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CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~
RC46 website: [http://www. http://clinicalsociology.org/](http://www.http://clinicalsociology.org/)

Dear RC46 Members,

We have reached the end of another year. 2015 has been a difficult year with instances of violence and human suffering worldwide. ISIS in Syria, Iraq, Tunisia and Paris, Boko Haram in Nigeria, El Shabab in Kenya and the refugee crisis in Europe immediately spring to mind when thinking about 2015. I would like to wish all of you a peaceful, productive and fulfilling 2016! Even though many of us have had a very difficult year, I still hope to see as many of you as possible in Vienna in July 2016.

Resignation of Harry Perlstadt as Secretary-Treasurer. After many years of service to RC46 Harry has decided to resign as Secretary-Treasurer with immediate effect. Fortunately, Jan Marie Fritz has agreed to act as interim secretary/treasurer. An election will be held in Vienna at the ISA Forum.

Third ISA Forum. Those of you who submitted abstracts to RC46 for Vienna will all have received notification that your abstracts have been accepted. We look forward to an exciting programme, which is provided by the RC program coordinator, Mariam Seedat Khan, as well as some deadlines that should be kept in mind. Please remember the registration deadline of April 5, 2016, that needs to be adhered to in order to remain on the programme.

Information about the next AISLF (Association Internationale de Sociologues de Langue Française), in Montreal (Canada). This conference is taking place from 4-8 July 2016.

Information about the 2016 conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology. The conference will take place in Denver, Colorado from October 6-8, 2016.

Call for Papers: the 2016 ISA RC06 Conference on Family Research. RC06 President Chin-Chun Yi has invited RC46 members to participate in the RC06 2016 annual meeting to be held from May 25th to 28th, 2016 at the Institute of Sociology, CASS, Beijing, China.

Please note that our next newsletter will appear in March. Please send information that you would like to be included in the newsletter to a board member (email addresses at the end of this newsletter) and also send a copy to Tina Uys tuys@uj.ac.za. 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 see that it is included in the next newsletter. (Make sure each publication reference is complete and submitted in Times New Roman 12.) Any information about upcoming clinical sociology activities in your region should be sent to your regional representative or to Rosemary Barberet (rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu), the regional representative coordinator. Your **information needs to be received by March 4, 2016** to be included in the newsletter.

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Tina Uys, RC46 President
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Resignation of RC46 Secretary/Treasurer

It is with great sadness that we announce the resignation of our Secretary-Treasurer Harry Perlstadt with immediate effect. In October we received an e-mail from Harry, explaining his decision. Harry has a home in Raleigh, North Carolina (USA) that he found flooded and moldy. The repairs have been very costly and so he has had to stop being active in RC46. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for everything Harry has done for the RC. We do hope at some point that he will be able to again be an active member.

From Mariam Seedat Khan, RC46 Vice President for Programs:



RC46 Third ISA Forum of Sociology July 10-14, 2016 Vienna, Austria

The Third ISA Forum will be convened in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016 on the theme "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World." The RC46 programme looks as follows:

TITLE OF SESSION	CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY: CREATING A BETTER WORLD IN THE WORKPLACE
Mariam SEEDAT KHAN, Sociology, University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa and Adedoyin DR ADEDOYIN ATEWOLOGUN, Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom	Title: Academia Unplugged: An Intersectional Analysis of the Comparative Career Experiences of Black Women Academics in South Africa and the United Kingdom.
David DU TOIT, University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: Cleaning up: The Growth of Outsourced Domestic Housecleaning Services in Johannesburg, South Africa
Tina UYS, Sociology, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: Protecting Whistleblowers: The Effectiveness of Legislation
Ioanna-Stamatina PANAGIOTAKOPOULOU, B.A., M.A., PhD Psychologist Università degli Studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale, Greece, Rosella TOMASSONI, Full Professor in General Psychology Università degli Studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale, Italy; Full Professor in Creativity and Emotions Università degli Studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale, Italy and Antonio FUSCO, Full Professor in Psychology of Art Università degli Studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale, Italy	Title: Leadership's Emotional Identity in Organizations: A Case Study of Social-Clinical Psychological Expression
TITLE OF SESSION	CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL CHANGE
Hans Petter SAND, University of Agder, Norway	Title: On Sustainable Development

