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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On February 3, 2025, we lost Michael Burawoy—a colleague, a friend, a comrade, and a guiding light for many of us. At the time of his tragic death, Michael was tirelessly advocating for sociologists to stand in solidarity with Palestine. Michael's [last article](#), *Why and how should sociologists speak out on Palestine?*, published posthumously is a powerful testament to his lifelong dedication to human emancipation and justice. I hope we can collectively continue his legacy.

We welcome ISA's recent [solidarity statement](#) with Palestinian people and echo the call for:

1. An end to the genocide in Gaza and the escalating violence in the West Bank, and a complete end to Israel's military occupation and all colonial practices in these territories, as well as in Lebanon and Syria.
2. An end to the apartheid-like conditions faced by Palestinians with Israeli citizenship; the establishment of conditions that enable the return of Palestinian refugees, including ensuring a viable and dignified life upon return; and the urgent, unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid—such as food, healthcare, and water—which is currently being obstructed by Israel's government.
3. The protection of academic freedom and freedom of speech for all people, especially faculty and students who research, teach, and speak out against Israel's government's violent practices, both within Israel and globally.

We are looking forward to the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, which will be held in Rabat from 6–11 July 2025. We have a great number of panels, many of which are organised jointly with other research committees. I thank everyone who has actively participated and who will be present at the Forum. I look forward to seeing you all in Rabat.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the accomplishments of our research committee. Special thanks go to the board, our Vice-President Emanuele Toscano, our Secretary Marco Antonio Teixeira, and our Communication Officer Andrea Grippo.

Simin Fadaee
RC47 President

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ABOUT RC47

International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Classes and Social Movements (RC47) was founded as a Thematic Group in 1988. In 1990 it was recognised as a Working Group coordinated by Louis Maheu. The first board members included Carlo Carboni, Lucio Kowarick, Roland Roth and John Urry. Two years later, in 1992, the Working Group was promoted to a Research Committee with the same coordinator and board. Since then the boards have grown and have become increasingly internationalised. Geoffrey Pleyers, who served as RC47 president from 2014-2018 was elected as the president of the International Sociological Association in 2023. The first RC47 female president, Simin Fadaee was elected in 2023.

ISA SOLIDARITY STATEMENT

WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

The International Sociological Association (ISA) has been concerned for some time and condemned the acts of violence that have occurred in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Since the beginning of the conflict, the ISA has issued general and critical statements on the conflict and has supported colleagues who have been persecuted and harassed for standing against violence and for defending the human rights and freedoms of the people in these territories (ref. [ISA Statements & the article by former ISA President Michael Burawoy](#)). This has been done through letters to their academic institutions and issuing public statements. The ISA has also endorsed statements by other organizations and disseminated them through its social media platforms.

The violation of human rights has been increasing exponentially and sustained over time. We observe with great indignation the deterioration of the situation and the deepening and widening of this conflict beyond any limits we could have imagined and are therefore compelled to issue a new declaration.

Israel's relentless assault on Gaza has resulted in 52,535 confirmed deaths, although it is estimated that the actual figure could be closer to 300,000. Around 70% of those killed were women and children. And 118,491 Palestinians have been injured ([as of March 4th, 2025](#)). Since the 7 October attack that killed 1,200 Israelis, the world has witnessed the Israeli military's indiscriminate bombardment of hospitals, schools, universities, mosques, churches, and areas that the Israeli government has designated as 'safe zones' across Gaza, including after the declared ceasefire.

Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Médecins Sans Frontières, the International Federation for Human Rights, and the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories have all concluded that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. Despite formal 'ceasefire' declarations in January 2025, the Israeli military has continued to bomb Gaza, also cutting off electricity and restricting access to water and food.

The continued assault on Gaza is accompanied by a wave of violence and forced displacement in the West Bank, where more than 50,000 Palestinians have been displaced, as well as murderous attacks against Palestinians in Israel. The Israeli government has also expanded its military operations in Lebanon and Syria and carried out bombings in Iran and Yemen.

We condemn those universities and higher education institutions in Israel that have played a central role in Israel's government settler-



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colonial and apartheid regime, including their links to military intelligence, epistemicide, and scholasticide.

