

Newsletter of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 15 (Sociology of Health) – January 2021

English version

Greetings from the President of International Sociological Association, RC15 Sociology of Health

Miwako Hosoda, Seisa University, Japan



Happy New Year!

This is the year of the ox in Japan. I hope you were able to celebrate the New Year either face-to-face or online with your family and friends with cultural and traditional treats or decorations unique to each country and region.

Last year, the whole world was threatened by COVID-19, and it seemed to overturn the way our society functioned. COVID-19 is a respiratory infection, but its effects are not limited to patients and medical professionals, and has had a great impact on everyone living in this society. Citizens' lives have changed due to restrictions such as lockdowns, stay home orders, school closures and business suspensions in various places.

Under these circumstances, people with illnesses and disabilities, women and children, the elderly, people with low-income, ethnic minorities and foreigners, who are called vulnerable groups, were hit even harder. Previous studies have shown that in emergencies such as disasters and pandemics, socially vulnerable people are even more distressed. The major damage caused by the current COVID-19 is also a manifestation of social problems such as disparities in access to medical care, disparities due to social conditions such as working environment and income, and social prejudice against illness.

In this light, the role of the Sociology of Health, which focuses on the social aspects of illness and makes health inequalities and the stigma of illness to be social problems, becomes more important. The results need to be useful not only for academic development but also for solving social issues. The theme of the ISA Forum, which begins on February 23, is “Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Intersectionality”. It is quite timely and I look forward to having discussions with all of you inside and outside the Forum.

Best wishes,

Miwako Hosoda

Japanese version

世界社会学会 RC15 健康社会学 会長からのご挨拶

新年おめでとうございます。

今年 2021 年は、日本では丑年にあたります。皆様それぞれの国や地域において、独特の文化・伝統の様式や飾りつけやご馳走で、この新しい年をご家族や親しい人と共に、対面あるいはオンラインで祝っていることと思います。

昨年は、COVID-19 が世界各地で猛威をふるい、社会のあり方を根底から覆す様相を呈していました。COVID-19 は呼吸器の感染症ですが、その影響は罹患者や医療者だけに留まらず、この社会に生きるすべての人に大きなインパクトを与えました。各地でロックダウンや外出自粛、学校閉鎖や営業停止などの制約が課されて、市民生活は変化していきました。

こうした中で、特に社会的弱者と呼ばれる病者や障がい者、女性や子ども、高齢者、生活困窮者やエスニック・マイノリティ（民族的少数者）や外国人などは、さらに大きな打撃を受けました。災害やパンデミックなどの非常時には、通常であっても社会的に弱い立場の人たちはさらに困窮することが先行研究から明らかになっています。現在の COVID-19 による大きな被害も、それ以前からの、医療へのアクセスの格差、就労環境や収入といった社会的条件による格差、病気への偏見などの社会的問題が顕在化したものなのです。

このような状況で、病の社会的側面に焦点化し、健康格差や病のスティグマを問題化する健康社会学の果たす役割はより重要になってきます。そしてその成果は、学問的発展の為だけでなく、社会課題解決の為にも役立てる必要があります。2月23日から始まる国際社会学フォーラムでは、

“Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Intersectionality”がテーマです。まさに今こそ論じるべき課題であり、皆様と大いに議論をできますことを楽しみにしています。

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Italian version

Saluto della Presidente dell'International Sociological Association, RC15 Sociology of Health

Miwako Hosoda, Università di Seisa, Giappone

Buon Anno Nuovo!

Questo è l'anno del bue in Giappone. Spero che abbiate potuto festeggiare l'Anno Nuovo faccia a faccia oppure on line con i vostri familiari e amici con le caratterizzazioni o decorazioni culturali e tradizionali propri di ogni paese e regione.

Lo scorso anno il mondo intero è stato colpito dal COVID-19, e ciò è parso capovolgere il modo in cui la nostra società funzionava. Il COVID-19 è una infezione respiratoria, ma i suoi effetti non sono limitati ai pazienti e ai professionisti sanitari, essa ha avuto un grande impatto sulla vita di ciascuno in questa società. Le vite dei cittadini sono cambiate a causa delle restrizioni come il lockdown, l'obbligo di restare a casa, la chiusura delle scuole e la sospensione delle attività lavorative in vari contesti.

