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From the Secretary

I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter; I had hoped to send it out in September, but it has been delayed as I waited for the full details of Amsterdam conference plans.

It had also been expected that this issue would include plans for the election of a new Executive Council. However, members may not have realised that we had accidentally reached a position where our last elections were out of phase with the requirement of our statutes, which is that officers should change at the World Congress. That means that we can now *either* observe the 4-year interval between elections, *or* hold them for the next World Congress, but not both. Prof. Immanuel Wallerstein, the President of ISA, was consulted about how we should deal with this situation, and your Executive Council has agreed to follow his advice. This is that we should delay the elections until the period before the World Congress, *unless members object. Any members who do object to this should, therefore, let the Secretary know before the end of the year.* If there are sufficient objections, there will be just enough time to start the process for a handover at Amsterdam, which would be to an EC whose term of office would be only 2 years. (On a personal note, I am prepared to continue for another 2 years as Secretary if it is in the best interests of RCHS, but I would be very happy if a willing successor were to emerge.)

Once again we owe special thanks to Martin Bulmer, and to Miriam Chall of Sociological Abstracts, for their valued help in sending out some copies of this newsletter, thus saving us some money and the Secretary some work, and also to Dirk Käsler for his assistance in our financial affairs.

International Sociology

This journal of the ISA invites the submission of contributions, of not more than 6000 words. They may be submitted in any language, but if accepted will be published in English; for languages other than English, French or Italian, and for further details, please consult the Editor-in-Chief (Roberto Cipriani, Dipartimento di Sociologia, Università di Roma 'La Sapienza', via Salaria 113, I-00198 Roma, Italy) about where to submit papers.

RCHS AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

I intend to come to the conference in May 1996.

Name and address:

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I plan to attend the conference dinner.....Yes* No

* **n.b. if your plans change, you should cancel this booking to avoid paying for the ordered dinner.**

Sessions I am particularly interested in attending (circle appropriate numbers) :

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Please send this slip to Jennifer Platt as soon as possible.

1996 Conference

Intellectual plans

Conference plans are now well forward, with modifications to earlier proposals in the light of the papers actually offered. A provisional list of sessions is given below; this may be further modified later if paper-givers' plans change. The order in which sessions and presenters appear below, and the division of papers between sessions for those topics which have more than one, has no significance; the precise timetable will be decided later. At present, it appears that we shall need to run some parallel sessions in order to accommodate all the papers offered. It is not easy to guess which clashes would cause most problems to members in deciding between them. You are, therefore, invited to send to the Secretary by the end of the year a list of the sessions (using the numbers below) which you are most interested in attending; if sufficient members do this, that will give guidance on the timing of sessions and the choice of rooms. If sufficient do not, intuition will replace democracy. The registration slip can be used for this. Final plans, in the light of response, will be in the spring newsletter.

Proposed sessions:

1 Neo-Kantian influences on German sociology

(John Drysdale, 'Weber's neo-Kantianism: creed or flag of convenience?'; Sven Eliaeson, 'Philosophy, politics and sociological aspects in Max Weber's thinking'; Eva Karadi, 'Karl Mannheim and the neo-Kantian philosophy'; Frederic Vandenberghe, 'Simmel's neo-Kantian origins'.)

2 International exchange and globalization in the development of the social sciences

(Paul Close, 'Implications for sociology of the "new world order" drive towards supranationalism'; Charles Crothers, 'Global patterns in the development of recent sociology'; Carla van El, 'International networks of the two major schools of sociology in the Netherlands'; Paul ten Have, 'International exchange and globalization in the development of the social sciences'; Jennifer Platt, 'The relationship between the ISA and the British Sociological Association'.)

3 Author meets critics: Donald Levine, *Visions of the Sociological Tradition*

(Harold Orbach, Guenther Roth and Donald Levine).

