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CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~

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Dear RC46 Members,

This newsletter contains several items that require your urgent attention:

RC46 Interim Conference - June 28-July 1, 2015 – University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

We hope to see as many as possible of you at our Interim Conference next year. A big thank you to those who have already submitted proposals and abstracts. Please note that the deadline for submitting abstracts has been extended to **March 20, 2015** to correspond with the SASA deadline. **Abstracts can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.** RC46 members should submit their proposals to Mariam Seedat Khan, RC46 Vice President for Programs, seedatm@ukzn.ac.za; with a copy to: Tina Uys, RC46 President, tuys@uj.ac.za. For further information consult the SASA website www.sasaonline.org.za

Third ISA Forum. As you know, RC46 will be participating in the Forum to be held in Vienna, Austria in **July 10-14, 2016**. The RC program coordinator is Mariam Seedat Khan. **Proposals for sessions can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.** Proposals should be submitted on-line at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/rc/rc.php?n=RC46> by no later than Friday, 15 March 2015

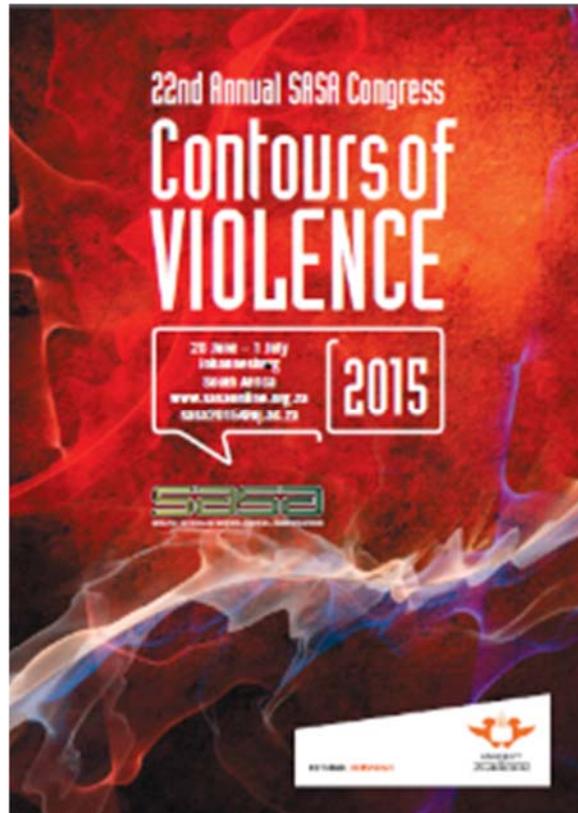
Invitation to attend the ISA session in New York City on March 12 2015. Information is provided about an ISA session (co-sponsored by RC46) that is one of the parallel sessions taking place concurrently with the UN's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting in New York.

Please note that our next newsletter will appear in May. Please send information that you would like to be included in the newsletter to the responsible board member. If you have published an article, report or book in the last five months; changed jobs; or won an award, please send that information to Jan Marie Fritz (jan.fritz@uc.edu) who will collate it for inclusion in the next newsletter. (Make sure each publication reference is complete and submitted in Times New Roman 12.) Any information about clinical sociology activities in your region should be sent to your regional representative or to Rosemary Barberet (rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu). Your **information needs to be received by May 4, 2015** to be included in the newsletter.

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From Mariam Seedat Khan, RC46 Vice President for Programs

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION: CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY INTERIM CONFERENCE



**XXII South African Sociological Association Congress
University of Johannesburg, June 28th – July 1st 2015**



**Incorporating the Interim Conference of ISA
Research Committee 46 (Clinical Sociology)**

Please note the extended date for submission of abstracts to 20 March 2015

Keynote speaker:

Prof. Maggie Abraham, Professor of Sociology and President of the ISA,
Hofstra University, New York, USA

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our Interim Conference this year. **Please note that the deadline for submitting abstracts has been extended to March 20, 2015 to correspond with the South African Sociological Association deadline.** Abstracts can be submitted in English, French or Spanish to reach Mariam Seedat Khan at the latest by March 20, 2015.

The Program Committee, under the leadership of Mariam Seedat Khan, has provided details about the sessions that have been developed in an RC46. All RC46 members should submit their proposals to Mariam Seedat Khan (Seedatm@ukzn.ac.za). The following broad themes have been identified for the interim conference.

The Development of Clinical Sociology: History, Feasibility, Certification and Accreditation
Clinical Sociology: Epistemology, Approaches and Program Development
Clinical Sociology, Human Rights, Cultural Diversity, Inclusiveness and Immigration
Clinical Sociology and Critical Analysis of Public Management
Clinical Sociology, Care and Care Workers
Clinical Approach and Social Change
Clinical Sociology and Education
Clinical Sociology, Health and Social Policy
Clinical Sociology and Social Change
Violence and Suffering in the Workplace
Destructive Dependencies and Social Experiences
Special Topics in Clinical Sociology

The conference will be a fantastic and memorable event. We look forward to making this a learning opportunity for all our friends and colleagues from around the world.

Please feel free to add on a few days before or after the conference. We also encourage you to share in our beautiful country, a destination where you can unwind and enjoy yourself before returning to work. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our local conference committee. For further information consult the SASA website: www.sasaonline.org.za.