In queste circostanze, le persone con malattie e disabilità, le donne e i bambini, gli anziani, le persone a basso reddito, le minoranze etniche e gli stranieri, definiti come gruppi vulnerabili, sono stati colpiti ancor più duramente. Studi precedenti hanno mostrato che, nel corso di emergenze come disastri e pandemie, le persone socialmente vulnerabili sono ancor più in difficoltà. Il danno maggiore prodotto dall'attuale COVID-19 è anche una manifestazione di problemi sociali come le disuguaglianze di accesso all'assistenza sanitaria, le disuguaglianze dovute alle condizioni sociali quali l'ambiente di lavoro ed il reddito, nonché il pregiudizio sociale contro la malattia.

In queste circostanze, il ruolo della Sociologia della salute, che si focalizza sugli aspetti sociali della malattia e considera le disuguaglianze di salute e lo stigma della malattia come problem sociali, diviene ancor più importante. Le sue acquisizioni debbono essere utili non soltanto per il progresso accademico, ma anche per risolvere i problemi sociali. Il titolo del Forum ISA, che inizia il 23 febbraio, è “Sfide del XXI secolo: democrazia, ambiente, disuguaglianze, intersezionalità”. È alquanto tempestivo e non vedo l'ora di discutere con tutti voi dentro e fuori il Forum.

Cordiali saluti,

Miwako Hosoda

Portuguese version

Saudações da Presidente da Associação Internacional de Sociologia, RC15 Sociologia da Saúde

Miwako Hosoda, Universidade de Seisa, Japão

Feliz Ano Novo!

Este é o ano do boi no Japão. Espero que você tenha conseguido celebrar o Ano Novo cara a cara ou online com sua família e amigos com guloseimas culturais e tradicionais ou decorações exclusivas para cada país e região.

No ano passado, o mundo inteiro foi ameaçado pelo COVID-19, e isso pareceu mudar a forma como nossa sociedade funcionava. COVID-19 é uma infecção respiratória, mas seus efeitos não se limitam a pacientes e profissionais médicos, e tem tido um grande impacto em todas as pessoas que vivem nesta sociedade. A vida dos cidadãos mudou devido a restrições como bloqueios, ordens de permanência em casa, fechamento de escolas e suspensão de negócios em vários lugares.

Nessas circunstâncias, pessoas com doenças e deficiências, mulheres e crianças, idosos, pessoas de baixa renda, minorias étnicas e estrangeiros, chamados de grupos vulneráveis, foram atingidos com mais força. Estudos anteriores demonstraram que em emergências, como desastres e pandemias, as pessoas socialmente vulneráveis ficam ainda mais angustiadas. Os principais danos causados pela atual COVID-19 são também uma manifestação de problemas sociais, como disparidades no acesso à assistência médica, disparidades devido às condições sociais, como ambiente de trabalho e renda, e preconceito social contra doenças.

Nessas circunstâncias torna-se mais importante o papel da Sociologia da Saúde, que enfoca os aspectos sociais da doença e faz das desigualdades em saúde e do estigma da doença problemas sociais. Os resultados precisam ser úteis não apenas para o desenvolvimento acadêmico, mas também para resolver questões sociais. O tema do Fórum ISA, que começa no dia 23 de fevereiro, é "Desafios do Século 21: Democracia, Meio Ambiente, Desigualdades, Interseccionalidade". É muito oportuno e espero ter discussões com todos vocês dentro e fora do Fórum.

Muitas felicidades,

Miwako Hosoda

Note of thanks for translations

Many thanks are due for the translations in this edition of the Newsletter to: Nelson Barros, Guido Giarelli and Miwako Hosoda.

