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PRESIDENT'S LETTER 1/2015

Dear colleagues, members, and friends,

This is my first newsletter as president, and I am remiss insofar as that it took me much longer than I would have liked to get it out. However, the RC is now making good progress on several fronts, thanks to the terrific executive team and the RC's dedicated membership. I would ask the membership to take the time to read this introduction in which I shall lay out some of the current priorities and the executive committee members who have stepped up to lead them. Since we are all exceptionally busy people, my approach is a collaborative one with each VP and executive committee member taking on a key task. However, the executive committee cannot do it alone; so, I am hoping every member will take to heart the opportunity to support the committee's efforts in a particular area, and to take the initiative to contact that executive member to this effect.

RC Vice President Helena Carreiras and Executive Committee member Celso Castro have spent several months laying the groundwork for the 2016 interim conference about which you can read more in a separate article in this newsletter. We are exceptionally privileged to have South America's top think tank, the Gelulio Vargas Foundation, host the interim meeting and, due to their generosity, we shall not have to charge registration fees. In return, every participant in the conference must be a RC01 member and have registered or renewed their membership through the RC01 web site. We deliberately have early panel and paper proposal submission deadlines so as to ensure we can get confirmation of acceptances out in sufficiently timely a fashion for participants to

secure funding to subvent the cost of travel and lodging. You should have all already seen the announcement circulated through a variety of sources. However, I would ask that each member take an active role in disseminating the announcement among local and regional associations to ensure widest possible distribution. We ask you to distribute the announcement forthwith as the initial deadline for panel submissions is looming at the end of September. Panel submission can consist of an organizer and a topic only, or they can be partially or fully populated with proposed paper-givers. That is, for the time being, we are looking for people willing to organize a panel and propose a topic to that effect. We will then post those panels on the RC and the submission web site so individuals can propose papers to populate them. Helena and Celso are working on several exciting opportunities to interact with the Brazilian military. We are also working on a workshop or two to precede the actual conference; details to come. In timing the conference 25-28 September 2016, we conferred with the RC's executive to aim for dates that would be workable for as much of the membership as possible while avoiding Carneval, the Olympics, the Paralympics, and Brazilian holidays, and aim for a time when airfare would be more modest.

Vice President Tibor Svircev-Tresch is spearheading the RC's membership renewal and recruitment drive. He is working on a strategy that will see each executive member that responsibility for liaising with a region, and identifying local members in each country to ensure the RC optimizes its presence and connection with local organizations. Executive member Omar Gutierrez will be leading the effort of connecting more effectively with the membership in local countries and ensuring the RC is more present in local initiatives. More to follow.

Vice President Doo-Seung Hong has been tasked with framing a research agenda for the committee as a whole, and to strategize about funding this agenda. Austere times notwithstanding, given the nature of our world, matters of security, defence and the armed forces continue to have significant importance. On the one hand, I am hoping to position the committee to be able to provide timely, effective research; on the other hand, granting councils are increasingly moving towards funding large-scale multi-year interdisciplinary internationally networked research projects. We want to ensure we position ourselves effectively in this regard. An initial foray here is an effort to partner with Women In International Security, an effort spearheaded by RC executive committee member Delphine Resteigne.

Executive committee member Irina Goldenberg, with assistance from Delphine Resteigne, has been leading a cooperative effort with ERGOMAS to establish systematic publication venues for the membership of both associations. On the one hand, that has meant revitalizing Res Militaris; on the other hand, Irina is working on a partnership with Springer about which you can read more below. While there is ample interest among several publishers in building out their repertoire on the armed forces, Springer is the one publisher than also has a

comprehensive capacity to make material available electronically through library subscriptions. Since I think that increasingly material will need to be available electronically to be read, this seems to us the most promising avenue to pursue. You will be able to read more about this effort below. Since it requires us to put out a minimum number of books a year – and the majority of those will need to be manuscripts rather than edited volumes, and edited volumes will need to be thematic rather than conference proceedings – we need the membership to step up to make this effort a success. There are significant synergies to be harnessed for the RC if we can get this off the ground.

