

Dear Colleagues:

I'm writing to send you the preliminary program for the ISA Forum in Buenos Aires on the theme "Democratizing Futures: Social Quests for Justice and Participation". We received a new record number of submissions and had to make many tough decisions in the selections. Some of the sessions attracted over up to sixty papers each. We obtained two more session slots in January and have asked for more in order to overcome severe space constraints. We're expecting some re-shuffling after early conference registration closes on April 10. We should also get sometime after that deadline details about rooms and schedules.

GRANTS: The winners of ISA grants were individually notified and their names will be posted over the next few days on the ISA website. Apologies to all of whom we could not assist with an award. We gave priority to junior scholars, and only applicants from B and C countries were eligible for travel grants. The limited amount of funds is a gross mismatch to the intellectual vibrancy in our committee.

BUSINESS MEETING: One of our regular time-slots will be reserved for an RC07 Business Meeting. One thing I'd like to establish is a Prize for the best paper written by a graduate student in order to promote future-relevant work among young scholars and lend them some support and recognition. Please let me know of anything you'd like to add to the agenda.

SOCIAL EVENT: Despite all work, let's also think about a social gathering, perhaps best to be held on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 2. I explored already some nearby restaurants during my visit to Buenos Aires last summer but please do let me know if you have local knowledge or suggestions and if you would like to help coordinating it.

MEMBERSHIP: Please encourage colleagues and students working on future-related issues to join not only ISA but also RC07. Membership figures are being used to determine the budget we get allocated from ISA, the grants we can disburse, and the number of sessions we can convene during the next World Congress. We enjoyed over the last few years a tremendous increase in the number of members, and let's keep growing to promote research that is relevant for our future. RC07 membership starts at a low \$10 for four years.

PUBLICATIONS: If you haven't seen it yet, RC07's monograph on values and culture is now also available online on the website for the ISA journal CURRENT SOCIOLOGY:

<http://csi.sagepub.com/content/59/2.toc>

Another edited volume with papers from Gothenburg is in progress. First steps are also underway in exploring the possibility of a new journal.

NEWSLETTER: Our new editor Scott North is preparing the next Newsletter. Please send him any short essay, thought-piece or other material to be considered for inclusion: isarc07newsletter@gmail.com

I thank all who are contributing paper and especially our session organizers for their hard work and intellectual courage in preparing what promises to be an exciting conference. Many thanks go to Michael Burawoy, Margaret Abraham, and Raquel Sosa, and especially to Alberto Bialakowsky and Alicia Palermo, the co-chairs of the Local Organizing Committee, and to María Ana González, our committee's national liaison in Argentina. They are working with an amazing energy in hammering out countless logistics at the University of Buenos Aires, the host for our Forum.

I'll look forward to seeing most, if not all, of you in Argentina.

Best regards,

Markus S. Schulz, PhD
President, ISA-RC07

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Democratizing Futures

Social Quests for Equality and Participation

How can we create more democratic futures? How do assumptions and aspirations about the future influence daily routines and long-term collective lives? What defines the horizon of social imaginaries? How do we need to rethink democracy in the age of advanced globalization? How can pressing problems such as global climate change, environmental degradation, hunger or violence be tackled in sustainable ways? What is to be done to democratize governance, infrastructure, production, media, and technology? How can the distribution of goods, risks and opportunities be made more equitable? How are different forces positioned to shape futures? What can be learned by comparing social struggles in different countries and settings? How do emancipatory movements and everyday practices at the grassroots resist discipline, exploitation, and misrecognition? What visions for alternative futures are imaginable, desirable, and achievable? What are the roadmaps for social transformation? How can future-oriented social research relate to broader public debates? – These and other questions related to futures research are discussed in a series of sessions welcoming diverse theoretical, empirical, and practical approaches, including interdisciplinary collaboration.

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Preliminary Session Plan

This preliminary program is subject to change, including, but not limited to, changes in the sequence and composition of sessions. Additional space has been requested. Further preliminary schedule details shall become available by mid-June. Please double-check times and locations upon arrival.

Please report any last minute corrections to <isarc07buenosaires@gmail.com> and <sooryamoorthy@ukzn.ac.za> before April 10, 2012.

Please refer to the section on Practical Information at the end for due dates, registration, format, logistics, and how to get to the venues.

