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From the President

The current global turbulence from conflicts in the Middle East to Ukraine, from terrorism in Kashmir Valley to surmounting tensions along India and Pakistan borders, have sadly de-stabilized not just international geo-politics but the macro-monetary financial regime as well. Within this atmosphere, there is a deep necessity to address issues of resource management, wealth inequities and conflicting cultural identities. The biggest rhetoric in global geo-politics today is that even though all contemporary governments prioritize sustainable world peace, the peaceful co-existence of diverse communities is ironically a constant looming threat confronting human rights.

Is it the fight over resources? Are minorities always going to be seeking a safe refuge? Are we fighting a war that vindicates justice or establishing peace?

Finally, along with the existing escalating alarming pollution levels in the environment, are global economies admitting to their deleterious and intentional environment actions on fragile eco-systems? The TG03 fraternity seeks to delve deeply such like profound questions, for redeeming human rights and global justice within this precarious world order at the upcoming 5th ISA Forum in July at Rabat, under the versatile thematic banner ‘***Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene***’. Requesting all participating delegates to please adhere to stipulated paper presentation instructions as given <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025/5th-isa-forum-guidelines/rules-for-all-presenters>

This year's theme affords opportunities for fluid exchange of interdisciplinary academic dialogues from the diverse plethora of scholars, researchers, and practitioners, to discuss the latest developments and trends in sociology and other social sciences. Again, grateful to the TG03 members for the robust response for our new column which we hope to serve as an interface for all academic exchanges & looking forward to an exponential and vibrant participation from ISA's Research Committees (RCs); Working Groups (WGs), and Thematic Groups (TGs) at the 5th ISA forum in Rabat!



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Remembering Micheal

Thematic Group Human Rights and Global Justice, TG03 fondly reminisces ISA's pioneer former President (from 2010-2014), Micheal Burowoy, a distinguished social scientist who was passionately involved in understanding collective rights of the society within complex paradigms of race, role, class and gender. Micheal's life was devoted to learning, teaching and vibrant research at UC Berkeley. He founded ISA's online magazine, Global Dialogue, which resonated his zest to explore theoretical databased research reflecting local, national and global humanitarian concerns. Credit to Geoffrey Pleyers, President of the ISA for writing a vibrant tribute filled with humility and giving open access to Micheal's profound contributions in *Current Sociology*.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Micheal Burowoy

(June 15, 1947 – February 3, 2025)

Announcements



We are all beyond excited for the upcoming **5th ISA forum at Rabat, Morocco from 7-11 July**. To maximize your output, ISA has prelisted the program schedule on the website. This affords the member to easily search, browse events and pre-schedule or even create their own itinerary as per schedule. Imperative to note is that each session at the meeting is accessed on a first-come basis. There is no to register to attend a plenary or concurrent session; however, pre-conferences do require separate registration. To find a session, either check the Meeting Calendar link on the navigation list or use the Program Calendar section. For concurrent and poster sessions, click on presentation titles to access abstracts and any available handout material. The below link is given to make a schedule for all ISA research networks, research committees and thematic groups.

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2025/meetingapp.cgi>. For the Thematic Group on Human Rights and Global Justice, TG03, Please refer to the below mentioned link:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2025/meetingapp.cgi/Symposium/858>

➤ A collaborative webinar comprising pioneers from RC41 Sociology of Population; RC46 Clinical Sociology; and TG03 Human Rights and Global Justice titled ***‘Sociology-Policy Interface: Applied and Clinical Sociology’*** on Zoom, 30 May 2025 was ***Convened by Prof. M. Thamilarasan***, Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Madras, Chennai, India. He is a member of the International Sociological Association’s (ISA), RC-32 & RC-41 as well as serving as a Member of the ISA Research Council Webinar Working Group. It was ***Co-Convened by Prof. Namita Gupta***, Chairperson, Centre for Human Rights and Duties at Panjab University, India. She is also Chair to the International Sociological Association's TG03 Human Rights and Global Justice. The webinar gave way to pragmatic insights led by sociology & policy driven social scientists. The prolific panel comprised ***Prof. Jan Marie Fritz***, Professor, University of Cincinnati; Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Johannesburg; Visiting Professor, Uppsala Universit t and ISA Executive Committee Member elaborated on a much coveted topic of ‘Human Rights and Addressing Mandatory Retirement Policies and Practices’.

