

## **Research Committee on Labour Movements (RC44)**

### **Call for Sessions, ISA Forum 2020, Porto Alegre, Brazil**

The Research Committee on Labour Movements (RC-44) will be organizing a total of 14 sessions at the 4th ISA Forum 2020 in Porto Alegre, Brazil, 14-18 July. One of these will be a business meeting devoted to discussion of RC44's plans for the next congress in Melbourne, Australia in 2022 as well as general developments of our research committee. This session will be organized by the 2020 Forum Program Committee consisting of Jörg Nowak, Chair for the Forum, Michele Ford, RC44 President, and Bridget Kenny, RC44 Secretary.

Our 13 substantive sessions will be of four varieties: 2-3 Plenary sessions (ideally with some involvement from public actors as well as section members); 7-8 panel sessions (each consisting of the presentation of 4-5 papers followed by discussion); 1 Authors meet Critics sessions; and 1-2 roundtable sessions (each consisting of 4-5 simultaneous roundtables with 5 to 6 presenters at each roundtable). The final distribution across the three types will depend on the number of proposals received for each type.

RC44 members are especially invited to propose joint sessions together with colleagues from other ISA research committees.

Considering that labour movements are key agents in current struggles towards better futures, this ISA Forum is yet again an ideal location for discussing themes at the heart of our Research Committee.

We specifically encourage proposals for sessions on the following themes:

- logistics and labor
- social reproduction theory
- Marxist feminist perspectives on labor
- labor in the platform economy
- labor internationalism from below
- emerging /alternative forms of organizing – e.g. worker advice offices, migrant rights organizations
- south-to-south migration and community/labor organizing
- working class communities
- capitalism and social movements
- labor, work, nature
- global/transnational unions
- labor and social movements
- notion of worker and subaltern
- the new right and labor movements
- labor and global production networks/global value chains
- labor movement and diversity
- informal and precarious worker organizing
- 20 years after the World Social Forum (for ISA Forum)

Proposals of up to 250 words for Plenary sessions, Panel sessions, Authors meet Critics sessions and Roundtables should be uploaded to the **ISA Confex website** when the call for sessions is opened on 4 February, 2019. **The call for sessions will be closed on 15 March, 2019.** All session proposals must be uploaded on this system to be considered for the programme.

Organisers of sessions must be(come) RC44 members, and RC44 members have priority on RC44 panels.

As in past ISA meetings, RC44 plan time for engagement with local activists around ISA meetings.

Queries can be sent to Joerg Nowak, RC44 Vice President for Program at [joerg.nowak@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:joerg.nowak@nottingham.ac.uk).

Based on proposals received, the 2020 Forum Program Committee will construct the program. As soon as the topics for the substantive sessions have been selected, a call for papers and roundtable presentations will be sent out via the RC-44 and ISA Websites.

Timelines for key ISA Forum deadlines:

### **February 4 – 15 March 2019 24:00 GMT**

**Call for Sessions:** RC session proposer must submit session's description on-line via Confex platform

### **March 16 – 8 April 2019 24:00 GMT**

**Final list of Sessions:** RC Program Coordinator must finalize a list of sessions. Sessions titles, descriptions and the language in which they will be held (English, French or Spanish), as well as contact details of sessions organizers (name, affiliation, country, email) will be available on the ISA conference platform run by Confex.

### **April 25 – 30 September 2019 24:00 GMT**

**Abstracts submission:** Participants must submit abstracts on-line via Confex platform. Only abstracts submitted on-line and by the deadline will be considered in the selection process.

### **October 7 – 4 November 2019 24:00 GMT**

**Abstracts selection:** Session Organizers must complete selection of abstracts and provide a final presentation delegation (oral, distributed, poster, round table). Session Organizers move good quality abstracts unsuited for their sessions to the Program Coordinator's bin for transfer to another session.

**November 5 – 25 November 2019 24:00 GMT**

**Abstracts re-location and finalization:** Program Coordinator re-locates relevant abstracts from Sessions and finalizes the program

**December 2, 2019 24:00 GMT**

**Notification letters:** Confex sends notification letters to: Authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts and Authors of rejected abstracts.

**March 19, 2020 24:00 GMT**

**Registration deadline for presenters:** Registration must be paid by the deadline.  
Presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.