



Social Transformations and  
Sociology of Development

### **Call for Sessions**

**ISA Forum of Sociology**

**Porto Alegre, Brazil July 14 -18, 2020**

**RC09 Social Transformation and Sociology of Development** will organize up to 16 sessions (including Business Meeting) at the ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre, July 14-18, 2020. At this point, we are seeking organizers for these individual sessions.

Sustainable development and equitable development have been two of the central concerns of sociology of development among others. The Research Committee on Social Transformation and Sociology of Development as bearers of these twin goals would like to organize sessions focusing on various facets of these two areas at two levels: theoretical and conceptual breakthroughs on the one hand, and public engagement on the other.

In 1992, it was in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where the Earth Summit took place that made the call for sustainable development at a global level. It would be prudent to do some stocktaking after more than three decades how far have we come as members of an engaged academic field, sociology of development, in our teaching and research. What are the lessons learned; what are the new frontiers that we must pursue, and what are the challenges that we must overcome?

The World Social Forum, an innovative and participatory forum of social activism was born in Porto Alegre in 2001 to challenge the neoliberal globalization. Porto Alegre became a byword for an alternate globalization. How far have we come in engaging the global public in the cause of deliberating and taking appropriate actions against reducing social inequality – both economic and gender inequalities - and moving forward towards the goal of creating a just society are concerns that need to be reexamined.

We solicit session proposals from our members and others interested in addressing the two central themes outlined above. However, we will also accept proposals related to more general topics of social transformations in the Global South but also in the Global North.

Session proposals (approximately 300 words) in English, Spanish and/or French must be submitted by March 15, 2019 through ISA online system, which is available on the following page: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020>

**No extension of deadlines is possible**

For a more detailed description of session organizers role, you can visit:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/guidelines-for-program-coordinators-and-session-organizers-2020> )

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the RC09 Program Coordinators for the 2020 ISA Forum of Sociology:

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