

### President's introduction

by Heidi Gottfried

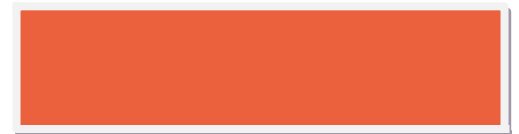
RC02 has organized an exciting program for the Third ISA Forum, "The Futures We Want," in Vienna. The program begins with an Author Meets Critic Session on *Capitalism's Crisis in South Africa and the World*, edited by Vishwas Satgar. On Monday we host another Author Meets Critic session on the timely topic of *Crisis*, by Sylvia Walby.

Throughout the week, several mini-streams cover topics ranging from changes in the global class structure, reconsidering debt, care workers' organizing, and global labor markets. These sessions are scheduled back-to-back for sustained discussion and dialogue. Our diverse offerings also include panels on gender regimes, neo-liberalization, the future of feminisms, and cross-border labor markets. Monday morning is our business meeting to decide on themes for the World Congress in Toronto.

Reserve the evening on Monday to attend our pastry reception. In this issue of the newsletter you will find directions to the reception at Café Central, a 10 minute walk from the University of Vienna.

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### Fall newsletter

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## Third ISA Forum of Sociology

**Sunday, 10 July 2016**

(titles link to session descriptions - click or ctrl-click to follow links)

09:00-10:30

[Author Meets Critics: Capitalism's Crises in South Africa and the World: Class Struggle and Left Responses by V. Satgar, A. Bieler, H. Wainwright](#)

Session Organizer: Vishwas SATGAR

Chair: Heidi GOTTFRIED

10:45-12:15

[Sociology of Innovation: The Social and Cultural Structure of Innovative Societies](#)

Session Organizers: Manuel FERNANDEZ ESQUINAS and Madelon VAN OOSTROM

12:30-14:00

[Corporate Power and Carboniferous Capitalism](#)

Session Organizer: William CARROLL

Chair: J. P. SAPINSKI

14:15-15:45

[Climate Change, Capitalism, Geoengineering](#)

Session Organizer: J. P. SAPINSKI

Chair: William CARROLL

**Monday, 11 July 2016**

09:00-10:30

[RC02 Business Meeting](#)

10:45-12:15

[Author Meets Critics: Crisis by Sylvia Walby](#)

Session Organizer: Heidi GOTTFRIED

Chair: Heidi GOTTFRIED

14:15-15:45

[Reconsidering debt, assets, money, and other relationships: Panel II](#)

Session Organizer: Aaron PITLUCK

16:00-17:30

[Reconsidering debt, assets, money, and other relationships: Panel I](#)

Session Organizer: Aaron PITLUCK

## Tuesday, 12 July 2016

09:00-10:30

[Global Think Tanks](#)

Session Organizers: Georgina MURRAY and Alejandra SALAS-PORRAS

Chair: David FASENFEST

10:45-12:15

[Changes in the Global Class Structure. The Precariat in the North and South. Part II](#)

Session Organizers: Hiroko INOUE and Yoshimichi SATO

Chair: Christopher CHASE-DUNN

14:15-15:45

[Changes in the Global Class Structure: The Precariat in the North and South. Part I](#)

Session Organizers: Christopher CHASE-DUNN and Yoshimichi SATO

Chair: Hiroko INOUE

16:00-17:30

[Careworkers Organizing Challenges, Strategies and Successes. Part I](#)

Session Organizers: Mary ROMERO, Heidi GOTTFRIED and Kim VOSS

Chair: Franca VAN HOOREN

## Wednesday, 13 July 2016

09:00-10:30

[Careworkers Organizing Challenges, Strategies and Successes. Part II](#)

Session Organizers: Mary ROMERO and Heidi GOTTFRIED

Chair: David FASENFEST

10:45-12:15

[Migrant Labor and Development in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from the Chinese Case](#)

Session Organizers: Lu ZHANG, Sarah SWIDER and Elena SHIH

Chair: Lu ZHANG

14:15-15:45

[Gender Regimes or Gendered Institutions?](#)

Session Organizer: Sylvia WALBY

16:00-17:30

[Endangered Democracies and the Fate of Feminisms](#)

Session Organizer: Mieke VERLOO

## Thursday, 14 July 2016

09:00-10:30

[Comparative Political Responses to Neoliberalization and Austerity](#)

Session Organizers: Cory BLAD and Ricardo DELLO BUONO

Chair: Alfonso LATONI

10:45-12:15

[The Regulation of Cross-Border Labor Mobility](#)

Session Organizer: Karen SHIRE

14:15-15:45

[In Search of the Global Labour Market - Actors, Institutions, and Policies](#)