Judith GORDON, Yale University, USA	Title: REFLECTIONS ON CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY, CHANGING SOCIAL CONTEXTS AND SOCIOLOGICAL LIVES
Anton SENEKAL, Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: From What to What Do We Change?
Tina DE WINTER, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa	Title: "Is the Way We Think Broken? Intervention Shaping 'What We Do' to Change 'How We Think and Therefore Do.'"
TITLE OF SESSION	CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY AND COMMUNITY INTERVENTION
Gwynyth OVERLAND, RVTS - Regional trauma competence centre Southern Norway, Norway	Title: The Radicalization Awareness Workshop – Providing Analyses and Interventions for Marginalised Lives and Communities?
Jan Marie FRITZ, University of Cincinnati, USA; University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: Cities for CEDAW: Notes on Effective Intervention
Harri SARPAVAARA, University of Tampere, Finland	Title: Substance Users' Metaphorical Change Talk during Motivational Counseling Sessions in Finnish Probation Service
Hans Petter SAND, University of Agder, Norway	Title: Democracy, Effectiveness and Identity
Charles PUTTERGILL, Sociology, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa	Title: Ideology and Pseudo-Science: Drawing Lessons from a Critique of Sociology of Race during Apartheid for Current Practice-Based Science
TITLE OF SESSION	CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND IMMIGRATION
Wei XING, University of Winnipeg, Canada	Title: Reconsidering the Relationships Between Racial Minority Immigrants and Aboriginal Peoples in the New Millennium: Findings and Evidence from Classic Immigration Countries
Kelin LI, California State University-Dominguez Hills, USA and Ming WEN, University of Utah, USA	Title: Ethnic Density, Immigrant Enclaves, and Latino Health Risks: A Propensity Score Matching Approach
Saeid YARMOHAMMADI, Freelance Researcher, Iran	Title: Immigration and ways of intervening its related issues in Iran
Anthony KAZIBONI, Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: The Lindela Repatriation Centre from 1996-2014: A Theoretical Explication of Human Rights Violations
TITLE OF SESSION	Certification Demonstration
TITLE OF SESSION	COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT WITHIN DIVERSE SOCIOLOGICAL CONTEXTS
Ema INOUE, Kyoto University, Japan	Title: The Role of Peer Groups in Japanese Youth Support Service
Denise BUITEN, University of Notre Dame, Australia and Kammila NAIDOO, University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: Themes in the South African Literature on Rape: A Critical Reflection
Justin LEE, Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore	Title: A Social Experiment in Open Collaboration: Mobilizing Skilled Volunteers for Nonprofits and Social Services in Singapore
Sinteché VAN DER MERWE, University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa; University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: Getting the Employer to Understand the Importance of Employees' Work-Life Integration
TITLE OF SESSION	CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY, HEALTH AND SOCIAL POLICY
Michiru TAKEUCHI, Institute of Elderly Housing Sciences, Japan	Title: Collaboration Between Medical Staffs and Care Workers to Support Older Adults' End-of-Life Care at Home: A Case Study of the Daily Interactions Between Them in Service-Added Housing Facilities in Japan
Kelin LI ¹ , Ming WEN ² and Jessie FAN ² , (1)California State University-Dominguez Hills, USA, (2)University of Utah, USA	Title: Neighborhood Racial Diversity and Metabolic Syndrome: Findings from 2003-2008 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
Olivier CHANTRAINE, Université de Lille 3, France	Title: De L'écriture Comme Souffrance Au Travail à Une Reformulation De La Performativité.
Kentaro ISHIJIMA, University of Tokyo, Japan	Title: The Effectiveness of Hands-on Activities of AAC (Augmentative & Alternative Communication) Tools.
TITLE OF SESSION	COURSES, PROGRAMMES, CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION IN CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY
Melodye LEHNERER, College of Southern Nevada, USA and Harry PERLSTADT, Michigan State University, USA	Title: Making Sociology Viable: Certifying Practitioners and Accrediting Programs
Michael FLEISCHER, Organizational Dynamics, USA and Norma WINSTON, University of Tampa, USA	Title: Getting Your Sociology or Interdisciplinary Program Accredited By Capacs (the Commission on the Accreditation of Programs in Applied and Clinical Sociology)
Frans.Bezuidenhout@Nmmu.Ac.Za Frans BEZUIDENHOUT, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, South Africa	Title: Resilience of Self-Relations Training in MBA Leadership Curriculum
TITLE OF SESSION	EPISTEMOLOGY, THEORIES, RESEARCH METHODS AND/OR RESEARCH ETHICS IN CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY

Shujiro YAZAWA, Center of Glocal Studies, Seijo University, Japan	Title: The Epistemological and Ontological Foundation of Alvin Gouldner's Applied Sociology
Nagaraju GUNDEMEDA, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India	Title: Teaching Sociology of India: Personal Engagement with Public Sociology
Vehbi BASER, Balikesir Univ. Turkey, Turkey and Mutlu Baran DEMIRPENGE, Balikesir Univ. -TURKEY, Turkey	Title: The Attitudes and Orientations Towards Sociological Practice in Sociology Faculty Members and Graduate Students in Turkey
Margarita KALASHNIKOVA and Igor MIKHEYEV, St. Tikhon's Orthodox Humanitarian University, Russia	Title: Pitirim Sorokin's Model of Altruistic Transformation of Society
TITLE OF SESSION	<u>SERVICE LEARNING STRATEGIES: CONNECTING STUDENTS TO GLOBAL ISSUES</u>
Tessa LEROUX, Sociology, Lasell College, Newton, MA, USA	Title: Moral Decisions Have No Easy Answers: A Case Study of Community Involvement in Deciding the Future of a Service-Learning Program
Vangile D BINGMA, University of Pretoria, South Africa	Title: Co-Constituting the Process of Schooling: A Sociological Inquiry of Interrelationships Between Parents, Learners and a Township Secondary School in the Tshwane South District, South Africa.
Larry GANT, School of Social Work, USA and Christiane GANT, School of Social Work, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, USA	Title: The Transnational Cultural Learning Community (TCLC): Engaged Scholars, Artists, Students and Youth in Neighborhoods of Challenge and Opportunity.
Mariam SEEDAT KHAN, Sociology, University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, Africa	Title: Learning to Learn in Large Classes
TITLE OF SESSION	<u>INTERNATIONAL POLICYMAKING AND CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY</u>
Sharon EVERHARDT, Troy University, Montgomery, USA & Jan Marie FRITZ, University of Cincinnati, USA; University of Johannesburg, South Africa	Title: Milk Crate Gardening: A Tool for Addressing Food Insecurity and Social Isolation
Cindy SMITH, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, Italy	Title: Policymakers and Academic Researchers: How Do They Communicate?
Daniela JAUK, University of Graz, Austria	Title: (How) Does Feminist Scholar-Activism at the United Nations Pay Off?
Marina KEVKHISHVILI, Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia	Title: Effective Advocacy in Georgia
TITLE OF SESSION	<u>LIVELIHOOD VULNERABILITY IN CITIES: INTERROGATING THE INTERSECTIONS OF CULTURE, DISASTER RISK AND POWER</u>
Johanna ZULUETA, Faculty of International Liberal Arts, Soka University, Japan	Title: Cultural Diversity As "Global Commons": A Look into the Case of Japan
Stephen KULIS, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University, USA and Monica TSEHLIKAI, T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University, USA	Title: Indigenous Cultural Engagement As a Means of Strengthening Urban American Indian Families: Results of the Parenting in 2 Worlds Study
Anastasia RIGAS, Professor Dr. Dr. Psychologist in University of Crete, Gen. Secretary of the Greek Association of the United Nations, Greece	Title: Children in Bad Situations in Hazardous Work "a Matter of Urgency": A Social-Clinical Psychology Report for Their Protection.
Maria Prisa DACERA, Ateneo de Manila, Philippines and Ma. Denise DACERA, Convergys Philippines, Philippines	Title: Adaptation to Flooding and Resilience Building in Pasig-Marikina Basin: Intersections of Social, Political-Economic and Place-Based Vulnerabilities
TITLE OF SESSION	<u>SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS IN TRANSITIONAL SOCIETIES</u>
Weizhen DONG, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada; Dept. of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada	Title: Social Determinants of Health in Rural Anhui
Michiko KADOBAYASHI ¹ , Migiwa NAKADA ² , Mikiyo SATO ³ , Mari HONMA ⁴ , Takehiko ITO ⁵ and Mizue SHIROMARU ² , (1)Faculty of Integrated Arts and Social Sciences, Japan Women's University, Japan, (2)School of Health Sciences, Sapporo Medical University, Japan, (3)Jichi Medical University, School of Nursing, Japan, (4)Department of Rehabilitation, Sapporo Medical University, Japan, (5)Department of Psychology and Education, Wako University, Japan	Title: Clinical Application of Caring for Cancer Survivors through Writing to Originate a Sociological Study
Flavio MARSIGLIA, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University, USA	Title: Translating Effective Drug Use Prevention Approaches for Societies in Transition: Lessons from Latin America in Cultural Program Adaptation
Beverly YAMAMOTO, Osaka University, Japan	Title: Promoting Health, Promoting School Success: An Exploration of Healthy