We recognize and commend the work of Israeli sociologists, academics, and academic institutions who have consistently campaigned against war and genocide, as well as other pro-peace mobilizations and organizations in the country.

We also pay tribute to the academic institutions, colleagues, students, social movements, and organizations that have courageously spoken out against and protested the violation of human rights and the suppression of freedom of expression around the world.

The ISA therefore calls for:

1. An end to the genocide in Gaza and the escalating violence in the West Bank, and a complete end to Israel's military occupation and all colonial practices in these territories, as well as in Lebanon and Syria.
2. An end to the apartheid-like conditions faced by Palestinians with Israeli citizenship; the establishment of conditions that enable the return of Palestinian refugees, including ensuring a viable and dignified life upon return; and the urgent, unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid—such as food, healthcare, and water—which is currently being obstructed by Israel's government.
3. The protection of academic freedom and freedom of speech for all people, especially faculty and students who research, teach, and speak out against Israel's government's violent practices, both within Israel and globally.

May 13, 2025

[Download ISA Statement](#)

RC47 HUB

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MAPPING THE RC47

INSIGHTS FROM THE RESEARCH SURVEY

The RC47 desires to build a well-functioning scientific community that provides involvement and support. The recent RC47 survey aimed to map the research interests of our members and strengthen connections across our global community. The findings offer a valuable snapshot of who we are and where we are heading.

Key Findings:

- **Participation:** 103 members completed the survey, representing 36 countries.
- **Research Breadth:** Members reported involvement in **over 531 research entries**, with significant overlap—highlighting a vibrant but thematically converging community. This points to strong shared interests and promising grounds for collaboration.
- **Research Areas:** The most common areas of interest include **Qualitative research methods** (11,7%), **Inequality and social stratification** (6,5%), and **Decolonization** (6,9%), reflecting a strong focus on both classical and emerging themes in social class and social movements research.
- **Collaboration Interests:** A majority of participants expressed strong interest in cross-national projects, thematic working groups, and joint publications.

🔗 If you haven't completed the survey yet, you can still contribute your research profile by filling out the form via the button below.

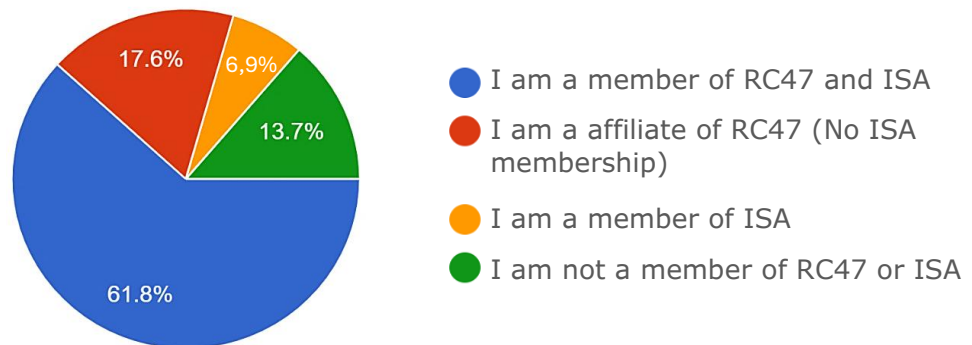
[RC47 Survey](#)

The results led to the creation of the [RC47 Research Interests Database \(RIDA47\)](#)—a new tool to spark meaningful collaborations across regions and themes. 📌 Explore more below!

