

Newsletter of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 15 (Sociology of Health) – July 2020

English version

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

Miwako Hosoda, Seisa University, Japan



COVID-19 is spreading all over the world, and there are major restrictions on daily life. In order to prevent the spread of infection, urban lockdowns have been implemented and schools and universities have been closed. Many face-to-face lectures now have to take place online.

With the COVID-19 pandemic expanding globally, it can be seen everywhere that the situation of socially vulnerable groups, for example the elderly, people with illnesses or disabilities and the poor, have become more difficult. In the United States, COVID-19 damage to black people is three times higher than that of white people, and health disparities are increased. The killing of Mr. George Floyd, which happened during that time, shows that the issue of racism can no longer be neglected, and the Black Lives Matter movement is spreading globally. As social problems erupt, we realise again the importance and urgency of what we must do to advocate the sociology of health.

Many events have been suspended or postponed, national borders closed and international travel almost completely stalled. The ISA Forum, which was scheduled to take place in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in July 2020, has also been postponed to February 2021. Many academic conferences are being held online, and research presentations and discussions are taking place using the internet conference system. There are signs that the progress of science and technology is changing the way the academic world should be.

What will the society look like? I would like to work with you to contribute to this agenda from a sociological perspective.

Best wishes

Miwako Hosoda

Japanese version

国際社会学会 RC15 健康社会学 会長からのご挨拶

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COVID-19 感染が世界中に拡大し、日常生活にも大きな制約が生じている中、皆様いかがお過ごしでしょうか。感染拡大を予防するため、都市封鎖が行われたり、大学も閉鎖されたりしています。対面授業がままならない中、オンラインでの授業を余儀なくされている方も多いと思います。

COVID-19 が世界的に拡大している状況で、社会的弱者（高齢者、病気や障害のある方、生活困窮者など）がさらに困難な状況に陥る様子がいたるところに見うけられます。アメリカにおいては黒人の COVID-19 被害が白人の3倍にも上り、健康格差が指摘されています。その中で起こったジョージ・フロイド氏の殺害事件は、人種差別問題の放置はこれ以上許されないことを突きつけ、**Black Lives Matter** は世界的な広がりを見せています。社会的問題が噴出する中で、健康の社会学を標榜する私たちのなすべきことの重要さと緊急性を改めて実感します。

国境が閉鎖され、海外旅行はほぼ完全に停滞した中で、多くの行事やイベントが中止か延期に追い込まれています。2020年7月にブラジルのポルト・アレグレで開催を予定していた ISA フォーラムも、2021年2月に延期されました。オンラインで実施される学会も多く、インターネット会議システムを利用して研究発表や議論が行われています。科学技術の進展が学術界の在り方を変えてきている兆しが見られます。

ウィズコロナの社会は、どのようなものになっていくのでしょうか。皆様と共に、社会学からの貢献を目指していきたいと思います。

細田 満和子

Portuguese version

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

Miwako Hosoda, Universidade de Seisa, Japão

A COVID-19 está se espalhando por todo o mundo e existem grandes restrições na vida cotidiana. A fim de evitar a propagação da infecção, foram implementados bloqueios urbanos (quarentena) e foram fechadas escolas e universidades. Muitas aulas presenciais agora precisam ser realizadas on-line.

Com a pandemia da COVID-19 se expandindo globalmente, pode-se ver em toda parte que a situação de grupos socialmente vulneráveis, por exemplo, idosos, pessoas com doenças ou deficiências e pobres, se tornou mais difícil. Nos Estados Unidos, os danos da COVID-19 às pessoas negras são três vezes maiores que os das pessoas brancas, e as disparidades na saúde aumentam. O assassinato de George Floyd, que aconteceu durante esse período, mostra que a questão do racismo não pode mais ser negligenciada, e o movimento Black Lives Matter está se espalhando globalmente. À medida que surgem problemas sociais, percebemos novamente a importância e urgência do que devemos fazer para defender a sociologia da saúde.

