



Newsletter

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From the Editor

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the RC04, we would like to welcome the new board members including the new president, Marios Vryonides. Retiring board members were awarded with a plaque as recognition of their years of service to the RC. The RC04 president (2010-2018) Anthony Gary Dworkin will continue to serve in the RC04 board as Past-president. Professor Dworkin served the board with distinction. We wish to thank, once again, the retiring board members for their service.

The current Newsletter of December 2018 provides useful feedback on recent conferences, publications and academic activities by RC04 members. In his message, the RC04 president, Marios Vryonides, has indicated that the 2018 Toronto World Congress of Sociology, held from 15-21 July, 2018, was a great success for ISA and for the RC04. In this regard, we hope to maintain the momentum noting that RC04 is one of the largest RCs of the ISA.

On pages 5 to 7, you will note that the RC04 Institute of Foreign Languages of RUDN (Russia), Institute of Sociology FRSC RAS (Russia), Russian Society of Sociologists (RSS), Faculty of Philology of Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia), Moscow State Linguistic University (Russia) intends to hold a mid-term conference at RUDN University from 24 to 26 July 2019 in Moscow. Svetlana Sharonova is the Deputy Chairman of the Organizing and Program Committee and Natalia Erokhova is the Secretary, Organizing and Program Committee. We encourage and hope to have a meaningful and full participation. Additional information can be found on the advertisement.

On page 8, the *Newsletter's* section on **Global Exchange** provides lots of useful information on research, publications, recently published journal articles and dissertations. We intend to ensure that it continues to serve the purpose for which it was intended, that is, to promote information exchanges, facilitate collaboration among colleagues, especially across national boundaries. In this regard, members are asked to submit 100-150 word synopses of their ongoing or planned research as a way of exchanging ideas and fostering collaboration. Members are encouraged to make full use of this channel of communication and further enhance the activities of the RC04.

On page 10, you will find information on forthcoming events, that is, the Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 14-18, 2020; the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, July 24-31, 2022 and other intended conferences. Please diarise. Further information will be disseminated if and when available.

The RC04 statuses and board members can be found on page 11.

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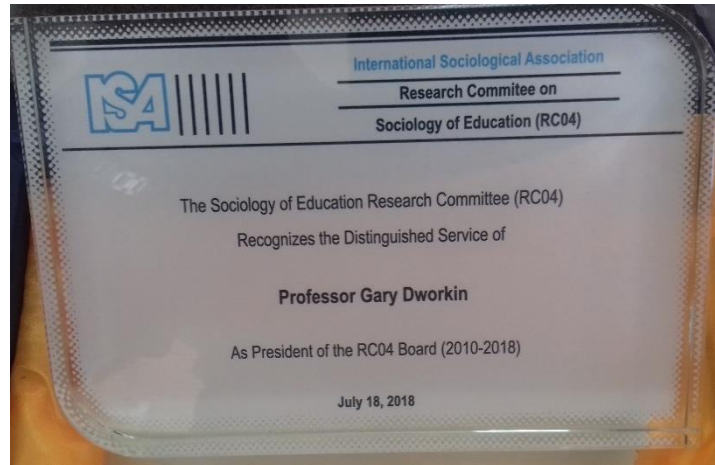
From the President

Dear Colleagues,

The XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto was a great success with more than 5,000 participants from 101 countries. Over 1,200 sessions were organized on a variety of topics by 56 Research Committees and 8 Thematic Groups. Our RC04 organized 24 sessions and participants delivered 182 papers.

The new RC04 board was elected during the business meeting and retiring board members were awarded with a plaque in recognition of their years of service to the RC. Retiring board members included the Vice-President for Asia Jason Chang and Vice-President for Latin America, Maria Ligia Barbosa. The RC04 president (2010-2018) Anthony Gary Dworkin will continue to serve in the RC04 board as Past-president. His experience and advice will always be extremely useful to all other Board members and to me personally. New members were elected to replace the vacant positions: Analia Meo, vice-president for Latin America, Duncan Hindle vice-president for Africa and Tien-Hui Chang, vice-president for Asia. Marios Vryonides, secretary (2010-18) was elected President and Shaheeda Essack vice-president for Africa was elected Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. The other board members were re-elected. The new RC04 Board is as follows:

- Marios Vryonides of Cyprus, President
- Shaheeda Essack of South Africa, Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor
- Carol Reid of Australia, VP for Oceania
- Kari Kantasalmi of Finland, VP for Europe
- Svetlana Sharonova of Russia, VP for Russia
- Walter Allen of the USA, VP for North America
- Analia Meo of Argentina, VP for Latin America
- Tien-Hui Chaing of Taiwan, VP for Asia
- Duncan Hindle, VP for Africa
- Gary Dworkin of USA, Past President



The plaque presented to Prof. Gary Dworkin RC04 president (2010-2018)

Shaheeda as the new editor of the RC04 *Newsletter* will continue to circulate it twice every year. The board and I encourage all members to send your comments and contributions. Please send your thoughts to her (Essack.S@dhet.gov.za) or to me (M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy).

