

# **Research Committee 13 (RC13)**

## **Sociology of Leisure**

**NEWSLETTER**

## **RC-13 President's Message**

Greeting from India & Sukant Chaudhury, I am glad to report to you, the ISA RC-13, Sociology of Leisure, for unavoidable reasons the newsletter of RC 13 could not be published. In 2018, XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, I was elected as a president. However, some esteemed members created a debate on the justifiability of the elections. After a few weeks the Vice President of research, Geoffrey Pleyer, examined the issue and approved the election result.

We organised an international Mid-Term Conference on behalf of ISA that is the International Conference on Leisure and Social Development in the Post-Modern Era: Contemporary Issues and Challenges. It was held in the Department of Sociology, Lucknow University, Lucknow, India on behalf of ISA collaborated by EFCS without any financial responsibility. The Conference was attended by about 329 delegates including 4 foreign delegates. 8 plenary sessions had 15 distinguished speakers and 8 technical sessions were held with about 156 presentations. The inaugural session was presided over by Sri G.Pattnaik, Keynote address was given by Prof. Kenneth Roberts of University of Liverpool, U.K. and the Guest of Honor was Prof. Manoj Dixit, Vice Chancellor, RML Faizabad University, India. The Valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Francis Lobo of Edith Cowan University, Perth, Australia.

Further we also organised an International workshop on Sociology of Leisure and Happiness in the Contemporary World on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 on behalf of RC 13, ISA Prof. Alan Law, University of Trent was the Key Speaker.

Then the IV ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 23-28 Feb 2021, was held online because of the Covid-19 pandemic. There were about 50 presentations online by the members of different countries and I was the coordinator.

In XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, held at Melbourne, Australia, 25th June 2023 to 1st July 2023. There were about 43 presentations by the members of different countries and I was the coordinator. Besides, there was a presidential session on 'Leisure during the Period of Pandemic and Resurgent Authoritarianism' where three panelists presented their views. In the Business meeting I was elected as the President and other distinguished members were elected to different positions. However, the election was canceled by ISA citing lack of quorum, then the ISA conducted an online election in 2024, and I was elected as the president.

The 5th ISA Forum of Sociology held at Rabat, Morocco. We had about 30 presentations, and I was the coordinator.

The XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology will be held from July 4-10, 2027, at Gwangju, South Korea. I appeal to all members to contribute your research work in the forthcoming Congress.

Dear friends, it has been a great pleasure working for the RC-13, in the past 7 years, for this position I was invited by several fora, to present my views, as keynote speaker. However, there is one disappointing note: RC-13 membership is not improving and we are

lacking inclusivity in the RC-13 board. I again appeal to all of you to forget all the differences and proceed through constructive arguments.

President  
Sukant K. CHAUDHURY,  
University of Lucknow, India

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## **5th ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco**

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Sociology of Leisure

Program Coordinator: Sukant CHAUDHURY, India

**Monday 7 July**

**09:00-10:45**

**Sociology of Leisure II**

**Language: English, French, Spanish**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizer: Sukant CHAUDHURY, University of Lucknow, India**

**Chair: Pranjal SARMA, Dibrugarh University, India**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Sanjay TEWARI, Indian Sociological Society, India  
Deconstructing the Role of Media in Sports, Leisure & Culture: Studying Disadvantaged Groups
2. Anshikha PUROHIT, Indian institute of technology, Roorkee, India  
Landscape As a Commodity or Panacea for the Locals: A Case Study of Daringbadi Hill Station, Odisha
3. Nandita ROY, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, India The Paradox of Digital Leisure
4. Saurabh GURJAR, Govt. Girls P.G. College, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India, India  
The Socio-Cultural Impact and Challenges of Tribal Tourism: A Case Study (In Reference to Jhabua and Alirajpur Regions of Madhya Pradesh State, India)
5. Pradeep KUMAR, Research Scholar, India and Deepti KAUSHIK, Ismail National Mahila PG College Meerut Uttar Pradesh, India, India  
“Pilgrims’ Perceptions of Environmental Responsibility at Kumbh Mela”

**13:00-14:45**

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Leisure: Social Justice Implications**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizer: Pranjal SARMA, Dibrugarh University, India**

**Chair: Sukant CHAUDHURY, University of Lucknow, India**

**Co-Chair: Smita AWACHAR, Tantradhyna nagar, India**

**Panelist: Sandhya CHAUDHURY, University of Lucknow, India**

**Discussant: Ipsita BHATTACHARYYA, Department of English, India**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Pranjal SARMA, Dibrugarh University, India

Artificial Intelligence (AI), Leisure and Social Justice: A Case Study of Use of Technology in Sports at Paris Olympic Games, 2024

2. Arunedra pratap SINGH, MGU, Meghalay, India and Dr Vanchna singh parihaar, Women empowerment officer, WCD, Govt of MP, India

Senior citizen resort, need or business : A sociological study

**Tuesday 8 July**

**09:00-10:45**

**Leisure, Disabilities and Social Justice in the Global Era**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizer: Pranjal SARMA, Dibrugarh University, India**

