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## NEWSLETTER

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### Letter from the President

Dear RC 04 Colleagues,

The 5th ISA Forum, held earlier this July (6-11 July 2025) in Rabat, Morocco under the theme "Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene", was a great success. It provided many of us with a valuable opportunity to reconnect with long-standing colleagues, build new friendships, and share exciting research developments across a wide range of topics. The Forum brought together 4,842 delegates from 113 countries. Our Moroccan colleagues, together with the ISA officials, delivered an outstanding event, and I was personally impressed by the high standard of organization—technical, logistical, and social.

RC04 was proud to organize more than 20 sessions and roundtables, featuring over 200 presentations that addressed diverse aspects of the Sociology of Education. On Tuesday evening, July 8th, we held our Business Meeting, during which I presented updates on our activities over the past two years as well as our financial statement.

A particularly moving part of the meeting was the presentation of a memorial video honoring our late colleague, Larry Saha, who passed away last year. This tribute, prepared by Joanna Sikora, was a thoughtful and heartfelt initiative, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to her. It was a touching moment of reflection on a life dedicated to academia, public service, and the global advancement of the Sociology of Education.

We now look ahead to our next gathering at the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology, which will take place from July 4–10, 2027, in Gwangju, Korea. I hope to see many of you there. Further details will be announced soon by the ISA.

With best regards,

Marios Vryonides,  
President, RC04  
31 July 2025



## News from the Editor

Warm greetings to Members and the Board of RC04. I trust you are keeping well.

We wish to thank ISA, ISA-Confex and the Local Organizing Committee in Rabat for their sterling organisation of the **5th ISA Forum of Sociology** which took place in **Rabat, Morocco from 06-11 July, 2025**. We also thank the Programme co-ordinator, session organisers, chairs for their participants.

On behalf of the RC04 board, we further commit to the success of the next conference at the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology, which will take place from 04-10 July, 2027, in Gwangju, Korea.

Two midterm conferences were held in 2025. More detail is available on page 3.

Links to Larry Saha's memorial can be found on page 3, under the section Global Exchange.

Unfortunately, we did not receive many articles for the section on Global Exchange.

### **Welcome to new members and congratulations to those who have achieved.**

We wish to welcome new members to the RC04 and look forward to your participation. Likewise, the RC04 commits to respond to your needs as well. There are 280 active members in the RC04, which is in the top 4, clearly illustrating the valuable role of the RC04 in the ISA.

On page 4, the *Newsletter's* section on **Global Exchange** provides useful and relevant information on publications, recently published journal articles, research and other announcements. Members are encouraged to submit 100-150 word synopses of their on-going or planned research as a way of exchanging ideas and fostering collaboration for inclusion in the RC04 Newsletter. Members are also encouraged to make full use of this channel of communication and further enhance the activities of the RC04.

The RC04 statutes and board members can be found on page 6.

On behalf of the President and the Board, I wish to thank members of the RC04 for their involvement and active participation.

We look forward to your valuable contribution and support. We always wish you well over the festive season.

Shaheeda Essack  
Secretary, RC04  
31 July 2025



<p><b>Future Conferences</b></p> <p><b>XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Not yet available</b>  <b>Venue: Gwangju, Korea</b>  <b>Dates: 4-10 July, 2027.</b></p>
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Further information will be disseminated when the programme is finalized.

Detailed information can be found on the website at <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress>.

We look forward to the support of session organisers and chairs for contributing to the success of the RC04 program.

#### Feedback on Midterm Conferences Held in 2025

The following midterm conferences were held:

- ❖ International Conference and the 31st Taiwan Forum on Sociology of Education, 02-03 May 2025

**Theme:** Equity and Excellence: Theories and Practices in Sociology of Education

**Country:** Taiwan

**Organizer:** Taiwan Association of Sociology of Education, TASE  
<https://www.tase.url.tw/en>

- ❖ RC04 in Collaboration with the Higher Education and Sciences Studies Group of SASA on 23-26 June 2025

**Theme:** Colonial Legacies, Post-Colonial realities: South Africa, 30 Years later

**Country:** University of Mpumalanga, Mbombela Main Campus, South Africa

**Organizer:** South African Sociology Association and the University of Mpumalanga



## Future Midterm Conferences Scheduled for 2026

Details will be announced when available.

## Global Exchange

This is the sixteenth issue of the Newsletter column entitled Global Exchange. This initiative from the previous editor of the RC04 newsletter is very important because it is a forum to exchange current or pending research projects and seek suggestions, ideas for future directions, as well as possible collaboration with other RC04 members. The abstracts of approximately 100-150 words should be sent to the editor by e-mail for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter. In this regard, please consider submitting a description of your project to the editor for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter. It is hoped that RC04 members will contact the researchers whose projects are listed below with suggestions, commentary, and even offers to collaborate or share reports and publications. Submissions to Global Exchange should be sent to [Essack.S@dhet.gov.za](mailto:Essack.S@dhet.gov.za).

This section also includes requests for participation in projects, submissions and other related issues.

The following information was received from members:

### ❖ Received from Joanna Sikora

📌 Sikora & Jacobs (2025). Planning to Care: The US in Comparative Perspective, 2000–2022. *Socius*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023125134850>.

❖ Links to Larry Saha's memorial videos.  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1667AVuGMYJUAYsHta4CnyIfTa1tpErm8?usp=sharing>

For further information, you may contact Joanna Sikora at [joanna.sikora@anu.edu.au](mailto:joanna.sikora@anu.edu.au).

### ❖ Received from Tien-Hui Chiang

📌 Cockerill, M., Thurston, A., O'Keeffe, J. and Chiang, T.H. (2025). Results from a phase 3 definitive trial of reciprocal reading in English high schools. *International Journal of Educational Research*, 130 (2025) 102546.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijer.2025.102546>  
Personalized Share Link:  
<https://authors.elsevier.com/c/1kWQ738nswogk~>



📌 “The effects of schools providing compensatory cultural capital on student reading in the case of Taiwanese students participating in PISA” has been published in the British Educational Research Journal (BERJ) (SSCI).

The study explores how schools can serve as crucial agents in offering compensatory cultural capital, addressing educational inequalities, and enhancing students' reading abilities—particularly for those from low-SES backgrounds. The findings highlight the powerful role of school interventions in shaping student performance beyond the influence of family contexts and cultural capital.

The full text can be accessed at <http://doi.org/10.1002/berj.4157>.

### Future Events

#### **Future events to be noted and diarised**

1. Mid-term conference will be announced when detail is available.
2. The ISA World Congress of Sociology will be held in 2027 in Gwangju, Korea from 04-10 July, 2027.
3. Further announcements to be made when available.



## STATUSES AND BOARD MEMBERS

### ❖ Established 1971

### ❖ Objectives

The Research Committee 04 (RC04) is an active group with annual or bi-annual meetings on Sociology of Education topics. Regular meetings are held at the World Congress of Sociology (every four years) and at the RC's Midterm Conferences (in-between world congresses). In addition, meetings on special topics are held.

### ❖ Board 2023-2027

- President: **Marios Vryonides**, European University Cyprus, **Cyprus**, [m.vryonides@euc.ac.cy](mailto:m.vryonides@euc.ac.cy)
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### ❖ Newsletter

An informative newsletter is mailed to members twice a year. It contains conference abstracts, research summaries and exchange, members' news, conference news, country reports and the new feature, Global Exchange.

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### ❖ Membership

Membership Fees: \$30 for a 4-year period. Please contact the International Sociology Association for payments.

### ❖ Website

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc04-sociology-of-education>