ISA has recently placed on their website an announcement about the 2020 Forum of Sociology to be held in Porto Allegre, Brazil. RC04 program coordinators are to be announced to ISA by January 15 and a call for sessions in which members submit abstracts for sessions that they would like to organize will open from 4 February until 15 of March. Beginning on 25 of April and ending on 30 September, members are to submit abstracts for papers they wish to present.

Many more events will be organized in the meantime and the Newsletter will be a venue to disseminate information and encourage members to attend when possible so as to advance Sociology of Education in the best possible way.

Best regards,

Marios Vryonides

President, RC04 (2018-2022)

RC04 Middle-Term Conference

Culture and Education: Social Transformations and Multicultural Communication
RC04 Sociology of Education International Sociological Association (ISA)
Institute of Foreign Languages
RUDN University
Moscow
24-26 July 2019

The RC04 Sociology of Education ISA, Institute of Foreign Languages of RUDN (Russia), Institute of Sociology FRSC RAS (Russia), Russian Society of Sociologists (RSS), Faculty of Philology of Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia), Moscow State Linguistic University (Russia) intends to hold a mid-term conference at RUDN University from 24 to 26 July 2019 in Moscow.

Aim of the Conference

The conference is aimed at facilitating discussions, sharing research and building connections between Russian and foreign researchers. The organizers encourage a multidisciplinary approach to the Conference topics.

Issues for Discussion

1. Educational culture and society
2. Mass media and educational information systems
3. Globalization and national education systems: Multicultural policy
4. Special or inclusive education: New challenges to education
5. New challenges in the sphere of higher education
6. Global issues in education, culture and linguistics: Methodology and experience of empirical research
7. Institution of scientific leadership: Challenges of academic capitalism
8. Education expansion and social inequality: Global and local perspectives
9. Educational strategies in national education systems in the context of globalization
10. Education and labour market in contemporary and future world
11. Teaching profession, teacher-student relationships, school curriculum in the context of globalization
12. Transformation of culture and the formation of social medium
13. Education and educators in social modernization
14. Media representations (or narratives) and contemporary culture
15. Intercommunication as a result of globalization and social transformation
16. Culture and education in the digital society
17. Educational and cultural problems of migrants
18. Linguistics and modern languages in the multicultural space of society and education
19. Intercultural communication in a transforming society
20. Translation and interpretation before the challenges of globalization
21. Linguistics and humanities: Interdisciplinarity in science and didactics

Keynote Speakers

- Piotr Sztompka – Prof. Dr. Hab., Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland; Prof. Emeritus, Polish Academy of Sciences, Member Ordinarius. Theme: Contemporary University: Between the Academic and Corporate Culture.
- Hans-Peter Blossfeld – Prof. Dr. Rer. Pol. Dr. H. C. European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy (Intergovernmental organisation), Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Germany. Theme: Determinants and Consequences of Unequal Educational Opportunities in the Life Course.
- Durk Gorter – Prof., Doctor in Humanities, University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Spain, Editor-in-Chief of the Language, Culture and Curriculum journal.
- Miguel Nussbaum – Prof., Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Editor-in-Chief of the Computers and Education journal. Theme: Higher Order Thinking Skills and Culture.

Roundtable Thematic Trends in Research Publications and the Ethical Policy of Scientific Journals

The conference will feature a round table with the chief editors of international scientific journals (Q1) indexed in the international citation databases Scopus and Web of Science:

- Susan L. Robertson – Prof., Cambridge University, England, Editor-in-Chief of the Globalisation, Societies and Education journal
- Lynn V. Meek – Foundation Director and Professorial Fellow, L H Martin Institute of Higher Education Leadership and Management, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne, Australia, Editor-in-Chief of the Studies in Higher Education journal.
- Maria González Davies – Prof. University Ramon Llull, Barcelona, Spain, Co-editor of The Interpreter and Translator Trainer journal
- Durk Gorter – Prof., Doctor in Humanities, University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Spain, Editor-in-Chief of the Language, Culture and Curriculum journal
- Miguel Nussbaum – Prof., Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Editor-in-Chief of the Computers and Education journal

In addition to thematic sessions, a Special Methodological Session with the participation of a special guest, Margaret Archer, will be held.

Accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings (RSCI indexed) by the RUDN University Publishing House. The Organizers intend to submit a book of selected conference papers for consideration for indexing in the WoS database. The editorial board reserves the right to reject papers that do not meet the selection criteria or do not fall into the scope of the Conference.