**Chair: Smita AWACHAR, Tantradhyna nagar, India**

**Co-Chair: Prem Sagar VIVEK, University of Mumbai, India**

**Panelist: Kali JHA, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, MP, India**

**Discussant: Anju BENIWAL, Govt. Meera Girls College, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India, India**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Pranjal SARMA, Dibrugarh University, India  
Leisure and Social Justice Implications: A Case Study of Moran Blind School(Residential), Dibrugarh, Assam, India
2. Sandhya CHAUDHURY, University of Lucknow, India  
Contemporary Views on Leisure Activities and Quality of Life
3. Zheng FANG, Sun Yat-Sen University, China  
Anti-Boredom As Structure of Feeling: Game Domestication and Mutual Aid Among Chinese Gamers with Visually Impairment

**11:00-12:45**

**Mindful Leisure: Cultivating Health and Happiness**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizer: Anju BENIWAL, Govt. Meera Girls College, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India, India**

**Chair: Sandip CHAUDHARI, SBES College of Arts and Commerce, Aurangabad-431001(India), India**

**Co-Chair: Sonal SHARMA, Tufts University, USA**

**Panelist: Mahesh SHUKLA, Govt. TRS College of Excellence, APS University, REWA, India**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Sukant CHAUDHURY, University of Lucknow, India  
Leisure in India in the Ancient Times

15:00-16:45

RC13 Business Meeting

Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)

Chair: Sukant CHAUDHURY, University of Lucknow, India

**Wednesday 9 July**

**11:00-12:45**

**Gender-Leisure Nexus through Social Justice in Global Context**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizers: Ipsita BHATTACHARYYA, Department of English, India and Pranjal SARMA, Dibrugarh University, India**

**Chair: Sukant CHAUDHURY, University of Lucknow, India**

**Co-Chair: Anju BENIWAL, Govt. Meera Girls College, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India, India**

**Panelist: Kali JHA, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, MP, India**

**Discussant: Pranjal SARMA, Dibrugarh University, India**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Ipsita BHATTACHARYYA, Department of English, India  
Women's Participation in Tourism Consumption and Its Barriers in the Context of North East India
2. Corey JOHNSON, North Carolina State University, USA and Rudy DUNLAP, Middle Tennessee University, USA  
Stigmatize or Valorize?: Leisure, Gender Hysteria, and the Performance of Masculinities
3. Saheli CHOWDHURY, BELDA COLLEGE, India and Yankeela BHUTIA, BELDA COLLEGE, India  
Gender, Leisure and Media Representation in India through a Social Justice Lens: A Sociological Study
4. Smita AWACHAR, Dr. B.A.M.U., Maharashtra, India  
Is Fairs in India Giving Equal Place to Women?-an Unanswered Question

**15:00-16:45**

**Sociology of Leisure I**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizer: Saurabh GURJAR, Govt. Girls P.G. College, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, India, India**

**Chair: Ipsita BHATTACHARYYA, Department of English, India**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Kenji ISHIDA, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, Japan  
Decomposing Gender Gap in Subjective Time Pressure: Time Use Perspective in Japan
2. Kiran ODHAV, University of Free State, South Africa  
The Horizon and Limits of the South African Leisure Industry
3. Arzu ÜNAL, Faculty Member, Turkey; Saleh Kahled IBRAHIM, Ibn Haldun University, Turkey and Besra Betül TOPKAYA, Ibn Haldun University, Turkey

Changes in Migrants' Preferences for Socialization and Leisure Spaces: The Experiences of Syrian Migrants in Istanbul

**Thursday 10 July**

**13:00-14:45**

**Leisure education in the Global World**

**Language: English, French, Spanish**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizers: Huimei LIU, Zhejiang University, China and Klara TARKO, University of Szeged, Hungary**

**Discussant: Fang FANG, fangfangymr@126.com, China**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Sanâa BOUAROUCOU, Mohamed 5 University, Morocco; Abdellatif KIDAI, Mohammed V university, Morocco; Samah IBNOU- LAAROUSSI, Siste British Education, Morocco and Fatima-Zahrae BERRFAI, Indiana State University, USA  
Leisure Promotion for University Students: Trends and Marketing Strategy

**19:00-20:30**

**Sociology of Leisure III**

**Language: English, French, Spanish**

**Location: FSE012 (Faculty of Education Sciences)**

**Session Organizer: Abdelfattah EZZINE, Espace Médiation (EsMed), Morocco**

**AUTHORS AND PAPERS:**

1. Anne JONCHERY, Ministère de la Culture, France  
La Lecture Fait- Elle Encore Partie Des Loisirs Des Jeunes ?
2. Mourad HAMDI, université Mohamed V, Morocco  
La Sociabilité Sportive Et De Loisir Dans l'Espace Littoral De La Ville Du Rabat: Vers Une Dynamique Du Processus D'intégration Sociale.
3. Brahim EZ-ZAHY, University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah- Fès, Morocco and Nouredin ELMSAOURI, USMBA, Morocco  
Les Ultras Au Maroc: De L'engagement Au Loisirs à Loisir Engagés







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