IV ISA Forum of Sociology

Porto Alegre, Brazil • February 23-27, 2021 • Events Center PUCRS



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of the 21st
Century: Democracy,
Environment,
Inequalities,
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UPDATE ON RC15 PROGRAM AT THE ISA FORUM IN BRAZIL, 23-27 FEBRUARY 2021

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General information

As you will know, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the ISA Executive Committee has decided to postpone the IV ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre, Brazil, until 23-27 February 2021 which will now be held online. The final ISA Forum offering is now set following registration, with the following RC15 sessions with allotted Chairs:

Medicalization of Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Global South

5 oral papers

Sociology of Complementary and Alternative Medicine

3 oral papers

Health Policy Reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century

4 oral papers

Medication as a New Social Tool for Workplace Performance? Revisiting the Dissemination of Pharmaceuticalization

5 oral papers

1 distributed paper

The Professionalization of Healthcare: Facing the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century. Part I

5 oral papers

The Professionalization of Healthcare: Facing the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century. Part II

4 oral papers

The Professionalization of Healthcare: Facing the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century. Part III

4 oral papers

RC15 Business Meeting

Poster presentation

7 posters

Health Research in International Perspective. Part I

4 oral papers

Health Research in International Perspective. Part II

3 oral papers

Health Social Movements

3 oral papers

Patients Participation to Make a Collective Impact

5 oral papers

Bourdieu and the Inequalities of Healthcare

5 oral papers

2 distributed papers

From Social Suffering to a Sociology of Negative?

4 oral papers

Mental Health in Latin America: A New Social Question?

3 oral papers

Sociology in the Field of Health and Health in the Field of Sociology: Challenges of the Sociology of Health

4 oral papers

Digitalization and Health

5 oral papers

Access to "Expensive" Medical Technologies

2 oral papers

Please note:

- The session on Participation in (and with) Digital Health has been amalgamated into the session on Digitalization and Health
- There are now 19 RC15 sessions with 68 oral papers, 7 posters and 3 distributed papers
- The RC15 Business Meeting, to which all members are invited, will take place at 14.15 (BRT, Brazilian Time) on Wednesday, 24 February 2021
- It is expected that the final online program with details and timings of RC15 sessions will be published by the ISA in full on 27 January 2021.

OUR INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Nelson Barros, the Secretary and Treasurer of ISA RC15, reminds us that the membership of RC15 now spans 42 countries including:

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Burkino Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, The Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romana, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States.

We are truly a cosmopolitan community! Do please encourage still other members to join – and remember to renew your membership with the ISA and RC15 if you need to and have not yet done so.

CONFERENCES

ASIA PACIFIC SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION WEBINAR 2021

ISA RC15 Sociology of Health co-organized the 15th APSA 2020 two-day Webinar on *COVID-19, Climate, and Health* with ISA RC46 Clinical Sociology and Coastal Cities at Risk in the Philippines: Investing in Climate and Disaster Resilience (CARPH)

Report by Ina Salas, Vivien Leynes, and the CCARPH Project Management Team

This Webinar, a project undertaken under the Office of the President of Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) in the Philippines was held on 6-7 October 2020. Distinguished scholars from partner universities collaborated in two panels, namely:

- COVID-19 Impacts on Health and Society (with convenors: Professor Miwako Hosoda and Dr Zakia Hossain)
- Climate, COVID-19 and the City: Challenges to Recovery and Resilience (with convenors: Professor Emma Porio and Professor Surichai Wun'Gaeo).



15th Asia Pacific Sociological Association 2020 Two-day Webinar on COVID-19, Climate, and Health

With the global pandemic of COVID-19, we are experiencing challenges in every sphere of our lives. Challenges are more prevalent among socially vulnerable groups; for example, the elderly, people with chronic disease or disabilities, and the poor. The APSA 2020 organised a two-day webinar to be held on October 6th and 7th. The broad themes of the Webinar are Covid-19 impacts on health and society; and Covid-19, Climate and City. Several distinguished scholars are presenting at the session. You are invited to participate and contribute to this conversation from a sociological perspective.

DAY 1: Oct. 6, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (PHT)



Theme: COVID-19 Impacts on Health and Society

Focuses on the impacts of COVID-19 on health and society, in particular, focuses on social inequality, discrimination, stigma, culture and polarisation and health and disability.

