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PRESIDENT'S LETTER 2/2021

Dear RC01 membership

We have come to the end of another turbulent year, where the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted not only our lives, but armed forces globally. Yet amidst this, RC01 and ERGOMAS were able to host a successful conference, thanks to the local organisers in Estonia and especially Tiia-Triin and her team. Behind the scenes, there was a lot of hard work and many meetings to put this event together. Here, I must extend a special word of thanks to Irina Goldberg who put the programme together and spent endless hours corresponding with both the ERGOMAS working group conveners, and RC01. This added an extra layer of complexity to organising this event. Then, not least to Rene Moelker who set up the platform and handled the registrations. All this is 'selfless service' that enabled us to present our research and have some kind of engagement that would otherwise not have been possible.

Over 180 papers were presented at the conference, either online or in person from all over the world. Quite literally, starting from Japan and Australia to Europe and Africa and moving on to include both Americas. The decision to post the videos online in advance, ensured that those in different time zones, could access the recording online and still pose questions to the authors. These videos can be found here https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMDEPjpX1Jtdl0355GSCn27pKVEMis_oP if you want to catch up on what was presented. The combining of ERGOMAS and ISA conference added value in terms of the variety of topics, and diversity of presenters. Not surprisingly, there were a number of new focus areas, including technology and future war, and not least, how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting different armed forces.

As shown in almost all countries the armed forces have been deployed in the fight against COVID-19, enforcing lockdown regulations, as well as supplying logistical, administrative and health support to civilian authorities. This crucial contribution increased the stress on both military personnel, as well as the functioning of the armed forces as seen in terms of the impact on



recruitment, training, deployment and force sustainment. Added to this, serving in such domestic roles affected civil-military relations and oversight in different ways, depending on the government's approach and use of the armed forces. We gained a glimpse of this through the different country presentations at the conference. These insights are now being captured in our upcoming RC01 members' book, on *COVID-19 and the Military: Different country perspectives*. We hope that the book will be ready for publication in 2022.

Working on collaborative projects is one of the benefits of belonging to RC01, but we now want to strengthen this through a seminar series. Now that we are all more globally connected in the virtual space, we announce our intention to host a number of online seminars bi-monthly, which members can join and participate in. The intention is to invite members and other leading scholars to present their latest work. Further information on this will follow in the February RC01 newsletter. Besides this initiative, I would really like to obtain more information for our Newsletter on your *engaged scholarship*. This pertains to how your academic work filters into policy and practice and the broader community or public.

I also want to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to a long-standing and very productive member of our association, **Prof Yagil Levy** in receiving the prestigious Morris Janowitz Career Achievement. This is awarded by the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS) to a limited number of senior scholars whose careers demonstrate excellence in the study of armed forces and society, and service to the discipline. One just needs to go through the RC01 newsletters to see just how productive Yagil is. We are privileged to have scholar of his calibre as part of our association.

As we head towards the end of the year, I urge you to renew, or join RC01 in 2022. In this newsletter, I provide an overview of the benefits that membership holds. We are often not aware of the extensive databases and networking opportunities that comes with belonging to both RC01 and the ISA. Please use your networks to distribute this newsletter, encourage scholars and practitioners from across the globe to join RC01. We need to extend our reach, in order for us to connect globally, share our information and to encourage collaborative research projects.

Lindy Heineken
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RC01/ISA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND FEES

Often members ask: what are the benefits of belonging to RC01 and being part of the broader International Sociological Association community? Even existing members do not really know, or make use of the benefits, which connect us globally in so many different ways.

Below are some of the benefits of individual members:

- ***Participation in the activities of the ISA and its Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups.*** This includes a RC01 membership fee of 50 US dollar for 4 years (in other words, less than 13 US Dollars per annum). The benefits include receiving newsletter such as this and linking scholars and practitioners across the globe.
- Reduction in registration fees at ISA World Congress and Forum of Sociology. A substantially reduced fee applies to those wanting to participate in the World Congress of Sociology. What is important to realise, is that the number of sessions allocated to each



RC01 is linked to membership. So the less members we have, the fewer the slots – hence why it is so important to renew your membership, or join RC01.