Executive member Lindy Heineken has agreed to be the RC's point person for the ISA 2018 general meeting, to be held in July 2018 in Toronto. She will be keeping the membership updated on panel submissions. Expect to hear more in 2016 as the general meeting planning effort has a two-year timeline for RCs.

Executive member Joseph Soeters has agreed to coordinate an effort of partnering graduate students with RC01 mentors in their field. This should prove a significant boon to graduate students in terms of accessing unique expertise. But will hinge on graduate students identifying themselves to Joe, and the membership indicating their areas of expertise. More to follow on details of how we will operationalize this matchmaking effort.

Executive committee member Orna Sassoon-Levy has agreed to take on two tasks. One consists of collecting syllabi from the membership so we can benefit from one another's reading lists, evaluation mechanisms, and the like. I see this as an important way of ensuring the excellent material on those reading lists reaches a wider audience. Since many syllabi may not be in English, we would be grateful if you would take a few moments to translate key areas, such as headings that precede readings. The corollary is an effort to collect publications, especially by members but also on military sociology and civil-military relations more broadly. It is an attempt to update members about recent publications and to work towards creating a searchable online database for literature pertaining to the research of our committee, ideally with links to the full-text publication, insofar as that does not violate the publication's copyright. So, I encourage you to start emailing Orna your syllabi and publications, both past and current. In the medium term, building this database is also an effort to mine to attract more scholars to work in the fields with which our committee concerns itself.

A shout out to student member Victoria Tait who put together the summary of the Yokohama meeting, and to past president Gerhard Kümmel who has kindly agreed to continue to maintain the RC01 web site. And, of course, I would be remiss not mention Uros Svete, who agreed to stay on as executive secretary and maintains the membership list, looks after the committee's finances, and coordinates these with ISA.

I would also like to remind the membership about the five panels RC01 will be

hosting at the upcoming ISA Forum in Vienna in July 2016. All five panels still have room for papers; submission must be uploaded before 30 September. Thank you to long-time committee member Hermann Jung for shepherding initial coordination of our panels for the Forum with ISA HQ.

As you will see in the newsletter, there is also some sad news to report as two long-time members of the committee recently passed away. This is partially what motivated me to do a better job at maintaining a systematic record of the membership's publications, and to make these available on-line: Sabine and Giuseppe produced unique and very valuable research that I want to ensure is preserved for posterity.

You can see that this committee thrives because the membership has a track record of taking ownership. Please, do not wait for someone to approach you. Rather, take the initiative and email one of our colleagues above to lend support and get involved so we can flourish as the only genuinely global research community on matters of armed forces and conflict resolution. My goal over the remainder of my term as president is simple: leave the committee in even better shape than I found it. That requires all members to pitch. Thanks for doing your part.

Christian Leuprecht

INTERIM CONFERENCE IN RIO 2016

Dear RC01 members and friends,

The Board of the Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution (RC01, <http://www.isa-rc01.net/>) of the International Sociological Association has accepted Dr. Celso Castro proposal to organize **RC 01's Interim Conference in Rio de Janeiro/Brazil, from September 25 to 28, 2016**, with support from the Getulio Vargas Foundation, one of the most important think tanks of South America.

The overarching theme of the conference makes provision for a wide range of research interests: **Transformations of the Military Profession**.

Due to the financial support of FGV, there will be no registration fee for this conference. However, all accepted participants must be members in good standing of ISA/RC01 (and, if they are not already a member, must join through ISA).

Failure to demonstrate this status will result in exclusion from the program. Please contact Uros Svete (uros.svete@fdv.uni-lj.si) to check your ISA/RC01 status or the ISA General Secretariat (http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm).

See the schedule below for timelines to submit session and paper proposals for the Interim Conference.

Session proposals

Sessions may consist of complete proposals (including a maximum of 4 papers, preferably composed of participants from different institutions) or be part of the call for papers that will take place immediately after sessions have been approved.

Session proposals shall contain the following information:

1. Title
2. Short description of the session's aims and focus (max 250 words)
3. Organizer(s) of the session and institutional affiliation
4. Name and affiliation of Chair
5. Name and affiliation of Discussant (optional)
6. Participants in the session (if any are already designated)

More information about the conference is available at <http://cpdoc.fgv.br/RC01>.

