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Dear Members,

I hope all of you and your family have been very well and healthy during the pandemic. This June issue of SIM delivers news about activities and new publications of members. I believe there are more research outcomes generated recently. I look forward to receiving your publication list for sharing in the next issue. Also in this issue, Sandra Fachelli had a report on the sessions organized by Research Committee 55 on Social Indicators (ISA) in the 13th Spanish Congress of Sociology (ISA) in Valencia, Spain as of July 2019. The World Values Survey announced the release of new data. The ISA Forum is postponed to February 2021 and the revue remains the same in Porto Alegre, Brazil. For read the newsletter for the details of these happenings and events.

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## 1. Activities, mobilities, and promotions of members

➤ **Oliver Nahkur** (University of Tartu, Estonia) :

In May 2020, Oliver Nahkur started working in University of Tartu, Institute of Social Studies as a Research Fellow of Research of Social Wellbeing. During the next years he will work in the field of child indicators.

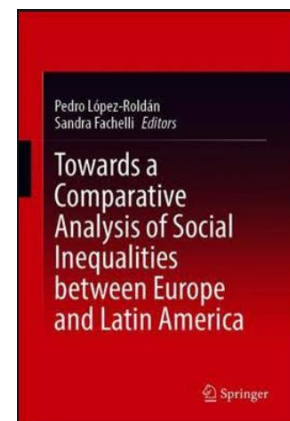
## 2. New books and papers authored by members

➤ Sandra Fachelli (The Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain) recently published:

- a). López-Roldán, P. & Fachelli, S. (2020) **Towards a Comparative Analysis of Social Inequalities between Europe and Latin America**. Springer. ISBN 978-3-030-48441-5

**Abstract :**

This open access volume identifies the common and specific aspects of social mechanisms that generate inequalities, through comparative analyses of different dimensions in which inequalities are expressed. It includes studies on social inequalities in 5 European and 5 Latin American countries. This volume is the result of a large collaborative project on social inequality funded by the European Commission (Horizon 2020) the International Network for Comparative Analysis of Social Inequalities (INCASI). Taking into account diverse perspectives and approximations, the collaborators have created a general analytical framework as a model of analysis of social inequalities. The various contributions in this volume help readers gain a global outlook and help reflect on social inequalities in a comparative perspective. This volume addresses social science graduate and postgraduate students, researchers, social policy makers, as well as a broader academic audience interested in social inequality.



- b). Sandra Fachelli (The Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain) is editing a Special Issue: **Comparative Perspectives on Social Indicators, for Social Indicators Research.**

Editors: Sandra Fachelli (Universidad Pablo de Olavide) and Pedro López Roldán (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona).

**Abstract :**

In this Special Issue we proposed to receive contributions that address comparative research in the study of social reality, focusing on the construction and use of social indicators in comparative research among countries (including comparisons among regions or cities).

Even though this call it was open, was planned as a publishing opportunity for participants in the:

- RC55 Social Indicators of ISA Congress in July of 2018, Toronto (Canada), and
- Mid-term Conference of the ISA-RC55 Research Committee on Social Indicators in the Work Group 43 in the context of the 13th Spanish Congress of Sociology, in July of 2019, Valencia (Spain).

The first round of revisions is finished, and it is expected to be published in the last term of the year.



- David Bartram (The University of Leicester, UK) published:
- a). David Bartram. 2020. Age and Life Satisfaction: Getting Control Variables Under Control. *Sociology* (already online).  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0038038520926871>.
- Georg P. Mueller (The University of Fribourg, Switzerland) recently published:
- a). Mueller, Georg P. "Life Satisfaction and International Migration: a Field Theoretic Measurement Model." *Applied Research in Quality of Life* (2020) (already online)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-020-09822-5>.

- Walter Bartl (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany) recently published:
- a). Bartl, Walter; Papilloud, Christian (2020): Measuring “equivalent living conditions”? The use of indicators in German federal spatial planning. In: SJI Preprint, S. 1–25. DOI: [10.3233/SJI-200647](https://doi.org/10.3233/SJI-200647).

