

RC07 Futures Research Newsletter No. 43

Letter from the Chair:

Dear Colleagues,

This time I want to call your attention to the exciting list of sessions we have programed for the ISA XIX World Congress of Sociology as below indicated. As you know, the Congress will take place next year in Toronto from July 15 to 21 and the general theme is "Power, Violence and Justice: reflections, responses, responsibilities".

Please, keep in mind that the deadline to submit your paper proposal is September 30, 2017. Our dedicated program coordinator is Andre Salata, but you must submit your abstract directly to the website of the ISA Congress where you also have a description for each session.

Let me also call your attention to the importance of expanding our membership basis. If you know people who have an interest on futures research, please, invite them to join our RC. It is easy to do so through ISA webpage. Rather than be the excuse to retreat into apathy and pessimism, these somber times we now experience must reinvigorate the sociological commitment to analyze trends and to explore future possibilities.

I also encourage you to send us information about your recent publications and other professional news you consider of interest to RC07 members.

For those of you who are now enjoying summer vacations my best wishes for a great season. My good wishes also to all the others who, like me, are neither on vacation nor in summer right now. I look forward to seeing all of you next year in Toronto.

Elisa Reis Chair of RC07 RC07 Programmed Sessions for the ISA XIXth World Congress:

(see session description on the ISA Congress site)

After Political Violence: Trauma, Memory, Commemoration, and Representation

Author Meets Critics: Jan Nederveen Pieterse on Multipolar Globalization, Emerging Economies and Development

Brics Sociology of Youth: Theoretical and Practical Contributions to Understanding

Care, Transitions and Inequalities

Comparing Methodologies of Future Studies

Digital Sociology: Perspectives on Research, Methods and Concepts

Historical Trends, Future Anticipations

Middle Class in a Global Society: Meanings and Methods

A New Ethic Is Possible? (Joint session with RC16)

Reorganizing Globalization

Roles and Responsibility of the University in Shaping Future Societies

Social Movements and Mobilizations for Alternative Futures

Teaching Sociological Futures Research: Concepts, Methods, and Issues

Technological and Social Change: For a Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Innovation Policies

The Future of Science, Technology and Innovation in a World in Turmoil

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