



Newsletter

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From the Editor

Warm greetings to Members and the Board of RC04

I trust you are keeping well.

Our current and primary focus is on the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology to be held in Melbourne, Australia, from **25 June 2023 to 1 July 2023**. Confex has already sent notification letters to authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts and authors of rejected abstracts. The Presidential address provides more detail and need not be repeated here.

The remaining deadlines are highlighted on Page 4.

One Midterm conference was held in association with the Higher Education and Sciences Group of the South African Sociology Association in 2022. More detail is on Page 4. A Midterm Conference is scheduled from 29 January 2023 to 31 January 2023 at the University of Western Cape. Kindly refer to Annexure A for Conference details.

Further detail will be disseminated when available.

Welcome to new members and congratulations to those who have achieved.

We wish to welcome new members to the RC04 and look forward to your participation. Likewise, the RC04 commits to respond to your needs as well.

On pages 5 to 7, the *Newsletter's* section on **Global Exchange** provides useful and relevant information on publications, recently published journal articles, research and other announcements. Members are encouraged to submit 100-150 word synopses of their on-going or planned research as a way of exchanging ideas and fostering collaboration for inclusion in the RC04 Newsletter. Members are also encouraged to make full use of this channel of communication and further enhance the activities of the RC04.

The RC04 statutes and board members can be found on page 8.

On behalf of the President and the Board, I wish to thank members of the RC04 for their continued involvement and active participation.

We look forward to your valuable contribution and support.

Shaheeda Essack
Secretary, RC04
December 2022

From the President

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the RC04 board I wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2023. I want to report to you about the results of the process by which abstracts were selected for the upcoming XX World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, and the need for you to become involved in board elections this spring.

The session chairs for the 2022 World Congress in Melbourne received more than 300 abstracts sent to 23 sessions. The session chairs accepted 193 abstracts and transferred many to the program chairs (Shaheeda and myself). We were able to convert two undersubscribed sessions into roundtable sessions, which accommodated five individual roundtables each. This permitted an additional 64 abstracts to be included in the RC04 offerings. Thus, we were able to place 257 abstracts. Unfortunately, following ISA guidelines, we were unable to accommodate virtual presentations in the roundtable sessions. It is essential that individuals whose abstracts have been accepted register before 22 March, 2023, or else ISA will delete their abstract from the program.

ISA members in good standing, active participants in the program, are eligible to apply for a registration grant. Applications should be sent to Shaheeda (Essack.S@dhet.gov.za) and to me (M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy) by **January 31, 2023**. RC04 will also make available a limited number of travel grants. Requests for both types of grants should be sent to us as Program Coordinators.

Finally, the World Congress meetings in Toronto will mark the end of the terms of the current RC04 board. Some members of the board are term-limited and cannot run again. Shaheeda and I will seek a second term. Next spring there will be a call for nominations for officers making up the 2022-2026 board. More details will follow later.

Best regards and I wish to thank all of you for your continued involvement in RC04.

Marios Vryonides,
RC04 President
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10 December 2022

Feedback on Midterm Conferences Held in 2022

On 10 July 2022 to 13 July 2022, the South African Sociological Association (SASA) held a virtual and hybrid conference hosted by Sol Plaatje University, Kimberley, South Africa. The conference theme was: **‘Sociology and COVID-19 pandemic: Reimagining the present and the future’**. The Higher Education and Sciences Research Group of SASA in association with the RC04 held 2 sessions with the themes being **“Challenges around Teaching and Learning in Higher Education During Covid-19 and the Lockdown”** and **“Reviewing the Experiences and Empowerment of Students and Academics within the Context of Curriculum Imperatives from Social Well-being to Decolonization to History in Sociology in Higher Education”**. The July 2022 Newsletter provided information on the same.

ISSUES TO BE NOTED FOR THE XX ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY

XX ISA World Congress of Sociology

Theme: Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies

Venue: Melbourne, Australia, Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

Dates: 25 June 2023 to 1 July 2023

The remaining deadlines are listed in Table 1 from point 2 onwards.