MAPPING THE RC47

INSIGHTS FROM THE RESEARCH SURVEY

MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF RESPONDENTS



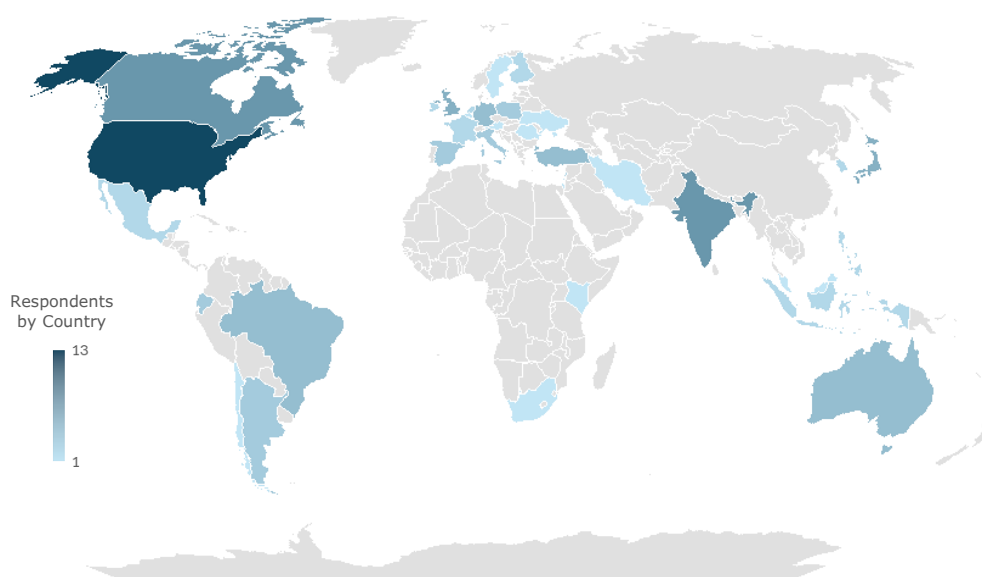
The majority of respondents (79.4%) are RC47 members, confirming strong engagement within the Research Committee. However, a significant portion (20.6%) are not currently affiliated with RC47. This group represents an important part of RC47's wider audience—individuals already engaged with our activities and with whom we can continue to collaborate and encourage future membership.

These data suggest that RC47's initiatives are reaching beyond its formal membership, highlighting the broader visibility and relevance of our work within the sociological community.

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INSIGHTS FROM THE RESEARCH SURVEY

GLOBAL REACH OF THE RC47 SURVEY



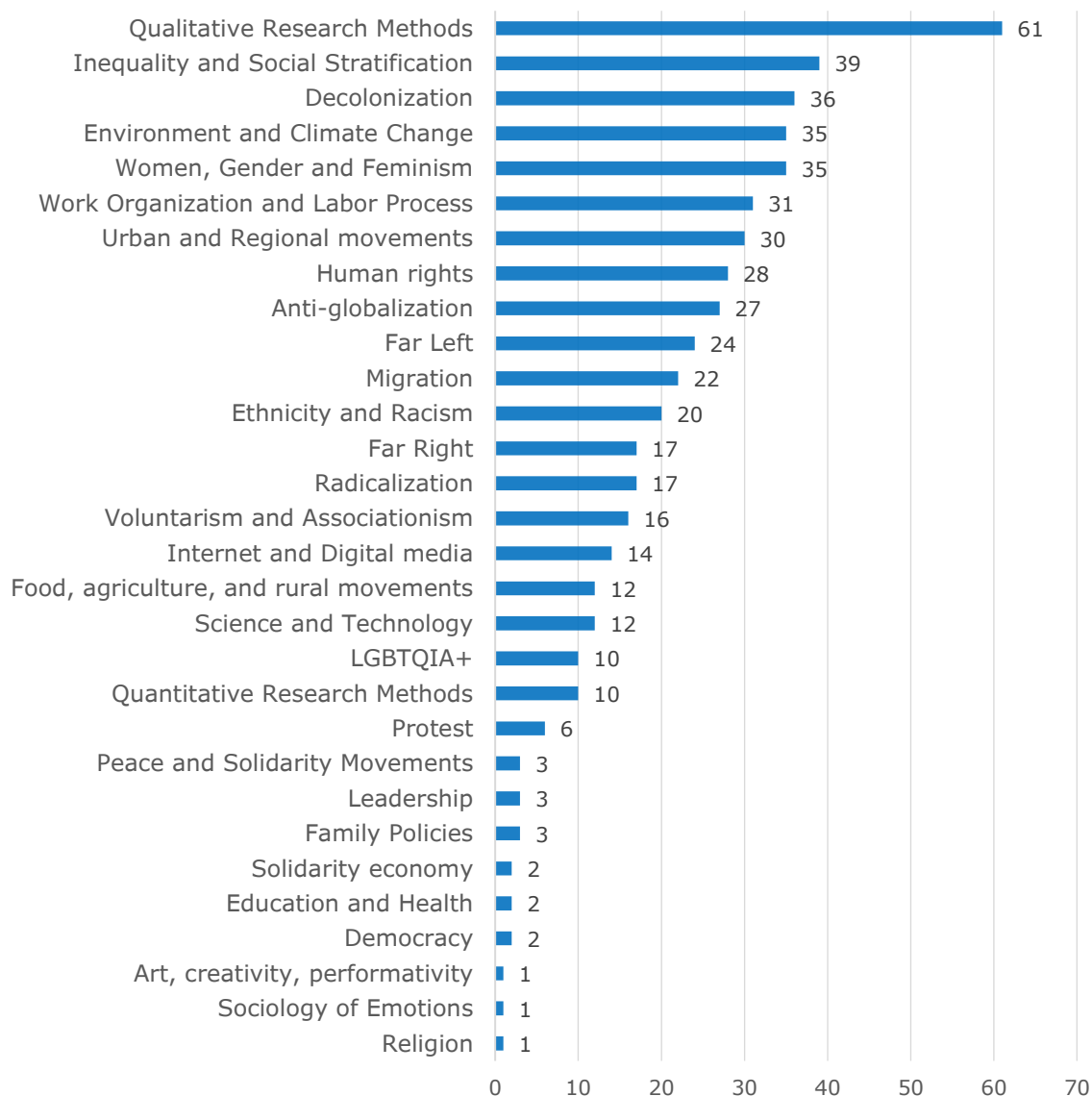
The geographic distribution of survey respondents largely mirrors the current composition of RC47's membership. However, the data also point to areas for growth—particularly in strengthening collaboration with scholars based in African and Asian countries.