Please send your session proposals to lem@fgv.br.

Deadline to submit session proposals: 30 September 2015.

Paper proposals

Once the list of accepted sessions is published by 15 October 2015, individual presenters will be able either to propose a paper for inclusion in a session from the list or send a paper proposal not directed to any specific session.

All individual paper proposals will have to be submitted online through a web page to be announced soon.

Deadlines

30 September 2015 – Deadline for session proposals;

15 October 2015 - Board and LOC decision on accepted sessions;

16 October – Call for papers opens;

30 November 2015 – Call for papers closes;

31 December 2015 – Confirmation of accepted papers;

31 January 2016 – Last day to register for/renew RC01 membership through ISA;

29 February 2016 – Final conference program published.

At the end I would kindly ask you to disseminate the call further through your local/national sociological, poli sci, or other associations to which you may belong.

IN MEMORIAM

**In memory of Giuseppe Caforio (June 21st 1935 – August 2nd 2015)**

It has been a sad summer indeed, this 2015 summer, when in the first week of August the unbelievable news arrived that our friend and colleague Giuseppe Caforio passed away so suddenly on the 2nd of August!

I was engaged in finishing a paper for one of the many editorial projects that Giuseppe was leading, and I knew he was waiting for it in a few days; so we were in touch by mail and by phone but communications in Sardinia were not so fine and there were difficulties even though our vacation places were very near. He was healthy and active, as always, full of projects and a little bit anxious about our deadlines, as always! But also joyful because of the vacation time in the place he loved so much, waiting for the usual dinner with his beloved ones and friends on the coming Mid-August feast!

Now we all, the nearest and the dearest together with so many Colleagues in the global scientific community practicing social sciences applied to the military, we all are here remembering him, each one of us trying to elaborate one's own personal memory.

Thus it is an uneasy task to write these lines caring the distinction between personal memory and something apt to remember Giuseppe's public and professional life and works, since his vitality gave him a multifaceted life, and different people can remember many and diverse traits about their relations with him!

Giuseppe Caforio, born on June 1935, retired in 1992 as Brigadier General, having served as Officer of the Italian Army since his entry in the Italian Army Academy in 1954; in his long military career he had appreciated and deep commanding experiences in Sardinia, which not by chance has remained as one of his "heart homelands", and in Tuscany where he chose his permanent living place in Pisa, keeping for about ten years the Province Command in Lucca. His military career didn't prevent him to gain three degrees, in Law (1966), in Political Sciences (1984) and in Strategic Studies (2002) in three different Universities, and these titles are also signs of his never-ending curiosity and willingness to acquire better and deeper knowledge...for what? I could say, knowledge to understand social phenomena and processes and change them if

and when necessary. Being he a free person, a free spirit, he had a critical mind and he tried since the beginning of his military career to understand military realities by means of a discipline which was not so grateful in those years, the Seventies and the Eighties, to Italian Military hierarchy eyes: sociology. Let me indulge to a personal memory: I met Giuseppe the first time in Madrid in 1983, where Rafael Banon Martinez had invited various social scientists dealing with armed forces from many European countries to a Mediterranean Studies Conference on Armed Forces and Society, and when speaking about the difficulties in proposing sociological research on Italian Armed Forces he told me about his difficulties to be promoted in the rank of Colonel also because of his repeated requests of social research within the military at an academic level.

From then on, Giuseppe began to participate in as many meetings and conferences as he could, as Deputy President of the Italian Centro Interuniversitario di Studi Storico-Militari since 1984, as founding member of ERGOMAS since 1986 and then ERGOMAS Board member and Coordinator of the Working Group on the Military Profession. And as all those reading this NewsLetter know, he became member in 1988 of the IUS and of the RC01 of the ISA. His scientific presence increased after his retirement in 1992: he was elected and remained President of the ISA RC01 in 1998 since 2010, when he entered in the RC01 Board since his death. These words his successor, Gerhard Kuemmel, wrote in his first NewsLetter presenting his presidential programme: *"In doing so, it is best to follow the footsteps of our previous President, Giuseppe Caforio, who really did a marvellous job in managing this RC for years and years and years. His devotion to our cause serves as a shining example to me and I am glad that we still have him on our Board and that he is willing to continue to give a helping hand"*.

