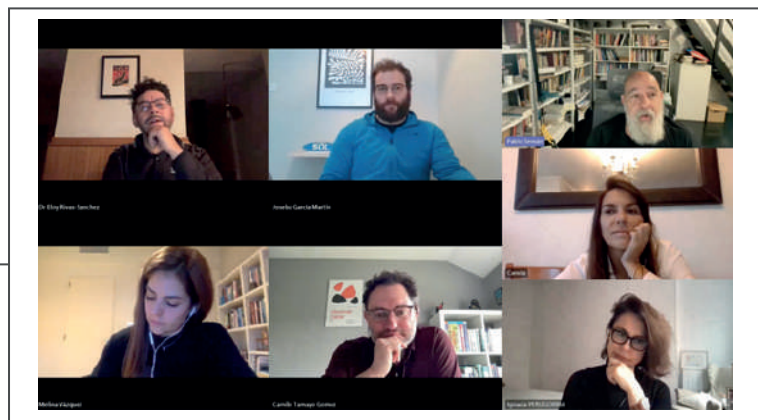
The poster is for a book presentation event. At the top, it features the ISA logo and the text 'RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change'. To the right, it says 'RC48 Seminar Series: Global Online Conversations 2024' and 'Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Global Talks on Social Movements'. The main title of the book is 'Está entre nosotros: ¿De dónde sale y hasta dónde puede llegar la extrema derecha que no vimos venir? (ES)'. Below the title are two portraits: Dra. Melina VÁZQUEZ (Universidad de Buenos Aires - UBA) (Argentina) and Dr. Pablo SEMÁN (Universidad Nacional de San Martín) (Argentina). On the left side, the event details are listed: 'Thursday 25 April 2024', '13:00 - 14:00 (CET Time)', '12:00 - 13:00 (GMT Time)', and 'Online: By clicking here (MS Teams Platform)'. A small book cover image is also visible on the right.

Notes by Camila Ponce Lara

In the second session of the series, the presentation was on the book "Está entre nosotros. ¿De dónde sale y hasta dónde puede llegar la extrema derecha que no vimos venir?" (It's Among Us: Where Did the Extreme Right We Didn't See Coming Come From and How Far Can It Go?), coordinated by Pablo Semán. We were honoured to have Pablo Semán, a professor at the Universidad Nacional de San Martín, and Melina Vázquez, a professor at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and one of the book's authors. Published by Siglo

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XXI Editores, the book delves into the phenomenon of Javier Milei and the rise of a radicalised right-wing movement in Argentina. Through various perspectives, the authors attempt to understand different dimensions of this development and the backgrounds of its militants and voters. The text explores the dialogues between the traditional right and this new extreme right, the networks it forms with other like-minded global leaders, and the role of young outsiders who criticise the so-called political "caste." These young individuals find in La Libertad Avanza, the coalition that brought Milei to power, a space to grow and find answers to their concerns. Additionally, the book seeks to understand this new right-wing movement from its inception, particularly through its cultural battle against what they perceive as a deceitful progressive hegemony, which they believe has deeply harmed the country. The authors analyse how this perception drives the new right to challenge and confront the dominant narratives, proposing an alternative vision that has significantly resonated with certain sectors of Argentine society.



[Click here to watch the Second Session.](#)

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Open Discussion: Grietas en las Fronteras: Migración, Solidaridades y Resistencias Transfronterizas

Cracks in the Borders: Migration, Solidarities and Cross-Border Resistances

(30 May 2024)

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Global Talks on Social Movements


Thursday
30 May 2024


12:00 - 13:00
(CST Time –
Mexico City Time Zone)


18:00 - 19:00
(GMT Time)

•Online: [By clicking here](#)
(MS Teams Platform)

Conversation/ Round Table:
'Grietas en las Fronteras:
Migración, Solidaridades y Resistencias Transfronterizas' (ES)


Odilia Romero
(Comunidades Indígenas en Liderazgo (CIELO))
(USA)


Amarela Varela-Huerta
(Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México (UACM))
(Mexico)

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Notes by Camilo Tamayo Gomez