This highlights the need for more inclusive outreach strategies and engagement efforts to foster broader regional representation within RC47.

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INSIGHTS FROM THE RESEARCH SURVEY

RC47 RESEARCH INTERESTS (N. 523)



The survey reveals strong interest in qualitative methods, inequality, decolonization, climate issues, and gender studies. Political topics like anti-globalization, radicalization, and the far left/right are also present. Emerging areas such as digital media, LGBTQIA+, and science and technology point to growing diversity. Underrepresented topics suggest potential for future expansion and inclusion.

RC47 RESEARCH INTERESTS DATABASE

The survey results have laid the groundwork for the development of a **dynamic and searchable member database**. This resource will enable users to easily explore the research interests and expertise of RC47 members, strengthen connections across thematic and geographic lines, and support the growth of meaningful, cross-regional research collaborations.


If you would like to update or edit your information, please contact us at: isa-rc47@isa-sociology.org.

[Visit RIDA47](#)

HOW TO NAVIGATE RIDA47

If you are interested in seeing which researchers are working on a specific category, simply use the filter function in Excel Online.

Since the file is protected, you need to create a Filter View:

- Click on row 8 by selecting the row number on the left (this is where the column headers are).
- Go to the Data tab in the toolbar.
- Click on "Create filter view."
- Click the filter icon (a small funnel  next to the column title).
- Uncheck "(Blanks)" and click "OK" - this will display only the rows where that specific category was selected.

This allows you to explore the data without affecting the view of other users.

Still haven't filled out the survey? You can add your research profile using the form [here](#).

The RC47 website is a place for the scholars to share and archive information about the group's research projects, publications, conferences, workshops, and all events involving RC47 and its members.



Our website offers a wide array of features to support our mission of advancing sociological research and fostering a vibrant scholarly community:

- **Events:** Up-to-date information on our upcoming conferences, workshops, seminars, and other events, allowing you to stay informed and participate in our activities.
- **Publications:** A comprehensive archive of our publications, including book, research papers, articles, and reports.
- **Updated Content:** Regular updates with helpful information, newsletters, announcements, and RC47 and ISA initiatives.
- **Enhanced Contact Form:** A streamlined way to get in touch with us directly through the website.