O1. Citizenship and experiences of participation / Ciudadanía y experiencias de participación

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Papers:

Democratic utopias: Food and welfare during the argentine transition to democracy, 1983-1990

Jennifer ADAIR, New York University, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Memoria, Verdad y Justicia. Las *Madres de Plaza de Mayo* desde una mirada biográfica

Patricia FUNES, IIGG UBA /CONICET

The institutionalization of civic participation of NGOs in Mexico: The paradoxes of inclusion of new elites in the political system

Federico ANAYA-GALLARDO, Taller Universitario de Derechos Humanos, Mexico

Burocracia, clientelismo y liderazgo: Una inmersión desde abajo en los retos y callejones sin salida de la democracia venezolana del siglo XXI

Mila IVANOVIC, Université Paris 8, France

German parliamentary elections 2009, participation outcomes, and proposals for the future

Andranik TANGIAN, WSI, Hans-Boeckler-Foundation and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany

A private-public stick'em up!: NGOs, neo-liberalism and racial stratification in South Africa
Thokozani XABA, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

02. Social justice, equality and participation

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Papers:

Has the future remained in the past? Experiences of disrespect and the utopia of autonomous life projects

Emil Albert SOBOTTKA, PUC-Porto Alegre, Brazil, **Maria Eduarda OTA**, PUC-Porto Alegre, Brazil, and **Joao Carlos BASSANI**, PUC-Porto Alegre, Brazil

Popular Participation, Public and Political Gestation

Beatriz ALASIA DE HEREDIA, UFRJ, Brazil

Who feels better: Social justice, inequality and transformative change in Russia and China

Elena DANILOVA, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

The perception of social justice and social inequality: Discussing the case of Lithuania in a comparative perspective

Egle BUTKEVICIENE, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania and **Egle VAIDELYTE**, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania

Poverty, Inequality, Social Exclusion, and the Impact of Education in Brazil

Makeliny NOGUEIRA, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil

Winners and losers: From empirical data to model

David KONSTANTINOVSKIY, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

Socioeconomic position and political participation in terms of voting among elderly 77+ in Sweden

Ingemar KAREHOLT, Aging Research Center, Karolinska Institutet and Stockholm University, Sweden

A dialogue between Judith Butler's and Axel Honneth's theory of recognition

Ingrid CYFER, Federal University of Sao Paulo at Guarulhos, Brazil

03. Alternatives to neoliberal globalization: Comparing counter-hegemonic projects - Part I (Joint session of RCO2 Economy and Society and RCO7 Futures Research)

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Papers:

In search of a great transformation: Weaving together a new historical subject
Peter EVANS, University of California at Berkeley, USA

Solidarity economy and counter-hegemony in the world-system: Insights from Brazil and Portugal

Joana S. MARQUES, University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil

Contesting neoliberal hegemony: The case of Bolivia

Mike GEDDES, University of Warwick, UK

The Bolivarian alliance for the Americas as an alternative to neoliberalism: Then and now
Anna Karoline SINDLER, California State University at Fresno, USA

The paradoxes of Venezuela's project of agrarian reform

Laura J. ENRIQUEZ, University of California at Berkeley, USA

Postneoliberalism: An emerging radical consensus in Latin America

Henry VELTMEYER, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada

04. Alternatives to neoliberal globalization: Comparing counter-hegemonic projects - Part II (Joint session of RCO2 Economy and Society and RCO7 Futures Research)

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Papers:

Global society making: Transnational occupation with sociocracy and sociodiplomacy
Jelica STEFANOVIĆ-STAMBUK, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Democracy surveillance through international multilateral structures
Alexander KUTEYNIKOV, St. Petersburg State University, Russia

Spatialization and development: A non-hegemonic view
Rogério GIUGLIANO, Universidade de Brasília, Brazil

The creation and developments of an alternative market: The example of fair trade between Latin America and Europe
Valerio VERREA, University of Leipzig, Germany

Transnational solidarities between democratization and governance's crisis: Which future for European anti-crisis mobilization and Maghreb mobilization?
Gilles VERPRAET, SOPHIAPOL, CNRS, Nanterre, France

The contested terrains of public sociology
Jay ARENA, CIS, USA

05. *Futures, values, and sociological theory - Part I*

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Papers:

On 'habitus', 'forms of sociation' and the future
Natàlia CANTÓ-MILÀ, UOC, Barcelona, Spain

