



**International Sociological Association
Research Committee on Sociology of
Communication, Knowledge and
Culture RC14**

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/rc14.htm>

**NEWSLETTER. FALL 2016
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**Dear Members,
Welcome to the Fall 2016 Issue of the
RC14 Newsletter**

This issue provides an account of RC14 activities at the Vienna Forum, information on our website opening, as well as our Facebook page, and some information on our forthcoming activities

1 – Our newly created logo:



At the Vienna Business Meeting it was decided to use “Hermes” (God of Communication for the Greeks) designed as logo by **Christiane Wagner** (RC14

member, post doc and teaching staff at the Institute of Arts, UNICAMP, São Paulo).

2 – Our new website: www.rc14-isa.com created by **Dimitra Laurence Laroche** (RC14 member, PhD candidate and teaching staff at the Institute of Media and Communication, University Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3), who has also the responsibility to run it.

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3 – In Vienna, we had an interesting open business meeting.

Several points were debated and orientations were chosen:

- *Language for RC14 sessions?*

After good discussion (about mixed or “mono-linguistic” sessions in the three official ISA languages, English, French and Spanish) it was decided to give priority to the RC14 real members and try to propose sessions consequently without pre-arranging the language of the session in advance; this is a way to really represent our RC based essentially on the real memberships. So the question of membership becomes primordial and we will privilege the majority’s preferences (as the number of sessions accorded to our **RC depends on RC members**).

- *Communication media of RC 14?*

The committee presently publishes a Newsletter, twice a year, and a mailing list is functioning, handled by Ottawa University and Pr. Luc Bonneville. Unfortunately, the Newsletter receives too rare contributions and information by members. This should be changed: please

send your information to Professor Olivier Chantraine:

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- **Forthcoming activities of RC 14.**

- The business meeting had the pleasure to enlist a third midterm conference (after Thessaloniki in 2015 and Vienna in 2016) before the 2018 Congress to be held in Toronto:

- [Globalization, New Communication Technologies and Social Transformation ... ISA RC14 and Indian Sociological Society New Delhi, India February 26-28, 2017 Abstracts: November 30, 2016 MORE INFORMATION \[http://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/files/isarc14_india_2017.pdf\]\(http://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/files/isarc14_india_2017.pdf\)](#)

As far as it concerns the Conference of Haifa, we remind the “Letter of the President” posted on our website (<http://www.rc14-isa.com/articles>) where it was specifically explained by Christiana Constantopoulou that:

“I’m really worried to inform you all, that the second “participation” (which we had agreed to promote as RC14 participative activities) on “The Representation of the Relationship between Center and Periphery in the Contemporary Novel” (organized by the Universities of Lille 3 and Haifa for next May) will take place in Haifa but without our scientific involvement. The reason is that in a way NOT ACADEMIC AT ALL, the scientific committee has refused PhD students’ propositions not based on the quality of the proposition but on the fact that the proposition was given by a PhD student. Such an exclusion was not explained specifically in the call for papers and of course, RC14 (having as main goals the

promotion of scientific knowledge on the themes of communication, knowledge and culture), finds this exclusion extremely not-deontological and academically incorrect, and is not allied with this kind of practices. Of course, another activity will take place instead (to be announced soon).”

4 – Reminder: next congress of ISA will be in Toronto, Canada, July 15-21 2018



This XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology will focus on how scholars, public intellectuals, policy makers, journalists and activists from diverse fields can and do contribute to our understanding of power, violence and justice. (Margaret Abraham, ISA President. Read more: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/>)

5 – Calls for papers:

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1460-2466/homepage/call_for_papers_ferments_in_the_field.htm](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1460-2466/homepage/call_for_papers_ferments_in_the_field.htm)

The 7th Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 17th to 21st July 2017. CFP here: <http://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conference>

6 - Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists

Seventh ISA Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists

1. The International Sociological Association (ISA) announces the organization of the Seventh Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists. The winners will be invited to participate in the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology which will take place in Toronto, Canada in July 2018.

2. By Junior Scholars we mean people who obtained their first Master's degree (or an equivalent graduate diploma) in sociology or in a related discipline, less than 10 years prior to March 31, 2017. In case of joint or multiple authorship, this rule applies to all authors of the submitted paper.

3. Candidates must send:

- An original paper that has not been previously published anywhere.
- The paper should be no more than 6,000 words in Word format.
- An abstract (maximum 500 words) with five key words must be included in the paper.
- Notes and the bibliography should appear at the end of the text.

Papers which do not conform to these rules run the risk of being rejected.

The papers should be focused on sociological issues. The phenomena examined may be social, economic, political, cultural or of any other kind, but their interpretation or analysis must show a sociological orientation (for instance, through the identification of social processes underlying the phenomena under scrutiny, critique of common sense interpretations or of well-established theories, etc.). Empirical research papers must go beyond descriptive reporting of results to broader, analytical interpretations.