Our new online home is designed to provide the sociological research community with an accessible and comprehensive resource for information, collaboration, and engagement.

We invite you to explore the new website and discover all the resources and information available at your fingertips. Your feedback is important to us, so please feel free to share your thoughts and suggestions by emailing us at isa-rc47@isa-sociology.org.

To share events or the latest publications go to the next page of the newsletter and find out how to fill in the [content sharing form](#).

[Visit RC47!](#)

RC47 strives to build an active social media community! Our goal is to create a vibrant community where we can share our latest research, engage with fellow scholars, and foster meaningful collaborations.

Here's how you can **stay connected with us**:



www.facebook.com/groups/ISA47



<https://bsky.app/profile/rc47isa.bsky.social>



https://x.com/open_Movements



<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr-0ie11P6GSQEs9KGFGawg>



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isa47-socialmovements@listes.uclouvain.be (mailing list)

We believe that social media provides a unique opportunity for us to engage more dynamically with our community. Your support and engagement are crucial to our mission of advancing knowledge and fostering innovation.

We look forward to connecting with you online and continuing our journey of discovery together!

Stay tuned!



SHARING WITH THE RC47 COMMUNITY

CONTENT-SHARING REQUEST FORM

We have created an information-sharing form to facilitate the dissemination of information related to RC47 members' events and publications via social media and newsletters. This document can be filled out online and helps organize the data for distribution, share calls for papers, advertise conferences, seminars, workshops or share with the community a newly published work that is deemed relevant to the scientific discussion of RC47.

A content-sharing form has been created for this purpose at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fKb7HdOQWXCymYZZX4ySB51xzPYNIA8jnPebukByy1s/edit>

Based on your preferences and the type of content, we will use RC47 communication channels to share events, activities and latest works:

- Newsletter
- Mailing list
- [Facebook](#)
- [BlueSky](#)
- [X](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [Website](#)

Thanks for sharing!

RC47 EVENTS

5TH ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY

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5TH ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY

At the upcoming [5th ISA Forum of Sociology](#) (Rabat, 7–11 July 2025), RC47 on Social Classes and Social Movements will host a diverse and engaging set of sessions. The committee's contributions focus on key contemporary issues, including labor struggles, feminist mobilizations, digital resistance, environmental and climate justice, anti-racist and decolonial activism, and far-right politics. RC47 sessions offer a space for critical dialogue and interdisciplinary reflection on the dynamics of collective action and social change across the globe.

MONDAY, 7 JULY 2025

Click on the title
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09:00-10:45

- 729 [Youth Activism: Continuities, Ruptures, Innovations, and New Engagements](#)
- JS-11 [Temporality and Social Movement Strategy](#)

11:00-12:45

- JS-15 [Buttressing the Labor Movement: The Meaning of Mobilizing Immigrant Workers](#)

13:00-14:45

- JS-38 [Sociological Conversations on Palestine - 1](#)
- 730 [Feminist Responses to Anti-Gender Movements](#)

15:00-16:45

- 731 [The Cultural Turn of the Far Right. the Battle for Hegemony with Words, Thoughts and Deeds](#)
- JS-51 [Social Movements As Producers of Knowledge and Concepts for the Anthropocene](#)

19:00-20:30

- 732 [The Trajectories of Contemporary Religious Social Movements](#)

TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2025

09:00-10:45

- 733 [Environmental and Climate Justice Movements in the Anthropocene - 1](#)

11:00-12:45

- 734 [Environmental and Climate Justice Movements in the Anthropocene - 2](#)
- 735 [Strategies, Generations and Temporalities](#)

13:00-14:45

- JS-91 [Immigration and Changing Perceptions of Justice: Social Class Perspectives](#)
- JS-92 [Labour and Other Social Movements: Collective Elaboration and Collective Actions in the Evolution of the Modern Age](#)

15:00-16:45

- 736 [The Global South Counter-Invasion: The Uprising of Ancestrality, Community, and the New Winds of Justice](#)
- 737 [Activism, Strategies and Collective Action](#)