Table 1: Deadlines for the 2023 World Congress program completion

Date	Activity	Comment (✓)
1. December 2, 2022 24:00 GMT	Notification letters: Confex sends notification letters to authors and co-authors of accepted abstracts and authors of rejected abstracts	
2. December 15, 2022 – January 26, 2023 24:00 GMT	Sessions See below for breakdown. Scheduling	
3. December 15, 2022 – January 15, 2023 24:00 GMT	Confex schedules Joint Session, Round Table, and Poster sessions.	
4. January 16 - January 26 24:00 GMT	Program Coordinators schedule regular sessions	
5. January 31, 2023 24:00 GMT	Applications for Registration Grants deadline: Program Coordinator receives applications for ISA grants submitted by the participants	
6. February 15, 2023 24:00 GMT	Submission of proposed Registration Grants recipients: Program Coordinator sends a list of selected individuals and amounts recommended to the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org for verification and approval.	
7. March 22, 2023 24:00 GMT	Registration deadline for presenters: Registration must be paid by the deadline. For more information refer to the website.	
8. April 3 - 18, 2023 24:00 GMT	Session Organizer modifies sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants. Program Coordinator completes sessions schedule according to the conference timetable. In case the type of an individual's presentation is changed, or if a presentation is transferred to a different session. Confex will send notifications to authors with final session and presentation details after June 15 deadline. 	

May 9, 2023 24:00 GMT: Online program published

The deadlines for the 2023 World Congress program completion can be found at the link <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023/deadlines-2023>.

For participants who wish apply for registration grants and travel grants, please note that it makes a difference if you are in good standing with both the RC04 and the ISA. You are encouraged to adhere to the deadlines and communicate directly with the RC04 Secretary/Confex if there is a query further. ISA and Confex will communicate directly with you before and after the registration deadline.

Update on Further Midterm Conferences for 2022/2023

The Sociology of Schooling Working Group of the South African Sociological Association (SASA) in collaboration with the RC04 will host a Midterm Conference from 29 January 2023 to 31 January 2023 at the University of Western Cape to be hosted by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the University of Western Cape. Kindly refer to **Annexure A** for Conference details.

The theme of the Conference is “**Reimagining Sociology of Education in South Africa**”. It is an in-person conference and it is significant in light of the current challenges to education.

Global Exchange

This is the eleventh issue of the Newsletter column entitled Global Exchange. This initiative from the previous editor of the RC04 newsletter is very important because it is a forum to exchange current or pending research projects and seek suggestions, ideas for future directions, as well as possible collaboration with other RC04 members. The abstracts of approximately 100-150 words should be sent to the editor by e-mail for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter. In this regard, please consider submitting a description of your project to the editor for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter. It is hoped that RC04 members will contact the researchers whose projects are listed below with suggestions, commentary, and even offers to collaborate or share reports and publications. Submissions to Global Exchange should be sent to Essack.S@dhet.gov.za.

This section also includes requests for participation in projects, submissions and other related issues.

The following information was received from members:

❖ Received from Anna Odrowąż-Coates

- ✚ Upcoming conference 2023 of **RN10 ESA Sociology of Education** (21-22.09.2023) (CFP in PDF and WORD) and a link to the call: [Call for Papers - ESA RN 10 Conference \(aps.edu.pl\)](#)

✚ Upcoming UNESCO Summer School 2023 [Researching Social Inclusion, Political Discourse, Policy, and Education, Warsaw 12-22.09.2023]: [16th UNESCO JK Chair International Summer School 2023 \(aps.edu.pl\)](https://www.aps.edu.pl/en/16th-unesco-jk-chair-international-summer-school-2023)

✚ Ongoing recruitment for a new interdisciplinary MA in Education [MA in Children's Rights and Childhood Studies (MICRACS)- II level degree]: [Applications are open for the Masters in Children's Rights and Childhood Studies \(MICRACS\) \(aps.edu.pl\)](https://www.aps.edu.pl/en/micracs-study-programme-and-expected-outcomes) [MICRACS Study Programme and Expected Outcomes \(aps.edu.pl\)](https://www.aps.edu.pl/en/micracs-study-programme-and-expected-outcomes)

❖ Received from Ari Antikainen

✚ Antikainen, A., & Rine, R. (2022). **The Nordic model of higher education" in Routledge Handbook of the Sociology of Higher Education**. Second Edition. Routledge: London and New York, pp. 294-308. (See Researchgate)

❖ Received from Madalitso Khulupirika Banja

✚ Madalitso Khulupirika Banja. **Support Systems for Newly Qualified Teacher Support: Mentorship**. Coming Out Soon.