In these more than thirty years of active life in the field of military sociology at an international level Giuseppe spent a true second career, maybe for him the most important in his life, organizing more than ten international conferences and participating with papers in more than one hundred seminars, congresses and conferences. And having an impressive scientific production of more than 160 scientific publications (volumes, journal articles and essays, contributions in volumes and edited books), many of them translated into nine different languages, as he proudly wrote in his constantly updated curriculum vitae. Many of us had a part in one or more of the many research projects promoted and coordinated by Giuseppe, and have published something somewhere in volumes under his editorship and thanks to his incredible ability in organizing, following, supporting, I would say *caring* the publication and the dissemination of research findings across and even beyond the scientific international community.

Giuseppe Caforio acted within the scientific community as a free practitioner, participating to it as a professional scientist defining himself as a freelance. And this has been his strength, leaving him somewhat free from academic constraints and disciplinary borders. He was also a sort of talent scout for young promising social researchers, always encouraging and supporting "new entries" in the field of military sociology, until his last public participation to the XIII Ergomas Conference in Tel Aviv last June, for most of us the last dear memory of his

endless curiosity and willingness to go on with ongoing and brand new projects. But Giuseppe was not only a scholar devoted to military sociology, not only a research leader and a wise work organizer. He was a fine intellectual, enjoying good literature, art and good music, he was a true cultured person, curious and open to past culture and to innovation as well. Visiting a new place, a new city, a museum with him was always a nice discovery, an experience of knowledge. He was a true gentleman and a dear and loyal friend. And he was a superb travel mate! He liked to travel the world in a way that led him once to say, speaking of himself and Donatella, "we are not tourists, we are travellers". It was true, he travelled his life like a continuous trip bound to some new and unknown land, anxious to grasp new spirits, always curious of new inspirations, never tired, never afraid.

It is grievous to me now, yet somewhat sweet, to think of him swimming in his sea, softly reaching the other shore, and I like to close with an image chosen by his wife Donatella, and to greet him in the name of all his friends and colleagues with a white rose dancing in the sea.



Bye bye, Giuseppe!

Marina Nuciari



In Memoriam of our Dear Friend and Colleague Sabine Collmer

Sabine Collmer passed away in October 2014 at the age of 52.

We grieve the loss of a dear colleague who has been very active and present in various fields of military sociology and security studies. She studied Sociology, Psychology and Anthropology in Munich and wrote her PhD on gender perspectives in techno-sociology. Sabine subsequently had a career in military sociology with appointments at the former SOWI, the Bundeswehr University in Munich and the George C. Marshall Center in Garmisch. Her fields of interests were soldiers' identities, female soldiers, civil-military relations, and War and Conflict Studies. In the context of her last position, the professorship at the Marshall Center, she developed a regional expertise for the Balkans and the Caucasian region.

Sabine was omnipresent in our professional associations. For more than a decade she was vice-president of the German *Arbeitskreis für Militär und Sozialwissenschaften*. Furthermore, she was active in ERGOMAS, and a regular contributor to the IUS conferences in Chicago and to other RC01 activities. She published numerous articles and influential books. Topics included, the unification of the two German armies in 1990, new missions in the 1990s, professional issues, and state fragility. Sabine was a committed scholar held in high regard by the many colleagues who had the chance and privilege to work with her. Her genuine ambition in the field of interest made her a colleague in high demand with whom everybody enjoyed to cooperate. With her open, warm and pleasant nature she had an amiable personality. We will miss Sabine dearly.