- Join ISA **Global Mapping of Sociologists** database <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/publications/isa-digital-worlds/gms>. GMS aims to *identify, connect,* and enable global *collaborations* in sociology, and support sociologists who encounter multiple barriers, economic and political, which impede participation in global exchanges. GMS aims to increase the visibility of sociologists and their knowledge production and also be an important resource for sustained interaction with the media on a range of issues. Please go to <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/gmssi/callforparticipants.cgi> to see how you can become a participant.
- Belonging to ISA gives one access to two leading academic journals **Current Sociology** is one of the oldest and most widely cited sociology journals in the world and has an impact factor of 1.78. Contributions may be submitted in English, French, Spanish or other languages for which it is possible to identify suitable reviewers. However, the articles will be published only in English <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/publications/isa-journals/current-sociology>. **International Sociology** is more focuses more on contemporary social challenges and transformations affecting global society. Articles in this journal seek to highlight how an international perspective can provide fresh insights contributing to the development of international sociological theory and knowledge. The journal has an impact factor of 1.52. <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/publications/isa-journals/international-sociology>. You have access to these journals electronically a can select to receive one of these journal in hard copy upon registering with the ISA.
- All members receive **Isagram**, an electronic newsletter containing announcements of conferences, calls for papers and manuscripts, prizes, competitions, job offers, etc. This also serves as a platform to share research and discussion of #sociology with and for the public.
- Another huge benefit, which we often forget about is the **45% discount on SAGE Publications books** and there is a further discount price of £9.99 postage included, on **SAGE Studies in International Sociology** books published since 2013.
- Besides this you have access to ALL the following **Membership Access to Online Databases**. These include:
 - **SAGE Sociology Collection**, which includes 83 journals.
 - **Sage Research Methods**, a resource which brings together information on methodological issues and choices and provides copies of relevant articles; it can be used in many ways, including the planning of teaching methods and the making of decisions on what methods might be appropriate for a new project.
- ISA Digital Worlds:
 - **Global Dialogue**
Newsletter published in 17 languages. A venue for debates, reports on conferences, state of different sociologies, interviews, and much more.
 - **Sociopedia.isa**
An online database with state-of-the-art review articles in social sciences.
 - **eSymposium**
Forum through which ISA members are able to engage in debate, showcasing the diverse work, practices, ideas and voices.
 - **Social Justice & Democratization Space**
Website that aims to build a global community through an open participatory approach to research, policy, pedagogy, practices and images.



- ***Universities in Crisis***
Blog of the ISA with reports of concerned academics on the status of universities in the world.
- ***Journeys through Sociology***
Interviews with members of the ISA Executive Committee.
- ***Isasociotube***
Videos of ISA Conferences

For further information, please go to the following link. <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/individual-membership/benefits>

The membership fees for RC01 and ISA are as follows:

ISA membership fees are divided into the following categories. Remember these fees are for a four-year period, so for a regular member in countries A, USD 72 per annum, countries B USD 30 and countries C USD 11 per annum.

- *Regular, Life and Student fees*

Life membership is available after 70; a copy of identity documentation showing birth date is required. Students (until PhD completion) are requested to provide a copy of their student card or another official confirmation of their status. ISA membership fee depends on the country in which the documents proving student status were issued.

- *Economy categories A, B, and C*

Membership fees are based on country of current residence. Countries are classified into 3 categories, A, B and C, according to the Gross National Income of the ***economy of countries*** <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/membership/table-of-economies-by-category>.

CATEGORY		FEE FOR 4 CALENDAR YEARS
A	Regular Member	USD 289
	Student	USD 139
	Life	USD 315
B	Regular Member	USD 121
	Student	USD 58
	Life	USD 210
C	Regular Member	USD 42
	Student	USD 32
	Life	USD 105



As President of RC01, I have tried to have the ISA consider revising the costs of these membership fees. Unfortunately, we (and other RC01 Presidents) have not been successful in our plea. However, RC01 will consider assisting members with these fees upon application, by waiving the RC01 fee. Please contact the RC01 present directly Lindy@sun.ac.za to apply for this fee's waiver.

ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY 2023

ISA reached the decision to postpone to XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne Australia in July 2022 to June 25-July 1, 2023. The XX ISA World Congress of Sociology will focus on how sociologists worldwide can (and do) contribute to the understanding of the resurgent authoritarianism and analyse the new entanglements of religions, politics, and economies. It will also focus on how sociologists engage (physically and critically) in the formidable social movements we are witnessing today in different parts of the world and in a renascent civil society. Hence, the central theme of the Congress, links closely to emerging threats and how the armed forces prepare and respond to these both globally and locally. The number of sessions allocated to RCs depend on membership. Hence, why we should renew this for the next four years.