Maria ROURA ¹ , Barbara NAVAZA ² , Federico BISOFFI ² , Bruno ABARCA ³ and Robert POOL ⁴ , (1)University of Barcelona. ISGLOBAL- CRESIB, Spain, (2)CRESIB, ISGLOBAL- University of Barcelona, Spain, (3)University of Barcelona, Spain, (4)University of Amsterdam, Netherlands	Schools Policy in Four Cultural Settings in the EU and Canada Title: Provider-Initiated HIV Testing for Migrants in the Times of Austerity: A Qualitative Study with Health Care Workers and Foreign-Born Sexual Minorities in Spain
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In addition to the twelve panel discussions, we also will have a business meeting and a special C.S.P./C.C.S. Certification Credentialing: Applicant Demonstration Session.

LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE

Some participants require a formal letter of acceptance from a Session Organizer. The ISA Secretariat has prepared a model letter for each RC/WG/TG which can be requested at isa@isa-sociology.org

SESSIONS SCHEDULING

- **15 December -15 January 2016**
Confex schedules Joint Session, Round Table and Poster Sessions
- **16 January - 26 January 2016**
Program Coordinators schedule regular sessions and Business Meeting according to the conference timetable.

REGISTRATION GRANTS ALLOCATION: MARCH 1, 2016 GMT

- Program Coordinator receives applications for ISA registration grants submitted by the participants till January 31, 2016. Rules for Registration Grants Allocation are available at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/guidelines-for-program-coordinators.htm>
- A list of selected individuals and registration grant amounts must be sent by the Program Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat (isa@isa-sociology.org) before **March 1, 2016** for verification and posting at the conference website

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR PRESENTERS: **APRIL 5, 2016 24:00 GMT**

Registration must be completed by the deadline. Confex matches registrations with accepted presenters and will send out last reminder to register.

The Registration link for the Third ISA Forum of Sociology is <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/registration.htm>

FINAL MODIFICATIONS: APRIL 14 – APRIL 30, 2016 24:00 GMT

- Session Organizer modifies sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters.
- Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants.
- In case the type of an individual's presentation is changed, or if a presentation is transferred to a different session, Session Organizer sends a new notification.
- Program Coordinator completes sessions schedule according to the conference timetable.