### 3. World Values Survey Wave 7 Data Release



## World Values Survey Wave 7 Data Release

The [World Values Survey Association](#) is delighted to share the great news: data for the first group of countries, surveyed within the 7<sup>th</sup> round of the World Values Survey, will be released into free public access on July 20, 2020. This first public release of the values study data-set comprises survey data for over 75 countries and societies (including those surveyed in Europe in cooperation with the [European Values Study](#)); it includes data for countries surveyed in late 2017, 2018, 2019 and early 2020. With the interruption in the survey fieldwork process between March 2020 and September 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions, the end of the wave has now been postponed to July 2021, when the second and final WVS-7 data release will be made.

The first WVS-7 dataset will be available for downloading in free public access with no fees or registration required, starting from July 20 onwards. The data will be made available in SPSS, Stata, SAS and R data formats. The WVS-7 dataset comprises survey findings for over 300 indicators, measured by the standardized WVS-7 questionnaire. The WVS-7 questionnaire is structured along 14 thematic sub-sections as following: social values, attitudes & stereotypes (45 items); societal well-being (11 items); social capital, trust and organizational membership (49 items); economic values (6 items); corruption (9 items); migration (10 items); post-materialist index (6 items); science & technology (6 items);

religious values (12 items); security (21 items); ethical values & norms (23 items); political interest and political participation (36 items); political culture and political regimes (25 items); demography (31 items). All countries surveyed in WVS-7 employ nationwide random probability representative sample designs with the minimum sample size being increased to N=1200. More information and further updates are available at our [web-site](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) profiles.

#### **4. Participation of Research Committee 55 on Social Indicators (ISA) in the 13th Spanish Congress of Sociology (ISA)**

RC55 Mid-term Conference, July 2019.

##### **Participation of Research Committee 55 on Social Indicators (ISA) in the 13th Spanish Congress of Sociology (ISA).**

The Mid-term Conference of the ISA RC55 Research Committee on Social Indicators was held in Valencia, Spain, between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2019, in the context of Spanish Congress of Sociology. RC55 was the Work Group 43 of the congress in order to receive the academics contributions.

The Coordinator of the Task Group was Sandra Fachelli from Pablo de Olavide University and Autonomous University of Barcelona. With the President of RC55 Christian Suter they defined the central theme of the Research Committee “Comparative Perspectives on Social Indicators”.

The Task Group members were Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel); Joonmo Son (National University of Singapore); Jeroen Boelhouwer (The Netherlands Institute for Social Research); Enrico Di Bella (University of Genoa); Pedro López-Roldán (Autonomous University of Barcelona) and Eduardo Bericat (University of Sevilla).

A total of 41 accepted papers were presented in eight sessions of Working Group 43:

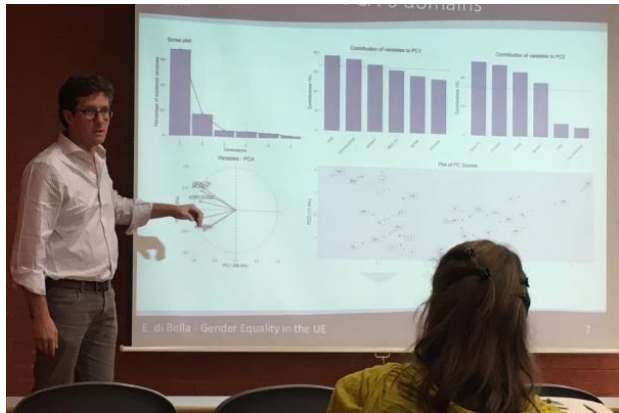
- Workshop Session 1. Employment and Youth (Chair: Christian Suter, from University of Neuchâtel).
- Workshop Session 2. Subjective Wellbeing (Chair: Eduardo Bericat, University of Sevilla).

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- Workshop Session 3. Politics, Social Progress and Conflict (Chair: Nicolae Bulz, National Defence College, Romania).
- Workshop Session 4. Comparative Indicators I (Chair: Pedro López-Roldán, Autonomous University of Barcelona).
- Workshop Session 5. Social Capital Indicators (Chair: Joonmo Son, National University of Singapore).
- Workshop Session 6. Social Indicators on Rights, Risk and Insecurity Behaviours (Chair: Sandra Fachelli, Pablo de Olavide University).
- Workshop Session 7. Inequality and Gender (Chair; Enrico Di Bella, University of Genoa).
- Workshop Session 8: Comparative Indicators II (Chair: Christian Suter, University of Neuchâtel).