A copy of the advert of the book is attached at **Anneuxre B**. It costs 10USD plus handling and shipping. Kindly note that the author is looking for any outlet/university that could print and distribute in South Africa.

❖ Received from Manuela Mendoza

✚ Co-editor of **Journal of Sociology** "Education and the Production of Inequalities: Perspectives from the Global South and North": [Journal of Sociology - Volume 58, Number 3, Sep 01, 2022 \(ucl.ac.uk\)](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/journal-of-sociology/volume-58/number-3/sep-01-2022)

❖ Received from Petya Ilieva

✚ Boyadjieva, P., & Ilieva-Trichkova, P. (2022). **Does participation in non-formal adult education matter for individual subjective well-being as a multidimensional functioning?** European Educational Research Journal, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/14749041221116261>

Abstract

The article synthesizes ideas from the capability approach, the embeddedness approach, and Nancy Fraser's three-dimensional scale of justice and develops a theoretical framework for understanding subjective well-being (SWB) as a positive functioning. It also proposes an instrument for measuring SWB and its relationship with participation in non-formal adult education. Using data from the European Social Survey, carried out in 2012, for 24 European countries and applying multilevel linear models for the analysis, the study finds evidence for a positive association between participation in non-formal adult education and SWB. The results show that differences in the SWB among people who have participated in non-formal adult education and those who have not are higher for those who have no higher education and are unemployed than for those who have higher education and paid work. This study also reveals that when people live in countries with better economic and democratic development and a more

individualistic culture, the differences in their SWB by participating in non-formal adult education are smaller than when they live in countries with worse economic and democratic development and a more collectivistic culture.

❖ **Received from Petya Ilieva and Pepka Boyadjieva**

- ✚ Boyadjieva, P., & Ilieva-Trichkova, P. (2022). **Adult Education as Empowerment: Re-imagining Lifelong Learning through the Capability Approach, Recognition Theory and Common Goods Perspective.** Palgrave Macmillan. [Adult Education as Empowerment | SpringerLink](#)

This book was prepared as part of the work on the project “Dynamics of inequalities in participation in higher and adult education: A comparative social justice perspective” (JustEdu), funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund within National Science Program VIHREN, contract number КП-06-ДВ-2/16.12.2019.

❖ **Received from Sabbagh Clara**

- ✚ Sabbagh, C. (2022). **Socializing justice: The role of formal, non-formal and family spheres.** New York: Oxford University Press. <https://www.all-about-psychology.com/socializing-justice.html>

❖ **Received from Tien-Hui Chang**

- ✚ Chiang, T.H., Papadakis, N. and Drakaki, M. (2022). **Changes in human capital discourse from expansion to employability: The case of higher education institutes in China.** W.O. Lee, P. Brown, A.L. Goodwin and A. Green (eds.), **International handbook on education development in Asia-Pacific (pp. 1-18).** Singapore: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-16-2327-1_97-1

Future Events

Future events to be noted and diarised

1. XX ISA World Congress of Sociology to June 25-July 1, 2023.
2. Midterm events to be announced when further information is available.

STATUSES AND BOARD MEMBERS

❖ Established 1971

❖ Objectives

The Research Committee 04 (RC04) is an active group with annual or bi-annual meetings on Sociology of Education topics. Regular meetings are held at the World Congress of Sociology (every four years) and at the RC's Midterm Conferences (in-between world congresses). In addition, meetings on special topics are held.

❖ Board 2018-2022

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❖ Newsletter

An informative newsletter is mailed to members twice a year. It contains conference abstracts, research summaries and exchange, members' news, conference news, country reports and the new feature, Global Exchange.

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❖ Membership

Membership Fees: \$30 for a 4 year period. Please contact the International Sociology Association for payments.

❖ Website

<http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/rc04.htm>