Registration deadline for presenters: April 5, 2016 24:00 GMT

On the registration deadline April 5, 2016 presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program. It is very important that all participants respect conference deadlines concerning registration and submission of abstracts. **No extension of deadlines is possible.**

XXème CONGRES DE L' AISLF MONTREAL, 4 AU 8 JUILLET 2016

COMITE DE RECHERCHE 19 : « SOCIOLOGIE CLINIQUE » APPEL A COMMUNICATIONS

Le prochain congrès de l' AISLF a pour objectif d'ouvrir la réflexion sur ce que les changements profonds au sein du monde contemporain font à la sociologie, en tant qu' institution scientifique et en tant que champ de savoirs. Il s'agira de prendre acte des mutations sociétales lourdes qui ont pu se produire et de se pencher sur les conséquences qu'elles ont eues dans les divers registres de la société et pour l'avenir de la sociologie.

Avec quels concepts penser ces nouveaux contextes ? Quels appareillages théoriques et méthodologiques développer pour relever le nouveau défi du « savoir pour prévoir ». Le Congrès de Montréal souhaite se pencher sur la façon dont la sociologie peut comprendre le monde contemporain pour agir sur lui et constituer une nouvelle « invitation » pour les générations de sociologues à venir. Pour réfléchir à toutes les dimensions et implications d' une société en mouvements et changements permanents, le Comité de Recherche de Sociologie clinique propose plusieurs axes de réflexion regroupés autour de sept sessions :

Session 1: Clinique des organisations et du travail (Coordinateurs : Fabienne Hanique, Jacques Rheume)

À l'ère de l' idéologie néo-productivisme régnant dans les entreprises et tout aussi bien dans les services publics, il convient de souligner les contributions de la sociologie clinique comme voie privilégiée d'analyse et d' intervention cliniques et critiques dans les organisations. Ces apports peuvent traiter tant des pratiques actuelles du néo-management, de la Nouvelle Gestion Publique, des réorganisations du travail et leurs impacts sur les employés dont les multiples formes du Mal-être au travail.

Session 2: Epistémologie de l'approche clinique (Coordinateurs : Jean Philippe Bouilloud, Marie-Chantal Doucet)

Plaisir-inconfort : les conséquences de l' implication du sujet dans la clinique.

La dimension épistémologique a surtout abordé les conditions de possibilité de l'intervention et du contenu de vérité d'une co-construction clinique. L'idée ici sera d'explorer les dimensions de plaisir ou au contraire d'inconfort au cours du travail clinique.

Session 3: Organisation du travail et travail d'organisation : sociologie de l'encadrement (session conjointe avec le CR 22 Entreprises et société et le CR 15 Sociologie du travail), Coordinateurs : Vincent de Gaulejac, Marianne Dujarier, Laurence Servel, Daniel Mercure)

Le travail contemporain est organisé et encadré par des méthodes et dispositifs managériaux (New Public Management, Lean Management, ERP, etc.) et par des formes d'emploi atypiques associées. Au-delà des analyses sociologiques de l'organisation du travail, cette session porte sur le travail même des organisateurs: qui sont les professionnels de la prescription, du contrôle et de la mécanisation et quelles sont leurs trajectoires socioprofessionnelles? Quelles sont leur place sociale et leurs statuts d'emploi? Quelles sont leurs pratiques et rhétoriques professionnelles? Cette session entend, dans une perspective internationale, saisir ces formes d'encadrement et les rapports créés entre organisation du travail et travail d'organisation.

Session 4: Société numérique et accélération (Coordinateurs: Nicole Aubert, Isabelle Fortier)

A l'instar de ce qui se passe sur le plan économique dans un mode où se conjuguent les effets accélérateurs de la mondialisation, du capitalisme et du néolibéralisme, l'individu contemporain se voit confronté à une obligation de dépassement et d'accélération permanente pour pouvoir exister, s'exprimer et survivre. Ce sont les effets de cette accélération obligée sur le travail et sur les individus que nous étudierons dans cette session.