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4 Women's contributions to the development of sociology - 1

(Mary Jo Deegan, 'A century of progress and loss: women in sociology at the University of Chicago'; Patricia Lengermann and Jill Niebrugge-Brantley, 'Engendering social theory: early women sociologists on social injustice and paid domestic labour'; Dorothy Ross, 'Jane Addams, interpretive sociology and gendered social knowledge'; Rosalind Sydie, 'Beatrice Webb and feminism'; Theresa Wobbe, 'The first generation of women sociologists in Germany'.)

5 Women's contributions to the development of sociology - 2

(Lynn McDonald, 'Women theorists on peace, war and militarism'; Victor Skretkowicz, 'Florence Nightingale on war and the military'; Susan Hoecker-Drysdale, 'Harriet Martineau: theory, empiricism and public discourse'; Michael Hill, 'Harriet Martineau and Alexis de Tocqueville compared'; Pat Duffy Hutcheon, 'Hannah Arendt and the concept of power'.)

6 Sociologists read sociologists - 1

(Agnes Erdelyi on Weber; Eva Karadi on Mannheim; Denes Nemedi on Durkheim; Ilja Srubar on Schütz.)

7 Sociologists read sociologists - 2

(N. Gousgounis; Hans Joachim Schubert; Erhard Stölting on Sorokin; Anabela Weisman.)

8 The Columbia circle of sociologists, 1930-1950.

(Gary Jaworski, 'Simmel and postwar sociology: Columbia versus the New School'; L. Kocyanowicz, 'John Dewey on the epistemology of the social sciences'; Elzbieta Halas, 'R. M. MacIver and the Columbia School prospect of culturalistic sociology'.)

9 Harvard University as a context for sociology in the 1940s

(Kevin Anderson, 'Hegelianism vs. positivism in American interpretation of Marx in the 1940s'; Neil McLaughlin, 'Freud, Fromm and social psychology at Harvard in the 1940s'; Harry Dahms, 'Towards a sociological theory of the economy: Schumpeter and Parsons at Harvard'; Uta Gerhardt, 'Talcott Parsons and the war effort at Harvard University'; Michael Hill, 'Roscoe Pound, sociological jurisprudence and sociology at Harvard University'.)

10 The knowledge society: history of an idea

(Christopher Adair-Totef, 'Kant and intellectual domination'; Hans-Peter Mueller, 'Intellectuals - après la lutte? the role of critique in the knowledge society'; Marian Kempny, 'Between politics and culture: a history of the convergence between East European intelligentsia and Western intellectuals'; Nico Stehr, title to be decided; Goran Dahl, 'Return of the conservative revolution?'.)

11 Case studies of important empirical research projects

(Frank Furedi, 'The missionary encounter with African urban sociology on the Zambian Copperbelt'; Tony Varley, 'Arensberg and Kimball's ethnographic study of rural Ireland in the 1930s'; Guy Oakes, 'The collaboration of Hans Gerth and C. Wright Mills on the work of Max Weber: a study in the sociology and ethics of intellectual collaboration'; Henri Peretz, 'Street Corner Society, the story of a model and an example of misunderstanding: William Foote Whyte and the Chicago tradition'; Antoni Sulek, 'Stefan Nowak's 1958 Warsaw students: the first modern sociological survey in Poland'.)

12 What are our motives in writing the history of sociology?

(Jean-Michel Chapoulie, 'Looking backward'; Salvino Salvaggio & Paolo Barbesino, 'Eigen-mechanism and the history of sociology: a reflexive writing'; Antoine Savoye, 'Historical research: the sense for the present of sociology'; Irmela Gorges, 'The social context of research on the history of sociology'.)

13 General session - 1

(Jacques Coenen-Huther, 'Durkheim and the requirement of reduction of complexity'; Luigi Tomasi, 'The influence of Frédéric Le Play on contemporary American sociology and his now-forgotten original contribution to this discipline'; Ricca Edmondson, 'Aspects of the use of empirical evidence in the sociology of knowledge'; Tom Osborne and Nikolas Rose, 'The city and social investigation'.)