Convenors:

Miwako Hosoda (Seisa University, Japan)
Syeda Zakia Hossain (University of Sydney, Australia)

DAY 2: Oct. 7, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (PHT)

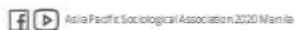


Theme: Climate, COVID-19, and the City: Challenges to Recovery and Resilience

Focuses on how climate impacts (e.g. monsoon rains, floods) complicate prevention/mitigation of COVID-19 infections and recovery, especially among the poor and vulnerable groups

Convenors:

Emma Porio (Ateneo De Manila University, Philippines)
Surichai Wun'Gaeo (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
Jessica Dator-Bercilla (University of the Philippines - Visayas)



The Main Convenor and Conference Chair of APSA 2020 was Professor Emma Porio, Project Leader and Principal Investigator of CCARPH, and the Faculty at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (DSA), ADMU. Professor Porio is also the president of APSA (2020-2022), and ISA RC46 (Clinical Sociology). Alongside her as Co-Conference Chair and Convenor was Professor Miwako Hosoda (APSA President 2016-2020), President of ISA RC15 (Sociology of Health) and Vice President of Seisa University, Japan.

The Webinar sessions began with opening remarks from Fr. Roberto C. Yap (ADMU President and CCARPH Project Holder, 2020-2021). He emphasized the importance of understanding the effect of COVID-19 to the social systems in mitigation of the pandemic. Dr Melanie Robertson (Senior Program Specialist of the Climate Change Program at the International Development Centre – Canada/IDRC) highlighted the urgency of addressing the pandemic in light of climate change. She emphasized that it is time to learn from both the best responses to the pandemic and policies for climate. Professor Jose Jowel Canuday (Chair of the ADMU DSA and APSA 2020 Co-convenor) stressed the significance of understanding the social and political-economic relations at work in the physical environment, affecting epidemiological conditions (see the [APSA 2020 Book of Abstracts](#)). Professor Hosoda and Professor Porio further highlighted the event's importance in informing our sociological practice(s).

The list of panelists were as follows:

October 6, 2020: [COVID-19 Impacts on Health and Society](#)

- “Impacts of COVID-19 on Women in the Asia Pacific Region: Sociological Perspectives” by Dr Syeda Zakia Hossain (University of Sydney, Australia)
- “The Government Response to COVID-19 in Vietnam: Successes and Challenges” by Prof. Nguyen Thanh Huong, PhD (Hanoi University of Public Health, Vietnam)
- “Health Policy Response to COVID-19 in Japan” by Professor Kaori Muto (University of Tokyo, Japan)
- “COVID-19 and Lockdown: Abrupt Measures and Never-ending Social Miseries” by Professor Mohammad Akram (Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India)
- “The Health Policy Response to COVID-19 in England” by Professor Mike Saks (University of Suffolk, United Kingdom).

October 7, 2020: [Climate, COVID-19, and the City: Challenges to Recovery and Resilience](#)

- “COVID-19 Crisis: Urban Poor Communities Resilience Efforts, Thailand” by Mrs. Thipparat Noppaladarom (Community Organizations Development Institute, Bangkok, Thailand)
- “COVID-19 and Wellbeing: The Impact of Environmental Stressors” by Dr. Leigh Wilson (University of Sydney, Australia)
- “Climate, COVID-19, and the City: Challenges to Recovery and Resilience by Professor Emma Porio (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines), and Professor Surichai Wun’Gaeo (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
- “Localization: COVID-19 Challenges, Opportunities, Approaches in a Coastal City” by Jessica Dator-Bercilla, et. al. (University of the Philippines Visayas).

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Moderator: **Prof. Miwako Hosoda** (President of APSA)

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 Prof. Mike Sabo (University of Suffolk, United Kingdom)

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Moderator: Prof. Miwako Hosoda (President of APSA)

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 Prof. Sunchai Wun'Goon (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
- "COVID-19 and Well-being: The Impact of Environmental Stressors"**
 Dr. Leigh Wilson (University of Sydney, Australia)
- "Localization: COVID-19 Challenges, Opportunities, Approaches in a Coastal City"**
 Ms. Jazaira Dator-Bartolillo (University of the Philippines - Visayas)
- "COVID-19 Crisis: Urban Poor, Communities Resilience Efforts, Thailand"**
 Ms. Thippakorn Noppitadarom (Community Organization Development Institute, Thailand)

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The Webinar received over 380 registrants (and over 2,000 views from Facebook live streaming) from across the globe including the Philippines, India, Japan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Australia, Nigeria, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Iran, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Vietnam. To watch the playback of the webinars, visit [Day 1: "COVID-19 Impacts on Health and Society"](#) and [Day 2: "Climate, COVID-19, and the City: Challenges to Recovery and Resilience"](#) live stream videos at the APSA 2020 Manila Facebook page.