19:00-20:30

- 738 [Justice in \(and Beyond\) the Anthropocene: Theoretical and Empirical Advances in Social Movement Studies](#)

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2025

09:00-10:45

- 739 [Taking Collective Action Strategies Seriously - 1](#)
- JS-120 [Sociological Conversations on Palestine - 2](#)

11:00-12:45

- 740 [Taking Collective Action Strategies Seriously - 2](#)
- JS-127 [Futures of the Anthropocene: Social Movements and Political Imagination \(Part I\)](#)

13:00-14:45

- JS-141 [Mobilisations Et Luttres Écologistes Face Aux Inégalités Environnementales \(Part 2\)](#)

15:00-16:45

- 741 [Continuities and Transformations of Labor Conflict: A New Scenario for Mobilization, Resistance, and Organization in the Workplace.](#)
- JS-150 [New Digital Technologies, Power and Work: Labor Control and Resistance \(Part 3\)](#)

THURSDAY, 10 JULY 2025

09:00-10:45

- 742 [Social Movements and the \(Contentious\) Politics of Socioecological Transitions](#)
- JS-166 [Mobilisations Et Luttres Écologistes Face Aux Inégalités Environnementales \(Part I\)](#)

11:00-12:45

- 743 [The Far Right As the "New" Normal: New and Old Challenges for Social Movements and the Counter-Mobilization Against the Far Right](#)

13:00-14:45

- JS-195 [Religion and Politics in Democratic Societies](#)
- JS-196 [Sociological Conversations on Palestine - 3](#)

15:00-16:45

- JS-207 [Sociological Conversations on Palestine - 4](#)

FRIDAY, 11 JULY 2025

09:00-10:45

- JS-212 [Emotions in Social Movements: New Approaches and Methodological Innovations](#)

11:00-12:45

- JS-219 [Counting on the Dispossessed: Recovering Life and Land.](#)

13:00-14:45

- JS-230 [Democratic Backsliding and the Social Movements](#)

15:00-16:45

- JS-244 [Future Creates Present: Power of Imaginations in Social Movements and Social Change](#)

Click [here](#) to access the 5th ISA Forum program.

See you in Rabat!





RC47 GENERAL MEETING

In addition to the regular RC47 Executive Board meetings and the Board meeting, we are hosting a new meeting open to all RC47 members every semester. The goal is to provide a space for dialogues and interactions among RC47 members to exchange ideas and influence the work done by the current board.

Stay tuned — the upcoming RC47 General Meeting will take place very soon!

Date: June 6th, 2025

Time: 2-3 PM CET

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99824149628>

We look forward to your participation and to a productive and engaging meeting.

RC47 BOARD MEETING

The **RC47 Board Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, 10 June 2025, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm CET**.

This session is crucial as we move forward with implementing the key decisions from our General Meeting. Your input and engagement will help shape the next steps.

For board member only

The ISA RC47 Webinar Series aims to create a virtual space of communication, communal work, and sharing for the RC47 members. This space will also provide a more in-depth view of the different research conducted by RC47 members and contemporary topics on social movements, opening the possibility of collaborations and articulating new research projects, events, and publications. This event series will be hosted bimonthly.

Organizer: Antonio **ÁLVAREZ-BENAVIDES**, Researcher at GEPS, GRESCO-UCM, and CIMAS and ISA RC47 Board member (2023-2027)



EL CAMBIO NUNCA ES LINEAL. MOVIMIENTO SOCIALES EN TIEMPOS POLARIZADOS

October 3, 2024 // 4:00 – 6:00 pm CET (Madrid, Paris, Roma)



The fourth RC47 webinar offered an in-depth discussion of Geoffrey Pleyers's recent book *El cambio nunca es lineal. Movimientos sociales en tiempos polarizados*. The book presents case studies, analytical tools, and epistemological reflections to explore how social movements shape society and foster change in complex and polarized contexts. Rooted in encounters and dialogue, it invites us to build a global sociology capable of

addressing the challenges of the 21st century. As Rossana Reguillo (ITESO, Guadalajara) wrote: "Geoffrey Pleyers thinks the world, its movements, and its crises from a standpoint that challenges dominant thinking while honoring a rich tradition of knowledge production. With the curiosity and depth that characterize him, the tireless global sociologist and current President of the International Sociological Association offers us key insights for understanding contemporary social movements."

