



CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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

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February 2019

Dear RC46 Members,

Wishing you the very best (and the same for the world!) in 2019.

This newsletter contains reports from our vice presidents and secretary-treasurer. Conference information (2019 and 2020) is available from vice president Tina Uys and there is a special request from board member Natalia Erokhova. Natalia would like you to look at our RC46 Statutes to see if any changes need to be made. Weizhen Dong welcomes our new and returning members, Jacques Rhéaume provides international news, Melodye Lehnerer discusses certification and careers, and Mariam Seedat Khan has developed some profiles of our members. Sharon Everhardt would like you to contact her to discuss membership recruitment. Michael Fleischer provides some information about program accreditation. If you are interested in having your sociology or interdisciplinary practice program (e.g., clinical, applied, sociological practice, engaged public) or track accredited, please contact Michael. Gianluca Piscitelli hopes you will submit an essay for publication online in Italy.

ISA has been accepting grant proposals from the RCs. We submitted our request for a little over \$1000, the highest amount an RC of our size can request. Thanks to the officers and board members for their help in developing the proposal. The officers and board members also have responded to a request from two members of the ISA Executive Committee about ways in which ISA can increase participation from individuals whose countries are classified as B and C economies.

This newsletter contains a number of requests for assistance. Please respond as soon as possible. I also hope you will attend our annual meeting in Oregon (USA) later this year. And please remember to send me any items you would like included in our next newsletter. We want to know about your publications, presentations, new positions, interests and concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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RC46 President
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## Submissions for RC46 Conferences in 2019 and 2020

Submitted by Tina Uys, Vice President for Programs

### ***2019 (October 17-19)***

**RC46 will meet in 2019 with the annual meeting of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology. The meeting will be held October 17-19 just outside of Portland, Oregon (USA).** The AACS conference theme is “The Profession of Sociological Practice.”

In the last quarter century, applied and clinical sociologists have marshalled significant momentum to “professionalize” sociological practice. Join sociologists who serve the public in many different kinds of occupations. The conference is open to all sociologists, social and behavioral scientists, and professionals who use social and behavioral science in business and industry, government, and academia. AACS annual meetings attract practicing sociologists and other professionals from around the world who know how to make a difference.

AACS likes to say that it doesn’t just “present papers.” AACS looks for innovation and creativity in content and presentation form. Consider leading a professional development workshop, panel, roundtable, or poster session. Proposals that address teaching with an applied or clinical focus also are invited. Program participants may submit papers based on their presentations to the [\*Journal of Applied Social Science\*](#), AACS’s official peer-refereed journal, for publication.

AACS has a reputation as a student-friendly association. Its annual meetings offer mentoring opportunities for students. Students who attend AACS annual meetings are encouraged to submit their papers for the [Undergraduate and Graduate Student Paper Competition](#). Student teams also are welcome to participate in the [Client Problem-solving Competition](#).

AACS pre-conference professional development workshops are available on Thursday afternoon for a modest additional charge for non-members. Registration includes welcome and closing receptions, complimentary breakfasts by Embassy Suites with stay, keynote and presidential luncheons, and refreshments.

**The deadline for submissions to Tina Uys at [tuys@uj.ac.za](mailto:tuys@uj.ac.za) is May 15, 2019. Tina will develop the RC46 program for inclusion at the AACS conference.** For more information, please visit AACS at <https://www.aacsnet.net/>, and explore the [Conferences](#) tab. If you have any questions regarding your proposal or presentation, please contact Tina.

The 2019 meeting of RC46 and AACS will be held at the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Washington Square](#); 9000 SW Washington Square Road; Tigard, Oregon, 97223, USA  
Tel (503) 644-4000. Tigard (the name of the community) is just outside of Portland.  
**Reserve your room, using code XAA, for the special AACS Group Rate by 9/14/19.**

## **2020 (July 14-18)**

In July 2020, the 4th ISA Forum of Sociology will take place in **Porto Alegre, Brazil**. Tina Uys (tuis@uj.ac.za) and Mariam Seedat Khan (seedatm@ukzn.ac.za) will coordinate our programme for the Forum.

The Research Committee on Clinical Sociology is **calling for proposals for sessions** for the 2020 ISA Forum in Porto Alegre. We will be organizing a total of 14 sessions of 90 minutes each, including a timeslot for our business meeting.

