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Objectives

To establish contacts and encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of sociology of occupational/professional groups throughout the world; to encourage the international exchange of research findings in the sociology of occupational/professional groups.

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Dear members and friends of ISA Research Committee 52 'Sociology of Professional Groups',

The year 2025 has had many ups and downs, but I hope this newsletter finds you well. As I reflect back on the year, I am grateful for all of the presenters, session organizers, session chairs, and others who made the V ISA Forum in Rabat Morocco a success. Thanks to everyone for your efforts and hard work.

As we look forward to 2026, the RC52 is planning an online conference that will take place this upcoming June. The call for papers (abstracts) can be found later in this newsletter. We anticipate that the online conference will not only allow those who regularly attend in-person meetings to continue to engage with the RC, but that this conference will facilitate participation among graduate students, and many others for whom travelling long distances is a challenge. We are planning a variety of sessions, keynote speakers and related events for the conference. We also plan on trying to schedule sessions in a manner that facilitates participation across time zones, with an option of recording sessions for viewing at more convenient times.

We still have many details to work out, with respect to the scheduling, conference fees, and organization. We will provide updates in the coming months, as we work through these details. Our goal is to have an affordable, accessible conference, fostering research and exchanges related to the sociology of professions.

The monthly bulletins will also resume in the new year. If you have any news to share, please email me.

Wishing you all the best for the rest of 2025 and a happy new year.

Best wishes,
Tracey

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Lettre de la présidente du CR52 de l'AIS (French version)

Cher.e.s membres et ami.e.s du comité de recherche 52 de l'AIS "Sociologie des groupes professionnels",

L'année 2025 a connu de nombreux rebondissements, mais j'espère que vous vous portez bien. En repensant à cette année, je tiens à remercier tous les intervenants, organisateurs et présidents de session, ainsi que toutes les autres personnes qui ont contribué au succès du Forum V ISA à Rabat, au Maroc. Merci à tous pour vos efforts et votre travail acharné.

Dans la perspective de 2026, le RC52 prévoit d'organiser une conférence en ligne qui aura lieu en juin prochain. L'appel à communications (résumés) se trouve plus loin dans cette lettre d'information. Nous pensons que la conférence en ligne permettra non seulement à ceux qui assistent régulièrement aux réunions en personne de continuer à s'engager auprès du RC, mais qu'elle facilitera également la participation des étudiants diplômés et de nombreuses autres personnes pour qui les longs trajets représentent un défi. Nous prévoyons diverses sessions, des conférenciers principaux et des événements connexes pour la conférence. Nous prévoyons également d'essayer d'organiser les sessions de manière à faciliter la participation à travers les fuseaux horaires, avec la possibilité d'enregistrer les sessions pour les visionner à des moments plus opportuns.

Il nous reste encore de nombreux détails à régler concernant le calendrier, les frais d'inscription et l'organisation. Nous vous tiendrons informés au cours des prochains mois, à mesure que nous réglerons ces détails. Notre objectif est d'organiser une conférence abordable et accessible, favorisant la recherche et les échanges liés à la sociologie des professions.

Les bulletins mensuels reprendront également au cours de la nouvelle année. Si vous avez des nouvelles à partager, n'hésitez pas à m'envoyer un courriel.

Je vous souhaite une excellente fin d'année 2025 et une bonne année.

Avec mes meilleures salutations,
Tracey

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Carta de la Presidenta del Comité RC52 52 de la ISA (Spanish version)

Estimadas y estimados miembr@s y amig@s del Comité RC 52 de la ISA, "Sociología de los grupos profesionales",

El año 2025 ha tenido muchos altibajos, pero espero que este boletín les encuentre bien. Al reflexionar sobre el año, estoy agradecido a todos los ponentes, organizadores de sesiones, presidentes de sesiones y demás personas que hicieron posible el éxito del V Foro ISA en Rabat, Marruecos. Gracias a todos por sus esfuerzos y su arduo trabajo.

De cara al 2026, el RC52 está planeando una conferencia en línea que tendrá lugar el próximo mes de junio. La convocatoria de ponencias (resúmenes) se puede encontrar más adelante en este newsletter. Esperamos que la conferencia en línea no solo permita a quienes asisten regularmente a las reuniones presenciales seguir participando en el RC, sino que también facilite la participación de estudiantes de posgrado y muchas otras personas para quienes viajar largas distancias supone un reto. Estamos planificando una variedad de sesiones, ponentes principales y eventos relacionados para la conferencia. También tenemos previsto intentar programar las sesiones de manera que se facilite la participación en diferentes zonas horarias, con la opción de grabar las sesiones para poder verlas en momentos más convenientes.

Todavía tenemos que resolver muchos detalles en cuanto a la programación, las cuotas de la conferencia y la organización. Proporcionaremos información actualizada en los próximos meses, a medida que vayamos resolviendo estos detalles. Nuestro objetivo es celebrar una conferencia asequible y accesible, que fomente la investigación y los intercambios relacionados con la sociología de las profesiones.

Los boletines mensuales también se reanudarán en el nuevo año. Si tiene alguna noticia que compartir, envíeme un correo electrónico.