Heiko Biehl

Potsdam July 17th, 2015

ISA SUMMARY – RC01 AT YOKOHAMA 2015

Members of RC01 enjoyed the Yokohama 2014 International Sociological Association World Congress as a productive and inspiring forum. Key items on the agenda for the business meeting included the membership of the research committee. While the group's finances are in good order, members are asked to update their membership through the ISA web site to ensure that we maintain accurate numbers and properly deliver communiqués. Likewise, be sure to let your graduate students know about RC01 to ensure that a new generation of members gets to participate: we are working on a mentoring initiative about which you should hear more soon. We are also interested in spreading the group's work on social media. Please contact the Executive President, Uros Svete.

RC01's presence at ISA's Yokohama World Congress included over 75 papers on 18 different panels during the weeklong meeting. Topics included military sociology, organizational behaviour, recruitment and retention, and best practices for studying armed forces. Papers offered new ways of looking at subjects pertaining to armed forces and conflict resolution in sociology, political science, international relations and philosophy, and posited multi-disciplinary approaches to difficult security issues such as death in the military, gendered and racialized harassment in the armed forces, and the integration of civilian and military personnel. Panels also focused on regional challenges within the Pacific, and problems that afflict Europe and Africa. Alongside regional examinations, RC01 members presented papers that probed the consequences of translucent borders. The program is available online, pp. 89-93 at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/isa-wcs2014-program-book.pdf>.

Members of RC01 also benefitted from a fascinating field trip to Yokosuka organized by our colleague Professor Hitoshi Kawano, Dean of the Graduate School of Security Studies at the Japanese Defence Academy. Participants visited the Mikasa -- a decommissioned Japanese battleship -- and Japan's National Defence Academy. During the tour RC01 members interacted with Japanese military personnel, enjoyed presentations from Sino-Japanese security experts Gen Noboru Yamaguchi and Dr. Robert Eldridge and experienced an insider's view of Japanese military history. Our generous hosts also provided us with a delicious array of Japanese cuisine and beverages. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and trust that the experience will foster future collaboration between RC01 and our Japanese colleagues.



Members of RC01 at the Japanese Defence Academy July 2015

ISA WEBFORUM

The WebForum: Prior to the Forum in Vienna, there will be a Web Forum in cyberspace. This virtual online space is a key component of the broader effort to foster exchange and collaboration across RCs, WGs, and TGs. The Web Forum serves not only as a stepping stone on the road to the physical meeting later in 2016, but it is also meant as a dynamic space to experiment with virtual infrastructures for scholarly networking and broader public outreach. As a start, each RC/WG/TG's President, or other delegate whom the President wishes to nominate in consultation with the Board, is invited to contribute to the intellectual debate by submitting a thought-piece (research report or op-ed style essay), ideally with some relation to the broad, forward-oriented theme of the

Forum. This thought-piece can be anywhere from 300 to 1500+ words (plus optional illustration(s), 10-120 words bio, portrait picture, and weblink). An accessible writing style is encouraged because the audience are fellow sociologists from across the different subfields as well as a general, educated global public that we want to convince of sociology's relevance. You may submit your contribution at any time but for planning purposes it is appreciated if you can send the intended date of submission along with a proposal for further contributions from members of your unit to isaWebForum@yahoo.com, with the name of your RC/WG/TG in the subject line. – Many thanks & cheers to all those who did already.

ISA WORLD CONGRESS IN TORONTO, CANADA, 2018

The 2018 ISA meeting in Toronto, Canada, July 15-21 2018 might seem like an event in the distant future, but we should nonetheless start thinking strategically about the number of sessions and themes for this conference given that the theme is 'Power, Violence and Justice'. This overlaps with many key areas of interest and research of RC01 members. However, generally the number of slots are limited and depends on our membership. Therefore it is imperative that you are all in good standing and motivate other scholars to join our organisation. I would welcome any suggestions in terms of themes and how best to coordinate the sessions and papers for this event. Ultimately our aim is to have good quality papers, on relevant themes that may ultimately lead to publications as a journal edition or book publication – but this needs planning for it to come to fruition.

NEWS FROM ERGOMAS

Update on the European Research Group on Military and Society (ERGOMAS)

The 13th Biennial Conference of ERGOMAS was held in Ra'anana Israel 8-13 June. The conference included an ambitious and exciting agenda and provided a great opportunity to learn about new and developing areas of research in defence and security and to develop collaborative networks.