The APSA 2020 Book of Abstracts is available at bit.ly/APSA2020BOA

The 15th APSA 2020 Two-day Webinar on COVID-19, Climate, and Health was supported by the IDRC Canada, in collaboration with Seisa University (Japan), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), University of Sydney (Australia), University of the Philippines Visayas, Philippine Sociological Society, and ISA RC15 and ISA RC46.

BOOK SERIES

SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: FUTURE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTIONS

This series co-edited by Mike Saks and Mike Dent centres on the production of high quality, original work in the sociology of health professions with an innovative focus on the future directions of such professions. It covers a wide range of health professional areas, and interrelated health fields such as social care, medicine, nursing and allied health.

It is oriented towards final year/postgraduate students, academic lecturers and researchers, practitioners and policy makers. Its general aims are:

- To inform/stimulate debate about the sociology of health professions
- To influence policy development and practice in the fields concerned
- To make a significant contribution to thinking in the sociology of health
- To produce original national/international work of recognised high quality.

This is a reminder that proposals for future books in the series are invited. These should be submitted in the first instance to the series co-editors Mike Saks (m.saks@uos.ac.uk) and Mike Dent (Mike.Dent@staffs.ac.uk).

The first book in the series was:

- J. M. Chamberlain, M. Dent and M. Saks (eds) (2018) Professional Health Regulation in the Public Interest: International Perspectives.

The latest book in the series is:

- M. Saks (2020) Support Workers and the Health Professions in International Perspective: The Invisible Providers of Health Care.

Forthcoming books include:

- S. Nancarrow and A. Borthwick (2021) The Allied Health Professions: A Sociological Perspective
- J-L. Denis, S. Germain, C. Régis and G. Veronesi (2021) Medical Doctors in Health Reform: A Comparative Study of England and Canada.

NEW BOOKS

Practical Health Promotion, 3rd Edition, Polity Books

By John Hubley, June Copeman and James Woodall

The third edition of this popular introductory textbook has been revised to provide a totally up-to-date and hands-on guide to the practical aspects of health promotion. Focusing on the range of skills needed to become an effective practitioner, it takes readers step-by-step through the different settings in which health promotion takes place and the various tools they might employ, including chapters on health promotion through the lifespan, one-to-one communication, working with groups, advocacy, social media, workplace settings and planning and management.

As well as incorporating the most recent government policies and initiatives in public health, there is new and expanded material on issues such as community initiatives and alliances, social media, health literacy, understanding health behaviours, stress in the workplace and much more.

Throughout the text there are activities to develop students' understanding and encourage reflective practice. Each chapter opens with a list of the central issues and learning objectives which are reinforced with real-life case studies. The key terms highlighted are clearly explained and checklists are dispersed throughout the book, enabling practical application.

The new edition of Practical Health Promotion will continue to be the ideal and indispensable guide for students at all levels. It will inspire anyone involved with health care to find practical ways of promoting change.

REVIEWS

"This excellent book will be of interest to a wide range of health promoters including nurses, doctors and public health practitioners. This accessible book focuses on a range of skills needed to become an effective practitioner. I recommend it as essential reading for students and practitioners concerned with promoting health." Dr Michael C. Watson, Trustee, Institute of Health Promotion and Education.

"Each chapter is as rich as the next. This is the book I have been waiting for. It is perfectly academically balanced to initiate and stimulate students and put them into action in regards to practical applications in Health Promotion." Ginette P. Michel, Laurentian University

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The Social Causes of Health and Disease, 3rd Edition, Polity Books

By William C. Cockerham

This stimulating book has become a go-to text for understanding the role that social factors play in the experience of health and many diseases. This extensively revised and updated third edition offers the most compelling case yet that stress, poverty, unhealthy lifestyles, and unpleasant living and working conditions can all be directly associated with illness.