Roadmaps for social transformation: Arab spring
Jacqueline GIBBONS, York University, Toronto, Canada

Is mass society a threat to representative democracy? Revisiting David Riesman's theory of the other-directed character
Pekka SULKUNEN, Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland

Protections as structures of selection in social systems: The role of anticipated futures in the case of a scientific innovation

Robert J. SCHMIDT, Technical University Berlin, Germany

Sociedades de control y subjetividades contemporáneas (distributed paper)

Camilo Enrique RIOS ROZO, Grupo de Investigación 'Gobierno, Subjetividades y Prácticas de Sí', Bogotá, Colombia

Hope, vision and social mobilization (distributed paper)

Natalie HABER, Loyola University of Chicago, USA

Imagining the future of Greenland (distributed paper)

Sanne VAMMEN LARSEN, Aalborg University, Denmark and **Anne MERRILD HANSEN**, Aalborg University, Denmark

06. *Futures, values, and sociological theory - Part II*

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Communicating power: Technological innovation and social change in the past, present and futures

James DATOR, **John SWEENEY** and **Aubrey YEE**, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Race, re-spatialization and the struggle over the iconography of the global city

Cameron MCCARTHY, University of Illinois, USA

Disrupted modernities: The dissipation of the present as a utopian future of the industrial past

Timothy W. LUKE, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Institutionalizing democracy, strengthening state: Bangladesh experience

Habibul H. KHONDKER, Zayed University, UAE, United Arab Emirates

To whom belongs the future? Prospective thinking and climate change (distributed paper)

Jose Luis CASANOVA and **Maria CARVALHO**, Centro Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia, Lisbon, Portugal

**07. Futures of education: Alternative experiences and new politics
between inequality and democratization /
Futuros de la educación: Experiencias alternativas y nuevas políticas
entre desigualdad y democratización**

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Papers:

How can we create more democratic futures?

Isis SÁNCHEZ ESTELLÉS, University of Essex/Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Madrid, Spain and **Rebeca PÉREZ LEON**, University of Essex, United Kingdom

O impacto do programa bolsa família no desempenho escolar

Murilo FAHEL, Fundação João Pinheiro, **Jorge Fahel**, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, **Adão RODRIGUES**, Fundação João Pinheiro, **Antonio Ferreira Rodrigues**, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Capturando tendencias: La herramienta bibliométrica para la detección de desigualdades en el espacio de educación superior

Rodrigo MARTÍNEZ NOVO, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain and **Julia OSCA LLUCH**, CSIC, Valencia, Spain

Género, educación y emigración en el sureste mexicano

Rocío LOPEZ VELASCO, Universidad Autónoma de Guerrero, Mexico

Training for self-management and solidarity: Challenges and future prospects

Adriane FERRARINI, UNISINOS, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Democratizing access to higher education in the US and Latin America / Democratizar el acceso a la educación superior en los EE.UU. y América Latina

Belinda DE LA ROSA and **Jorge CHAPA**, University of Illinois, USA

“Opportunity of a lifetime”: Paraprofessionals in New York City schools, 1967-1978

Nicholas JURAVICH, Columbia University, USA

“The out of sight classroom”: Teaching and learning sociology through field trips

Sultan KHAN, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa

Exclusion as a principle for emancipation: Experiences in Latin American education

Raquel SOSA, UNAM, Mexico

08. Futures of water: Scenarios and struggles / Futuros del agua: Escenarios y luchas - Part I

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Papers:

La decadencia del agua de la nación una visión de futuro

Luis ABOITES, El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico

Ciclo urbano del agua

Blanca JIMÉNEZ, UNAM, Mexico

Transformaciones en la conflictividad social del agua en México y su futuro

Karina KLOSTER, UNAM, Mexico

Vulnerabilidad económica y resistencia semiótica. los “agricultores del río” en el chaco y la lucha por su territorio e identidad

Nidia PIÑEYRO, Universidad Nacional del Nordeste, Resistencia, Argentina

Cambios en la legislación, derechos de aguas y organizaciones de usuarios

Jacinta PALERM, El Colegio de Posgraduados de Chapingo, Texcoco, Mexico

Movimientos sociales urbanos y minería transnacional: En búsqueda de la justicia del agua en Arequipa, Peru

Denisse ROCA SERVAT, Arizona State University, USA

09. Memory's futures: Human rights and transitional justice - Part I / El futuro de la Memoria: Derechos Humanos y Políticas de Transición: Verdad, Justicia y Reparación - Parte I