with Geoffrey Pleyers (FNRS- UCLouvain, President of the International Sociological Association)



MIGRANT SOLIDARITY, HOUSING AND NO BORDER STRUGGLES IN GLASGOW (SCOTLAND): THE POLITICS OF THE "NO EVICTIONS NETWORK"

July 3, 2024 // 1:00 – 3:00 pm CET (Madrid, Paris, Roma)

This webinar explored the politics of the No Evictions Network, a grassroots solidarity space in Glasgow that challenged the large-scale eviction of asylum seekers by the UK Home Office contractor Serco, becoming an infrastructure of migrant solidarity. The Network's struggles emerged to challenge a political landscape shaped by the escalating toughening of migration and asylum policies over the past two decades in the UK, accentuated by Brexit and the Covid19 pandemic. In such framework, housing has become a key site of control and exclusion within neoliberalized forms of asylum governmentality, with multinational companies like Serco playing a key role shaping and delivering asylum policies. My research on the No Evictions Network and its campaigns – which have become a popular example of successful migrant-solidarity politics UK-wide and beyond in the past five years – makes key contributions in a political scenario shaped by unprecedented political, social, and policy challenges. Employing scholarship on Black Geographies and Black Feminist writings to discuss spaces of migrant solidarity and border struggle, the thesis critically revisits existing work providing an in-depth engagement with questions of race. Findings underscore the contentious processes of solidarity-making, often shaped by racialized, gendered, and classed geographies thus positioning migrant solidarities in relation to wider black and brown cartographies of struggle.

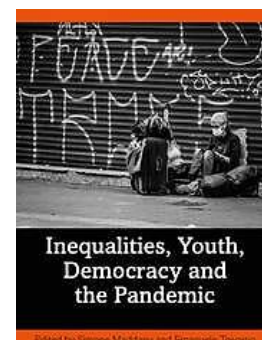
Speaker: Ana Santamarina Guerrero (UNED, Spain)



INEQUALITIES, YOUTH, DEMOCRACY AND THE PANDEMIC

May 21, 2024 // 5:00 - to 7:00 PM

The second RC47 Webinar has been dedicated to the presentation of the book "Inequalities, Youth, Democracy and the Pandemic" edited by Simone Maddanu and Emanuele Toscano, published by Routledge. This book brings together studies from various locations to examine the growing social problems that have been brought to the fore by the COVID-19 outbreak. Employing both qualitative, theoretical and quantitative methods, it presents the impact of the pandemic in different settings, shedding light on political and cultural realities around the world. With attention to inequalities rooted in race and ethnicity, economic conditions, gender, disability, and age, it considers different forms of marginalization and examines the ongoing disjunctions that increasingly characterize contemporary democracies from a multilevel perspective.



The book is composed by 16 different case studies organized around three main axes: 1) how COVID-19 pandemic worsened social, racial/ethnic, and economic inequalities, including variables such as migration status, gender, and disability; 2) how the pandemic impacted youth and how younger generations cope with public health alarms, and containment measures; 3) how the pandemic posed a challenge to democracy, reshaped the political agenda, and the debate in the public sphere.

Webinar speakers:

Simone Maddanu, University of South Florida.

Emanuele Toscano, Università degli studi G. Marconi.

Moderated by Antonio Álvarez-Benavides (UNED – RC47 Board member)



MOBILIZATIONS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

March 18, 2024 // 1:30 - 3:30 PM

The main objective of the RC47 - ISA webinar "Mobilizations in Solidarity with the Palestinian People" is to foster a debate on the role of mobilizations in solidarity with the Palestinian people in the context of a war and the resulting humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Our discussion aims to tackle the following questions:



1. Understanding the Role of Mobilizations in Solidarity with the Palestinian People amid the Gaza Conflict: Responses of Palestinian social movements to the invasion and the massacre; Mobilizations in the MENA region; Global mobilizations and solidarity responses with Palestine.
2. Interpreting the Repression of Solidarity Mobilizations Across the Globe: Repression of activists and social movements in Western societies; Repressions of academics in universities; Examination of censorship, self-censorship, and other forms of repression.
3. Exploring Alternative Forms of Protest and Action: Online-based protests and mobilizations; The pivotal role of communication and information dissemination in protests against the invasion and civilian casualties; Analysis of the repertoire of contention, strategies, and actions during demonstrations and social mobilizations against the war.
4. The Role of Critical Sociology in this Context: Insights and contributions from sociology of social movement; Interactions between academics and activists in response to the conflict; The role of universities and academic institutions in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Webinar speakers:

Federica Stagni, Scuola Normale Superiore de Firenze

Omar Barghouti, Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement

Pablo Sapag, Complutense University of Madrid

Moderated by **Antonio Álvarez-Benavides** (UNED – RC47 Board member)

CALL FOR PAPERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS



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University Between State and Market. Comparing Models and Prospects

Sociologie

- Submission of abstracts: **June 15, 2025**
- Decision on abstracts: June 30, 2025
- Submission of final papers: September 15, 2025

Edited by: Silvia Pezzoli, University of Florence; Stefano Becucci, University of Florence

In recent decades, national university systems have increasingly moved towards market-oriented logics. This shift has led to a reconfiguration of governance at both local and national levels. It has also generated changes in academic autonomy and in the relationships between central and peripheral entities. Although these processes have developed differently depending on the national context, they have produced a progressive standardization of university systems. There has been a development of educational offerings aimed at facilitating graduates' entry into the labor market, as well as greater transparency. At the same time, universities are gradually adopting organizational models typical of the corporate sector. Competition among universities has intensified, managerial logics and quantitative evaluation tools have been introduced. These paths have driven a process of standardization and have placed greater emphasis on rankings. Simultaneously, university governance has become increasingly specialized and is now often managed by external managers and stakeholders. This has occurred at the expense of democratic participation and academic pluralism. These trends are reflected in the verticalization of governance structures, the centrality of technical bodies, and the growing influence of evaluation and accreditation agencies. Against this backdrop, this monographic issue

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explores the relationships that exist, in the national/regional contexts, between the three main components: the state, the market and the university.

Types of Contributions Expected

- Empirical or theoretical research articles
- Historical and international comparative analyses
- Case studies on individual national or continental systems
- Methodological reflections and innovative policy proposals

Abstracts, written in Italian or English and no longer than 200 words, must be submitted exclusively via the Open Journal Systems platform of the journal <http://ojs.edizionaltravista.com/sociologie> no later than June 15, 2025.

Collapse and Regeneration: Community-led initiatives prefiguring liveable futures

The Call for Contributions for the 5th International Conference on Social Solidarity and the Commons in Lisbon is now open. This event will be held from November 26–28, 2025 at Iscte in Lisbon, Portugal, and will focus on “Collapse and Regeneration: Community-led initiatives prefiguring liveable futures.” This event invites researchers, activists, public officials, and social entrepreneurs from around the globe to share insights and experiences on innovative approaches to economic organization, governance, and community resilience.

Key Dates:

- Registrations open: July 1, 2025
- Proposal deadline: May 31, 2025
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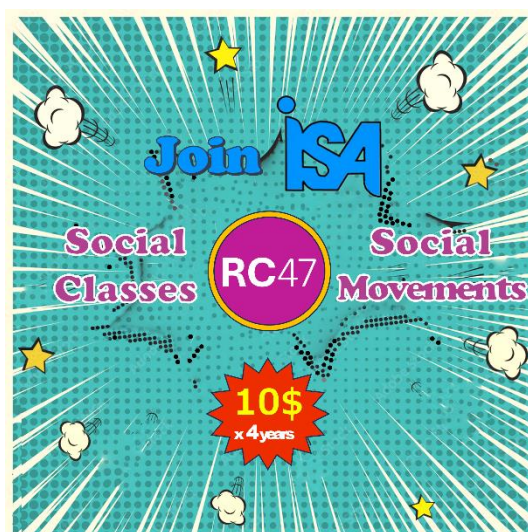
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