Muitos eventos foram suspensos ou adiados, as fronteiras nacionais foram fechadas e as viagens internacionais quase completamente paralisadas. O Fórum da ISA, programado para acontecer em Porto Alegre, Brasil, em julho de 2020, também foi adiado para fevereiro de 2021. Muitas conferências acadêmicas estão sendo realizadas on-line, apresentações e discussões de pesquisas estão sendo realizadas usando o sistema de conferências na Internet. Há sinais de que o progresso da ciência e da tecnologia está mudando a maneira como o mundo acadêmico deveria estar.

Como será a sociedade pós-pandemia? Eu gostaria de trabalhar com você para contribuir para o desenvolvimento dessa agenda com uma perspectiva sociológica.

Muitas felicidades

Miwako Hosoda

Italian version

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

Miwako Hosoda, Università di Seisa, Giappone

Il COVID-19 si sta diffondendo in tutto il mondo con conseguenti serie restrizioni della vita quotidiana. Allo scopo di prevenire il diffondersi dell'infezione, misure di lockdown urbano sono state attivate e scuole e università sono state chiuse. La maggior parte delle lezioni in presenza ora debbono aver luogo online.

Con l'espandersi globale della pandemia di COVID-19, si può osservare ovunque che la situazione dei gruppi socialmente vulnerabili - per esempio gli anziani, le persone con malattie e disabilità, e i poveri - è divenuta più difficile. Negli Stati Uniti, l'impatto del COVID-19 sugli afroamericani è tre volte maggiore rispetto ai bianchi, e le disuguaglianze di salute sono cresciute. L'uccisione del sig. George Floyd, avvenuta in questo periodo, mostra che il problema del razzismo non può essere più trascurato, ed il movimento Black Lives Matter si sta diffondendo globalmente. Con l'emergere dei problemi sociali, ci rendiamo di nuovo conto dell'importanza e dell'urgenza di ciò che dobbiamo fare per promuovere la sociologia della salute.

Molti eventi sono stati sospesi o postposti, i confine nazionali chiusi ed i viaggi internazionali quasi completamente bloccati. L'ISA Forum, che era previsto dovesse aver luogo a Porto Alegre, Brasile, in luglio 2020, è stato pure posticipato a febbraio 2021. Molte conferenze accademiche vengono tenute online, e le presentazioni e discussioni delle ricerche hanno luogo utilizzando il sistema di conferenze via internet. Vi sono segni che il progresso scientifico e tecnologico sta cambiando il modo di essere del mondo accademico.

Come sarà la società? Desidero lavorare con voi per contribuire a questa agenda da una prospettiva sociologica.

Cordiali saluti,

Miwako Hosoda

Note of thanks for translations

Many thanks are due for the translations in this and previous editions 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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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. New guidelines and deadlines are as follows:

1. Deadlines

15 October 2020 Confirmation of participation

Authors of accepted abstracts are requested to confirm their participation through speaker's corner.

The abstracts that have not been confirmed are automatically deleted from the program.

Based on information about cancelled presentations, Session Organizers and Program Coordinators may upgrade distributed papers and papers presented in roundtable sessions to oral presentations in a regular panel. Session Organizers and Program Coordinators inform the concerned participants about the new status of their paper and ask them to confirm their participation to the Forum.

16-25 October 2020 Modifications to sessions

Based on the updated program, Session Organizers and Program Coordinators may re-organize some panels, move some participants from one session to another and merge two sessions in order to open a few new sessions. These modifications include the possibility to upgrade distributed paper or roundtable presentation to oral presentation.

26 October – 12 November 2020 Call for Abstracts

New abstracts' proposals shall be submitted on-line via Confex platform to a general "bucket" session opened for each RC/TG/WG. Submitters may indicate in which session this proposal better fits. RC/TG/WG session themes are available at <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2020/webprogrampreliminary/programs.html>

Abstracts must be submitted in English, French or Spanish. Only abstracts submitted on-line will be considered in the selection process.

13-17 November 2020 Abstract selection

Program Coordinators and Session Organizers must complete the selection of abstracts and provide a final presentation designation for each (oral, distributed, poster, or round table).

18-22 November 2020 Re-arrangement of sessions

Program Coordinators re-arrange sessions based on the selected abstracts.