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Papers:

The compass of memory: Uruguayan belated transitional justice and the social struggle between the right of victims to 'truth and justice' vs policies of oblivion (1985-2011)
Gabriela FRIED AMILIVIA, California State University Los Angeles, USA

Japanese war memory and the quest for future peace
David JANES, New School for Social Research, USA

Lost and found: How memory finds its place in the human mind after a disaster
Sachiko TAKITA-ISHII, Yokohama City University, Japan

Memoria política: Reconocimiento y reparación
Elizabeth LIRA, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile

The confines of memory: Denial narratives in postwar Peru
Jo-Marie BURT, George Mason University, USA

Restaging the future in contemporary Argentina
Cecilia SOSA, University of London, UK

10. *Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part I* (Joint session of RCO7 Futures Research and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change)

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Fear abatement and oppositional mobilization: Comparative perspectives on democratic movements in repressive states
Hank JOHNSTON, San Diego State University, USA

Women's solidarity in post-revolution Tunisia
Amel GRAMI, University of Tunis, Manouba, Tunisia

Constructing political spaces: Experiences of the Uttarakhand Women's Federation, a rural women's movement in India
Divya SHARMA, Cornell University, USA

Building schools and futures with utopian social movements in Buenos Aires
Meghan KRAUSCH, University of Minnesota, USA

Prefiguring the future or repeating the past? Collectivist democracy and the struggle against oligarchy in the German left
Darcy LEACH, Bradley University, USA

Politics of the marginalized in the United States and South Africa (distributed paper)
Marcel PARET, University of California-Berkeley, USA

Globalization and vision quest of what is viable future (distributed paper)
Manjeet CHATURVEDI, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India

Avances de investigación: El imaginario social del movimiento arcoíris en Chile (distributed paper)
Leonardo CANCINO PEREZ, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile

11. *Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part II* (Joint session of RCO7 Futures Research and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change)

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Papers:

Law, society and social vulnerability: A comparative analysis of civil society role in access to justice in Lisbon, Luanda, Maputo and Sao Paulo
Boaventura de Sousa SANTOS, Paula MENESES, Conceição GOMES, Élide LAURIS and Tiago RIBEIRO, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Imagining another world: The role of language and political imagination in shaping a transnational movement of movements
Gabriele DE ANGELIS, Universidade Nova, Lisboa, Portugal

Democratizing futures: Radical imaginaries, police repression, and public engagements of the Occupy Wall Street movement

Markus S. SCHULZ, UIUC, USA

Regulating occupied spaces: How cities control occupy camps

Christian SCHOLL, Amsterdam, Netherlands

New actors on stage: Analysis of the emergent forms of collective action in the European context

Dora FONSECA, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Mobilization for Climate Justice: When South Fights North

Ligia TAVERA FENOLLOSA, FLACSO, Mexico

12. *Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part III* (Joint session of RCO7 Futures Research and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change)

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Social movements and digital media

Christina SCHACHTNER, University of Klagenfurt, Austria

Online environmental mobilization in Brazil: The Belo Monte future at crossroads

Marie Louise CONILH DE BEYSSAC (UFRJ, Brazil) and **Maria Inácia D'ÁVILA NETO** (UFRJ, Brazil)

The technologies of internet in the contentious repertoires: Clues and signs of avaaaz in a multi-sited fieldwork

Marcelo CASTAÑEDA, CPDA/UFRRJ, Brazil

The Arab uprisings and the changing role of the public sphere

Ahmad SA'DI, Ben Gurion University, Israel

Back to the future: Murals and conflict transformation in Northern Ireland

Gregory MANEY, Hofstra University, USA and **Lee SMITHEY**, Swarthmore College, USA

Hacking digital universalism: OLPC and information networks in the Andes
Anita CHAN, University of Illinois, USA

Technological initiatives in the Brazilian public sphere: Fostering mechanisms of social and digital inclusion (distributed paper)
Christiana SOARES DE FREITAS, University of Brasilia, Brazil

Digital democracy (distributed paper)
Angel Gustavo LOPEZ MONTIEL, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Ciudad de México, Mexico

13. *Democratizing futures and digital inclusion: Participatory opportunities and pitfalls*

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Papers:

Forking digital inclusion: The development of LibreOffice and the Document Foundation
Sara SCHOONMAKER, University of Redlands, USA

Políticas públicas para la inclusión socio-digital y apropiación social de las TIC: El caso de San Luis, Argentina
Patricio FELDMAN, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Argentina and **Celina FISCHNALLER**, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Argentina

Gender politics, blogging and the 2010 Brazilian elections
Carolina MATOS, London School of Economics, UK

Social well-being and gender equality's contribution to the growth of the internet globally
Ronald ANDERSON, University of Minnesota, USA

Network society and democratic reforms in Middle East (distributed paper)
Ali A. MOQADDAS, Shiraz University, Iran

Occupy wall street's sources of creativity (distributed paper)
Daniel Aldana COHEN, New York University, USA

14. ICTs for Science and Technology Development in Latin America and the Economic South: Present and Future (Joint session of RCO7 Futures Research and RC23 Sociology of Science and Technology)

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Papers:

Information technology as source of gender equity in India
Namrata GUPTA, IIT Kanpur, India

“North-South knowledge transfer” and epistemological imperialism
Yohannes GETAHUN, Mekelle University, Ethiopia

Del los mecanismos que explican lo político en las redes sociales de internet
Luis Cesar TORRES NABEL, Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, Mexico

The freedom of not paying for intellectual propriety rights: A comparative perspective between Brazil's and Ecuador's strategies for fostering local intelligence through free software
Francisco Antunes CAMINATI, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Santos-SP, Brazil

Network of scientific knowledge as a tool for sustainable development in disadvantaged regions through renewable energy sources
Jesús Alberto VALERO-MATAS, University of Valladolid, Spain and **Juan ROMAY-COCA**, University of Valladolid, Spain

Scientific research in the natural sciences in South Africa
Radhamany SOORYAMOORTHY, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Las TIC y las redes sociales virtuales como proceso social y comunitario
Yesid Mauricio GIL ARBOLEDA, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia

Diffusion of technologies in social systems: A case of rural-urban telephony in India
Naresh KUMAR, National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies, India and **Shailaja REGO**, NMIMS University, India

The indications of provenance and designations of origin
Paulo Brasil DILL SOARES, UFRJ-Niterói, Brazil

Transnacionalización agropecuaria, tecnología y conocimiento
María Inés CARABAJAL, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

15. Globalization, futures of management, and resistance movements – Part I (Joint session of RCO7 Futures Research and RCO9 Social Transformations and Sociology of Development)

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Papers:

'Coca-cola quit India': Resisting CSR as a global management strategy
Krista BYWATER, Muhlenberg College, USA

La salada: Subaltern consumers and alternative markets
Carlos FORMENT, New School for Social Research, USA, **Jacob HANIN**, New School for Social Research, USA, and **Emmanuel GUERISOLI**, New School for Social Research, USA

The limits of multi-stakeholder governance: The crisis of the forest stewardship council (FSC)
Sandra MOOG (U Essex, UK), **Steffen BOEHM (U Essex, UK)**, and **Andre SPICER (City University, London, UK)**

Resistance against new working practices in the service sector in Turkey
Gülsen ESIN, Mersin University, Turkey

Sustainable development report: From management tool to civil society corporate management democratic issue: The case of Red Puentes, a Mexican CSO
Pierre-Olivier SIRE, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico

Os desafios na construção de sistemas alimentares territorializados (SALT's) e o desenvolvimento territorial sustentável: Estudos de casos do litoral centro-sul de santa catarina e região oeste do paran , Brasil (distributed paper)
Eduardo Firak CORDEIRO, UFSC, Brazil and **Thiago Roberto Zibetti GONÇALVES**, UFSC, Brazil

16. Globalization, futures of management, and resistance movements – Part II (Joint session of RCO7 Futures Research and RCO9 Social Transformations and Sociology of Development)

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Papers:

Consent in and resistance to management practices in different world regions
Ulrike M.M. SCHUERKENS, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France

About the management of refugee populations in São Paulo: A case study from the archdiocesan caritas
Vanessa PARREIRA PERIN, Federal University of Sao Carlos, Brazil

L'édition indépendante de critique sociale: Un exemple de résistance à la rationalisation économique dans le secteur culturel
Sophie NOEL, CESSP-CSE EHESS, Vincennes, France

Democratizing the future of northeast India: Prospective imaginaries
Vibha ARORA, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India