Session 5: Perte et construction du lien dans une société globalisée (Coordinateurs: Vincent de Gaulejac, Christiane Girard):

Les sociétés contemporaines sont traversées par des logiques contradictoires. D'un côté des processus de fragmentation, d'éclatement, d'individualisation, d'exclusion, d'abstraction, de tensions entre riches et pauvres... de l'autre l'émergence de nouveaux liens par les réseaux sociaux, de régulations des conflits géopolitiques, des innovations juridiques, la mise en oeuvre d'institutions supranationales, des mouvements sociaux alternatifs... La session aura pour objectif d'explorer ce qui fait/défait lien dans les sociétés hypermodernes: comment penser l'être ensemble dans une société globalisée?

Session 6: Clinique narrative et histoires de vie (Coordinateurs: Danielle Desmarais, Juliana Castro)

Les pratiques des histoires de vie de type autobiographique, inscrites dans une démarche de sociologie clinique permettent de traiter de l'articulation de l'individu et du social, du sujet et de l'acteur social resitués dans leur contexte sociohistorique. Récits de vie de pratiques, histoires de vie collectives, récits de vie en groupe, en recherche et en formation, sont autant d'entrées pour mieux comprendre la singularité des parcours individuels et leur inscriptions dans des sociétés où s'opèrent les transformations de la modernité et de ses institutions. La session permettra de faire état des innovations

méthodologiques et de recherches spécifiques mettant en évidence la perspective d'une clinique narrative en sociologie clinique.

Session 7: Intervention et changement social (Coordinateurs: Marie France Maranda, Ana Maria Araujo)

Les pratiques relatives au développement de la sociologie clinique posent régulièrement la question du changement social. De quel changement social s'agit-il? Sur la base de quels leviers de changement? Dans quels contextes: groupal, organisationnel, associatif, institutionnel? Quelle est la part des changements personnels et professionnels dans ces démarches de changement? Quelles sont les référents théoriques et symboliques mis à contribution? La présentation d'expériences d'interventions en sociologie clinique et leur analyse critique autour de ces quelques grandes questions générales constituent la base de cette session de travail.

Correspondante: Nicole Aubert niaubert@club-internet.fr

Propositions à soumettre sur le site du congrès, <http://congres2016.aislf.org>, dans le cadre du CR 19, à l'attention de Nicole Aubert (suivre les indications mentionnées sur le site pour la proposition des communications) et envoyer un double de vos propositions à niaubert@club-internet.fr

**2016 Conference for Clinical and Applied Sociologists
Stephen F. Steele, PhD President, AACS**

Denver 2016? Here we Come! We can hardly wait to see you in Denver! The 2016 conference theme is "Creating, Building and Designing with Sociology". Great location, great theme, and our organization's well-known community warmth all in one place for the convergence of learning and action. The boundaries among professional fields are blurring. In addition to our growing community of AACS members, we want to open the conference to policy, program and project leaders, business, health care and government professionals who use sociology everyday (knowingly or not) to create new realities. The mission of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology encourages us to do this. We can all draw on our common and distinct tools as craftsmen, artists, builders, visionaries and leaders.

These professionals do NOT need to be sociologists. The meeting will be a point of mutual learning and growth among practitioners in the field and professionals challenged with building systems for human improvement. Other disciplines will be welcome and feel at home with us sharing their strategies, projects, policies and programs for improving the human condition. This is a chance to move beyond the Sociological Imagination to Sociological Creativity. Now it is time to do three things. First, mark your calendar today. Make plans to join us at the Doubletree by Hilton Denver Tech Center on October 6-8, 2016. The Doubletree by Hilton Denver is in Greenwood Village, Colorado. The hotel provides a solid set of facilities, with easy light rail access to the highlights of the City of Denver. Conference rates are more than reasonable at a price of \$119.00/ night. Take a look at the hotel's amenities and its location relative to downtown Denver (see

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/colorado/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-denver-tech-center-DENEWD/index.html>). The site seems ideal. As you make your travel and conference plans for 2016, make sure you include the 2016 AACCS Meeting.