In the third session of the series, the conversation between Dr Amarela Varela and Odilia Romero explored the complex realities of migration, the formation of solidarities, and the resistances that emerge across borders. Their discussion centred on the lived experiences of migrants, particularly indigenous communities, and the strategies they employ to navigate and challenge the oppressive structures they encounter. Dr Varela and Romero discussed the multifaceted nature of migration, emphasising the

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economic, social, and political factors driving people to leave their homes. They highlighted how neoliberal policies, environmental degradation, and political instability contribute to forced migration, particularly in Latin America. Romero brought personal perspectives, sharing stories from her work with indigenous migrant communities and the unique challenges they face, such as language barriers, cultural dislocation, and systemic discrimination. The conversation stressed the concept of solidarity and the importance of building supportive networks among migrants. Dr. Varela underscored the role of solidarity in providing migrants with a sense of belonging and collective strength. She discusses various forms of solidarity, from grassroots community organisations to transnational advocacy networks. Romero added that indigenous migrants often recreate communal structures in their host countries, fostering a sense of continuity and resilience. She gives examples



of how C I E L O works to maintain cultural ties and support indigenous migrants in navigating the

complexities of their new environments. Dr. Varela and Romero emphasised the interplay between academic research and activism. Dr. Varela argued that academia has a critical role in documenting and analysing

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migration patterns and resistances, providing valuable insights that can inform and strengthen activist efforts. Romero discussed how her organisation collaborates with scholars to gather data and create compelling narratives that amplify the voices of indigenous migrants. They both agree on the importance of bridging the gap between theory and practice to create more effective and impactful interventions.

[Click here to watch the Third Session](#)

Notes from 'reimagining victims' reparation' international workshop

Report by Sandra Rios Oyola



On May 2 and 3, we held the second international workshop titled "Reimagining Victims' Reparation: Building New Perspectives on Empathy,

Dignity, and Justice for Victims of Serious Human Rights Violations in the Global South" at the University College Roosevelt (UCR) in Middelburg, The Netherlands. This event also marked the launch of the Reimagining Victims' Reparation Global Network (RVRGN).

During the workshop, fourteen scholars and practitioners presented original research on cases from Colombia, Iraq, Mexico, Spain, South Africa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the Netherlands. They explored how concepts such as human dignity, transitional and transformative justice, empathy, and recognition can foster new approaches to support the dignification of victims of serious human rights violations. Reimagining Reparations becomes a necessary component in the debate when confronted with the impossibility of repairing harms caused by state and non-state actors, across different time scales, corresponding to different degrees of responsibility and capability. Notable cases included alternative reparations for the Wayuu people affected by extractive practices in La Guajira, Colombia; the role of civil society and survivor mobilisation in implementing the Yazidi Female Survivors Law in Iraq; and a Dialogical approach to slavery reparations in the Netherlands. Students participated and engaged in the dialogue with these researchers, enriching the discussions with their perspectives and questions.

Notes from 'reimagining victims' reparation' international workshop

The workshop was organised by Sandra Rios Oyola from University College Roosevelt (UCR), along with Camilo Tamayo and Matt Snell from the University of Huddersfield. It was funded by the Secure Societies International Research Collaboration and Production Fund at the University of Huddersfield and the UCR Research Fund. Additional support came from Nicole Immler's Dialogics of Justice project at the University of Humanistic Studies. For more information about the Reimagining Victims' Reparations Global Network: <https://reimaginingvictimsreparation.com/>

Call for sessions V ISA Forum of Sociology 2025



**The call for sessions for the V ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco
(July 6-11, 2025)
is now open!**

**The Forum will be organised around the theme of Knowing
Justice in the Anthropocene.**

Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene

The V 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 civilisations 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 turns 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

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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. However, 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 knowledge 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 prioritised, 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 centre 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 knowledge (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).

Allison Marie Loconto

Vice-President for Research & V ISA Forum President

Call for sessions V ISA Forum of Sociology 2025

RC48 invites you to participate in the v isa forum of sociology 2025

We invite all RC48 members to submit proposals by July 01, 2024, at 24:00 UTC/ GMT and join us in Rabat in 2025!

To propose a session, please use this link:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2025/cfs.cgi>

For general information:

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Conference announcements, call for contributions, and other invitations from our members

Conference announcements

CCCS conference 2024: grounding global china 《扎根全球的中国》
Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies The University of
Melbourne, Australia
8-10 December 2024

Abstract submission link <https://forms.office.com/r/5tiTJS5Sv5>

Malta Sociology Conference 2024

To propose a paper, please send a brief abstract (150-300 words) to maltasociologicalassociation@gmail.com by not later than **30 June 2024**.