Session Organizer: Ursula MENSE-PETERMANN

Chair: Ursula MENSE-PETERMANN

16:00-17:30

[In Search of the Global Labor Market - Actors, Strategies and Successes: Panel II](#)

Session Organizer: Ursula MENSE-PETERMANN

Chair: Ursula MENSE-PETERMANN

## Conference announcement

### **International Conference on Well-Being: National Accounts of Happiness and Social Development**

October 31 to November 01, 2016

SIM University, Singapore

Abstract submission deadline: May 31, 2016

<http://www.unisim.edu.sg/microsites/SASS/WB2016/home.html>

**W**ell-being is tied to many pertinent societal outcomes, such as family relationships, health, work, wealth and quality of life. Given its importance, the broad concept of well-being has attracted much interest not only from individuals but also from governments. Increasingly, policymakers across the globe are recognising that growth should not be measured exclusively by economic performance but must also comprise other dimensions that reflect quality of life and well-being.

An increasing number of national governments are using research findings on well-being as a guide for public policy, and adopting well-being indicators as measures of social progress and sustainable development. Governments in nations such as the United Kingdom, Germany and Bhutan not only have national measures of well-being to collect data on happiness, but are focusing on using the happiness data to improve the quality of life of their citizens. The latest World Happiness Report 2015 further highlights the importance for all societies to balance the pursuit of economic goals with social and environmental objectives to achieve sustainable development and attain higher levels of well-being for present and future generations.

In view of the growing public and policy interest in national measures of well-being, the School of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS), SIM University organised an inaugural symposium in 2014 that focused on research in the area of well-being, particularly with reference to Singapore. The one-day symposium brought together experts from academia, industry, and the healthcare and government sectors, who addressed questions on what well-being is, and why it matters to Singapore.

Following up on that, the 2016 international conference on well-being will focus on the theme of national accounts of happiness and social development. This conference ties in closely with SASS's flagship research, which focuses on well-being in Singapore. SASS's flagship research projects aim to assess Singapore residents on the different dimensions of well-being, and to construct a well-being index for Singapore that will be comparable to major international indices on well-being. This international conference features keynote addresses by world-renowned, leading scholars in the field of well-being, and offers multiple sessions presenting research findings and reflections from the disciplines of psychology, sociology, economics, and related social sciences. The bigger aim of this conference is to translate the latest findings from across the world into practices and policies that help to improve the well-being of people in Singapore and around the world.

## Call for papers

### Book project:

### **Social Welfare Responses in a Neoliberal Era: Policies, Practices and Social Problems**

Editors: Mia Arp Fallov, Aalborg University and Cory Blad, Manhattan College

Brill Publishers, Leiden: The Netherlands, 2017

The aim of this book project is to critically explore *Social Welfare Responses in a Neoliberal Era* across what is typically perceived as diametrically opposed forms of welfare state regimes: the 'Liberal' and 'Social democratic welfare state welfare regimes - often exemplified by USA and the Nordic welfare states respectively.

This book seeks to explore welfare responses by questioning and \*going beyond\* the assumptions found in Esping-Andersen's (1990) broad typologies of welfare capitalism. Specifically, the project seeks to reflect how the state engages, and creates general institutionalized responses to, market mechanisms and how such responses have created path dependencies in how states approach problems of inequality. Moreover, if the neoliberal era is defined as the dissemination and extension of market values to all forms of state institutions and social action (Brown 2009), the need arises to critically investigate the embeddedness of such values and modes of thought (Dean 2014) in different institutional forms, their effects and the socio-political responses within and across national contexts.

With this we invite contributors addressing the following themes across a wide range of social problems, welfare services and community action arenas:

- Marketization, business models and modes of thinking
- Forms of Collectivization, individualization and dilemmas facing welfare consumers and service users
- Public-private partnerships and forms of Entrepreneurialism
- Advocacy, non-profit responses and their dilemmas
- Professional resistance and responses to economic pressures
- Welfare technologies, transnational trends and local forms of implementation and development
- Knowledge development - evidence, documentation

### Preliminary time frame:

- Interested contributors should send abstracts of no more than 300 words by June 1st 2016 to Mia Arp Fallov at [fallov \[at\] socsci.aau.dk](mailto:fallov[at]socsci.aau.dk).
- First chapter drafts expected by December 15th 2016

## Featured member publication

**Giorgino, Vincenzo and Xabier Renteria-Uriarte.** 2016. "Towards an ontological underpinning of practical wisdom's business suitability: ancient philosophies and modern contemplative social sciences." In *Wisdom Learning Perspectives on 'Wising-up' Management Education*, W. Küpers and O. Gunnlaugson, eds, Farnham: Gower Publishing.