24 November 2020 Acceptance notifications

Confex sends notification to authors and co-authors of accepted new abstracts and to authors of rejected new abstracts.

5 December 2020 Changes in registration grants' recipients

If recipients of a registration grant cancelled their participation, Program Coordinators may reallocate these registration grants to other presenters who are individual ISA members in good standing. Changes must be communicated to the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org before 5 December 2020.

15 December 2020 Registration deadline for Presenters

Registration must be paid by the deadline.

Confex matches registrations with accepted presenters and sends out last reminder to register. Presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the program.

18 December 2020 – 8 January 2021 Final modifications to sessions

Session Organizers modify sessions based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters.

Chairs and discussants are assigned from among the registered participants.

Program Coordinators complete session schedule according to the conference timetable.

In case the type of an individual's presentation is changed, or a presentation is transferred to a different session, Confex will send notifications to authors with final session and presentation details after 15 December.

27 January 2021 Online program published

2. Rules for all presenters

Limited appearance in the Program

A person may be listed in the Program

- up to 3 times as Session Organizer
 - up to 2 times as author or co-author (oral or poster presentation, distributed paper, roundtable presenter)
 - up to 2 times as chair or co-chair, panellist, critic, discussant
- RC/WG/TGs can further limit the number of appearances within their own sessions.

There is a limit of:

- 3 co-organizers per session
- 7 authors per abstract

Authors and co-authors cannot present and chair in the same session.

ISA and RC/WG/TG membership

ISA does not require anyone to be a member in order to present a paper, and provides different registration fees for members and non-members. Those RCs which require that presenters in their sessions are members of the RC, and/or also of ISA, should clearly inform potential presenters about these requirements from the very start of conference preparations.

Registration payment

In order to be included in the program the participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.) need to pay full registration fees by **December 15, 2020**. If not registered, their names will not appear in the Program Book and in the Abstracts Book.

For co-authored paper, in order for a paper to appear in the program, at least one co-author should pay the registration fee by the early registration deadline December 15, 2020; the names of other co-authors will be listed as well. If other co-authors wish to attend the conference, they must pay the registration fee.

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.

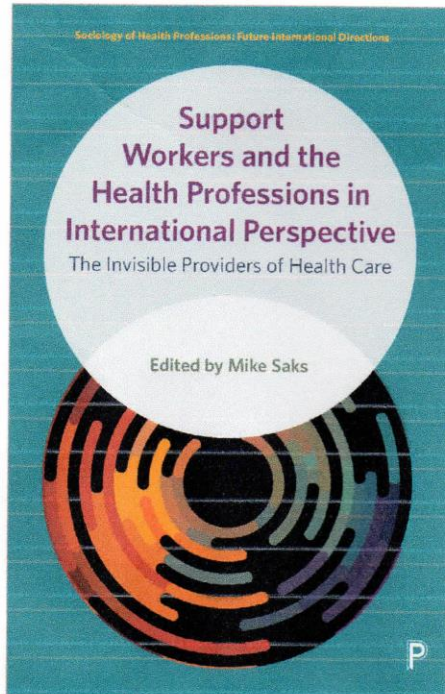
This is a reminder that proposals for future books in the series are invited. These should be submitted in the first instance to the series co-editors Mike Saks (m.saks@uos.ac.uk) and Mike Dent (Mike.Dent@staffs.ac.uk).

The latest book in the series is *Support Workers and the Health Professions in International Perspective: The Invisible Providers of Health Care* which is published this month. For further details see below.

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Support Workers and the Health Professions in International Perspective

The Invisible Providers of Health Care

Edited by **Mike Saks**, University of Suffolk, University of Lincoln, Royal Veterinary College, University of London, University of Westminster and University of Toronto

"Support workers have long been ignored in sociological analyses of the health and social care workforce. This collection seeks to change this and in so doing makes a major contribution to the field."

Jonathan Gabe, Royal Holloway, University of London

"The contribution of health care support workers has been highlighted during the COVID-19 crisis. Saks and colleagues provide a well-written and informative discussion with analysis and description that has the potential to inform current and future workforce planning."