Call for Abstracts [here](#)

Call for Contributions

Catalyzing Change: Social Love, Emotions and Transformations of Social Relationships

A special issue of [Social Sciences](#) (ISSN 2076-0760).

Deadline for manuscript submissions: **1 August 2024**

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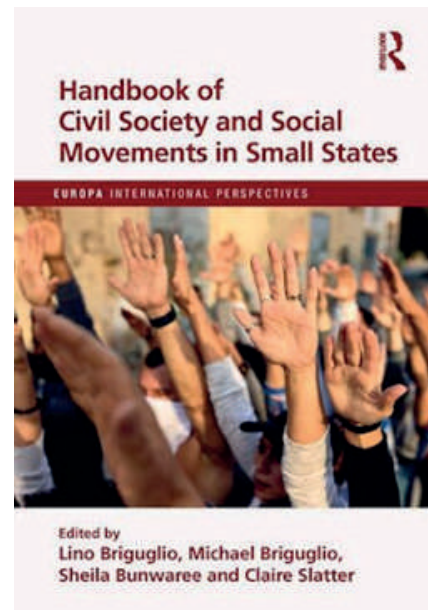
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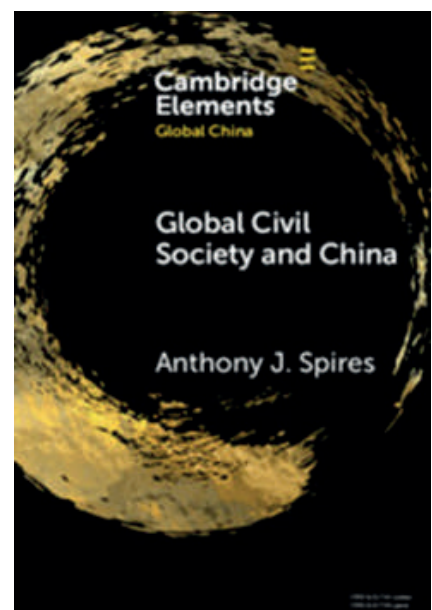
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Routledge, 2023

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Anthony J. Spires
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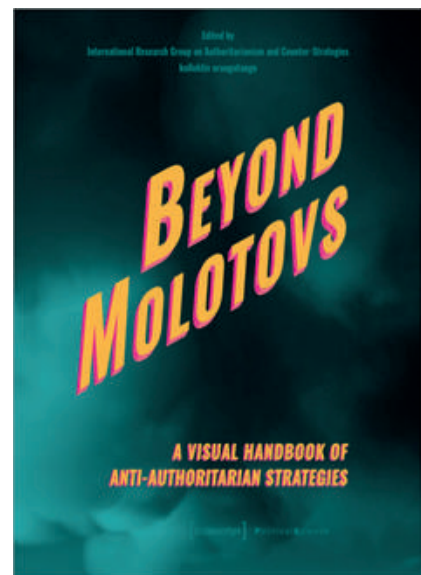
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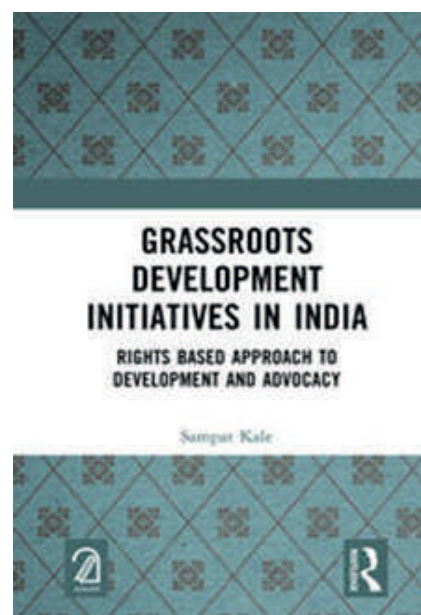
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Sampat Kale

Grassroots Development Initiatives in India
Rights Based Approach to
Development and Advocacy
Routledge, 2024