14 General session - 2

(Mike Keen, 'Stalking the sociological imagination: Herbert Blumer'; Henrika Kuklick, 'The individual as instrument: antecedents to the participant-observation method'; Harry Freemantle, 'Conditions for the emergence of sociology'; Anele Vosyliute, 'The monographic method in Lithuanian sociology'.)

Practical arrangements

The conference is to be held at SISWO (to whom we are most grateful for their support.) Sessions will start at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday May 16, with welcome drinks in the early evening, and will finish at lunchtime on Saturday May 18; Thursday and Friday evenings will be free. Saturday afternoon will be free for sightseeing, and that evening there will be a conference dinner at an Indonesian restaurant (with wide choice of dishes), maybe preceded by a sociological boat trip. Participants should book their own accommodation, and will pay for their own meals. (If, however, anyone will have difficulty claiming expenses for the conference dinner, which will have to be booked at the same price for all those attending and will be more expensive than the basic necessary cost of eating, the Secretary will provide a formal statement of conference charges covering its price.)

Suggested moderate hotels, convenient for SISWO (which is at Plantage Muidersgracht 4, 1018 TV Amsterdam), are these, with prices per night:

Hotel Lancaster, Plantage Middenlaan 48, 1018 DH Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6266544, fax 3120-622628. (Reasonably comfortable, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl.135)

The Bridge Hotel, Amstel 107-111, 1018 EM Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6237068, fax 3120-6241565. (Reasonably comfortable, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl.130)

Hotel Rembrandt, Plantage Middenlaan 17. 1018 DA Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6272714, fax 3120-6380293. (Reasonable, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl. 105; without shower and toilet, fl.75.)

Hotel Barbacan, Plantage Muidersgracht 89, 1018 TN Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6236241, fax 3120-6272041. (Simple but OK, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl. 103.)

City Hotel, Utrechtsestraat 2, 1017 VN Amsterdam; ☎ 3120-6272323, fax 3120-6384793 [this is in the central city, 15 minutes walk from SISWO]. (Reasonable, single room with shower and toilet, with breakfast, fl. 125; without shower and toilet, fl.65.)

For more luxurious accommodation, try VVV Amsterdam Tourist Information (3120-06-34034066) or a travel agent; there are hotels and pensions of every standard. People with currency problems should consult Dick Pels, who may be able to find Dutch families who could provide a room. Queries may be addressed to Christel van der Moot at

SISWO (☎ 3120-5270650, e mail moot@siswo.uva.nl), Maryke Borghardt at SISWO (☎ 3120-5270629, e mail Borghardt@siswo.uva.nl), or the conference organiser Dick Pels (Graduate School of the Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Oude Hoogstraat 24, Amsterdam, NL 1012 CE, The Netherlands; ☎ 3120 6273570 (home), fax 020-5252446, e mail dick.pels@philos.rug.nl).

Registration

Advance registration is not essential, but it will be very helpful in ensuring that appropriate arrangements are made to give advance notification of your intention of coming. Places at the conference dinner require advance booking. For your convenience, a slip to send is provided on the front page of this newsletter. For RCHS members there is no conference fee. For non-members (which of course includes old members who have failed to renew their membership) the fee is \$30, or \$15 for students or people from non-OECD countries; it should be paid to RCHS (not Dick Pels) in advance by the same means as RCHS dues (see dues instructions at the back) or, if that is difficult, in cash on arrival.

News and Notes

Recent correspondence in the British Times Literary Supplement has raised an issue which might be of interest to all of us. An enquirer found that parts of the institutional records of the London School of Economics from as long ago as the 1930s were not open. He suggests that public bodies such as universities should not operate rules about access which are even more restrictive than those applied to government records, which in Britain are normally open after 30 years. Are there significantly different conventions in these matters in other countries? Do universities normally keep their records, or at least important parts of them, so that future access will be possible? Do they have policies about access by researchers? Should we be enquiring about what happens in our own institutions, and perhaps pressing for the development of suitable policies? Comments and suggestions on this issue are invited for future newsletters.