**The on-line session proposal submission system will be opened from 4 February - 15 March 2019. We would like to invite you to submit a session or sessions to the ISA online system. No sessions can be added after 15 March 2019.** Please keep in mind that the ISA is very strict about deadlines. You are welcome to contact Tina and Mariam if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Forum!

Further deadlines are as follows: the Program Coordinator, will have from 16 March - 8 April 2019 to finalize a list of sessions for our group. Submissions should include session titles, descriptions and the language in which they will be held (English, French or Spanish), as well as contact details of session organizers (name, affiliation, country, e-mail).

Participants will be invited to submit abstracts on-line via the Confex platform from 25 April - 30 September 2019. Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.

We encourage proposals for sessions which facilitate the participation of PhD students and early career scholars as well as scholars from the Global South. Some of the sessions may be jointly organized with other ISA Research Committees. We are also open for proposals for sessions that feature linguistic diversity by including other languages than English.

Submissions, to be uploaded to the online system, should include the following information:

- Title of the Session
- Format of the session:
  - o Regular session – up to five presentations
  - o Featured or Keynote Speaker
  - o Author meets their Critics
  - o Panel sessions – a larger number of shorter papers on a specific theme
  - o Joint session – identifying the other participating RC
- A 250-word description of the session
- Language(s) of session
- Full name, affiliation and contact details of the session organizer(s) and/or session chair(s) (if different)

For further information, please check the guidelines for session organizers under <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/guidelines-for-program-coordinators-and-session-organizers-2020> .

You are also welcome to contact the programme coordinators Tina Uys [tuys@uj.ac.za](mailto:tuys@uj.ac.za) and Mariam Seedat Khan [seedatm@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:seedatm@ukzn.ac.za) with early stage ideas and suggestions. Please also contact us if you have any questions or need assistance.

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Request for Assistance regarding Membership Recruitment

Submitted by Sharon Everhardt, Vice President for Development

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we are officially launching our new RC46-Clinical Sociology publicity campaign! We have updated our promotional materials and hope to start using them in the very near future. We need to recruit new members, which means we need all of our members to help promote our incredible and supportive group of researchers and changemakers.

In August 2018, **I made a plea for help from our members, especially our Regional Representatives.** Unfortunately, I did not hear from any of you. I am hoping that my second plea for input will drive some replies to my inquiry. We really do need your help with recruitment. This is not a job for one person or even two people. As Members (particularly those who are Regional Representatives), you are best suited to tell us what we need to be thinking about in terms of the different regions of the world.

I need your ideas and cultural understanding of publicity needs in your respective areas of recruitment. I am requesting answers to the following questions from all our RC Members:

- 1) What do you need from us to promote RC 46?
- 2) What cultural issues do we need to be thinking about in the development of materials?
- 3) What languages need to be used in the materials?

We hope to be able to start sending out promotional materials in March 2019. So, **I would appreciate answers to the above questions and anything else you are thinking about in terms of recruiting new members by March 1, 2019. Please send your response to severhardt@troy.edu with a copy to the RC46 Regional Representatives Coordinator Suava Zbierski-Salameh (USA/Poland) smsalameh@gmail.com** Thank you for your assistance!

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## **Some International News**

Submitted by Vice President Jacques Rhéaume

### ***Events:***

1. There was an International Clinical Sociology Conference in Brasilia, Brazil in November 19-20 2018, the “VI Colòquio internacional de Sociologia Clinica e Psicossociologia”, on the theme “O sujeito contemporâneo: ruptures e reconstrução dos vinculos sociais” (The contemporary subject: breakdown and reconstruction of social relations).

It was organized by Christiane Girard, Director of the Institute of Sociology, University of Brasilia and colleagues. Among the presenters: RC46 members Vincent de Gaulejac (France), Jacques Rhéaume (Canada), and Fernando Yzaguirre (Spain and Colombia)...