Here is a compilation of photos taken during the event:









## 5. Postponement of the IV ISA Forum of Sociology



Due to the CoVID-19 pandemic the IV ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre has been postponed to **February 23-27, 2021**. All activities that have been prepared will be maintained and the abstract selected for the Forum in July 2020 remain valid for the Forum in February 2021. ISA has set a new calendar that allows Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups to update and re-open some of their panels. A new call for abstracts will open.

### **New calendar and the most important deadlines**

(see also the information available at the ISA website)

- September 15, 2020: A message will be sent to all the authors of selected abstracts inviting them to confirm their participation to the Forum and informing them about the possibility to update their abstract and title in the congress platform, in consultation with their session organizers or RC program coordinators, before October 15, 2020.
- October 15, 2020: Final day to confirm participation by authors of the already accepted abstracts.
- October 16-25, 2020: Based on the updated program, Session Organizers and Program Coordinators may re-organize panels. The ISA secretariat and the RC/WG/TG may publish and circulate calls for new abstracts.

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October 26 – November 12, 2020: Submission of new abstracts via online platform (deadline for new abstract submissions is November 12, 2020)

November 24, 2020: Authors and co-authors are notified about the acceptance or rejection of their new abstracts

December 15, 2020: Presenters final registration deadline

RC55 Sessions at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre, 23-27 February 2021							
	09:00-10:30	10:45-12:15	12:30-14:00	14:15-15:45	16:00-17:30	17:45-19:45	19:30-21:00
February 23 Tuesday	Registration Large RC sessions	Registration Large RC sessions	Registration Large RC sessions	Registration Large RC sessions	Opening Ceremony 16:00-17:30 Plenary Session 17:45-20:00 Reception 20:15-22:30		
February 24 Wednesday	Long Term Trends in Quality of Life and Institutional/Cultural Context in Subjective Wellbeing and its Mechanism (Build 50, 514)		Semi-Plenary Sessions LOC-SBS, ALAS *** PDS Publications	Indicators to Compare Social Stratification and Inequalities Among Countries, Part II (Building 50, 514)	RC55 Business Meeting (Building 50, 514)	Common Sessions	
February 25 Thursday	Indicators of Social Class (Building 50, 514)	Indicators to Compare Social Stratification and Inequalities Among Countries, Part III (Building 50, 514)	Semi-Plenary Sessions LOC-SBS, *** PDS Publications		Population Censuses: Preconditions and Alternatives (Building 41, Audit. E; JS RC41/RC55)	The Politics of the Population Census: Key Indicators for Sustainable Development? (Common Session RC02, RC09, RC11, RC41)	
February 26 Friday	Super-Urbanization Effects on Quality of Life (Building 50, 514)	Well-Being, Poverty and Inequality (Building 50, 514)	Semi-Plenary Sessions LOC-SBS, ISA *** PDS Publications	Inequality in Educational Attainment Taking into Account Race/Ethnicity, Class and Gender Indicators (Building 50, 514)	Varieties of Population Indicators: Their Construction and Use in Politics Part I (Building 41, Audit. E; JS RC41/RC55)	Common Sessions	
February 27 Saturday	Varieties of Population Indicators: Their Construction and Use in Politics Part II (Building 41, Audit. E; JS RC41/RC55)	Indicators to Compare Social Stratification and Inequalities Among Countries, Part IV (Building 50, 514)	Semi-Plenary sessions ISA *** PDS Publications	Indicators to Compare Social Stratification and Inequalities Among Countries, Part I (Building 41, Audit. B, JS RC55/RC28)	Participation, Trust and Social Capital in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Examinin the Key Soical Indicators (Building 50, 307-308-309; JS RC20/RC10/RC55)	Closing Plenary Session	Party

24.06.2020		RC55 sessions
		R55 Joint Sessions with other RCs
		RC55 Business Meeting
		RC55 Common Session "The Politics of the Population Census: Key Indicators for Sustainable Development?" (with RC02, RC09, RC11, RC41)