Second, start thinking about ways to participate in the conference. The call for presentations will be available soon. We welcome a variety of ways to transfer your knowledge from traditional papers to dynamic, interactive sessions.

Third, and finally, when Vice President, Jim Wiest and the program committee make their call for presentations - do it, send in your proposal!

Let us make the 2016 Denver Conference exceptional!

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Steele, PhD
President, AACCS 2015-16

Member Activities

Emma Porio (Philippines) was in New York City (until the end of November) as a recipient of a Fulbright Advanced Research Fellowship. She is conducting a comparative study of social inclusion and climate resilience initiatives in post-Sandy communities. She was asked by the Brussels-based Intelligence Science Consortium to speak at a UN Side Event on Climate Change on September 21 and by the Huairou Commission to moderate a panel during the Expert Group Meeting on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda (September 29-30).

Jan Marie Fritz (USA) gave presentations in Taiwan in August as part of the Taiwan government's required training on gender equality for government workers. The seminars were given in Taipei as well as the cities of Nantou and Kaohsiung. Jan, an ISA representative to the UN, discussed intervention levels (individual through global), the national action plans based on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Women and Peace and Security as well as Cities for CEDAW (UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women).

Frans Bezuidenhout (South Africa) is teaching MBA students (focusing on topics such as empowerment, group dynamics) in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Business School, presenting training seminars and doing consulting work for organizations.

Rosemary Barberet (USA), an ISA EC member and ISA representative to the UN, has written a blog entry (The United Nations in Vienna – A Sociologist's Treasure) for the ISA World Forum in Vienna. You can see her contribution (and add to the blog) at <http://isaforum2016.unvie.ac.at/blog/>

Mariam Seedat-Khan (South Africa), Rene Smith and Zanetta Jansen are adapting Joan Ferrante's introductory text for South African audiences. The book, *Sociology: A South African Perspective*, is expected to be available from Cengage Learning beginning in February 2016. RC46 members – Tina Uys, Frans Bezuidenhout, and Anthony Kaziboni – contributed in a variety of ways to the development

of the book. Mariam Seedat-Khan also has been nominated for the University Distinguished Teachers Awards at the University of Kwazulu-Natal and for the Regional Business Achiever Award (Professional Category) from the Businesswomen's Association of South Africa. She also delivered a keynote address at the Boys2Men Leadership Initiative Conference hosted in Durban by the Businesswomen's Association (BWA). The aim of the Conference was to positively influence 47 young boys, enhancing their knowledge and assisting them to become good citizens; as well as assets to their families, communities and the country.

Manish Kumar Verma (India) is planning an international seminar (February 2016) on the theme "Globalization, Environment and Social Justice: Perspectives, Issues and Concerns." The seminar will be held at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University in Lucknow, India.

Fernando de Yzaguirre (Colombia) writes that the Sociology Program of Atlantic University of Barranquilla (Colombia) has included in the studies that give the graduate a degree in sociology a specialization course entitled "Clinical Sociology of the Enterprise and Work. The course aims to guide graduates to professional practice. This course is taught by Fernando de Yzaguirre, Ph.D., who recently won a position as professor of this university.

Noticias desde Colombia:

El Programa de Sociología de la Universidad del Atlántico de Barranquilla (Colombia), ha incluido dentro de los estudios que otorgan el título de graduado en sociología, la asignatura de especialización titulada "Sociología Clínica de la Empresa y el Trabajo", con la que se pretende orientar a los egresados hacia la práctica profesional.

Esta asignatura está dictada por el Dr. Fernando de Yzaguirre, quien recientemente ganó un puesto como docente de esta Universidad.