Klaus Lichtblau has completed his work on the history of the German tradition of cultural sociology. His Habilitationsschrift, Kulturkrise und Soziologie um die Jahrhundertwende - zur Genealogie der Kultursoziologie in Deutschland, will probably be published in the second half of 1996.

Mahmoud Dhaouadi has now moved from Tunisia to Sociology Department, International Islamic University,, PO Box 70, Jalan Sultan, 46700 Peleting Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

An interdisciplinary conference on 'The Direction of Contemporary Capitalism', organised by the Social and Political Thought group, will take place at the University of Sussex on April 26-28, 1996. Speakers (to include Jeffrey Alexander, Helmut Dubiel, Klaus Eder, Hans Joas, Scott Lash, Michael Mann and Hans Singer) will assess the major economic, social and political changes over the last few decades, and their implications for our social and political philosophy. For further information, contact Dr Andrew Chitty, GRCiSS, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QN, England; ☎(+44)01273 606755, fax (+44) 01273 678466, e mail sptconf@sussex.ac.uk.



Abstracts project

The Research Coordinating Committee of the ISA has started a project to disseminate more widely sociological work not abstracted in the major data bases, and so often not drawn to the attention of the international community. The plan is to make regular English-language abstracts of suitable articles, to be published in Sociological Abstracts (SA); each Research Committee has been asked to contribute articles from its field.

The proposed plan of action is this. We should identify some journals, publishing work in the history of sociology, which are not part of the current data bases of SA or the Social Science Citation Index, and preferably in languages other than English, French or German. Articles in them which have been published in the previous 9 months, and are likely to be of interest to the international sociological community, should be selected, and English abstracts provided in SA format. (Perhaps abstracts already available could be translated, or the author asked to provide one? Members would need to arrange this.)

I do not know how many members would wish to play an active role in this, but it would be a good idea for the work to be shared and for the widest possible range of journals to be covered. Members are asked, therefore, to let the Secretary know if they would be prepared to be involved, and to send her the names of suitable journals with which they are familiar. She will then follow the matter up in the light of the response. In the meantime, since a swift first response is asked for, she has written individually to a few members in likely countries to ask if they can make an initial contribution.

Work in progress

Mitchell Ash	Emigré psychologists and social science after 1933; science and political change in 20th century Germany.
Jean-Michel Chapoulie	History of sociology at the University of Chicago, 1892-1960.
Paul Close	Supra-nationalism in the New World Order
Mahmoud Dhaouadi	Ibn Khaldun's political/social thought
Carla van El	School formation in Dutch sociology after 1960; figurational and explanatory sociology.
Peter R. Gleichmann	Norbert Elias' sociology of knowledge; the problem 'how can men abandon killing each other' in the history of sociological theories.
Nicos Gousgounis	Motivation and moral values of sociologists carrying out empirical research; the meaning of sociological knowledge for teachers and students in the teaching of sociology.
Gary D. Jaworski	A book on <u>Georg Simmel and the American Prospect</u> .
Maca Jogan	Contemporary theoretical perspectives; sociology in Slovenia.
Marian Kempny	The intellectual context of the rise of social theory as an autonomous discourse.
Tom Osborne	Histories of social thought in the light of social studies of science
Theresa Wobbe	Early women sociologists (1920-1960): intellectual departure, institutional obstacles, and political rupture, with case studies of women sociologists in Germany and a comparative US/German perspective.

Training and Mobility of Researchers.

The European Union's Framework 4 programme 'Training and Mobility of Researchers' (formerly 'Human Capital and Mobility') provides attractive conditions for doctoral or postdoctoral students or researchers to go to another EU country to advance their training and take part in a project there. Applications have to be made by the person who would move, but in consultation with the institution that they would visit. Obviously one of the difficulties of establishing such arrangements is that the prospective partners need to know of each other's interests before an application can be considered. If any RCHS members would like to invite such visitors, or to make such a visit, it could help to make appropriate contacts if colleagues elsewhere were informed. You are, therefore, invited to send in very brief details of your interest and possible projects, to appear in this newsletter, so that other colleagues may get in touch.