Ian Peate, Gibraltar Health Authority

Health care support workers (HSWs) play a fundamental role in international health care systems, and yet they remain largely invisible. Despite this, the number of HSWs is growing fast as governments strive to combat illness and address social care issues in a world of finite resources.

This original collection analyses the global experience of HSWs in the UK, Japan, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Portugal, Sweden and The Netherlands. Leading academics examine issues including the interface of HSWs with the health professions, regulatory practice risks, employment challenges and the dilemmas of an ageing population.

Crucial future policy recommendations are also made for a world becoming increasingly dependent on HSWs.

Health Policy, Power and Politics

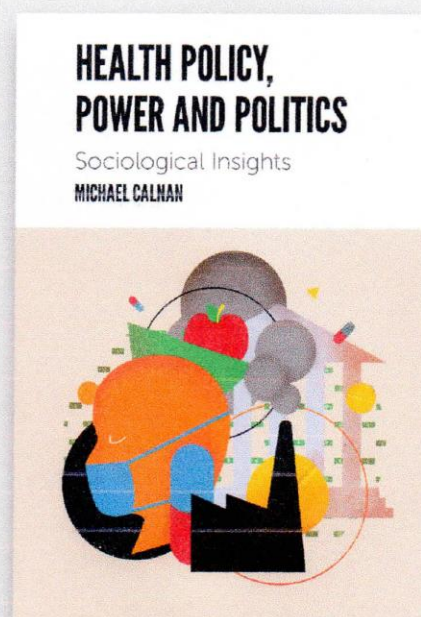
Sociological Insights

By
Michael Calnan
University of Kent, UK

In the context of substantial changes in health service policy and public health policy in England over the last two decades, *Health Policy, Power and Politics* fills an important gap by providing an up-to-date and accessible account of recent trends in health policies and a sociological analysis of why these policies have taken the shape they have.

This book provides a theoretically informed analysis of key recent policy changes in England and how the interplay of powerful structural interests has influenced policy in health. It includes chapters on recent reforms in the NHS and the drift towards privatisation, policies aimed at enhancing public and patient involvement, the regulation of the drug industry, medicalisation and mental health policy, the role and effect of the media and recent changes in social and environmental health policy. The analysis examines the influence of the State, professional medicine, the media, commercial interests such as those of the pharmaceutical, food and fossil fuel industries, patient's groups and the wider global environment.

While the key focus of the book is on England, the analysis drawn on by the author comes from a plethora of policy examples in health systems in high and low to middle income countries across the world. This widened context shines a light on the influence of globalisation and highlights both the distinctive character of health policy in England, as well as the common themes it shares in a world-wide context.



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TRUST AND COVID-19



Michael Calnan, Simon Williams and Jonathan Gabe have just written a short piece about Trust Matters and Covid 19 in England. Please see the following link:

<https://discoversociety.org/2020/06/01/uncertain-times-trust-matters-during-the-pandemic/>

They would be very interested to hear about how other countries are managing trust relations in relation to the pandemic, particularly public trust. Please give any feedback to Michael Calnan (m.w.calnan@kent.ac.uk)

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

For your interest, we have also been asked to include reference to the following article: Kirsten Harley and Karen Willis (2020): 'Living with motor neurone disease: An insider's sociological perspective', *Health Sociology Review*, DOI: 10.1080/14461242.2020.1789487.

To link to this article see: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14461242.2020.1789487>

NEW POST

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OPPORTUNITY

At the University of Wuppertal, Germany, there is a job opening for a tenure track assistant professorship (W1 – tenure W2) for “Sociology of Global Social Change and Processes of Local Adaptation” - this includes topics such as transnationalization, migration, world society, changes of the welfare state, processes of integration and disintegration or global health. The closing date for applications is 31 July 2020. For further details, please see: <https://t1p.de/BUW-W1Sociology-tenure-GermanEnglish>

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 December 2020 at the latest to Mike Saks. Email: m.saks@uos.ac.uk

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The membership dues for RC15 are 60 USD (20 USD reduction) for four-year membership. The ISA membership registration form is available at: <https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In>

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