This was followed by a talk by ***Prof. Tina Uys***, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg, South Africa and ISA Executive Committee Member titled ‘Empowering Whistle-blowers: Clinical Sociology and Social Justice in the Workplace’. She is a certified Clinical Sociologist with the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Recently appointed to the United Nations Independent System-Wide Evaluation Mechanism. She was

Vice-President of the International Sociological Association; President of ISA's RC46 Clinical Sociology and RC42 Social Psychology divisions. **Prof. Emma Porio**, Professor, Sociology, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines was President of the International Sociological Association's Clinical Sociology Division (2019-2023) and of the Asia Pacific Sociological Association (2020-2023). Currently, she is Project Leader and Principal Investigator of the transdisciplinary action research project, Coastal Cities at Risk: Investing in Climate and Disaster Resilience in the Philippines (CCARPH). She led a focused discussion in the webinar titled 'Climate Justice, Environment and Community Resilience' which highlighted necessity of balanced environmental work with communities. The last leg of the webinar was a talk deliberated by **Prof. Yvonne**, Visiting Professor, Salem State University in Massachusetts USA who deliberated upon the critical issue of 'Addressing Homelessness' and the necessity of Housing as a protective factor in effectuating human rights. She is a clinical sociologist who is the founding director of the Center for Childhood & Youth Studies at USA where she is Professor of Healthcare Studies. She is a member of RC46 and a board member of TG03. A unique blend of the above emerging paradigms of sociology collaborated scholar-practitioners from RC41 Sociology of Population; RC46 Clinical Sociology; and TG03 Human Rights and Global Justice for bringing to the fore, efficacious-positively driven changes in public policy.

Members Candid Corner

This June 2025 edition continues to bring to the TGO3 family the special featured 'Members Candid Corner' a special column featuring formal updates & informal perspectives and insights by TG03 members across the globe on researches completed or proposed to be done. It is also a breathing place where we give hope to make room for fresh ideas to blend, collaborate & grow.

- Dr. Deisy Del Real, Assistant Professor of Sociology at University of Southern California & serving as appointed delegate of the American Sociological Association (ASA) to the International Sociological Association (ISA, UNESCO) has been credited to collaborative as well as sole publications as follows:
 - Del Real, Deisy and Menjívar, Cecilia published Tools of Autocracy Worldwide: Authoritarian Networks, Façade of Democracy and Neo Repression in the *American Behavioral Scientist*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027642241267926>
 - Del Real, Deisy and Blanca Ramirez published Remitting amid Autocracy: Venezuelan migrant remittances to relatives enduring widespread structural violence in *Current Sociology* <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00113921241260430>
 - Del Real, Deisy published Gradations of Migrant Legality: Impact of Multilayered Immigration Policies and Procedures on Immigrant Legalization and Livelihoods in the *International Migration Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183231223700>