New members and their interests

The purpose of this list is to enable members with related interests to contact each other. Where new members have not yet sent any information, they are not listed here. Anyone who has not done so is warmly invited to send details of their historical interests and work in progress for a future listing.

Charles Crothers	The Columbia School in US sociology (Dept. of Sociology, University of Natal, King George V Avenue, Durban 4001, Natal, South Africa)
Carla van El	Schools and styles in sociology; sociology as a discipline. (Science Studies Unit, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Groningen, A-weg 30, NL-9710 CW Groningen, The Netherlands.)
Peter R. Gleichmann	History of sociology, especially architectural sociology and the Mannheim/Elias tradition in the sociology of knowledge; historical sociology. (Westermannweg 21, D 30419 Hannover, Germany)
Gary D. Jaworski	American reception of European social theory (Dept. of Sociology, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ 07940, USA.)
Marian Kempny of	Early American sociology: Giddings, Sumner, Ward; the shaping sociology and social/cultural anthropology, early C20 interconnections. (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Nowy Swiat 72, 00-330 Warszawa, Poland.)
Volker Kruse	Historical sociology (Bergstraße 14, D 33829 Borgholzhausen, Germany.)
Tom Osborne	Historiographies of empirical sociology; sociology outside the academy; the pre-history of social science. (Dept. of Sociology, University of Bristol, 12 Woodland Rd., Bristol BS8 1UQ, England.)
Theresa Wobbe	History of sociology 1890-1960 in different institutional settings. (Freie Universität Berlin, Institut für Soziologie, Babelsberger Strasse 14-16, 10715 Berlin, Germany.)

Recent publications by members

- Kevin Anderson Lenin, Hegel and Western Marxism (University of Illinois Press, Champaign, Illinois, 1995.)
- Paul Close Citizenship, Europe and Change (Macmillan, London, 1995.)
- Jacques Coenen-Huther Observation participante et théorie sociologique (Paris, Harmattan, 1995)
- Gary D. Jaworski 'Simmel in early American sociology: translation as social action' and 'Georg Simmel reconsidered' by Albert Salomon, edited and introduced by GDJ, International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society 8: 361-378 and 389-417, 1995.
- Maca Jogan 'Die Schutz-rezeption in Slowenien', in ed. Kurt Leube and Andreas Pribersky, Krise und Exodus (Universitätsverlag, Wien, 1995.)
- Maca Jogan 'Modern Slovenian sociology' in ed. M. F. Keen and J. Mucha, Eastern Europe in Transformation (Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn., 1994.); also published in Polish in ed. Mucha and Keen, Sociologia Europy wschodniej 1956-1990 (Polska akademia nauk, Warszawa, 1995).
- Dirk Käsler in 'Max Weber: the living classic', pp. 114-126 in ed. B. Schäfers, Sociology Germany (Leske and Budrich, Opladen, 1994.)
- Dirk Käsler Max Weber: Eine Einführung in Leben, Werk und Wirkung (Campus, Frankfurt/New York, 1995.)
- Dirk Käsler 'Norbert Elias - ein europäischer Soziologe für das 21. Jahrhundert', pp. 417-428 in ed. Karl-Siegbert Rehberg, Norbert Elias und die Menschenwissenschaften (Suhrkamp, Frankfurt, 1995)
- Marian Kempny W. G. Sumner, Naturalne sposoby postepowania w gromadzie (Warsaw, PWN 1995), translation and introduction (with Krystyna Romaniszyn) of Folkways.
- Carsten Klingemann, Michael Neumann, Karl-Siegbert Rehberg, Ilja Srubar and Erhard Stölting (eds.) Jahrbuch für Soziologiegeschichte 1993 (Opladen, Leske + Budrich, 1995); this contains material, by RCHS members and others, on Simmel, Weber, Elias, sociology under Nazism, women in German sociology, definitions of a 'social problem', post-1956 sociology in Bohemia and Moravia, Heinz Maus, Karl Korsch.
- Volker Kruse Historisch-soziologische Zeitdiagnosen in Westdeutschland nach 1945: Eduard Heiman, Alfred von Martin, Hans Freyer (Suhrkamp, Frankfurt, 1994)
- Josef Langer & Wolfgang Poellauer (eds.) Small States in the Emerging New Europe (Verlag für Soziologie und Humanethologie, Eisenstadt, 1995.)
- Donald Levine Visions of the Sociological Tradition (Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1995)