2. The next International Congress of the French Speaking Sociologists International Association (AISLF), and its Clinical Sociology Research Committee 19, will be held in Tunis, Tunisia, July 6-10, 2020. Isabelle Fortier, Montreal, Canada is the President of RC 19. You can get information about the Congress by using this link: <https://www.aislf.org>

3. There will be an international Conference on Life Stories, organized in Montreal by Danielle Desmarais, Jacques Rhéaume, Isabelle Fortier and others: “Life Stories in a Changing World: at the Crossroads of Research, Education and Intervention”, May 19-22, 2020. There is a link for more complete information, in French and English: <https://sites.grenadine.uqam.ca/sites/hv/fr/hv2020>

### ***Publication:***

There is a new edited book about Clinical Sociology:

Fortier, I.; Hamisultane, S.; Ruelland, I.Rheaume, J. Beghdadi, S (November, 2018): “Clinique en sciences sociales. Sens et pratiques alternatives” ( The Clinical in Social Sciences. Meaning and Alternative Practices). Quebec : Les presses de l’Université du Quebec.

The book includes 21 authors and was produced following the presentations made in the Research Committee 19, Clinical Sociology, during the International Conference of AISLF (the French Speaking Sociologists International Association) held in Montreal during July 2016.

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Membership Report

Submitted by Weizhen Dong, Secretary-Treasurer

RC 46 welcomes these new and returning members (since August 2018):

Kristyn Frank, Senior Researcher, Statistics Canada

Liela Groenewald, Senior Research Associate, University of Johannesburg, South

Africa

Lindy Heinecken, Dept of Sociology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Jacqueline Kutt, Department of Sociology, McMaster University, Canada

Robert Sevigny, Montreal, QC, Canada

Agnes Vandeveldde-Rougale, Research Associate, Laboratoire du Changement Social et Politique (LCSP), Université Paris Diderot-Paris 7, France

Natalia Erokhova, RUDN University; Moscow, Russia

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## **Request for You to review the RC 46 Statutes**

Submitted by Natalia Erokhova, Board Member

Dear RC 46 Members,

We are reviewing our RC 46 Statutes to see if anything needs to be updated. I have agreed to head our effort with the help of Jacques Rhéaume. Please look at the Statutes and send us your comments. Possible questions for discussion could be, for example, the duties of Board members, whether there should be regional representatives from all areas of the world, our voting process, and/or the title of our group of presidential advisors. **Any comments, ideas and proposals are welcome and should be received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2019.** Please write to us - Natalia and Jacques – using the following email addresses:

[rheaume.jacques@uqam.ca](mailto:rheaume.jacques@uqam.ca) and [erokhovanat@gmail.com](mailto:erokhovanat@gmail.com)

You can find the RC 46 Statutes on the web-site: <https://clinical-sociology.org/about/rc-46-statutes/>

Thank you for your help.

Natalia

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Profiles of Members

Submitted by Mariam Seedat-Khan, Board Member

Weizhen Dong is RC46 Secretary-Treasurer. Her recent publications include 1) “Quality of Life at an Elder’s Collective Dwelling Community: A Case Study of a Toronto Seniors’ Residence”. *Journal of Applied Social Science*. 2018, Vol. 12(2) 113–126; and 2) “Education as a Key Determinant of Health: A Case Study from Rural Anhui, China” (with Adam Mursal). *Journal of Health and Social Sciences* 2018; Vol. 3 (1) 59-74; and 3) “Determinants of Self-rated Health among Shanghai Elders: A Cross-sectional Study” (first author). *BMC Public Health* 2017 17 (1):807. Weizhen serves on the Equity Committee of the Canadian Association of University Teachers and is Chair of the Equity Committee of the Faculty Association of UW.

Rajesh Singh Yadav, PhD, conducts research on neurotoxicology and clinical toxicology including the effect of environmental toxicants on the neurobehavioral toxicity of individuals. He received the Jyotsnamoyee - Raghunath Bhattacharya Young Scientist Prize for the best published paper by the Indian Academy of Neurosciences in 2009 and also received the University of Minnesota Research Excellence Award for presenting his work at the Annual Meeting of Society of Toxicology, India in 2010. His email address is razitrc@gmail.com.

Laura Van Raemdonk, a new RC46 member, is a PhD candidate in Social Work and Welfare Studies at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. As a Euro South African exchange student, she conducted her fieldwork in South Africa and was supervised by Dr. Mariam Seedat-Khan at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban. She has worked with the United Nations Women in Pretoria, where she examined two UN related programmes: HeForShe South Africa and the Edcon-UNiTE campaign. Her email address is vanraemdoncklaura@hotmail.com

