



IV ISA Forum of Sociology
Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 14-18, 2020

CALL FOR SESSIONS

RC18 theme: Collective action beyond conventional political participation

Programme Coordinators: Nicolás ANGELCOS and Sofia DONOSO

RC18 Political Sociology will organize up to 14 sessions (including Business Meeting) at the 2020 ISA Forum. At this point, we are seeking organizers for these individual sessions.

Political disenchantment across the world is a widely documented phenomenon. Pundits and scholars alike have analyzed the decline of electoral participation and the withdrawal of citizens from traditional channels of political participation such as political parties. At the same time, since 2011 particularly, there has been an upsurge of non-routine forms of political participation such as social movements. These have put into question the functioning of both democracy (and lack thereof) and the neoliberal economy, and engaged with institutional politics in various ways. While the scholarly literature has analyzed electoral abstention, the decline of political parties and civil society organizations, and the rise of protests, less attention has been put on other forms of collective action that go beyond conventional and non-routine political participation.

Beyond normative perspectives on what forms of participation democracies require, RC18 welcomes sessions proposals that analyze new modes of political participation, emerging political actors, and ways in which people engage politically that blur the boundaries between conventional and non-routine political participation. In particular, we aim at discussing how new mechanisms of political engagement co-exist and transform traditional ones. We welcome session proposals focusing on, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Protest participation without organization affiliation
- Riots
- Political participation among historically underprivileged people
- How the state promotes and / or exclude certain forms of political participation
- Left-wing and right-wing “movement-parties”
- Left-wing and right-wing populism

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 RC18 Program Coordinators for the 2020 ISA Forum:

Nicolás ANGELCOS: nicolas.angelcos@unab.cl and Sofia DONOSO: sofiadonoso@gmail.com