Information about new members

We would like to welcome the following new RC46 members: Sharon Everhardt (USA), Michael Fleischer (USA), Michiko Kadobayashi (Japan), and Charles Puttergill (South Africa),

Some information about **Dr Fleischer's** work:

Dr. Fleischer has over 25 years of academic and practical experience as a clinical and applied sociologist in the fields of complex organizations, and work, occupations and the professions. He has guided corporations undergoing cultural and organizational change, and his clients include executives at Prudential Healthcare, Aetna U.S. Healthcare, Mellon Financial Corporation, HeartShare Human Services of New York, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

He is a charter member and Chair, and past Treasurer of the Commission on the Accreditation of

Programs in Applied and Clinical Sociology, and serves as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, where he is a member of the Certification and Licensing Committees. Dr. Fleischer was Vice President of the Society for Applied Sociology and Associate Editor of *Social Insight*, and served on the Board of the Sociological Practice Association, and its Editorial Board for *Sociological Practice*. He was Chair of the Certification and State Licensing Monitors Committees of the American Sociological Association, and is a member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. He has held memberships in the Illinois and Wisconsin Sociological Associations, where he was an Associate Editor for the latter's journal, *Sociological Imagination*.

Dr. Fleischer has served the Alliance of Mental Health Professions, Center for Mental Health Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and has held academic appointments at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne; Lewis University in Romeoville, IL; and the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, where he specialized in survey research for the National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Labor Statistics. He has presented papers at the annual meetings of academic and professional associations and has published articles in peer reviewed journals and government and mass media.

Some information about **Dr. Michiko Kadobayashi**

Research Fellow, Faculty of Integrated Arts and Social Sciences, Japan Women's University

I have been involved in the study about patients' stories (especially cancer patients' stories) from sociological view point since the latter half of 1990's and I published a book in 2011 which was based on my doctoral thesis. In Japan, the stories are called *Tobyō-ki* and the number of publication on such books has been increased since 1990's. As I could examine about the phenomenon or social meaning of the stories and demonstrate about the meaning of writing the stories in the book. So my current research is the examination whether writing can become a good care for the people who have experienced breast cancer patients with co-researchers (a medical doctor, 3 nursing professors, and a psychologist). The research is supported by KAKENHI (Grand-on-Aid for Scientific Research). I will make a presentation about this new research at the 3rd ISA Forum in Vienna in 2016. Publication: Michiko Kadobayashi, *Sociological Study of Cancer Patients' Stories: The Source of Energy to Live*, 2011, Seikaisha, Tokyo.

Call for Papers: the 2016 ISA RC06 Conference on Family Research

“Social Change and Family Developments” is an international conference co-sponsored by the Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Research Committee on Family Research

(RC06) of the International Sociological Association. The conference will take place from May 25th to 28th, 2016 at the Institute of Sociology, CASS, Beijing, China. On behalf of both sponsors, the local organizing committee cordially invites family sociologists, demographers and other interested social scientists to participate in this event.

Plenary sessions on family changes around the globe are planned and noted international family scholars will be invited to deliver keynote speeches. Parallel sessions will allow up to 60-70 oral presentations, in addition to several concurrent poster sessions, for the conference.

The conference theme encompasses a wide range of potential research topics on the families from sociological, demographic, economic, psychological and educational perspectives. To list several possible session titles:

- Changing family structures and family relations
- Changing marriage patterns in East Asia
- Family and migration
- Family transitions and well-being for children and adults
- Aging families: grandparenthood, elderly care
- Family values: ideational shifts on family change
- Balancing work and family in the global age
- Family influences on educational and occupational attainment
- Intergenerational relations
- Comparative family studies
- Emerging youth issues on the transition to adulthood
- Institutional impacts on the family and policy responses to family changes

The local organizing committee also welcomes other suggestions. Please write to Zhao Kebin (zhaokb_cass@163.com), Deputy Director of Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

If you're interested in participating, please observe the following timetable:

Deadline to submit an abstract: January 31st, 2016

Notification of the status of your submission: February 29th, 2016

Due date for the full paper: May 15th, 2016

(Please send your abstract to Dr. Yu Jia: yujia@cass.org.cn)

More specific information regarding the logistics is posted on the conference website:

<http://www.sociology.cass.cn>.

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