- Klaus Lichtblau Max Weber: Erfurt 1864-München 1920 (Erfurt, Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Thüringen, 1995)
- Klaus Lichtblau 'Sociology and the diagnosis of the times, or: the reflexivity of modernity', Theory, Culture and Society 12: 15-52, 1995.
- F. Ettrich, Klaus Lichtblau & J. Weiss, eds. Max-Weber-Symposium in Erfurt (Berlin, Akademie Verlag; Berliner Journal für Soziologie 5.)
- Dick Pels 'Knowledge politics and anti-politics: toward a critical appraisal of Bourdieu's concept of intellectual autonomy', Theory and Society 24: 79-104, 1995.
- Dick Pels 'The politics of critical description: recovering the normative complexity of Foucault's pouvoir/savoir', American Behavioral Scientist 38 (7): 1018-1041, 1995.
- Dick Pels 'Have we never been modern? towards a demontage of Latour's modern constitution', History of the Human Sciences 8 (3): 129-141,
- Jennifer Platt 'Research Methods and the second Chicago School', in ed. Gary A. Fine A Second Chicago School? (Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1995)
- Jef Verhoeven Methodological and Metascientific Problems in Symbolic Interactionism: a report on the opinions of third-generation symbolic interactionists, Dept. of Sociology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, 1995.



Have you read...?

Trudy Dehue, Changing the Rules (Cambridge University Press, 1995), is an interesting case study of psychology in the Netherlands; it argues that changes in methodological ideas respond to the social context rather than purely to internal disciplinary growth.

DUES INFORMATION

The basic subscription is \$10 for one year, or \$30 for 4 years. For students, however, it is \$5 or \$15. The reduced rate also applies to others from non-OECD countries who would have

difficulty in paying the full rate; if unable to arrange even the reduced rate, please write to the Secretary to explain the circumstances and ask for free membership.

We now have a facility for paying to the central ISA, which will enable those who wish to use a credit card; a copy of their form is attached to enable you to do this, and it can be used even if you are not at that time also paying the ISA subscription. *(If you do this, it would be very helpful if you could also send the form below to the Secretary so that you can give her any news items you have).* Here - with apologies for the complexity, which our need to avoid our account's high foreign-exchange charges makes necessary - is how to pay if *not* doing so via the ISA. **Only people using a British bank account should send their dues to the Secretary**; this can be done either by sending a cheque made out to "RCHS Platt", or by direct transfer to Girobank account 12 574 8302. (The cheque should be in £ sterling, with the dollar amount translated into the equivalent at the tourist rate of exchange; at the time of writing, that is c.£6.85 or £20.55.) **All other members should send the money to Prof. Dirk Käsler**, Universität Hamburg, Institut für Soziologie, Allende-Platz 1, D 20146 Hamburg, Germany, or, in continental Europe, to minimize bank charges use the Postal Giro Service: Postgiroamt München (BLZ 700 100 80), Account 822 22-809 Käsler RCHS. He will inform the Secretary, so only one letter is required - but **please think at the same time of sending her news of publications, meetings, work in progress etc., plus any address changes.**

Membership in the RCHS is open to anyone interested in the field. You become a member as soon as your application form and money have been received.

RCHS membership application or renewal

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Title and name :

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Major interests in the history of sociology:

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Historical work in progress:

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I do not object to my membership details being held on computer.