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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER 1/2016**

Dear colleagues, members, and friends,

I am very excited for this newsletter to be published just prior to the RC01's interim conference in Rio. In this newsletter you will learn more about the conference, and the exceptional RC01 executive members that made it happen: Helena Carreiras from Portugal and Celso Castro who is dean at our host institution in Brazil, the Getulio Vargas Foundation. For some of you this will be your first newsletter; if you're a new member, I am delighted to welcome you and look forward to meeting you in person in Rio.

In this newsletter, you will also find a summary of RC01's presence at ISA's Vienna Forum in July, an update on our membership, and details about the RC01 interim conference.

If you are a new member and will be joining us in Rio, I strongly encourage you to introduce yourself to the members of the RC01 executive – who I will be pointing out during the opening session – and to benefit from the conference not only by attending as many sessions as possible, but also by networking actively. RC01's membership is exceptionally unique; no other association in the world brings together this many people from across the globe, many of whom have direct links to defence organizations, or organizations involved in conflict resolution. You will see that the greatest assets about RC01 are its members, many of whom have exceptionally unique knowledge that is very hard to impossible to find elsewhere. I strongly encourage you to meet as many new people as possible by fostering lots of PIE: Pursue, Include, Engage.

I also strongly encourage all members to join us for the business meeting on Monday at 6:30 PM, at CPDOC (12th floor). There are several developments that will be of interest to you.

- Executive member Irina Goldenberg from Canada will update us on our collaboration with the European Research Group on Military and Society (ERGOMAS) to develop a book series with Springer and the opportunity to propose and publish special issues of Res Militaris. Irina will also update us on the upcoming ERGOMAS conference in Greece next June.
- Executive member Tibor Tresch from Switzerland will update us on our strategy to ensure we connect more strategically and effectively with regions, countries, and national associations across the world to increase awareness of RC01 and its work and ensure RC01 is represented at the meeting of national associations through its membership. This effort will require regional and national leadership from members of the committee, and so we will be looking to discuss both, strategy and who may be willing to assist.
- Secretary and Treasurer Uros Svete from Slovenia will update us on membership and finances.
- You will have an opportunity to meet executive member Lindy Heinecken from South Africa who will be RC01's lead person on liaising with the International Sociological Association on the July 2018 annual general meeting to be held in Toronto where RC01 will have the opportunity to organize upwards of 18 panels. The process is lengthy and will start shortly by asking the RC01 membership to propose panels. We will explain process and timelines at the business meeting. ISA will also make available some travel grants that are especially targeted towards students and scholars from developing countries; so, if you have not been to Canada and/or an ISA AGM that attracts well over 5,000 scholars from around the world, here's a great opportunity!
- Executive member Joe Soeters from the Netherlands will speak to our efforts to develop mentorships between student members and regular members. Students will have an opportunity to be mentored by one or more regular members who work in a relevant field. However, we still need to work out how exactly to operationalize this, and so we stand to benefit from input from the membership.
- I will be raising two additional efforts: an online index and catalogue of publications by members, insofar as possible with links to the actual publications, and an index of relevant course syllabi taught by members. These efforts are meant to make us more effective scholars and teachers by providing ready access to material being published and read elsewhere. I am looking for members who are willing to take the lead in coordinating these efforts to ensure they come to fruition.

- There has also been discussion about updating our web site, starting a twitter feed about new publications, research opportunities, and the like. Again, I would like to discuss what that might look like and what sort of support there is from the membership to step up and assist.
- I would like to discuss the possibility of amending RC01's by-laws so we have not just an executive committee, by a president-elect and a past-president. Since succession planning has not necessarily been one of RC01's strong suits, the idea here is to ensure better continuity, with the election of a president-elect who would serve for four years, and would then become president for four years.
- Finally, I would like to discuss how we might be able to strength cross-national research and collaboration.
- There will also be opportunity for the membership to raise issues they would like to address.

As you can see, we have a full agenda for the 90 minutes of the business meeting. We shall update the membership in the next newsletter on discussion of topics taken up at the business meeting.

In closing, I would like to draw your attention to two upcoming relevant conferences:

The Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS) will be holding its biennial meeting 21-23 October 2016 in Ottawa. Details at <http://www.iusafs.org/partners/IUSCanada2016.asp>

ERGOMAS has an open Call for Papers for its biennial conference to be held in Athens, Greece, 26-30 June 2017:  
[http://ergomas.ch/files/conference/ERGOMAS\\_Conference\\_2017\\_-\\_Call\\_for\\_Papers\\_-\\_20\\_Sept\\_2016.pdf](http://ergomas.ch/files/conference/ERGOMAS_Conference_2017_-_Call_for_Papers_-_20_Sept_2016.pdf)

And you will be able to familiarize yourself with the ISA Congress in Toronto in 2018 at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2018/>

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Christian Leuprecht

**RC01 AT THE 3RD ISA FORUM, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 10-14 JULY 2016**

The third ISA Forum took place in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016, under the general title: "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World". It gathered 4231 participants from 100 countries (56% of which female).

