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Notes from the new President

Last July, sociologists from around the world met at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto, Canada. With its main focus on "Power, Violence, and Justice," it struck at the very core of sociological thinking. Debates on the concepts, origins, and impact of power, violence, and justice have lost none of their relevance and importance for the understanding of societies. From sociological points of view, power, violence, and justice have always played a vital role in the understanding of mental illness and health (services). In Toronto, a substantial number of RC49 sessions dealt with the diverse and complex interrelations between the two phenomena and provided an inspiring platform for enriching encounters. The lively - and sometimes controversial - discussions can be seen as a further indication of the significance of sociological thinking in the analysis of psychiatric services, mental health, and mental illness. A big thanks to all session organizers and presenters for their valuable contributions!

In this issue, Jorge Chuaqui provides some comments on the RC49 sessions "Social inclusion of mentally ill persons" and "Features linked with social inclusion of persons with mental disorders." Masoud Zamanimoghadam and Saba Hasanvandi from Yazd University (Iran) share their paper on "Defenseless Women," which, although accepted, could not be presented at the Toronto congress due to Visa problems.

Another presidential period has ended, and I would like to thank Takashi Asakura for successfully leading RC49 from 2014 to 2018. I feel honored to be elected as the new president, and, together with other board members, I am looking forward to serving you for the next four years. The main goals are to further increase membership numbers and to strengthen the international exchange of sociologists dealing with mental health and illness. Thus, I would like to encourage you to use the annual newsletter to share ideas and initiatives and to get in contact with RC49 members. Please feel free to contact me with any queries or suggestions.

Upcoming opportunities for sharing thoughts are the Chronic Disease and Disability section of the Western Social Science Association April 24-27, 2019, in San Diego, California (please find the invitation in this issue), and the **IV ISA Forum in Porto Alegre in 2020. The call for sessions will run from Feb. 4th to Mar. 15th**. I will keep you informed about the deadlines. With best regards

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COMMENTS ON THE SESSIONS "SOCIAL INCLUSION OF MENTALLY ILL PERSONS" AND "FEATURES LINKED WITH SOCIAL INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS"
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Prof. Dr. Jorge Chuaqui

To report the contributions of the presentations to both sessions we have to state some theoretical ideas on social inclusion.

How participates persons on social life in the current social structure we belong to?

Persons belong to a family in which he/her consumes material, social and simbolic goods to satisfy his/her social needs. He/her may receive in it social and affective support and in which younger members receive primary socialization. Families may be nuclear, monoparental, extended or homosexual. In heterosexual and monoparental families sexual relations give as outcome the biological reproduction of persons. Sexual relations may be performed out of families with peers, heterosexual or homosexual.

The consumption thay satisfy social needs of persons is financed by the participation of adult members of families in the labour market and other ways of economic property. This is the crucial status of paid work in the life of peoples, that opens the posibility of generate an own family and to satisfy social needs throught comsuption. If the type of work coincids with vocation the person feels fulfilled doing it. To have an occupation in the labour market also give social recogniton.

All the persons of society are subject to the legal norms and administrative ammendements of State and local authorities:. Families, labour market, economic relations, sexual relations, reproductive rights and so. State may restrict or enhace the participation in the labour market, and according political trend may be more active or pasive in social security actions.

The public policies of the Sate, and of every organization of the social structure, depends not only in the policies in general but it is specified by the actors or officials that apply them, as any human activity in a system of interactions.

Persons may work on the ideational complex (educational system that have a role in the ideological, professioanl and cientific trainig, the mass media of communications, the churches, and so), and the services (including health services and professioanl sptorts). Peolpe may work in their organizations, and receive the specific activities of several organizations according to the type of the organizations.

In this context: what means social inclusion?:

According to the positions people occupies in theis systems of interaction persons have the possiblity to get the material, social and symbolic objects that satisfy their social needs, if they are allowed to perform specific actions provided by their positions. To have the posibility of this is the degree of power the person have. Power have also a subjective component, that person may do so according the way they perceive the situation. This is an important point, because who knows better which are their needs than the own persons?

Again, which means exclusión/inclusion? When there are estructural barrieres that damage the power of some positions, that makes difficult that they share properly the social life described above, they are excluded. It has an ethical content, because it is a human right the partipation without unfair barrieres in social life. To include the persons means to empower them eliminating those barrieres.

The presentations in both sessions of the congress we refer to, points at one or other aspects of this inclusion/exclusión dimensión.

The first presentaion by Jorge Chuaqui put emphasis on the role of family, not refered to its internal processes, but in the degree they support the person mentally ill in a basic right, the right to have a good job, because of its crucial importance for their fulfillement. The family may give psychological support but respecting the alternative to support an independent empowerment of the person in order to have an autonomuos job and to generate an own family, in Chile researh done shows that this role of the family is mostly negative.

In the presentation by Mari Higuchi, considering that the role of family may be negative, she presents an interesting procedure of the possibilty of more empowerment of the actors, in wich the person, the psychiatrist and the family discuss openly with democratic rules. This may go to more convergence of the interests of these three actors.

In the presentations one of Peter Kupka and the other by Salling Weber, they discuss politics of wellfare in Germany and Denmark in reference to the officials that help the persons to find o job, mediated by vertical authority relations in one case and the contradictory demands they have in the other,without a proper empowerment of the person in every case.