Les deseo lo mejor para lo que queda de 2025 y un feliz año nuevo.

Saludos cordiales,
Tracey

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News from ISA

RC52 VIRTUAL INTERIM MEETING, JUNE 16-18, 2026

Call for abstract submissions

RC52 (Sociology of professional groups) of the International Sociological Association invites abstract submissions for an online conference to be held June 16, 17, and 18th 2026.

Papers on a broad range of topics relevant to the sociology of professions are welcome.

This includes research on professional work; experts and expertise; changes, challenges and crises impacting professionals; profession creation and decline; technological change; the impact of AI on professions; social inequalities; professions in the global south; state-profession relations; professional regulation; professional identity formation; training and education; and many other topics. If you would like to propose a session (4-5 papers linked according to a theme), please let us know in advance (at the email address below).

Abstracts should be 300 words in length, and should be submitted, along with your name, affiliation, email address and status (PhD student / early career scholar / faculty member / researcher) to RC52.conferences@gmail.com.

Submission deadline: February 16th, 2026

EARLY CAREER SCHOLAR NEEDED FOR RC52 BOARD

The RC52 is looking for a PhD student or junior scholar to serve on the RC52 board. It is hoped this researcher will contribute to RC52 communications and social media, as well as help to organize meetings / events for other junior scholars. If you would like to nominate yourself (or someone else – with their permission) for this post, please email Tracey at tladams@uwo.ca.

Please submit your nomination by **January 31st, 2026**.

ISA JOURNALS

The International Sociological Association publishes two journals: [Current Sociology](#) and [International Sociology](#). For more information on the journals and author guidelines, check out the journal websites.

Relevant articles online first from **Current Sociology** interesting for our community:

Aven, H. B., & Alm Andreassen, T. (2020). Trustee professionalism transformed: Recruiting committed professionals. *Current Sociology*, 73(6), 937-955. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011392120969759>

Lee Ludvigsen, J. A. (2024). Contestations over risk expertise, definitions and insecurities: The case of European football. *Current Sociology*, 73(5), 815-833. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00113921241232413>

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RC52 News

RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF THE PROFESSIONS

The *Research Handbook on the Sociology of the Professions* has been published December 12th, 2025:
<https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollbook/book/9781035323081/9781035323081.xml>

The *Table of Contents* (below) include several contributions from RC52 members, as well as the editor of this Handbook is our President, **Tracey L. Adams**.

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The mailing list of ISA RC52 is now available for subscription at:

<http://bit.ly/RC52listSubscription>.

The mailing list is the new official news channel of ISA RC52, in compliance with GDPR regulation of the European Union. Please subscribe to the mailing list if you want to be updated about our initiatives and to keep receiving the ISA RC52 Newsletter.

MONTHLY BULLETIN

Contributions to the RC52 Monthly Bulletin are very welcome. These could feature news, new developments in the field, call for papers, publications (books and journal articles), forthcoming events including conferences, report-backs. Anything that you think might be of interest to members and help fulfil the objectives of RC52.

Please email, as a word document, your contribution to the RC52 President Tracey Adams (tladams@uwo.ca).

Notices

JOURNAL ISSUES

Latest news from the **Journal of Professions & Organization**

Dear ISA RC52 friends,

I'm delighted to share a brief update along with Editors David Brock, Daniel Muzio and Stefan Heusinkveld. 2025 has been exceptionally active with decisions on 162 submissions which is an increase from past years. Our desk reject rate remains at 40%, and we have a healthy pipeline which promises exciting articles lined up to be published in 2026.

Volume 12 brought a lot of energy to JPO in 2025 (see below), reflecting the dramatic changes underway across professions and organizations: from courts and digitalization and lawtech entrepreneurship to inequality, boundary work (of course!), professional identity, and organizational change.

We owe a huge debt to our Editorial Board, authors, and especially our reviewers. Please keep drawing on JPO articles in your research and teaching, and please encourage colleagues (and students) to submit their best work. The more we circulate and cite this important scholarship, the more we strengthen the field and the journal.

Wishing you all well, and looking forward to staying in touch,
Ronit

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JPO 2025 Publications <https://academic.oup.com/jpo/issue>

Volume 12, Issue 1 (February 2025)

When digitalization hit the court: Strategizing to turn turbulence into opportunities, by Charlotta Kronblad and Johanna Envall Pregmark

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joae007>

When professionals become entrepreneurs: Identity construction of lawtech startup founders in Japan, by Masashi Goto, Masahiro Kotosaka, Mari Sako

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joae008>

Corporate professional stratification in human resource management: a sequential multi-method Hong Kong and United Kingdom analysis, by Paul Higgins, Ian Roper, Man Fung Lo

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joae015>

Spotlight on identity construction among professionals transitioning to an emerging occupation, by Cynthia Courtois, Claire-France Picard, Yves Gendron

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joae016>

Volume 12, Issue 2 (June 2025)

From social movements to organizational roles: a study of evolving occupational mandates of ESG analysts, by Gulnaz Khamidullina and David M Brock