RC01 held four regular sessions on the following topics: Irregular Wars-Conflict Studies (I and II), (chaired by Temitope Oriola, Department of Sociology, University of Alberta, Canada, and Helena Carreiras, ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon), The Future and Challenges of Professional Military Education, chaired by Mihail Anton, National Defence University "Carol I", Romania, and Tourism and Conflict Resolution, chaired by Pirzada Amin, Kashmir University, India.

These sessions included 17 paper presentations and brought together over 20 presenters and other participants from all over the world.



The Committee was also represented in a Common Session, by Helena Carreiras with a paper on "Reflexivity and the Sociological Study of the Military". Common sessions at the Forum aimed at fostering dialogue among the different RCs, WGs, and TGs by jointly focusing on the (very broadly conceived) common theme of the Forum, and allowing these different groups to make work done within its field better known to a larger audience.

During the Forum, two ISA business meetings also took place, where organizational issues were discussed pertaining to the Forum itself but also to the forthcoming ISA World Congress in Toronto Canada, July 15-21, 2018, under the general theme "Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities". A provisional schedule for the program development was distributed that includes the following deadlines (we will remind you again in due time):

January, 15th 2017 – Proposal submissions to Ad Hoc, integrative and Author Meets Critics sessions; announcing program coordinators for RC/WG/TG;  
February 2 - 15 March 2017 – RC/WG/TG Call for sessions (through the online platform);  
March 16 – 7 April 2015 – Final list of sessions submitted by program coordinators;  
April 25 – 30 September 2017 – Abstract submission;  
October 5 – 24 November 2017 – Abstract selection;  
November 30, 2017 – Notification letters sent to all authors;  
March 20, 2018 – Registration deadline for presenters.

We would like to invite RC01 members to already start thinking about possible session and paper presentations at the Congress, where RC01 is expected to have a large number of allocated sessions.

But Vienna was not only made of formal occasions. With the kind support of a colleague based in the city, Arnold Kammel, director of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, a dinner was also organized at a local Viennese restaurant, which provided participants with the opportunity to discuss and share their experiences in a more informal atmosphere.



We hope that a similar mix of high quality academic sessions, lively debates and informal events will be possible during the forthcoming interim conference in Rio de Janeiro, where we expect to meet many of you in a most envisaged return of RC01 meetings to South America.

Helena Carreiras  
RC01 Vice-president

## **MEMBERSHIP**

RC01 now has 152 members, 97 of whom joined or renewed their membership status since September 2015. Over the same period, only 7 members opted not to renew their status (in part due to the passing of some long-time members). At present, 27 members have student status, 3 are lifetime members, and 121 regular members; 97 members come from A countries, 41 from B and 13 from C countries. As a direct consequence of Rio interim conference there are now 38 members from Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Mexico.

Uros Svete  
RC01 Secretary

**RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, RC01 INTERIM CONFERENCE, 25-28 SEP**

Thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Helena Carreiras and Celso Castro and the generosity of our host, the Getulio Vargas Foundation, the Rio conference is looking great, with two full days of parallel panels as well as a third day of excursions. Details at <http://cpdoc.fgv.br/RC01/schedule>.

**MEMBERSHIP PARTICULARS****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](mailto: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.

At the moment 152 members have valid membership status with paid fee.

**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](http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm); or by email: [isa@isa-sociology.org](mailto:isa@isa-sociology.org); or by fax: +34-91352-4945) or our Executive Secretary ([uros.svete@fdv.uni-lj.si](mailto:uros.svete@fdv.uni-lj.si)).

Firstly you have to open [http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb\\_i/index.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/index.htm) webpage. If you already were an ISA/RC01 member and used username and password, you should choose Membership renewal (<https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In>). Otherwise choose new members (<https://isa.enoah.com/Registration>).

Creating and signing into your personal user account you will be able to pay a fee and/or prolong your membership.

### 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](http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/guidelines.htm) and [http://www.isa-sociology.org/table\\_c.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/table_c.htm)



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**We hope that you enjoyed reading  
this issue of RC 01's newsletter.**

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