**P**ractical Wisdom and Learning in leadership and business practices has been highlighted in recent years, and it has been proven successful at the empirical level. However, less attention has been devoted to an important explanatory issue: why this suitability? Why is practical wisdom so advisable in response to the increasingly complex and uncertain business environment? To understand the striking synergistic interplay of different business practices and creative ways of thinking that emerge from wisdom and its learning, we should consider some inner dimension of unity and integrity that subsumes these multiple (and only apparently separated) dimensions, and from which this synergistic interaction arises. This issue is traditionally addressed by a specific side of ancient wisdom traditions, some Western scientific currents and, also as instrumental and practical tool, by meditation and contemplative practices. Unfortunately, a strategic review of the literature highlights the limits of a neo-positivistic reductionist view of meditation as applied to business and management. Here we reconsider traditional arguments in the East (Abhidharma, Prajnaparamita, etc.) and in the West (Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Thomas Merton, etc.), and we focus on the exchange between the two cultures in modern forms: the enactive epistemology of Rosch, Thompson, & Varela (1992) as starting point; the dialogic interplay between first-person, second-person and third-person inquiries; and the framework of some alternative methodologies (i.e. phenomenological, chaotic self-organizing, holographical, grounded theory). On this basis of integrative understanding we argue that, among innovative social science perspectives, modern contemplative sciences seem the most suited to inquiry into vitalizing possibilities of learning of wise practices in organizing and leading. Nevertheless, how to implement practical wisdom learning in social sciences and education remains as the fundamental challenge. Therefore, we devote the main attention to what this vision means in terms of practice for academic teaching and training.

## Recent publications

### Books

**Edgell, Stephen, Heidi Gottfried, and Edward Granter. 2016. The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Work and Employment. London: Sage.**

**T**he SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Work and Employment is a landmark collection of original contributions by leading specialists from around the world.

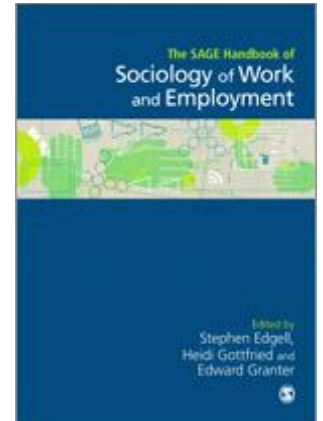
The coverage is both comprehensive and comparative (in terms of time and space) and each 'state of the art' chapter provides a critical review of the literature combined with some thoughts on the direction of research. This authoritative text is structured around six core themes:

- Historical Context and Social Divisions
- The Experience of Work
- The Organization of Work
- Nonstandard Work and Employment
- Work and Life beyond Employment
- Globalization and the Future of Work.

Globally, the contours of work and employment are changing dramatically. This handbook helps academics and practitioners make sense of the impact of these changes on individuals, groups, organizations and societies.

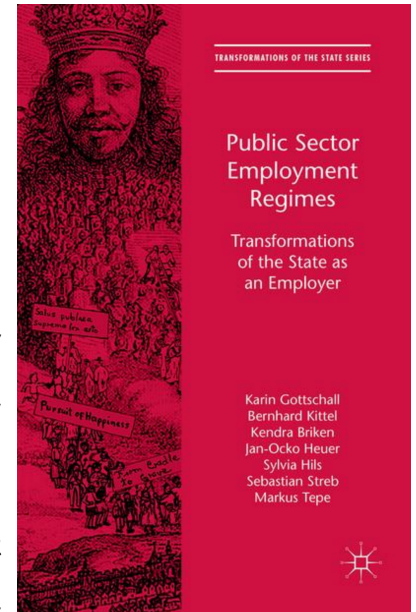
Written in an accessible style with a helpful introduction, the retrospective and prospective nature of this volume will be an essential resource for students, teachers and policy-makers across a range of fields, from business and management, to sociology and organization studies.

<https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/the-sage-handbook-of-the-sociology-of-work-and-employment/book241928>



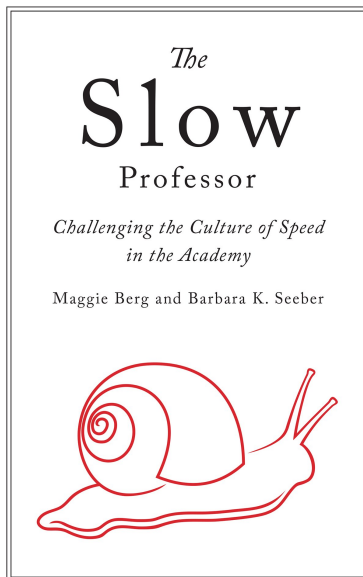


Gottschall, Karin, Bernhard Kittel, Kendra Briken, Jan-Ocko Heuer, Sylvia Hils, Sebastian Streb and Markus Tepe. 2015. *Public Sector Employment Regimes. Transformations of the State as an Employer*. Houndsmill: Palgrave Macmillan.



