

# RC 36 NEWSLETTER

May 2025

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## Note about RC36 Sessions in Rabat 2025

Our week-long series of sessions will explore Alienation in various contemporary and theoretical contexts. It will reflect the interdisciplinary sociological concerns related to anthropology, education, and political economy. After all, Sociology is never alone. There is no singleness or only-oness in what is social. The sessions comprehensively address:

- **Theoretical Foundations:** The conference opens with "Estudios De La Alienación: Teoría y Método," laying a foundation on alienation theory and research methods.
  - **Embodiment and Emotion:** Sessions such as "Sports, Bodies, and Emotions" and the three-part series on "The Affective and Emotional Dimensions of Alienation" focus on how emotions and physicality intertwine with alienation processes in modern societies.
  - **Technology and Digital Life:** "Digital Alienation" examines internet and AI's roles in shaping alienation in everyday life, reflecting the growing importance of digital sociology.
  - **Environmental and Human Development Perspectives:** The "Anthropocene" themed sessions analyze alienation in the context of environmental crises and human development paradigms.
  - **Social Justice and Political Economy:** Sessions like "Alienation, Racial Capitalism, and Palestine" provide critical perspectives linking alienation to systemic inequalities.
  - **Education and Labour Market:** The two sessions on higher education systems investigate the tensions between quality assurance, rankings, and alienation in relation to employment markets.
  - **Future-Oriented Research:** Closing with "Alienation and Futures Research," the conference projects forward-looking perspectives on alienation studies and methodologies.
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This comprehensive program offers an engaging platform for academics, practitioners, and students to explore the multifaceted dimensions of alienation in modern societies, encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue and forward-thinking research.



## Rabat Sessions update

Here is the final sessions list, with organizers and chairs. We came down to 14 sessions. We'll be at the Faculty of Legal, Economic, and Social Sciences (JES) from Monday, 7 July to Friday, 11 July 2025.

### Monday, 7 July 2025

1. **11:00 - 12:45:** Estudios De La Alienación: Teoría y Método  
Location: SJES009 (Faculty of Legal, Economic, and Social Sciences)
  - a. **Organizer** Humberto Fernandes
  - b. **Chair** Humberto Fernandes
2. **13:00 - 14:45:** Sports, Bodies, and Emotions  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** Miriam Adelman
  - b. **Chair** Vessela Misheva
3. **15:00 - 16:45:** RC36 Invites: Current and Future Perspectives on the Anthropocene  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** Humberto Fernandes
  - b. **Chair** Vessela Misheva

## Tuesday, 8 July 2025

4. **11:00 - 12:45:** Digital Alienation: From Everyday Internet to Artificial Intelligence  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** Vessela Misheva
  - b. **Chair** Sunjin Oh
5. **13:00 - 14:45:** Alienation and Knowledge: The Anthropocene and Human Development 1  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** Dirk Michel-Schertges
  - b. **Chair** David Embrick
6. **15:00 - 16:45:** Alienation and Knowledge: The Anthropocene and Human Development 2  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** David Embrick
  - b. **Chair** Dirk Michel-Schertges

## Wednesday, 9 July 2025

7. **09:00 - 10:45:** The Affective and Emotional Dimensions of Alienation: Modernity, Agents, Structures, and Processes 1  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** Olga Simonova
  - b. **Chair** Andrew Blasko
8. **11:00 - 12:45:** The Affective and Emotional Dimensions of Alienation: Modernity, Agents, Structures, and Processes 2  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** Olga Simonova
  - b. **Chair** Vessela Misheva
9. **13:00 - 14:45:** The Affective and Emotional Dimensions of Alienation: Modernity, Agents, Structures, and Processes 3  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** Andrew Blasko
  - b. **Chair** Olga Simonova
10. **15:00 - 16:45:** Alienation, Racial Capitalism, and Palestine  
Location: SJES009
  - a. **Organizer** David Embrick
  - b. **Chair** Lauren Langman

## Thursday, 10 July 2025

11. **09:00 - 10:45:** Higher Education Systems between Quality Assurance, Rankings, and Alienation to the Labour Market. What out-of-Ranking Higher Education Systems Can Teach Us? 1

Location: SJES009

- a. **Organizer** Silvia Pezzoli
  - b. **Chair** Dirk Michel-Schertges
12. **11:00 - 12:45:** Higher Education Systems between Quality Assurance, Rankings, and Alienation to the Labour Market. What out-of-Ranking Higher Education Systems Can Teach Us? 2