Application and Submission Deadlines

1. Submit proposals for sessions: **November 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018**
2. Submit abstracts: **January 1, 2019 - March 15, 2019**
3. Fee payment: **March 16, 2019 – May 20, 2019.**

Application Types

1. Application Form for Professors and Senior Scholars
2. Application Form for Phd Students
3. Paper Submission Guidelines

Payment Fee

1. ISA member fee:
 - Band A country fee 6000 rubles
 - Band B country fee 5500 rubles
 - Band C country fee 5000 rubles
2. Non-ISA member fee 10000 rubles
3. Attendance only fee 3500 rubles

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Global Exchange

➤ Received from Ari Antikainen

Routledge International Handbook on Narrative and Life History (ed. Ivor Goodson, Ari Antikainen, Pat Sikes & Molly Andrews) (2017) now also as paperback and e-book. Reviews welcome.

➤ Received from Dr. Maaïke van der Vleuten

A Summary of the Dissertation Gendered Choices: Fields of Study of Adolescents in the Netherlands

“We know that boys and girls still make different gender-stereotypical field of study choices. Using longitudinal data collected from almost 7000 adolescents over 5 years (age 14 – 19), my research provides insight in the different ways in which adolescents’ social environment lead girls and boys to different fields of study. It focusses on the role of internalized gender norms as well as the influence of parents, siblings, and friends. I find that internalized ideas of what is “appropriate” male or female gender-role behaviour (gender norms) contributes to gender inequality in educational fields because it leads boys to more masculine fields of study. A second important conclusion is that mothers generate gender differences in field of study choices. This highlights the need to include mothers – next to fathers – in studying adolescents’ field of study choices. Friends also contribute to gender differences in field of study choices, because their traditional gender norms push girls out of masculine fields of study, whereas having more same-sex friends detains boys in these masculine fields. Lastly, fathers and siblings are important for making field of study choices, but these actors do not contribute to gender differences in fields of study.” **Summary by Author**

➤ Received from Christy Guthrie

In:cite journal is an online community created by, for and with young people. It focuses on youth voices, however that may be defined, and seeks to amplify these voices through publishing their works in an accessible space. This could be a great launch point for those interested in the creative arts, be that writing, visual art, video or any other medium.

Most recently, it has put out a call for submissions, a time of year when it asks youth to submit their own original works to the journal with the hope of being published. This year’s theme is **Home** and the many thoughts and feelings that it brings up. For some inspiration, check out [our mind map and our formal call for submissions posters](#). It also created a short video explaining a bit more about in:cite and what we look for in submissions (<https://bit.ly/2D6GPAN>).

To learn more about in:cite and get a better feel for the journal, feel free to take a look at the journal at <https://incitejournal.org/index.php/incite> and check out one of our blog posts at <https://incitejournal.tumblr.com/post/167736494664/these-teens-studied-race-what-happened-will-not>.

New extended deadline! December 15, 2018

➤ **Received from Thomas Pfeffer**

Thomas Pfeffer, Isabella Skrivanek (2018) 'Why is the recognition of credentials not just a matter of good will? Five theories and the Austrian case' in: *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*, 389-422.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/23254823.2018.1449126>

➤ **Received from Joanna Sikora**

The following paper, **"Scholarly culture: How books in adolescence enhance adult literacy, numeracy and technology skills in 31 societies"**, presented in Toronto in the plenary RC04 session *"87 RC04 Plenary Session: The Methods of Sociology of Education"*, *"Session Organizers: Marios VRYONIDES, European University, Cyprus and Anthony Gary DWORKIN, University of Houston, USA"* and published at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0049089X18300607> has received the following widespread media and other coverage:

- The UK <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/oct/10/growing-up-in-a-house-full-of-books-is-major-boost-to-literacy-and-numeracy-study-finds>;
- The USA <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/growing-surrounded-books-may-bolster-skills-later-life-180970523/>;
- <https://nypost.com/2018/10/13/having-more-books-as-a-kid-makes-you-smarter-study/>;
- Germany <https://www.welt.de/kmpkt/article182097432/Wer-mit-Buechern-aufwaechst-hat-Vorteile-im-Lesen-Schreiben-Rechnen.html>;
- Belgium https://www.nieuwsblad.be/cnt/dmf20181016_03850100;
- Italy https://rep.repubblica.it/pwa/generale/2018/10/15/news/almeno_80_libri_la_biblioteca_perfetta_dei_sedicenni-209051185/; and
- http://sociology.cass.anu.edu.au/news/growing-house-full-books-major-boost-literacy-and-numeracy-study-minds?fbclid=IwAR1G4sLgTJwIaf9SDczuoDMfONQBraesLgyAkIQHP_najYu7zxcBbOopg.

FUTURE EVENTS

Future events to be noted and diarised

1. Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre, Brazil, July 14-18, 2020
2. XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, Australia, July 24-31, 2022
3. The Higher Education and Science Studies Working Group in collaboration with the RC04 of the ISA intends to hold a joint session at the South African Sociology Association (SASA) conference in July 2019 in Durban, KZN. Further detail will be sent to you.

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>