Precariedad y resistencias en grandes empresas multinacionales: Un estudio de caso en supermercados e hipermercados de Argentina
Julieta LONGO, CONICET, Argentina

Espacio urbano y identidad en tiempos de intereses inmobiliarios (distributed paper)
Camila SANTANA, UFPE, Recife, Brazil

Roundtable Session 1

17. Roundtable 1A: Participación política juvenil y democratización del espacio social (Political participation of youth and the democratization of social space / Spanish)

Organizer: Analia OTERO, FLACSO, Argentina

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Papers:

Jóvenes y movimientos sociales: Formas de participación político social
Analia OTERO, programa de juventud, facultad latinoamericana de ciencias sociales,
capital federal, Argentina

Políticas públicas de juventud y los desafíos de una construcción participativa
ELISA CASTRO, Secretaria Nacional de Juventude, Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de
Janeiro/Presidência da República, Brasília, Brazil

Dinámicas culturales de anclaje territorial: Cartografiando las formas actuales de
politización de los jóvenes de sectores populares de Córdoba
Andrea BONVILLANI, Universidad nacional de Córdoba, ID, Argentina

From the trenches: Pluralism, structuration and identity construction in uruguayan
highschool students
Adriana MARRERO, Sociología, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay

Trabajo, prácticas sindicales, participación de los jóvenes
Juan MONTES CATÓ, CEIL/CONICET, Argentina and **Patricia VENTRICI**, CEIL - PIETTE del
Conicet, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Jóvenes haciendo el estado. reflexiones etnográficas sobre otros modos de “participación”
juvenil
Paula ISACOVICH, CONICET/UBA/CABA, Argentina

18. Roundtable 1B: Memory's Futures: Human Rights and Transitional Justice (English/Spanish) / El futuro de la Memoria: Derechos Humanos y Políticas de Transición: Verdad, Justicia y Reparación (ingles/español) - Part II

Organizer: Gabriela FRIED AMILIVIA, California State University Los Angeles, USA, gfrieda@calstatela.edu

Papers:

Memoria y justicia de transición en el Uruguay democrático

Marisa RUIZ, Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay, and **Alejandra UMPIERREZ**, Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay

Memoria y poder: Las luchas políticas por el sentido del pasado de violencia y dictadura en la Argentina

Emilio CRENZEL, CONICET/UBA, Argentina

Documentary film as memory and evidence: The use of visual media in trials for crimes against humanity in Argentina

Tomas CROWDER-TARABORRELLI, Soka University of America, USA

Memory complex: Rhetorics of remembrance then and now

Kristi WILSON, Soka University of America, USA

La ESMA como sitio de memoria: Del testimonio al centro de interpretación

Claudia FELD, IDES/CONICET, Argentina

Entre pasado y futuro: Las memorias de lo/as oficiales del ejército argentino

Valentina SALVI, UBA/UNTREF/CONICET/ CABA, Argentina

Buenas víctimas y neo-víctimas: Narrativas oficiales, moralización y memorialización del futuro y del pasado

Gabriel GATTI, Universidad del País Vasco, Spain

19. Roundtable 1C: Imagining futures: Social movements, publics, and contentious politics - Part IV

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Papers:

Huerto de la música: Arte, estado y mercado. ideas en tensión en una experiencia de acción colectiva contracultural rosarina

Maria Julia LOGIÓDICE, CONICET-FLACSO-UNR, Argentina and **Marilé Di Filippo DIFILIPPO**, CONICET-UBA-UNR, Argentina

Identidad, discurso y acción colectiva. reflexiones sobre la organización política de los mapuche

Gisela HADAD, UBA, Argentina

Movimientos alterglobalización: Un análisis crítico de las propuestas de la asociación para la fijación de impuestos en las transacciones financieras para ayudar a los ciudadanos (ATTAC)

Cecilia MINAVERRY, Universidad del País Vasco, Argentina

Análisis de la incidencia de los movimientos sociales en las políticas públicas

Daniel RODRÍGUEZ, Universidad de Concepción, Chile

La cámpora en la última campaña presidencial para entender las relaciones entre movimientos sociales y kirchnerismo

Katherine MCKIERNAN, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

The Governmentality of Governance and Governability in Indigenous Communities in Chile

Jeanne W. SIMON, Universidad de Concepción, Chile and **Claudio GONZÁLEZ PARRA**, Universidad de Concepción, Chile