Location: SJES009

- a. **Organizer** Dirk Michel-Schertges
- b. **Chair** Silvia Pezzoli

13. **19:00 - 20:30:** RC36 Business Meeting

Location: SJES009

## Friday, 11 July 2025

14. **15:00 - 16:45:** Alienation and Futures Research

Location: SJES018 (Faculty of Legal, Economic, and Social Sciences)

- a. **Organizer** Mariolina Graziosi
- b. **Chair** Andrew Blasko

## RC36 General Meeting and Dinner

We accept topics to compose the agenda of our RC36 General Meeting from 7 to 8 pm on Thursday, July 10, 2025. Following that, a get-together dinner will follow. We will bring you more information closer to the event.

## Information on Lodging and Welcoming

Lodging grants: Presenters from B & C category countries can apply for lodging grants at Mohammed V University's student dormitories. Students will be prioritized for these grants, and



accommodation requires a security deposit. The opening of the application process will be directly to the eligible registered presenters.

Greeting at the airport will be on limited schedules. A guide to move from airports to the city and the venue will be published on the website 3 weeks before the event.

## Talking Alienation Blog

Have you ever felt the struggle of balancing creativity with economic pressure? Explore our latest blog post by Ojonimi Salihu on 'Meritocracy or Masked Alienation? Gendered Precarity in the Creative Class' and dive deeper into this crucial topic that affects so many.

[Check it out!](#)

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## New Social Media on Bluesky. Follow us!!



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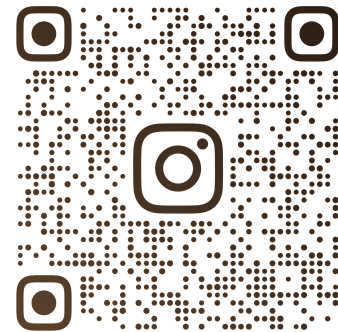
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## Readings on Alienation

- ["La Desmotivación Contemporánea: ¿Por qué ya no tenemos ganas de nada?"](#), by [Diego Alberto Beytia Armenta](#) at Debate Online Magazine - Opinion Article




- ["Alienation Issues and Artificial Intelligence in the Era of Society 5.0", by Taleb Ibtissem at Arab Media and Society - Opinion Article](#)
- ["Attitude towards aging and anxiety in the relationship between social alienation and depression in Chinese rural empty-nest older adults: a chained mediation modeling analysis," by Zhaoquan Jiang, Hengjie Ren, Qi Sun, Huijun Zhang & Shixue Zhou at BMC Public Health Journal - Scientific Article](#)

## Call for Papers

- ["Disconnected: Exploring the Implications of Consumer Loneliness and Alienation" - Psychology & Marketing \(P&M\) Journal. Submission deadline: Sunday, 30 November 2025](#)

## Opportunities

- [Post-Doctoral Associate in the Division of Science, Social Psychology - New York University Abu Dhabi](#)
  - [Assistant/Associate Professor of Sociology / Tenure Track - Westfield State University, Massachusetts, USA](#)
  - [Lecturer in Anthropology - University of Waikato, Hamilton, NZ](#)
  - [Post-doctoral Fellow/Senior Research Assistant in the Department of Social Work - The University of Hong Kong](#)
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- [Associate Lecturer in Social Work \(Indigenous Identified\) - Flinders University - Deadline May 20, 2025](#)
- [Sociology Adjunct \(Fall 2025\) - Germanna Community College, Spotsylvania, Virginia, United States](#)
- [Post-Doctoral Associate in the Division of Social Science \(Economics\) - Dr. Alais Martin-Baillon - New York University Abu Dhabi](#)
- [PT Sociology Instructor - Foothill-De Anza Community College District, Los Altos Hills, CA, United States](#)
- [Sociology Tenure Track Position - Fall 2026, Sarah Lawrence College, NY, U.S.](#)
- [Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology - Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Texas, US](#)
- [Open rank tenure-track faculty position, School of Social Work, Simmons University, Boston, Massachusetts, United States](#)
- [Sociology, Open Topic, \(Junior Research Fellow position - 4-year doctorate\) - Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia](#)
- [Professor and Head of Social Work - University of Melbourne](#)

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