In the work of Mariana Frizzera and Cristina Pazó, they analze despite predujicies the legal rules in Brazil that protect the sexual rights of persons wit mental disability.

Both works, one of Alfred Grausgruber and Robert Moosbrugger; and the other by Russsell Schutt, Marsha Ellison, Matthew Chinman, Chantele Mitchell-Miland and Sharon Mccarthy, deals with empowerment and reduced empowerment in persons that are in or must be drugs tratements, medited by clinical needs.

Defenseless Women: The Qualitative study of socio-cultural context of women's mental health

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Introduction: In many human societies, gender has long been one of the criteria for the division of human beings. Undoubtedly, women in this division are more exposed than men to violence, discrimination and gender-based suffering. An example of this violence is visible in the family and in the violence of husbands against women. In the Iranian society, because of the dominant male-dominated culture, the problem of domestic violence against women is visible. This is especially true in the poorer neighborhoods of Khorramabad. Because in this city, on the one hand, there are patriarchal prejudices against women, and on the other hand, the social and economic problems of these neighborhoods have put women under double pressure. However, this article study the mental health of women exposed to domestic violence in a cultural and social context.

Method: In this research, qualitative approaches have been used. The research data were collected through purposeful and theoretical sampling and through a deep interview with 15 housewives who were referred to a psychologist at one of the health centers located in one of the deprived neighborhoods of Khorramabad. Khorramabad is a city in Southwest of Iran, with a traditional, patriarchal and tribal culture. Grounded theory was used to analyze the data.

Findings: In the analysis of data, there were 58 concepts that were reduced to 11 main categories. Then we put the main categories in the form of a paradigmatic model. Finally, the core category was identified as "Defenseless women exposed to community violence". The phenomenon of mans' violence against their wives is affected by conditions. These conditions can be categorized into three categories of causal conditions (husband's problems such as addiction, suspicion, and bad financial condition), ground conditions (family unfaithfulness by the family, the male patriarchal attitude of the relative to the marital relationship, and the male patriarchal mentality) and the intervening conditions (lack of power of women, and the turmoil of the couple's relationship). In addition, the violence against women surveyed causes interactions that include: husband's behavior towards a woman (personality humiliation, physical abuse of a woman, insulting a woman's family, relationship with other men, the death threat from the husband, prohibition of family visits, financial disregard for the woman, disregard for wife), the woman's behavior towards her husband (ignoring her husband, huffing), and the interconnected and continuous marital problems. Eventually, such a situation has two types of consequences: one male reaction (taking second wife, divorce). And the other, the woman's reactions. Female reactions are of two types: At first, the women's psychological disorders such as depression, anxiety,

hopelessness, lack of confidence and other high-risk behaviors that these women commit such as divorce, betrayal in marriage, and suicide attempt.

Discussion: However, this research shows that women are more vulnerable to violence through social and cultural structures. In fact, this research shows that society with patriarchal culture and lack of adequate social rights for women makes women vulnerable to domestic violence. In fact, women suffer from many mental illnesses such as anxiety, stress, and depression. Such women are experiencing existential anxiety and ontological insecurity. In other words, they always worry about their lives and do not feel safe. Any problem needs a solution. Therefore, according to the results of this study, the following strategies could be proposed to improve the situation of women who are subjected to violence by their husbands in poor and traditional areas:

- Changing and improving the rights and laws of marriage, in order to protect women who are vulnerable to violence.
- Awareness before marriage. This awareness can be done both through textbooks and mass media, and through pre-marriage counseling.
- The expansion of psychology and social work departments in disadvantaged areas for counseling for women who have been subjected to violence.
- Establishing supportive organizations to protect women from domestic violence.
- Expansion of cooperation between the judiciary and the police with supportive organizations to support women who are exposed to violent physical and psychological violence.

RC 49 Board Members Activities

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Professor at Tokyo Gakugei University, Laboratory of Health and Social behavior, Tokyo, Japan. Main focuses of my research are "Psychosocial determinants of adolescent mental health" and "Ecohealth approach to children and adolescents in developing countries."

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Chuaqui, Jorge – RC49 Board member

Professor at the Institute of Sociology, Universidad de Valparaíso, Chile.

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Dixon, Jeremy – Vice president of RC49, Board member

University of Bath, United Kingdom: Department of Social & Policy Sciences
Research on offenders with mental health problems, mental health in schools, the application of mental health law, assessing and managing risk.

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Professor at the The Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Aalborg, Denmark

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- *Krumm S, Checchia C, Kilian R, Becker T. Mental health nurses' and psychiatrists' views on addressing parenthood issues among service users. Int J Ment Health Nurs. 2018 Aug 1. doi: 10.1111/inm.12525. [Epub ahead of print]*

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Professor of Sociology, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, The University of Alabama, USA.

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Optimal Solutions in Healthcare and International Development and Meharry.U.S.A. Research on social determinants of mental health and illness and mental health correlates of HIV in U.S.,Latin America and Africa. Quantitative and qualitative methods for mental health and mental health and HIV program evaluation.

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Mental illness related research on housing rehabilitation, occupational rehabilitation, epidemiology and health care provision approaches.

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