INVITATION TO SUBMIT JOURNAL MANUSCRIPTS

Invitation from Connie Buscha/ Armed Forces & Society:

The managing editor of *Armed Forces & Society*, Connie Buscha, invites RC01 members to submit manuscript on topics at the intersection of the military and society, specifically those which examine policy and theoretical issues that arise as “military and civilian sectors negotiate their shared role in society and on the world stage” *Armed Forces and Society*, has an impact factor of 1.82 and is one of the leading journals in our field. RC01 members are invited to visit the journals homepage at <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/afs> for more information or to contact Dr. Buscha, at afsjournal@txstate.edu with any questions or concerns.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY RC01 MEMBERS

Below are some of our members' most recent publications. Please remember to send us your publications and any opinion pieces that you have published. As indicated, in future newsletter, I would like to showcase the extent of our Engaged Scholarship (ES), which has the intended public purpose to demonstrate our engagement with external (and non-academic) constituencies.

Books:

1. Elbe, Martin, Biehl, Heiko; Steinbrecher, Markus (Eds.): *Empirische Sozialforschung in den Streitkräften. Positionen, Erfahrungen, Kontroversen*. [Social Research in the Armed Forces. Positions, Experience, Controversies]. Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag; 1st edition, 2021, 461 p.
2. Kuehn, David, and Levy, Yagil, editors. *Mobilizing Force: Linking Security Threats, Militarization, and Civilian Control*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. ISBN: 978-1-62637-939-8. To read the book's introduction: <https://www.rienner.com/uploads/604fbcd23a50e.pdf> .
Leuprecht, Christian and Hayley McNorton. *Intelligence as Democratic Statecraft. Accountability and Governance of Civil-Intelligence Relations Across the Five Eyes Security Community - the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand*. Oxford University Press, 2021, 272 Pages.



<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/intelligence-as-democratic-statecraft-9780192893949?cc=ca&lang=en&>

3. Liebenberg, Ian; Kruijt, Dirk; Paranjpe, Shrikant (Editors). *Defence Diplomacy and National Security Strategy: Views from the Global South*. SUN Press; 2nd ed., 2020.
4. Özerdem, Alpaslan; Akgül-Açıkmeşe, Sinem; Liebenberg, Ian (eds.) *Handbook of Conflict Response and Leadership in Africa*. ISBN 9780367332228. Routledge, 2021. 434p.

Chapters:

1. Alchin, A., Gouws, A. and Heinecken, L. Making a difference in peacekeeping operations: Voices of South African women peacekeepers, 2000-2018. in eds, Ozerdem, A, Akgul-Acikmese, S and Liebenberg, I. (eds) *Routledge Handbook of Conflict Response and Leadership in Africa*. London/New York, Routledge, Taylor and Francis, 2022, 339-355. Forthcoming.
2. Heinecken, L. Women and military service. In Shields, P. and Elias, N., (eds.) *Handbook on Gender and Public Administration*. New York: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022. Forthcoming.
3. Levy, Yagil. The Relations Between the Nationalization of Israel's Politics and the Religionization of Its Military, 1948–2016, in *When Politics are Sacralized: Comparative Perspectives on Religious Claims and Nationalism*, eds. Nadim Rouhana and Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 2021.

Articles:

1. Fisher, KM and C. McIntosh. Failing isn't an Option, It's the Only Option: Critical Politics as a Time of Contradiction and Failure, *International Studies Review*, August 2021
2. Heinecken, L. and Wilen, N. No Place Like Home? Post-deployment Reintegration Challenges Facing South African Peacekeepers, *Armed Forces and Society*, 47 (3), 2021: 415-434.
3. Levy, Yagil. Legitimacy of Violence: Extra-Military versus Intra-Military Legitimacy, *Critical Military Studies*, 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1080/23337486.2021.1953740>
4. Levy, Yagil. The Israeli Policing Army – The Gray Arm of Annexation. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1080/13530194.2021.1972795>

Editorship of Special Issues:

Gazit, Nir and Yagil Levy. 2020. Special issue- Military Policing in Israel, *Israel Studies Review*, 35 (2) (guest editors).

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We hope that you enjoyed reading this issue of RC01's newsletter.