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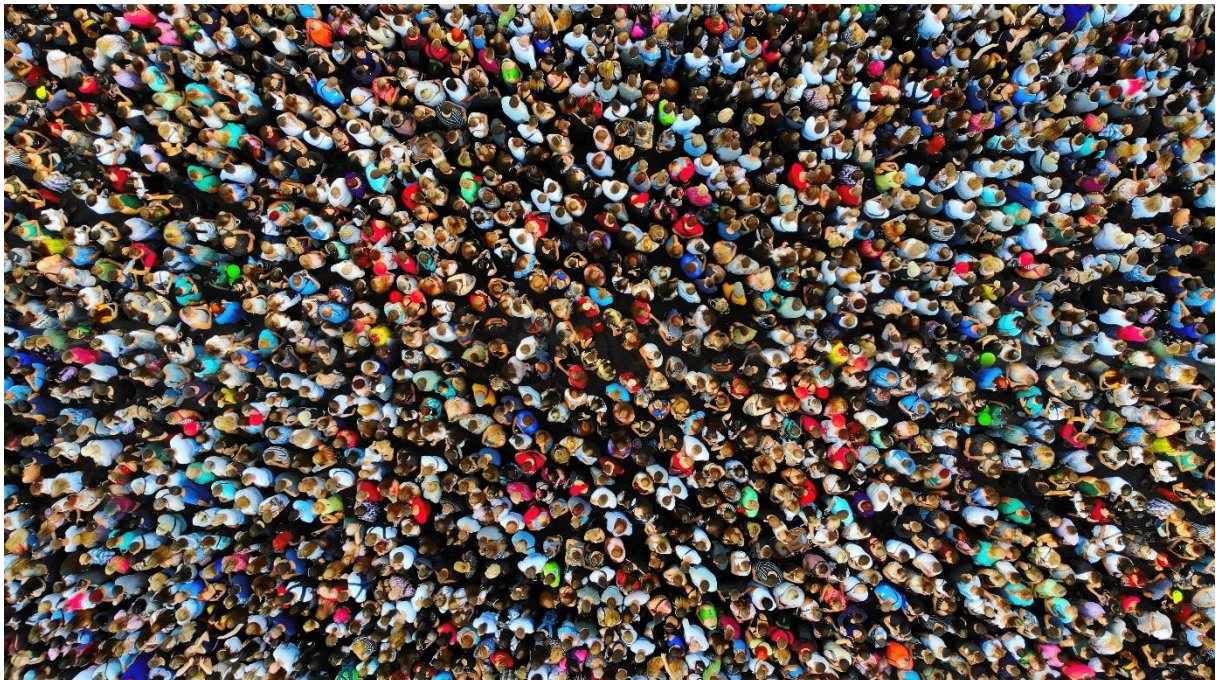


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Dear friends and members of RC41,

Thank you for your continuous contributions to our newsletter. Recently, the ISA Research Council has debated whether newsletters are still an adequate form of communication. Indeed, both the ISA itself and many RCs have started using various social media channels alongside newsletters and mailing lists.

The advantages of social media platforms are clear: information is distributed more interactively, and through personal networks it can reach a far wider audience than a traditional mailing list.

Against this backdrop, RC41 has created a LinkedIn profile. This platform is not primarily aimed at scientists, but also at practitioners in politics, public administration, the economy, and civil society. The RC41 board finds this an interesting platform because many of our topics are highly relevant to decision-makers in various social fields.

I would therefore like to invite those of you who are active on LinkedIn to follow the RC41 profile by clicking on the following link: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/isa-rc41/>.

If you already follow our profile, you can support our public engagement by liking, reposting or commenting on RC41 content on LinkedIn. All current board members are administrators of the profile. We will also be happy to help you reach wider audiences with your professional content. Please feel free to get in touch directly regarding particular issues in this respect.

This brings me to the second part of this editorial: our midterm conference, 'Population Dynamics in the Global North and the Global South', which will take place in Madrid, Spain on 10–11 September 2026. **The deadline for submitting an abstract is approaching rapidly: 30 April 2026!**

We would be very grateful if you could share the call for papers directly (<https://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/imgen/2445-cfp-rc41-midterm-conference-madrid-september-2026.pdf>) or promote it on LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/posts/isa-rc41_2445-cfp-rc41-midterm-conference-madrid-september-activity-7436739885505568768-nKE7).

Alberto and I look forward to receiving your submissions and hope to see many of you in Madrid!

Best regards,

Walter Bartl

REPORTS

Mahamuni Thamilasan organised the International Conference on Policy to Practice: Integrating the SDGs for Inclusive Development', which took place on 5 and 6 February 2026 at the University of Madras's F-50 Hall in the Main Building on the Chepauk Campus in Chennai.

CURRENT CALLS

CONFERENCE

Veira-Ramos, A., & Bartl, W. (2026). Population dynamics in the Global North and the Global South: Age structural transitions, migration, and changing places. International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee on Sociology of Population (RC41), Madrid, 10-11 September 2026. <https://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/imagen/2445-cfp-rc41-midterm-conference-madrid-september-2026.pdf>

Deadline: 30 April 2026.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Bartl, W., Picq, M., & Villacís, B. (2026). Call for papers: Counting ourselves. *Public Humanities*, (Special Issue). <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/public-humanities/announcements/call-for-papers/counting-ourselves>.

Deadline: 30 September 2026.

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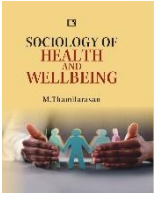
XXI ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY, JULY 4 – 10, 2027, GWANGJU, KOREA

PUBLICATIONS

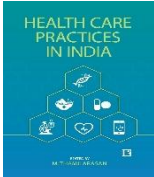
BOOKS

Bali Ram and Shefali S. Ram (2025). "India's Demographic Challenges." Cambridge Scholarly Publishing.

Bali Ram (2026). "The future of demography as a discipline in India." Demography India.



Thamilarasan, M. (2026). *Sociology of Health and Wellbeing*. Rawat Books.
<https://www.rawatbooks.com/sociology/sociology-health-and-wellbeing>



Thamilarasan, M. (Ed.). (2026). *Healthcare Practices in India*. Rawat Books.
<https://www.rawatbooks.com/health/health-care-practices-india>

Veira-Ramos, A., Ivashchenko-Stadnik, K., & Liubyva, T. (Eds.). (2026). *Ukrainian Society During Wartime: Grassroots Resilience as a Mechanism for Social Transformation*. Palgrave Macmillan.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Jasso, G. (2026). How probability distributions felled the case for the beneficial effects of income inequality: and other adventures of probability distributions on the knowledge quest. *Social Science Research*, 134, 103277. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2025.103277>

Schmid, F., & Bartl, W. (2026). An unintended key indicator: The emergence of the Königstein Key in German federalism. *Social Science Information*. Advance online publication.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/05390184261434466>

AWARDS

Guillermina Jasso has won the 2026 Cooley-Mead Award for Distinguished Scholarship given annually since 1978 by the Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association. In August she will deliver the Cooley-Mead Award Address at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in New York. Congratulations!



Mahamuni Thamilarasan won the 2022 Tamil Nadu Scientist Award (TANSA) in the social sciences, which was presented by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST) in September 2025. This award recognises individuals who have made significant contributions to research, development and extension activities across various scientific and technological disciplines. Congratulations!

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