20. Roundtable 1D: Technology/Media/Futures

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Papers:

Toward a new media policy in the age of convergence
Mun Cho KIM, Korea University at Seoul, South Korea

How current infrastructures shape future democracy: Notes on orphans and belonging in politics of information (technology)
Giuseppina PELLEGRINO, University of Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende , Italy

La implantación de las tic en los presupuestos participativos locales
Celia DIAZ, Colegio de Sociólogos y Politólogos de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

Digital inclusions in internet cafes and their problems: Comparative study on the internet access for overseas Filipina domestic workers in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taipei
Tomohisa HIRATA, Kyoto University, Japan

The "electronic government" in Russia: Institute of a civil society or the new form of bureaucratization?
Sergey KUZIN, Novosibirsk State Technical University, Russia

21. Roundtable 1E: Alternatives to Neoliberal Globalization: Comparing counterhegemonic projects - Part III

Session Organizers: William CARROLL, U Victoria, Canada, wcarroll@uvic.ca and Markus S. SCHULZ, UIUC, USA, isarc07@gmail.com

Papers:

The politics of dispossession: Notes on India's land wars
Michael LEVIEN, University of California at Berkeley, USA

The race to build an Islamic Wall Street: State-society relations, market-building technocracies, and the rise of Islamic finance
Ryan CALDER, University of California at Berkeley, USA

Democracia vs neoliberalismo
Natalia Celeste ALBAREZ GOMEZ, Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, La Rioja, Argentina

Argentina: A successful case of post-neoliberalism?

Maisa BASCUAS (UBA, Argentina), **Ruth FELDER** (UBA, Argentina), **Ana LOGIUDICE** (UBA, Argentina), and **Irene PROVENZANO** (UBA, Argentina)

Una cartografía de los movimientos sociales alternativos al capital en América Latina

Rebeca PERALTA MARIÑELARENA, (UNAM, Mexico)

Transnational hegemony, knowledge base and contestation

Adebayo NINALOWO, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Roundtable Session 2

22. Roundtable 2A: Futures of water: Scenarios and struggles / Futuros del agua: Escenarios y luchas - Part II

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Papers:

Perspectivas de la producción de conocimiento en recursos hídricos y la relación entre los organismos científico-tecnológicos y sociedad civil

Damiano TAGLIAVINI, Instituto Nacional del Agua, Argentina and **Sergio HANELA**, Instituto Nacional del Agua, Argentina

El IIRSA como proyecto neocolonial: Reificación del agua y resistencias

Ximena CABRAL, CIECS- Conicet, Argentina and **Gustavo SPEDALE**, CTA-Cordoba/Coordinadora Cordoba en Defensa del Agua y la Vida, Argentina

El rol del CIADI y los tratados de protección de inversiones como mecanismo de asimetría normativa y por una falsa seguridad jurídica: Derechos humanos e inversiones

Javier I. ECHAIDE, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Beyond legal compliance: The right to safe drinking water debate in Puerto Rico's community water systems

Alejandro TORRES ABREU, Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan, USA

Água e desenvolvimento em pernambuco (Brasil): Uma equação socialmente desigual

Denis Antônio de Mendonça BERNARDES, UF Pernambuco, Brazil, **Alexandre RAMOS**,

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Comunidad Aymara y participación ciudadana: DD.HH y convenio 169, la vulnerabilidad de la ley inconclusa

Verónica GRÜNEWALD, Universidad de Concepción, Chile

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Papers:

Memoria, reparación y verdad: Una mirada a la reparación transformadora dentro del proceso de justicia transicional en Colombia

Carlos Andrés MARTINEZ BELEÑO, Universidad Autónoma del Caribe, Barranquilla, Colombia

A truth commission in Brazil? Challenges and perspectives to integrate human rights and democracy

Raphael NEVES, USP, Brazil and New School for Social Research, USA

Public justice policy

Naiara GROSSI and **Roberto Brocanelli CORONA**, Universidade Estadual Paulista 'Julio de Mesquita Filho', Brazil

Supremas cortes y justicia transicional: Estudio comparado entre Argentina, Brasil y Uruguay

Renan HONÓRIO QUINALHA, USP, Brazil

Recuerdos y olvidos de la violencia política en el cono Sur: Archivos orales para la comprensión del pasado que no pasa