The business meeting for all members was held on 10 June 2015. This included the awards ceremony, report from the executive committee, discussion and modification of by-laws, and elections. Members reflected on the accomplishments over the previous term, including, but not limited to, building a new website and launching Facebook and Twitter social media; launching an on-

line payment system; creation of partnership with *Res Militaris: European Journal of Military Studies* and progress on four ERGOMAS special volumes as well as 6 ERGOMAS board member positions on the *Res Militaris* editorial board; progress on the Defence Series with Springer Publishing in partnership with ISA RC01; the funding of the workshop of The Military Profession WG hosted by Giuseppe Caforio in Torino; and the standing up of best book and best paper awards. Opportunity was taken to congratulate Lana Obradovic for the best book award for her book entitled *Gender Integration in NATO Military Forces* and Mika Penttinen for best graduate paper award for his paper entitled *The Success of Tomorrow is Based on Actions of Today*.

Yagil Levy, President of ERGOMAS from 2013-2015 is thanked for his dedication and strong leadership and the many initiatives that were stood up during his tenure and under his direction. The new ERGOMAS President, George Kaffes of the Hellenic Army Academy, was elected and we very much look forward to George's leadership over the coming term, culminating in the 14th biennial conference in Athens in June 2017!

Update on Publications with Springer

As originally proposed by the Member Support and Publication Committee in 2013, we continue to work on the pursue the standing up of a Defence Series through Springer Publishers, in collaboration with our partner organization the International Sociological Associations Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution (RC01). The latest progress on this comes from a teleconference held with Dr. Liesbeth Mol, Editorial Director, on 3 June.

It was confirmed that the requirement to produce approximately 4 books per year in order to create a visible stand-alone series. In the interim, ERGOMAS and RC01 titles may be published under an existing series entitled *Advanced Sciences and Technologies for Security Applications*. For information on this series we may visit www.springer.com/series/5540 or consult with the series editor Tony Masys <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/lifelong-learning/cssu/people/dr.-tony-masys>. Of note, under this current arrangement, we may **include logos** of either or both ERGOMAS or RC01 organizations on the cover if desired, which is a great communication and marketing opportunity!

As always, over and above these efforts on behalf of the executive committees, it is up to us, the ERGOMAS & RC01 members, to make this initiative a success. We encourage you to actively pursue collaborative initiatives and to choose Springer Publishers so as to create the critical mass required to stand up our own series

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL ISSUES**1. General**

Has your institutional affiliation, your address, your phone or fax number, or your email address changed in the recent past? If so, please send this information to the Executive Secretary in order to update the list of RC 01 members. Or send Uros an email (uros.svete@fdv.uni-lj.si).

Please check whether your RC 01 membership will be running out soon and renew your membership in time. In case you are not sure about your membership status, please contact the Executive Secretary.

2. How to Become a Member

If you want to become a member of both RC 01 and its mother organization, the International Sociological Association (ISA), please contact the ISA (online at: http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm; or by email: isa@isa-sociology.org; or by fax: +34-91352-4945) or our Executive Secretary (uros.svete@fdv.uni-lj.si).

3. Methods of Payment

(A) Pay RC 01 dues to ISA Secretariat in Madrid when ISA dues are paid.

4. ISA Membership

ISA membership fees cover a four-year period and include a subscription to either *International Sociology* or *Current Sociology*. Membership fees are divided into three categories, A, B and C, according to the GNP of countries.

Category A:

Regular membership: 255,- US \$

Student rate: 120,- US \$

Category B:

Regular membership: 105,- US \$
Student rate: 50,- US \$

Category C:

Regular membership: 35,- US \$
Student rate: 25,- US \$

You may also become a Supporting Member of the ISA (400,- US \$). In addition, there is the category of a Life Member of the ISA if you are aged 65 plus (300 US \$ Category A, 200\$ Category B and 100\$ Category C). For further information, including a table of countries by categories, see the ISA web page: http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/guidelines.htm and http://www.isa-sociology.org/table_c.htm

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**We hope that you enjoyed reading
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