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joae017>

Navigating boundaries: the evolution of homeroom teachers' profession through professional boundary work, by Ravit Mizrahi-Shtelman and Adi Sapir

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joaf001>

The customer is always right? Corporate client influence and women's attainment in large US law firms, by Fiona M Kay and Elizabeth H Gorman

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joae005>

Volume 12, Issue 3 (October 2025)

How perceptions of time and place construct two stories concerning status and privilege for clinicians and administrators in healthcare organizations, by Ingrid Svensson and Thomas Andersson

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joaf002>

The sociology of healthcare professions: the case of the professionalization of psychology in Spain, by Roberto Rodríguez-López

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Space and (in)visibility practices in elite architecture firms in Australia, by Sumati Ahuja and Ruth Weatherall

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joaf004>

Dashboard-driven change: reshaping relational dynamics in professional frontline-screen-level networks, by Margot Kersing, Lieke Oldenhof, Kim Putters, Liesbet van Zoonen

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Reluctant public sector entrepreneurialism among clinical professional managers: corporate colonization in the English National Health Service, by Damian E Hodgson, Simon Bailey, Mike Bresnen, Paula Hyde, John Hassard

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joaf009>

Charting new waters: navigating identity shifts during cross domain transition, by Richa Chaturvedi and Ranjeet Nambudiri

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joaf006>

Latest issue from **Professions and Professionalism**

A special issue of Professions and Professionalism has just been published, based on the contributions to a symposium on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Centre for the Study of Professions at Oslo Metropolitan University: *Symposium: Professional Complexity and the Future Study of Professions*

Here is the link to access the **Vol 15, No 3 (2025)**:

<https://journals.oslomet.no/pp/article/view/6498>

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<https://doi.org/10.7577/pp.6462>

What's the Difference? Market vs State Alignment in the Professional Consequences of Diversity, by Louise Ashley

<https://doi.org/10.7577/pp.6478>

Professional Expertise, Scientific Knowledge, Citizens' Insights and Non-Knowledge: When to Trust Experience-Based Knowledge Claims, by Eva Krick

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Professions and Professionalism (P&P) is an open-access, net-based, peer-reviewed journal. The Journal invites research-based empirical, theoretical or synoptic articles focusing on traditional professions as well as other knowledge-based occupational groups. The journal is interdisciplinary, with its centre of gravity in the social sciences and humanities. While articles may focus on one profession in a specific social context, authors are encouraged to point out the wider relevance of their contributions to the study of professions and professionalism. The editorial team would specifically encourage Members of the RC52 to use the journal as a channel of scholarly publication and debate.

For information: Fredrik Wilhelm Thue, thue@oslomet.no

CALLS FOR PAPERS (JOURNALS)

The Digital Undertow of Generative AI: Hidden Currents Reshaping Organizations, Work, Education and Public-Sector Innovation Agendas

For more details: <https://czasopisma.kul.pl/index.php/znkul/announcement/view/247>

Submission deadline: May 20th, 2026.

Special issue editors:

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Tracey L Adams, Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

BOOKS

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<https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joaf002>

Change of Address

If you change your email or postal address, please do not forget to contact us by email.

Updated details should be sent to the ISA secretariat, email: isa@isa-sociology.org

With a copy to ISA RC52 Treasurer/Secretary Andrea Bellini, email:
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Membership



We strongly encourage you to rejoin RC52 and ISA when your membership is due for renewal. Do also inform your colleagues about RC52 and ask them to join RC52 so that we can increase the strength of the group. To join the ISA please visit the ISA website and register online. The regular affiliation fees for RC52 specifically are an additional USD 40 for a 4 year period: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/>

Individual ISA membership is open to scholars and professionals of sociological teaching, research or practice. At present there are more than 5,000 members from 167 countries.

Benefits:

- Participation in the activities of the ISA and its [Research Committees](#), [Working](#) and [Thematic Groups](#) (additional fee required).
- Reduction in registration fees at ISA World Congress and Forum of Sociology
- Online access to ISA journals [Current Sociology](#) and [International Sociology](#)
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 - [Sage Research Methods](#), a resource which brings together information on methodological issues and choices, and provides copies of relevant articles; it can be used in many ways, including the planning of teaching methods and the making of decisions on what methods might be appropriate for a new project.
- ISA Digital Worlds:
 - [Global Dialogue](#) - Newsletter published in 16 languages. A venue for debates, reports on conferences, state of different sociologies, interviews, and much more.
 - [sociopedia.isa](#) - An online database with state-of-the-art review articles in

social sciences.

- [eSymposium](#) - Forum through which ISA members are able to engage in debate, showcasing the diverse work, practices, ideas and voices.
- [Social Justice & Democratization Space](#) - Website that aims to build a global community through an open participatory approach to research, policy, pedagogy, practices and images.
- [Universities in Crisis](#) - Blog of the ISA with reports of concerned academics on the status of universities in the world.
- [Journeys through Sociology](#) - Interviews with members of the ISA Executive Committee.
- [Sociotube](#) - Videos of ISA Conferences and of the everyday life of sociologists.

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