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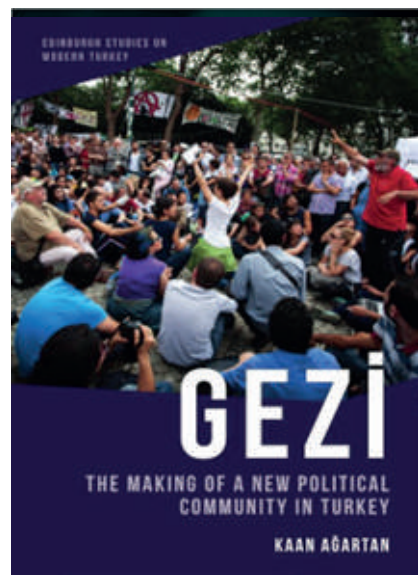
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Camila Ponce Lara

Desde las calles a la Moneda.
Liderazgo estudiantil y transformación
política
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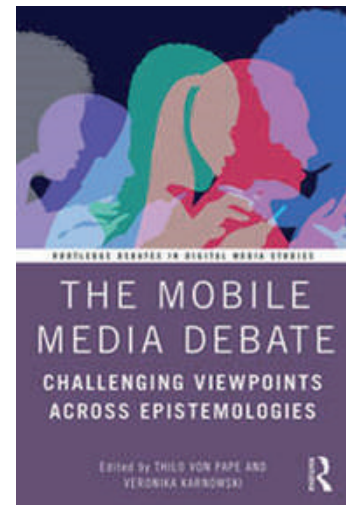
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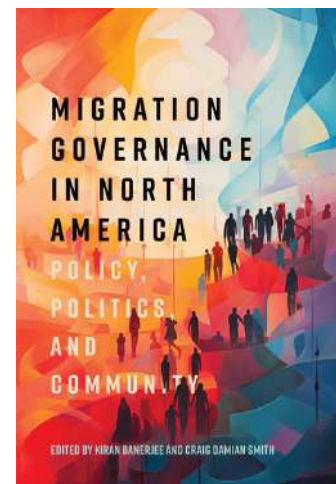
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Achievements, awards and other accomplishments and activities

Dr. Maro Youssef

(Visiting scholar, George Washington University and University of Texas at Austin) has been recognized by Arab America Foundation as one of the 40 Under 40 Awardees most influential Arab Americans.

<https://www.arabamerica.com/arab-america-foundation-announces-40-under-40-awardees-class-of-2024/>



Dr. Sampat Kale

(Associate Dean and Assistant Professor, School of Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Maharashtra, India)

As the Convenor RC-15, Social Transformation and Development, Indian Sociological Society (ISS), New Delhi, Sampat Kale Dr. Kale organized an Online Guest Lecture on 30 April 2024. The public lecture was delivered by- Dr. Walter Fernandes, Director, NESRC, Guwahati, Assam on the topic- Tribal Development: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities in Contemporary Society with Respect to North-East India.

Job vacancies around the world

Assistant Professor - Global Sociology

University of California San Diego

Open date: April 30, 2024

Next review date: Saturday, Jun 15, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Friday, Aug 30, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

Apply link: <https://apol-recruit.ucsd.edu/JPF03968>

University Assistant Postdoctoral, Social Sciences

University of Vienna, Faculty of Social Sciences

Application deadline: 17 Jun 2024

More information [here](#)

Student protests from around the world

Student protests against unrelenting atrocities against civilians in Gaza shook the whole world. We have seen students all around the world holding their university admins accountable for - and loudly demanding the end of - the latter's possible participation in this unconscionable murderous act which claimed tens of thousands of innocent lives. The courage of these students in the face of threats and naked state violence has been immortalised in pictures and videos in news outlets and social media as well as in the hearts of their fellow travellers for weeks now.

For encampments in the US, please click here:

[List of pro-Palestinian protests on university campuses in the United States in 2024](#)

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[List of pro-Palestinian protests on university campuses in 2024](#)

Below we compiled a number of these pro-Palestinian protests and encampments from around the world to document this historic moment.