Carolina AGUILERA, Corporación Parque por la Paz Villa Grimaldi, Chile

Derechos humanos y relaciones internacionales entre Italia y Argentina durante la dictadura militar (1976-1983)

Claudio TOGNONATO, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

Derechos humanos y violencia política en la Argentina

Virginia VECCHIOLI, Universidad Nacional de San Martín and Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Argentina

24. Roundtable 2C: Imagining Futures: Social Movements, Publics, and Contentious Politics - Part V

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Papers:

Democratizing the Brazilian public sphere: New dynamics in the relationship between state and black social movements

Angela RANDOLPHO PAIVA, PUC-Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Disagreement and hope: The tenets of social mobilization today

Ana Cecilia DINERSTEIN, University of Bath, UK

Institution building to prefigure sacred societies and states: The Muslim brotherhood in Egypt, Shas in Israel, Comunione e Liberazione in Italy, and the Salvation Army in the USA

Nancy DAVIS, DePauw University, USA, and **Robert ROBINSON**, Indiana University, USA

Mothers' social rights and neoliberalism in Poland

Renata Ewa HRYCIUK, University of Warsaw, Poland

The southern movement in Yemen and the quest for a fair state

Susanne DAHLGREN, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Academy of Finland, University of Helsinki, Finland

Achieving democracy and economic justice 'from below': A pragmatist vision of radical transformation through persuasion in compulsion

Judith GREEN, Fordham University, USA

Coping with the risks of a future drought: The case of the Edwards aquifer authority in Texas

Karen Manges DOUGLAS, Sam Houston State University, USA and **Gideon SJOBERG**, University of Texas at Austin, USA

Ecology and politics: Public resistance against dam projects in the eastern Anatolia
Gözde ORHAN, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey

Movement breeds movement: Interlinks of issues, organizations and ideologies
Rajesh MISRA, University of Lucknow, India

Re-imagining economic relations and the role of the social welfare state: Perspectives from an Argentine shantytown

Megan PEPPEL, University of California at Berkeley, USA

Sacred land and the politics of voice

Radhika BORDE, Wageningen University, Netherlands

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Papers:

Disney in Latin America: Visualizing the new generation of global children's television
Angharad VALDIVIA, University of Illinois, USA

Cybercult@: Emergent local knowledge communities in Latin America

Jorge GONZÁLEZ, UNAM, Mexico and **Cicila PERUZZO**, Universidade Metodista de São Paulo, Brazil

Exploring participatory online music fandom through reggaetón

Michelle RIVERA, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

Cine digital: Esperanza del pasado, desafío para el futuro

Roque GONZÁLEZ, Fundación del Nuevo Cine Latinoamericano, Argentina

Technology as a social viral infection: Three scenarios for the future

Antonio GELIS FILHO, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Superheroes explained: The future of humanity in a cape and costume
Timothy MCGETTIGAN, Colorado State University, USA

26. Roundtable 2E: Politics of the Future / Open Theme

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Papers:

Politics, time and democracy

Emilia ARAUJO, U Minho, Braga, Portugal

Confronting the uncertain: On crisis, time sociology and the narration of dangerous times

Marcos GONZÁLEZ-HERNANDO, London School of Economics, UK

Políticas sociales para el futuro: Una reflexión diacrónica sobre el sujeto desde el enfoque de las capacidades

Martina YOPO, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile

Russian politics modernization: A sociocultural approach

Yuriy VASSERMAN, Perm State Technical University, Russia

Stairways to peace in an Israeli academic college: Contact, communication, compassion (distributed paper)

Shulamit S. GUBKIN, Kinneret Academic College at the Jordan Valley, Israel

Citizen security as a new human right? Securitization and the new moral economy of rights in Latin America (distributed paper)

Michael HUMPHRY, University of Sydney, Australia

Knowledge and best practice in a changing policy environment (distributed paper)

Richard TOMLINSON, University of Melbourne, Australia

Are non-communicable diseases (NCDs) considered a sociocultural crisis in Latin America? (distributed paper)

Nathan BERTELSEN, NYU, USA

Is promoting disability rights conducive to a stronger democracy in Brazil? (distributed paper)

Lyusyena KIRAKOSYAN, ASPECT, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA

Negri-Spinoza and the power of the multitude (distributed paper)

Mauro DI LULLO, University of Aberdeen, UK

27. RC07 Business Meeting

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