The book continues to build on the paradigm shift that has been emerging in twenty-first-century medical sociology, which looks beyond individual explanations for health and disease. As the field has headed toward a fundamentally different orientation, William Cockerham's work has been at the forefront of these changes, and he here marshals evidence and theory for those seeking a clear and authoritative guide to the realities of the social determinants of health. Of particular note in the latest edition is new material on the relationship between gender and health, implications of the life course for health behaviour, the health effects of social capital, and the emergence of COVID-19.

This engaging introduction to social epidemiology will be indispensable reading for all students and scholars of medical sociology, especially those with the courage to confront the possibility that society really does make people sick.

REVIEWS

"The third edition of Cockerham's classic text on the social causes of health and illness is most welcome. Notable features of this masterful and comprehensive contribution are the coverage of theory as well as research, its international reach, and its erudition. This will be an indispensable volume for teachers, students, and practitioners alike." Graham Scambler, University College London and Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences

"As in the previous editions, Cockerham presents us with a powerful understanding of the social determinants of health. This time, he updates his perspective, weaving in novel dynamic dimensions from life course research and important structural elements from social capital." Bernice A. Pescosolido, Indiana University

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The Sociology of Health and Illness, 4th Edition, Polity Books

By Sarah Nettleton

Sarah Nettleton's The Sociology of Health and Illness has become a cornerstone text, popular with students and academics alike for its rigorous and accessible overview of the field. Building on these strengths, the fourth edition integrates fresh insights from the current literature with the core tenets of traditional medical sociology, providing students with a thorough grounding in the sociology of health and illness.

The text covers a diversity of topics and draws on a wide range of analytic approaches, spanning issues such as the social construction of medical knowledge, the analysis of lay health beliefs, concepts of lifestyles and risk, the experience of illness and the sociology of the body. It also explores matters that are central to health policy, such as professional–patient relationships, health inequalities and the changing nature of health care work. A new chapter has been added, on the sociology of mental health; other chapters have been updated with illustrative examples and questions for discussion.

Written for students of the social sciences, this book will also appeal to students taking vocational degrees, such as nursing, medicine and public health, who require a sociological grounding in the area. Thoroughly revised and fully updated, this fourth edition will prove invaluable to anyone looking for a clear and engaging introduction to contemporary debates within the sociology of health and illness.

REVIEWS

"Nettleton blends older and newer studies into an updated, authoritative, theoretically instructive and critical account of medical sociology. A new chapter on mental health is exceptionally informative." William C. Cockerham, University of Alabama at Birmingham and College of William & Mary

"This new edition of The Sociology of Health and Illness is an essential text for both students and professionals working in the field. It brings together key theoretical and empirical issues, providing a fascinating and thoroughly comprehensive account of the most pressing concerns in medical sociology to date." Kate Reed, University of Sheffield

