



The Body in the Social Sciences

RC 54 NEWSLETTER, JUNE 2018

Greetings, dear Colleagues. This Congress with its theme, *Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities*, provides us with an important platform to consider meaningful ways to address these key concerns that impact our bodies and our lives. This newsletter, June 2018, contains details for the ISA 19th Congress in Toronto (please give some time to get informed about our Toronto activities – sessions, events, as follows:

1. The RC54 Program at the



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[Against Violence and Racism: Performing Bodies at the Living Spaces of the World Cities](#)

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[the Borders between Violence and Legitimacy.](#)

Session Organizer: Maria João GUIA

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[the Challenge of Cultural Difference](#)

Session Organizer: Monica MESQUITA

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[**The Wall and the Border -the Roots of Social Violence in Borderlands.**](#)

Session Organizers: Monica MESQUITA

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[**The Power of Heritage: Encountering Differences and Marking Identities**](#)

Session Organizer: Oksana LYCHKOVSKA

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[**Risky Bodies and Social Control: The Case of the "Crimmigration"**](#)

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[**Sport, Health and Violence. Methodological Challenges.**](#)

Session Organizer: Craig COOK

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[**Gender, Sexuality and Embodiment.**](#)

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[**Bodily Consumption, Taste and Power.**](#)

Session Organizer: Irmak KARADEMIR-HAZIR

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[**Violence Taking Place across the Bodies of Women**](#)

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[**Crossing and Gendering Borders**](#)

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Introducing Healthcare in Social Settings Marked By Violence.

Session Organizer: Veronika SIEGLIN

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RC54 Business Meeting:

Official Presentation of the last RC54 Collective Book *The Borders of Integration: Empowered Bodies and Social Cohesion* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018)-

ISBN (10): 1-5275-1326-2

ISBN (13): 978-1-5275-1326-6 (Cfr. the anteprima of cover and back cover at <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc54-the-body-in-the-social-sciences/>)

2.



The International Sociological Association has undertaken the development of the Global Mapping of Sociologists for Social Inclusion (GMSSI) to create the global database of sociologists. GMSSI aims to identify, connect, and enable global collaborations in sociology, and support sociologists who encounter multiple barriers, economic and political, which impede participation in global exchanges. GMSSI aims to increase the visibility of sociologists and their knowledge production and also be an important resource for sustained interaction with the media on a range of issues. Your participation is important to the success of GMSSI in building this global sociological community.

3. The RC 54 Collective book *The Borders of Integration: Empowered Bodies and Social Cohesion* is published (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018).

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Here follows the comments on the back cover:

“A disturbing perspective: human beings as bodies, just that. And moving, migrating, with their needs for body sustenance. Even as mass migration, masses of body material. Look at some chapter titles in this very original collection superbly edited: "the body says run", "bodies and corpses on the Mediterranean beaches", "migrant bodies", "labeling bodies", "migrant bodies in search of place". Disturbing. And true. A partial truth like all others, but a very important truth. A major book”.
Johan Galtung, Founder of the Peace Research Institute, Oslo, and former professor of the United Nations University, Tokyo.

“A very original approach by considering the migration policies as embodied in human beings: - in their living bodies, moves, social interactions, corpses and conflicts. Two themes are implicit in the narrative: the tension between the relative invariance of the human bodies and their amazing capacity for adaptation. This book calls, indeed, for ‘a new trajectory of thinking and acting within the

globalization: an innovative field aimed to finally building the “borders of integration” as continuously shaped by the changing link between biology and culture, needs and pragmatic goals”.

Dmitry Ivanov, Professor of Sociology, St. Petersburg State University

4. Call:to the RC54 International Conference

“Order and Social Hetherogeneity: Cultural Bodies in Action at the World Cities”



The aim of this Conference is to propose an attempt to give order to the current human condition. Indeed today, like never before, it is torn by the division between bodily rhythms and rhythms of the city, as amply shown, at their time, by Descartes and by Kant, by the twentieth century Avant-Garde artists and above all today, by the most recent tendencies of contemporary architecture. Efficient use of space is at the centre of today's urban, political and economic processes in Europe, as well as on a global scale. In the words of urban planner and economist Edward Glaeser (2011), cities by their own nature are an attempt to overcome distances, and “their success depends on the demand for physical connection”, that is proximity and intense exchange. According to the McKinsey annual report (*Global Cities of the Future*) the global economy is becoming increasingly “city specific”: big cities will account for 65% of the GDP growth in the next ten years, where human and financial capital meet. Winners and losers of urban globalisation end up finding themselves in close contact, in the places where the habits of the haves and have nots significantly diverge: their proximity makes the social costs of economic growth blatantly obvious, including its inequalities and including the so-called “*squeezing*” of the middle class. The result is that the new poverty is one of the common features of all the large cities, which contain 30% of the absolute poverty on a global scale. Further tangible effects in many 21st century metropolises derive from this and from the impact of the migratory flows towards the global cities: walls, physical and social separation are not so much a question related to large political aggregates like Nation States, but demarcate areas of individual cities. The cities, the regions, the processes of European integration and of globalisation are based on trends, movements and fault lines which come up time again, as Brenner observes (2016: the Nation State as founding structure of modern political and social life (cf. Brenner, (2016: 18). Are we truly at the dawn of an epochal change that will see the so-called “smart city-states” of the 21st century as protagonists? How will the current world disorder evolve? In the study proposal of the “cultural bodies”, the Conference intends, through specific *case-studies*, to bow down over Europe “imaginary power that the great power almost certainly will never become ” (Panebianco, 2018: 21). Above all, however, it intends to reiterate the bond between culture and the processes of life that, in the “cultural bodies”, merges the exceptionality of the human beings.

Many thanks to everybody for your precious presence and collaboration. Above all thanks to all thos who will be physically absent from the XIX World Congress of Sociology.