- Prof. Namita Gupta, Chairperson at Centre for Human Rights and Duties, Panjab University has been credited to a collaborative insightful publication titled '*Inclusive Education of Children with Special Needs and New Education Policy 2020: Assessing Ground Realities*' titled in an editorial book 'New Education Policy, Sustainable Development and Nation Building: Perspectives, Issues and Challenges', edited by Manish Verma, published by Routledge Publications.
- Prof. Namita Gupta is also scheduled for presenting a research proposal titled 'Advancing Punjab's Climate Goals through Solar Energy: Policy Effectiveness and Opportunities for Expansion' at the *7th International Public Policy Association hosted in collaboration with Chiang Mai University*, from July 2-4, 2025 in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- Rebecca Jean Emigh, Professor of Sociology at UCLA intimated last December 2024 Newsletter about forming **Global Critical Studies and Praxis (GCSP)**, a network that aimed to schedule a talk each academic quarter across globe to facilitate the growth of critical studies. Its first event on Zoom, March 13, 2025 (Pacific Standard time) '*Author Meets Critic*' Author – Fred L. Bloc, UC Davis of the *Habitation Society Creating Sustainable Prosperity* was hosted by the Department of sociology, Zhejiang University. Participants across the globe, Nina Bandelji from UC Irvine, Cui Zhiyuan from Tsinghua University, Kurtulus Gemini from Zhejiang Universty, Thomas Malleson Kings University College and Karl Yan CUHK. We congratulate Rebecca for the initiative and look forward to more such events! All interested members can sign up with the following requisite link for the network. There is a short chirp about the group there as well <https://forms.gle/K2UruVLXecAV81fg8>.

- Dr. Joy Prakash Chowdhuri, Research Fellow at Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi & Social Media Manager for TG03 has published 'Rethinking Equality in West Bengal: Caste, Class, Reservation Policies and Social Justice under the regime of Mamata Banerjee published in the January 2025 issue of the International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, an International open access peer reviewed, referred journal, <https://www.ijcrt.org/papers/IJCRT2501369.pdf>.
- Dr. Kanika Sharma, Assistant Professor, Centre for Human Rights and Duties, Panjab University presented a research paper titled 'Run-away Marriages in Punjab, India: Cultural Taboos & Social Sanctions' at the 11th World Conference on Women's Studies at Bali, Indonesia, 'Talking Shop: Feminisms and the Crucial Issues of our Times' May 29-30, 2025, <https://womenstudies.co>.
- Call for papers for the 2025 annual conference by the Law and Society Initiative (IDES) of the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) themed 'Resistance and Agency in the Digital Society: Beyond Literature, Transparency and Risk assessment, scheduled for 15 December 2025, and Abstracts for the same are due by Friday, 20 June 2025. Kindly refer to the link for requisite details https://www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2025_Spring/IDES_CallforPapersAnnualConference2025.pdf

From the Editor's Desk

Oliver Jefferson writes “Everything we know has come from stories that have been told over and over again as truth. These stories turned into history.” Jefferson is a prolific children’s books author and his works celebrate gift of every child’s innocent curiosity as a cherished childhood trait. Eventually, he says that one needs only three ideals to live by, which are respect, consideration and tolerance. However, the recent attack in Pahalgam, India, alarmingly echoed within the silent, beautiful valley of Kashmir, the trepidation emanating over a redundant old political divide clashing across demographic traits of religion, gender, class, communal, racial identities which are paradoxically innate to society itself. The spiralling rocketing clashes between the two nuclear power-blocs are a looming peril to safety to life & environment at a very draconian level.

Paradoxically, the month of June observes World Earth Day on the 5th, the milestone Magna Carta day on the 15th and International Yoga Day on the 21st. These three days commemorate ethics of humanity while teaching us to live sustainably and thrive judiciously in our planet’s biosphere.

Can one be simply curious without judgement?

Can one simply be an accepting person despite demographic differences?

Can one thrive with coexistence without competitive greed?

Can one be courageous and still be kind?

Finally, can one be righteous, true and still be humane?

Recent past few aggressions have taught, that there are no victories in any war but mass & mindless casualties; no territorial acquisitions but loss of fertile resources & property destruction. If there are lessons to be learnt, we can learn lessons in patience, acceptance and humility.

On that note, I look forward to the forthcoming 5th ISA conference at Rabat next month. A profound thank you for inputs for the 'Members Candid Corner' and requesting for all to continue the free flow of information insights with the following details:

- (i) Name & Designation;
- (ii) Affiliate Institution;
- (iii) Title/Theme (4-5 words); and
- (iv) Perspective, opinions/idea on any human rights issue (about 250-400 words).



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