Public employment regimes are changing. New forms of service provision based on performance assessment have replaced the traditional model of the civil servant who offers obedience and loyalty in exchange for privileged employment conditions. This book explores the extent to which the material and ideological driving forces of change have actually resulted in a transformation of public employment regimes in Western countries. By analyzing reform processes in energy market regulation, waste collection, and the police in Germany, France, and Sweden, and contrasting these against the implementation of New Public Management in the United Kingdom, the authors show how institutional structures, legal traditions, functional requirements of specific public services, and labour market conditions have influenced the pathways of reform. They demonstrate how public employment regimes have unravelled in different domains of public service, contesting the idea that the state remains a 'good' and 'model' employer.

<http://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9780230337152>



Berg, Maggie and Barbara K. Seeber. 2016. *The Slow Professor: Challenging the Culture of Speed in the Academy*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. 128 pages.

If there is one sector of society that should be cultivating deep thought in itself and others, it is academia. Yet the corporatisation of the contemporary university has sped up the clock, demanding increased speed and efficiency from faculty regardless of the consequences for education and scholarship.

In *The Slow Professor*, Maggie Berg and Barbara K. Seeber discuss how adopting the principles of the Slow movement in academic life can counter this erosion of humanistic education. Focusing on the individual faculty member and his or her own professional practice, Berg and Seeber present both an analysis of the culture of speed in the academy and ways of alleviating stress while improving teaching, research, and collegiality. *The Slow Professor* will be a must-read for anyone in academia concerned about the frantic pace of contemporary university life.

<http://www.utppublishing.com/Slow-Professor-Challenging-the-Culture-of-Speed-in-the-Academy.html>

Interview with the authors:

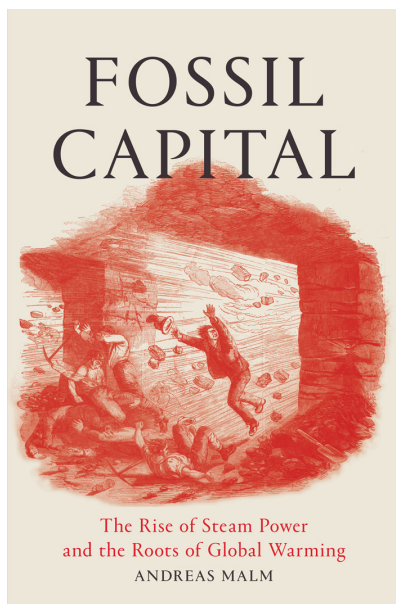
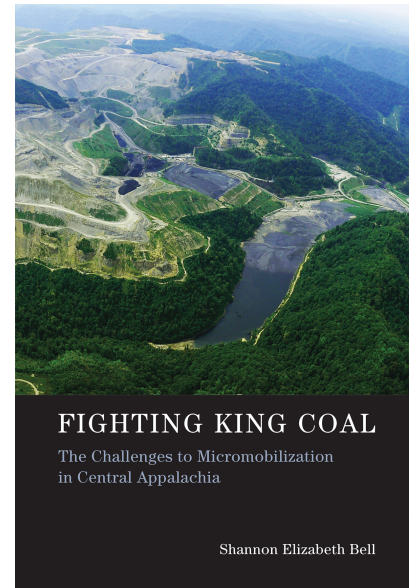
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**Bell, Shannon Elizabeth.** 2016. *Fighting King Coal: The Challenges to Micromobilization in Central Appalachia*. Boston: MIT Press, 344 pages.

In the coal-mining region of Central Appalachia, mountaintop-removal mining and coal-industry-related flooding, water contamination, and illness have led to the emergence of a grassroots, women-driven environmental justice movement. But the number of local activists is small relative to the affected population, and recruiting movement participants from within the region is an ongoing challenge.

