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## **1. Message From the President**

Dear Colleagues,

I have already had the opportunity to get in touch with you after the World Forum in my letter of September requesting nominations of best papers presented by young scholars at the Forum to compete for our the RC07 prize. The deadline for nominations has been extended to December 20th. I renew my plea for nominations and count on your support to this initiative.

Let us also remember our dear RC member John Urry who left us earlier this year. John was always willing to collaborate with RC07 and deeply committed to engage young researchers. His contributions to future studies left us a rich legacy. We thank Chia-ling LAI for organizing the special session honoring him at the Vienna Forum.

I wish you all a pleasant end of the year.

Regards,

Elisa Reis

## **2. Planning for the 2018 World Congress**

While we go on cherishing the good memories from the Vienna Forum I invite you to share with us ideas and suggestions for the next World Congress of Sociology to take place in Toronto July 15th to 21st 2018. Session proposals will be open on February 2nd, but you might want to start thinking of possible sessions. It is always worth taking a look at the scheduled calendar of activities of the XIXth Congress in the ISA webpage.

Let us work together to put in place an exciting program for our Research Committee. Given the huge challenges that now confront society, sociology has to face with renewed energy the calling for a more just society. As scholars doing future studies our agenda must look at some of the more pressing problems of the present. The general

theme of the Congress “Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities” shall inspire us to assemble a diversified program both in terms of the topics covered as well as in the spatial, gender and age composition of paper givers, chairs and discussants.

### 3. News from RC07 Members

We welcome your news about publications, seminar, or any other news you want to share with us. Please, help us to make our Research Committee a lively place to share news and ideas.

New Books:

**Sociology in South Africa: Colonial, Apartheid and Democratic Forms.**  
by **Sooryamoorthy, Radhamany** Palgrave Macmillan–Springer, 2016

The book is the first comprehensive account of the history and current state of South African sociology. Providing a holistic picture of the subject both as it is taught in universities and as a field of research, it reveals the trajectories of a discipline in a challenging socio-political context. With the support of historical and scientometric data, it demonstrates how the changing political situation, from colonialism to apartheid to democracy, has influenced the nature, direction and foci of sociological research in the country.

More information can be found

at:<http://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9783319403243>

Copies can be had from the publisher or from major online bookshops (Amazon, Google Books, etc.).

**Expose, Oppose, Propose, Alternative Policy Groups and the Struggle for Global Justice,**  
by **William K. Carroll**, Zed Books: 2016.

Neoliberal capitalism positions us all as consumers in a hypermarket where money talks. For the majority of people around the globe, this translates as precarity and immiseration. But how can we break from this dominant ideological framework? Expose, Oppose, Propose details how, since the mid 1970s, transnational alternative policy groups (TAPGs) have functioned as think tanks

of a different sort, generating resources for a 'globalization from below' in dialogue with the critical social movements that are protagonists for global justice.

Based on two years of intensive research, William Carroll not only provides a detailed examination of a variety of TAPGs – showing how each group is distinctive and autonomous in its vision, practical priorities, and ways of producing and mobilizing alternative knowledge – but also reveals how TAPGs form a 'master frame' that advocates and envisages global justice and ecological well-being.

Bill Carroll is a professor of Sociology at the University of Victoria, where he directs the Social Justice Studies Program. He is a Research Associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, an associate editor of the journal *Socialist Studies*, and a member of Sociologists Without Borders.



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