Papers will be judged according to:

- perceptiveness with which issues are treated

- the quality of empirical materials presented
- the consistency with which an analytic framework is used
- the originality of ideas
- the clarity of style

The winners of the previous Competitions will not be considered.

4. Papers are expected to be written in one of the official languages of the ISA (English, Spanish and French). However, papers are also admitted in other languages. Papers written in other languages will be assessed by scholars competent in these languages. Where necessary the papers of finalists will be translated into one of the official languages of the ISA.

5. An electronic file of the paper and a cover letter (in .doc or .pdf) should be e-mailed as an attachment to Dr. Elena Zdravomyslova at zdrav@eu.spb.ru by Friday, **March 31, 2017**. The subject of the message should be "Junior Competition 2018".

In order to protect anonymity during the selection process, authors should not put their name on the paper itself, but the cover letter should include their family name (capital letters), first name, sex, date of birth, mother tongue, degrees, e-mail address, mailing address where they can be reached and (optionally) their present occupation. All this information should be given in one of the official languages of the ISA (English, French, or Spanish). An electronic acknowledgement of the electronic submissions will be given.

6. Initially, a Committee will consider which papers reach a sufficiently high standard to be issued with a letter of official commendation and be listed on ISA website.

Each language Jury will then preselect (by September 2017) a maximum of three papers. These finalists will receive Merit Award Certificates, a four-year membership in the ISA, and a paid registration to the XIX World Congress of

Sociology in Toronto, Canada in July, 2018. All authors thus preselected will also be invited to participate in a five-day seminar prior to the Congress. The ISA, however, cannot guarantee to cover costs for their travel and accommodations. Out of the preselected finalists, the Grand Jury chaired by the ISA President Margaret Abraham will select up to five winning papers. Their authors will be offered a travel grant to participate in the World Congress. In case of multiple authorship, the subvention will have to be shared. Additional information may be obtained from Elena Zdravomyslova at zdrav@eu.spb.ru, Coordinator of the Competition.

Committee of the Seventh ISA Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists:

- Rosemary Barberet, City University of New York, USA
- Marina Kurkchyan, University of Oxford, UK
- Chin-Chun Yi, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
- Elena Zdravomyslova (Coordinator), European University St. Petersburg, Russia

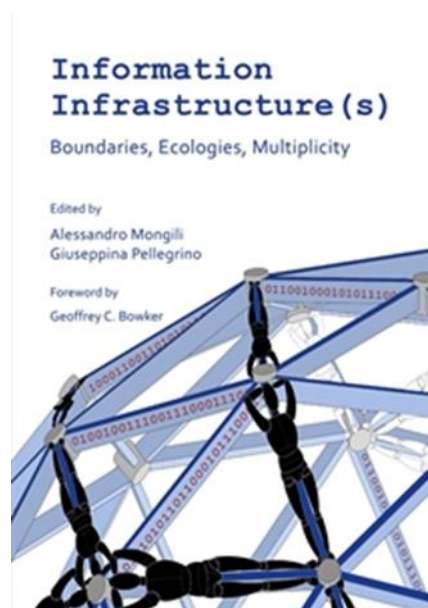
RC14 PUBLICATIONS

Part of the works of the Thessaloniki conference are already published in the French Journal for Media Research <http://frenchjournalformediaresearch.com/odel/index.php?lang=EN>

Another two books are to be published in 2016: 1) In French *Récits de la Crise, mythes et réalités de la sociétés contemporaine*, L'HARMATTAN, LOGIQUES SOCIALES PARIS 2) in Greek: *Αφηγήσεις της κρίσης μύθοι και πραγματικότητες της σύγχρονης κοινωνίας* (PAPAZISIS PUBLISHERS, ATHENS)

Parts of the works of the Vienna Conference are to be published as thematic Issue in the French Journal for Media Research

Other interesting announced publications



ANNOUNCED FORTHCOMING INTERESTING ACTIVITIES:

WORKSHOP

COMMUNICATIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES IN TELEMEDICINE/TELEHEALTH: PATIENT ENGAGEMENT AND DESIGN PROCESS

ENJEUX COMMUNICATIONNELS & ORGANISATIONNELS EN TÉLÉMÉDECINE/ TÉLÉSANTÉ : ENGAGEMENT DU PATIENT ET PROCESSUS DE CONCEPTION

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Day 1/Jour 1</p> <p>December 7, 2016/7 décembre 2016 University of Ottawa/Université d'Ottawa Faculty of Medicine/Faculté de médecine Roger Guindon (451 Smyth) Room 1007/salle 1007</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Day 2/Jour 2</p> <p>December 8, 2016/8 décembre 2016 University of Ottawa/Université d'Ottawa Faculty of Social Sciences/Faculté des sciences sociales FSS Room 4006/FSS salle 4006</p>
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