Fernando De Yzaguirre, an RC46 Regional Representative, has a Masters in Clinical Sociology and Psycho-Sociology from the Sorbonne (Paris-VII University) and a Doctorate in Sociology (specialty in Social Psychology) from the Complutense University of Madrid. He is the author of several articles and two books: "*The prescription process of medicines*", a psychosociological study on the prescription process; and "*Organizations with a sense*", where Clinical Sociology applies to the world of companies and institutions. He is a member of the Social Change Laboratory of the Paris VII University, the International Network of Clinical Sociology, RISC, and the Caribbean Social Observatory. He is a full-time professor-researcher with the Sociology Program of the Universidad del Atlántico. He is the Director of the Seedbed of Clinical Sociology and Psychosociological Intervention SOCLIP. He also is Principal Investigator of the ACOMPREDDES Project for the prevention and reduction of university dropouts which applies the approach of clinical sociology. His email address is fdeyzaguirre@gmail.com

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### **Invitation to Members**

From Gianluca Piscitelli, RC46 Regional Representative (Italy)

I would like RC46 members to know that our publications (including those about clinical sociology) are downloadable from the website <http://www.homelessbook.it/collana/sociologia-clinica/25>. The publications are very popular among Italian professional sociologists, social workers and social operators. We are continuing to translate, into Italian, essays by foreign scholars and professionals; and meanwhile, we are proceeding to translate into English some essays written in Italian that we think are of interest for an audience wider than the Italian one. That's why I am enclosing here a link to the first of these essays.

[Sociologia clinica - Homeless Book](http://www.homelessbook.it/collana/sociologia-clinica/25)

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www.homelessbook.it

Consapevolezza, adattamento creativo e crescita (brossura) Per una sociologia clinica dell'innovazione, del cambiamento migliorativo e del well-being

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**We also would like to invite, through the RC46 newsletter, professional and scholar clinical sociologists all over the world to let our audience known about their work. Please send us some short essays or articles (no more than 30-40 pages each). Please write to me at [gianlucaldebaran@gmail.com](mailto:gianlucaldebaran@gmail.com) I look forward to hearing from you.**

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Careers and Certification

Submitted by Melodye Lehnerer, Board Member

Careers in Clinical Sociology

The diversity of careers in clinical sociology is best characterized by a three dimensional matrix of clients, settings, and activities (Rebach and Bruhn 1991). The term clients refers to those persons on whose behalf intervention is conducted. The term settings refers to the various social and physical settings in which clinical practice takes place. Finally, the term activities refers to actions taken by clinical sociologists. Clinical sociologists fill many roles when actively involved in social change. Below are some examples of the roles these practitioners fill.

Counselor: The clinical sociologist in effect practices “sociotherapy” that is allowing “the problems, their explanations, and the strategies and techniques for treatment to emerge. . . [from] a process of interaction in which disclosure and discovery lead to an understanding of the social context out of which the problems emerged” (Swan 1988). Counseling/sociotherapy takes place in many social settings: hospitals, mental health clinics, halfway houses, and private practice. Clients can range from those with physical and/or mental health problems to those experiencing life course crises/family disruption, to those with criminal behavior problems.

Organizational Consultant: Clinical sociologists often work with organizations. When working with organizations, clinical sociologists focus their interventions on roles, relationships, organizational structure, and the environments in which the organization functions (Glass 1994). As intervention agents, clinical sociologists applying sociological methods, theory and knowledge can provide research and policy recommendations to solve problems related to such issues as power and authority, communication, as well as resource distribution and use.

Mediator: Some clinical sociologists have become involved in conflict intervention, particularly mediation. Mediation is a flexibly-structured process in which an impartial third party helps disputants identify their individual and mutual interests and perhaps reduce or solve their differences. Mediation also is referred to as “facilitated negotiation.” Clinical sociologists, with their humanistic approach to improving programs and people’s lives, bring the following to

mediation – multi-level system intervention, cultural competency, empowerment, and redefining the situation (Fritz 2003).

As a member of RC 46 how does your interventionist work fit into the matrix above. How is your work characterized? Are you, for instance, a consultant, mediator, educator, community consultant, or program evaluator? Consider sharing your work by engaging in the AACCS certification process. A brief description of the process follows with contact information.

AACCS Certification

The Certified Clinical Sociologist and the Certified Sociological Practitioner designations are awarded by the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACCS) to experienced professional sociological practitioners who demonstrate excellence in their practice of applied, clinical, or engaged public sociology.