Humboldt University
Department of Social
Sciences
Berlin, Germany
May 23, 2024



Student protests from around the world

University of Amsterdam
The Netherlands
May 13, 2024



Complutense University
of Madrid
Madrid, Spain
May 8, 2024



Free University of Berlin
(FU Berlin)
Germany
February 08, 2024



Student protests from around the world

University of Leeds
Leeds, United Kingdom
May 28, 2024



University of Toronto,
Toronto, CA
26 May 2024



Sciences Po, Paris
April 26, 2024

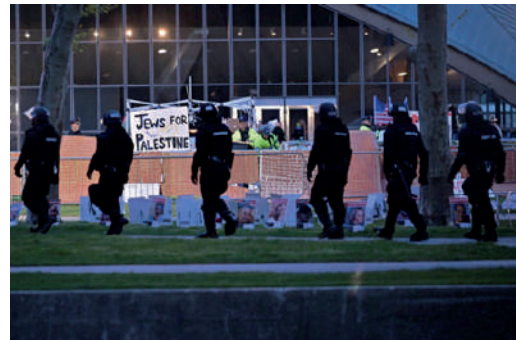


Student protests from around the world

Newcastle University,
United Kingdom
May 2, 2024



MIT, Massachusetts,
USA
May 10, 2024



Columbia
University, NY
May 21, 2024



Student protests from around the world

University of Sydney,
Australia
May 6, 2024



McGill University,
Canada
May 2, 2024



Monash University,
Australia
May 16, 2024



RC44, RC47, RC48 joint statement of solidarity with palestine (*)

As members of RC48, RC47, and RC44, we are deeply dismayed by the indiscriminate and unceasing violence perpetrated on Palestinians in Gaza. The staggering disregard for human life and resulting tragedy since the launch of the military operation in October 2023 is beyond words. Since then, the world has witnessed the death of more than 33,000 civilians (most of whom are women and children), the displacement of two million people, the destruction of entire neighbourhoods, schools and universities, hospitals, places of worship and civil infrastructure, indiscriminate murder of journalists, aid workers, and healthcare professionals, and the imminent danger of famine and starvation. Meanwhile, Western countries continue to provide military and moral support for this collective punishment which amounts to a war crime committed with possible genocidal intent, as the International Court of Justice has recently declared.

As members of RC48, RC47 and RC44, we categorically reject from the outset any indication that would portray us as prioritising one or the other side when it comes to condemning any form of atrocity targeting civilians. We unconditionally and unequivocally defend the sanctity of human life and demand justice for each and every innocent victim and their families impacted by the ongoing violence.

Nevertheless, we also believe that the dire situation in Gaza requires an urgent and decisive response from the international community. This is why we demand an immediate and permanent ceasefire. We stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people for their resilience in the face of growing human catastrophe and believe in their right to live in freedom, with dignity, and as equal citizens. The decades-long apartheid, occupation, and colonisation of the Palestinian land as well as the displacement and dispossession of its population is a grave violation of international law. It perpetuates a cycle of suffering and despair in the region. We call on world leaders to take immediate action to bring a just and peaceful resolution to the conflict in the region in line with international humanitarian law.

In addition to serious human rights violations, we also witness an

RC44, RC47, RC48 joint statement of solidarity with palestine (*)

ongoing assault on academic freedom and freedom of expression by institutions of higher education, academic journals, news outlets, and other spaces of knowledge and consciousness, especially in Western countries. These institutions either remain silent in the face of ongoing violence or subject researchers, faculty members, students, artists, journalists, and public intellectuals who oppose Israel's actions to defamation, intimidation, and suspension. As members of RC48, RC47 and RC44, we are deeply committed to the principles of academic freedom, and we unequivocally condemn the silencing and dismissal of our colleagues for publicly sharing their views. We believe universities, other academic institutions, and associations must actively and without reserve speak out against injustice and human suffering.

Finally, as sociologists who believe in the importance of social movements and collective action for a better world, we express our solidarity with activists, scholars, and all others worldwide who refuse to be silent about the ongoing human tragedy. We join their call for an immediate and lasting sustainable ceasefire. We believe that only through collective action and international pressure can we hope for a future of justice and dignity for all people.

In Solidarity,

RC48 (Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change)

RC47 (Research Committee on Social Classes and Social Movements)

RC44 (Research Committee on Labour Movements)

(*) This statement does not reflect the views of the International Sociological Association (ISA) nor of all members (including Board Members) of RC44, RC47, and RC48.

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