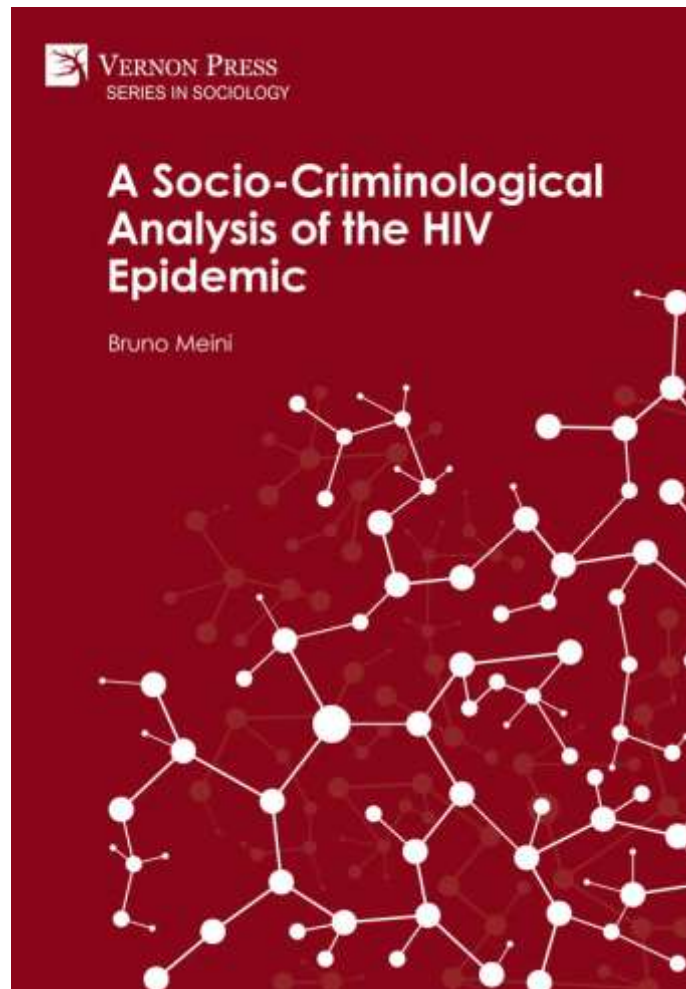
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A Socio-Criminological Analysis of the HIV Epidemic, Vernon Press

By Bruno Meini

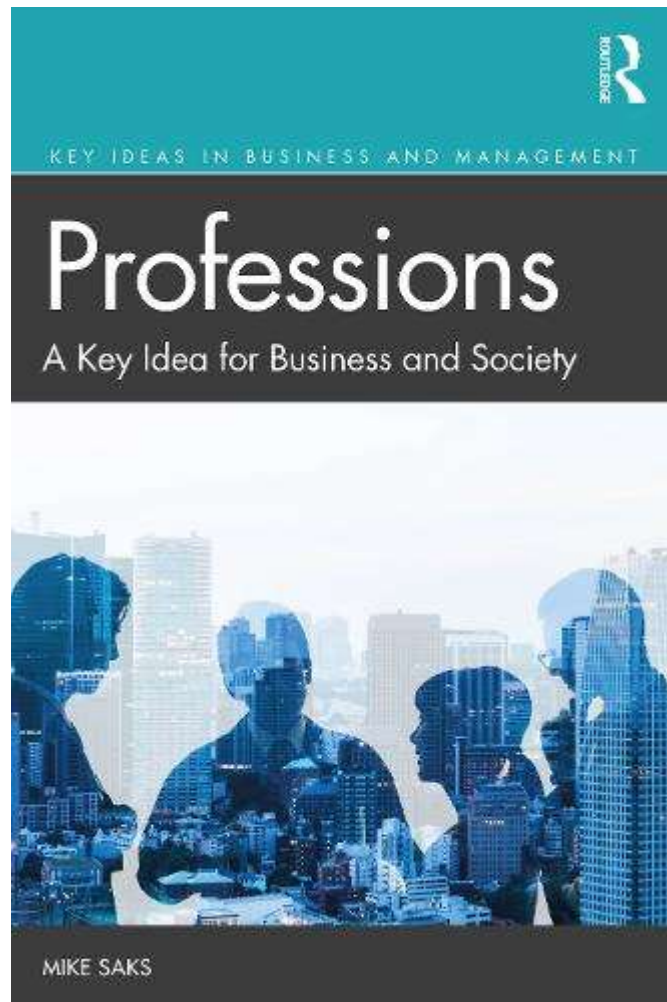


There are many academic articles that deal with HIV and AIDS, but this is the first scholarly book that deals with these subjects in detail from a sociological perspective. The views of every important sociologist since Durkheim with relevance to Dr Meini's focus on HIV/AIDS are explained with admirable clarity.

The book's interest will not be limited to sociologists, but it will interest many other scholars, including epidemiologists, political scientists, social workers, and criminologists and victimologists. Those dealing with public policy, global affairs and international child welfare will also find the book of value. In short, the book promises to have wide impact in academia. The book is highly original and is ambitious in the scope and the depth of its scholarship. Even so, it is written in an open and accessible style. It would be appropriately assigned in both graduate and upper-level undergraduate classes. Somewhat unusually for an academic book, it will also be interest to the general reader who will be amazed at the number of themes and contemporary debates that Dr Meini ties into the volume.