In *Fighting King Coal*, Shannon Elizabeth Bell examines an understudied puzzle within social movement theory: why so few of the many people who suffer from industry-produced environmental hazards and pollution rise up to participate in social movements aimed at bringing about social justice and industry accountability. Using the coal-mining region of Central Appalachia as a case study, Bell investigates the challenges of micromobilization through in-depth interviews, participant observation, content analysis, geospatial viewshed analysis, and an eight-month “Photovoice” project—an innovative means of studying, in real time, the social dynamics affecting activist involvement in the region. Although the Photovoice participants took striking photographs and wrote movingly about the environmental destruction caused by coal production, only a few became activists. Bell reveals the importance of local identities to the success or failure of local recruitment efforts in social movement struggles, ultimately arguing that, if the local identities of environmental justice movements are lost, the movements may also lose their power.

<https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/fighting-king-coal>



**Malm, Andreas.** 2016. *Fossil Capital: The Rise of Steam Power and the Roots of Global Warming*. London: Verso.

The more we know about the catastrophic implications of climate change, the more fossil fuels we burn. How did we end up in this mess? In this masterful new history, Andreas Malm claims it all began in Britain with the rise of steam power. But why did manufacturers turn from traditional sources of power, notably water mills, to an engine fired by coal? Contrary to established views, steam offered neither cheaper nor more abundant energy—but rather superior control of subordinate labour. Animated by fossil fuels, capital could concentrate production at the most profitable sites and during the most convenient hours, as it continues to do today. Sweeping from nineteenth-century Manchester to the emissions explosion in China, from the original triumph of coal to the stalled shift to renewables, this study hones in on the burning heart of capital and demonstrates, in unprecedented depth, that turning down the heat will mean a radical overthrow of the current economic order.

<http://www.versobooks.com/books/2002-fossil-capital>

**La machine  
est  
ton seigneur  
et  
ton maître**

*Analyses, enquêtes et témoignages  
sur la vie des ouvriers des usines  
chinoises de Foxconn, qui la perdent  
à fabriquer iPhone, Kindle et autres  
PlayStation pour Amazon, Apple,  
Google, Microsoft, Nokia, Sony, etc.*

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Chan, Jenny, Xu Lizhi, and Yang. 2015. *La machine est ton seigneur et ton maître*. Marseille: Agone. 128 pages.

**F**oxconn est le plus grand fabricant du monde dans le domaine de l'électronique. Ses villes-usines, qui font travailler plus d'un million de Chinois, produisent iPhone, Kindle et autres PlayStation pour Apple, Sony, Google, Microsoft, Amazon, etc. En 2010, elles ont été le théâtre d'une série de suicides d'ouvriers qui ont rendu publiques des conditions d'exploitation fondées sur une organisation militarisée de la production, une taylorisation extrême, l'absence totale de protection sociale et une surveillance despotique jusque dans les dortoirs où vivent les ouvriers.

Ce livre propose quelques éléments d'analyse du système Foxconn à partir du portrait que fait la sociologue Jenny Chan d'une ouvrière qui a survécu à sa tentative de suicide en 2010. Complété par le témoignage de Yang, un étudiant et ouvrier de fabrication à Chongqing, il retrace également le parcours de Xu Lizhi, jeune travailleur migrant chinois à Shenzhen, qui s'est suicidé en 2014 après avoir laissé des poèmes sur le travail à la chaîne, dans « L'atelier, là où ma jeunesse est restée en plan ».

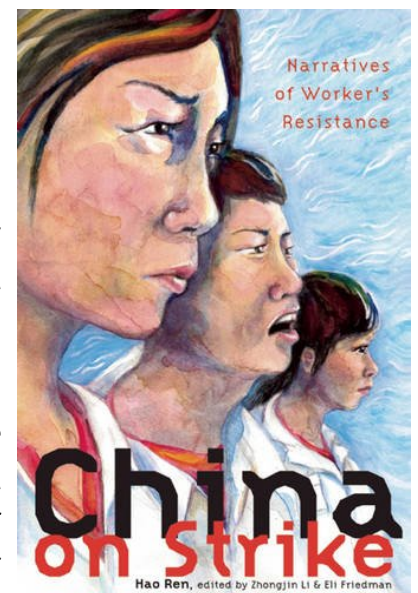
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Ren, Hao, Eli Friedman, and Zhongjin Li, eds. 2016. *China on Strike : Narratives of Workers' Resistance*. Chicago: Haymarket Books.

**C**hina has been the fastest growing major economy in the world for three decades. It is also home to some of the largest, most incendiary, and most underreported labor struggles of our time.

*China on Strike*, the first English-language book of its kind, provides an intimate and revealing window into the lives of workers organizing in some of China's most profitable factories, which supply Apple, Nike, Hewlett Packard, and other multinational companies. Drawing on dozens of interviews with Chinese workers, this book documents the processes of migration, changing employment relations, worker culture, and other issues related to China's explosive growth.

<http://www.haymarketbooks.org/pb/China-on-Strike>



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