As part of the certification application process, applicants identify the designation they seek – Certified Clinical Sociologist or Certified Sociological Practitioner – in their application/portfolio materials. To help the applicant make this decision the working definitions of applied sociology, clinical sociology, engaged public sociology, and sociological practice are provided in a document titled, What Best Fits My Practice Experience (see the AACCS website/certification <http://www.aacsnet.net/>).

To become certified, applicants submit application materials that include a Curriculum Vitae/Resume, portfolio, samples of work and/or publications, letters of reference, and academic transcripts. Application materials are evaluated by a certification review committee.

Practicing sociologists with either a Master's or Doctoral degree may apply for certification. Those practitioners with interdisciplinary degrees are also eligible if their practice features a strong sociological component.

Major practice content areas include community development, conflict intervention, criminology/criminal justice, organizational development, gerontology, health, counseling, and social policy. In addition, many sociologists have developed unique practices which the certification process may accommodate.

Certification as a Clinical Sociologist or Sociological Practitioner indicates that your background, current practice, attitudes, ethics, and skills have been examined by certified professionals in your discipline and that AACCS has decided that you have met the standards for sociological practice as an applied, clinical, or engaged public sociologist. Please note that certification is not state-sponsored licensure.

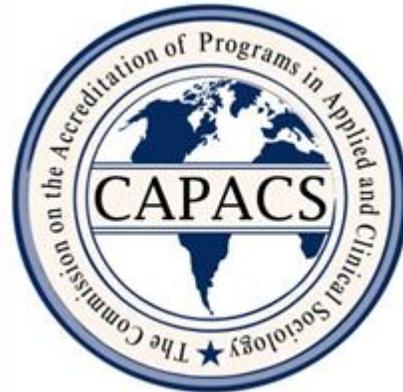
You must be a member of AACCS to apply for certification. Annual Membership fee for U.S. citizens is \$90 USD; international membership fees are on a sliding scale. Please refer to the Membership form on AACCS website (<http://www.aacsnet.net/>). The Certification Application Fee is \$200 USD and is due at the time of application. The Portfolio Demonstration Fee is \$100 USD and is due at least 2 weeks prior to the Portfolio Demonstration.

For more information about Certification, please contact: Melodye G. Lehnerer, Ph.D., C.C.S., AACS Certification Chair at melodye.lehnerer@csn.edu

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### **Interested in Program Accreditation?**

Submitted by Michael Fleischer [mikefleischer@cs.com](mailto:mikefleischer@cs.com)



### **The Commission on the Accreditation of Programs in Applied and Clinical Sociology**

#### ***What Does CAPACS Accreditation Do?***

- Verifies that your program in applied, clinical, and engaged public sociology, or sociological practice is well-grounded, and provides students with a strong background in sociological theory, methodology, skills, and practical, "hands-on" experience
- Affirms that your Program is committed to the highest standards in postsecondary sociological education and training, ethics, quality improvement, and peer review

#### ***What are the Benefits of CAPACS Accreditation?***

- Improves the quality of sociological education and training for your students
- Ensures the allocation of needed resources for your program
- Increases your students' opportunities for job and career placements
- Enhances the marketing of your program

**For more information, please visit [www.CAPACS.net](http://www.CAPACS.net)**

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News from Members

Rosemary Barberet (John Jay College, USA), in her capacity as a UN representative for the International Sociological Association, has worked with three other organizations to arrange

for four sessions in connection with the upcoming meeting of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Rosemary will be chairing a session on “The Safety of Women and Girls in Educational Settings” on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 2:30 to 4:00pm. The session will be held at the Church Center of the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, Eighth Floor. The session is open to the public. For more information, please contact Rosemary at rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu

David du Toit (University of Johannesburg, RSA) received a Researcher Links travel grant from the Newton Fund/British Council to visit Manchester University in the United Kingdom for six weeks in October/November 2018. The aim of this was to build research and innovative partnerships between the Sociology Departments at the University of Johannesburg and Manchester University.

Jan Marie Fritz (University of Cincinnati, USA and University of Johannesburg, South Africa) is a Distinguished Visiting Professor with the Honors College at the University of South Florida (USA) this semester. She has been appointed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to membership in two of its advisory groups – the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) and the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). She can be reached at jan.fritz@uc.edu

The Canadian Sociological Association will hold its annual congress at the University of British Columbia (June 3-6, 2019). For more information, see www.csa-scs.ca/conference/en/

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