Professions: A Key Idea for Business and Society, Routledge

By Mike Saks



Professions and professionalism have played an integral part in business and society. In this book to be published in paperback on 2 April 2021, Mike Saks provides a thorough overview of this field through an analysis of a range of professions, including, amongst others, accountants, doctors and lawyers.

This book offers a critical analysis of such privileged occupational groups in modern societies. Anticipating a positive if changing role for such groups in the years ahead, the book outlines conflicting theoretical perspectives on professions and discusses current developments in an accessible, multi-disciplinary style. The book documents their evolution and contemporary transformation from medieval guilds to fully-fledged professions and international professional service firms, while pointing a path towards their future in the world of work and beyond.

With insights into the recent challenges provided by clients, citizens, the state and corporations in neo-liberal societies, Professions provides a concise overview that will be essential reading for students, academics and others interested in the operation of these key occupational groups in business and society.

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“Mike Saks' Professions provides an accessible, well-written, up-to-date overview of professions, exploring their historical origins and current challenges, in the UK, US, and around the world. Written by an undisputed leader in the field, and drawing on Saks' extensive (indeed exhaustive) knowledge of the area, the book provides a concise but rich discussion of important issues and debates in the field, in a manner that will appeal to a broad audience, from undergraduate students and researchers, to professionals, business leaders, and policymakers. By not only providing a general description of professions, but outlining how they vary across field, nation, time period, political, economic, and social context, Saks has produced rich insights into this important social phenomenon.”

Tracey L. Adams, Editor, *Canadian Review of Sociology / Revue canadienne de sociologie*

“There can be no better guide to the social science literature on professions and professionalization than Mike Saks. Himself an important contributor to this literature, Saks skilfully brings the sociology of professions up to date by focusing on the interplay of professional organization with the challenges of state regulation, neo-liberal preferences for market-based policies, and growing public scepticism about expertise. Whatever their shortcomings, Saks concludes, professionalized occupational groups continue to contribute significantly to the well-being of citizens in the Anglo-American world.”

Steven Brint, University of California

WORDS IN MEMORY

Renée Fox

A leading scholar of Medical Sociology and my respected and beloved teacher Renée Fox passed away on Sept. 23, 2020 at the age of 92. She was Annenberg Professor Emerita of the Social Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Renée earned her PhD from Radcliffe College at Harvard and taught at Barnard College, then joined the Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania.

She began a career that established and shaped, over a span of more than fifty years, the field of medical sociology. Her classic works such as *Experiment Perilous: Physicians and Patients Facing the Unknown* (1959, Routledge), *The Courage to Fail: A Social View of Organ Transplants and Dialysis* (1974, Routledge), *Spare Parts: Organ Replacement in American Society* (1992, Oxford University Press), and *Doctors Without Borders: Humanitarian Quests, Impossible Dreams of Médecins Sans Frontières* (2014, Johns Hopkins University Press), were based on her persistent fieldwork and extensive travels and research in Africa, Asia and Europe. Her last publication was *Explorations of a Mind-Traveling Sociologist* (2020, Anthem Press).

I met Professor Renée first time when she was invited as a Visiting Professor of the Tokyo Medical and Dental University in 2001. At that time, I was a Doctoral course student at the University of Tokyo. I participated in her lecture series and learned from her not only the intellectual aspect of medical sociology but also how to live as a medical sociologist. Since then, she has been my great teacher and her books including *The Sociology of Medicine: A Participant Observer's View* (1989, Prentice Hall) have been my bible of Medical Sociology. I owe what I am today to Professor Renée Fox.

I would like to express my heartfelt condolences. She will be dearly missed.

Miwako Hosoda, President of ISA RC15



At the study of Professor Renée Fox

ITEMS FOR NEXT ISSUE

If you have any items relevant to RC15 – from conference reports/announcements to publications – for inclusion in the next Newsletter, please send them by the end of June 2021 at the latest to Mike Saks. Email: m.saks@uos.ac.uk

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