Deadline for submission of abstracts/proposals: March 20, 2015.



CALL FOR SESSIONS, ISA FORUM 2016, VIENNA/AUSTRIA

The Research Committee on Clinical Sociology (RC-46) will be organizing a total of 15 sessions at the 3rd ISA Forum 2016 in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July. One of these sessions will be a business meeting devoted to discussion of RC46's plans for the next congress in Toronto in 2018 as well as general developments of our research committee. This session will be organized by the 2016 Forum

Program Committee consisting of Tina Uys, RC46 President, Harry Perlstadt, RC46 Secretary and Mariam Seedat Khan, Vice President for Program.

Our 14 substantive sessions will be of four varieties: 2-3 Plenary sessions (ideally with some involvement from “community, civic and organizational leaders/activists” as well as section members); 6-7 panel sessions (each consisting of the presentation of 4-5 papers followed by discussion); 1-2 Authors meet Critics sessions (they can focus on 1 to 3 books); and 2-3 roundtable sessions (each consisting of 4-5 simultaneous roundtables with 3 to 4 presenters at each roundtable in addition to a moderator). The final distribution across the four types will depend on the number of proposals received for each type.

RC46 members are also invited to propose joint sessions together with colleagues from other ISA research committees.

All substantive sessions should connect RC-46’s focus on Clinical Sociology with the general theme of the Forum ‘The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World’. Considering that clinical sociologists are key in developing better futures, this ISA Forum is an ideal location for discussing themes at the heart of Clinical Sociology.

Proposals of up to 250 words for plenary sessions, Panel sessions, Authors meet Critics sessions and Roundtables should be submitted on-line at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/rc/rc.php?n=RC46> by no later than Friday, 15 March 2015.

Based on proposals received, the 2016 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-46 and ISA Websites.

Invitation to attend the ISA session in New York City on March 12, 2015

RC46 members living or visiting the New York area are invited to attend the ISA parallel session held in conjunction with the meeting of the UN’s Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). **The ISA session – “Institutional Mechanisms, Human Rights and Armed Conflict: Assessing the Situation for Women and Girls” – will be held at 8:30 a.m. on March 12 in the auditorium of the Salvation Army building (120-130 West 14th St; New York City; USA).**

The Beijing Platform for Action covered 12 critical areas of concern. This International Sociological Association (ISA) session will discuss three of the areas – institutional mechanisms, human rights and armed conflict. The organizer and moderator of the session is Jan Marie Fritz. **The featured speaker will be Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, former Under-Secretary General and High Representative of the UN, discussing “UNSCR 1325: Absence of National Plans Delays Implementation.”** Also speaking will be Sameena Nazir, President of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom – Pakistan. She will discuss “Militarism, Extremism and Women’s Human Rights.” The final speakers are Rosemary Barberet and Susan Kang (John Jay College of Criminal Justice) with their graduate students. They will discuss “Women and Security Sector Reform: Best Practices to Increase Women in Criminal Justice Professions in Post-Conflict and Post-Transition States.” This ISA session is co-sponsored by WILPF (Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom), our RC46 and Criminologists without Borders.

The CSW and parallel events will be held from March 9-20. They will be attended by representatives of Member States, UN organizations and ECOSOC/DPI accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all over the world. The ISA parallel session and other parallel events (not held on the UN grounds) are open to the public. RC46 members will not need any special credentials to attend the ISA session. Please note that the ISA is unfortunately not able to support visa applications to come to the US and attend this session. For more information about the CSW meetings, please go to <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw59-2015#sthash.ulOVHml.dpuf>

Invitation to attend a conference in Torino on March 20, 2015

RC46 members are invited to attend the third International Day of Happiness conference on Economies of Becoming at the Rettorado Building – University of Torino (Via Verdi 8) in Torino, Italy. For more information, contact RC46 member Enzo Giorgino at vincenzo.giorgino@unito.it

Member Activities

Enzo Giorgino (Italy) has published “Contemplative Methods meet Social Sciences: Back to Human Experience as It Is” (*Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, November 2014. Available online.) Enzo also gave a seminar (Social Life As It Is) on August 9-10, 2014 at the Dharma Gate Buddhist College (Budapest, Hungary). The link is <http://www.tkbfeu.org/summerschool/2014/programme>. For more information, contact Enzo at vincenzo.giorgino@unito.it

Jan Marie Fritz (USA) gave a seminar (at the request of US Department of State’s International Leadership Program for a project in the Near East and North Africa entitled “Peace and Stability through Conflict Mediation”) to invited guests from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen on November 18, 2014 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She also was an external reviewer (January 2015) for the sociology programs at DePaul University (Chicago, Illinois). For more information, contact Jan at jan.fritz@uc.edu

Special issue of Journal of Sociology and Social Anthropology: A number of RC46 members from the University of Johannesburg (**Tapiwa Chagonda, Anthony Kaziboni, Kammila Naidoo, Anton Senekal and Tina Uys**) and the University of Hyderabad (**Nagaraju Gundemeda**) collaborated in producing a special issue of JSSA with the title: Youth, Diverse Student Communities and Institutional Transitions in India and South Africa. The special issue can be viewed at <http://www.krepublishers.com/02-Journals/JSSA/JSSA-06-0-000-15-Web/JSSA-06-0-000-15-Contents/JSSA-06-0-000-15-Contents.htm>.

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