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Welcome!

Welcome to our Summer 2018 newsletter! Our main news is of course the RC56 sessions to be held at the ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto during July. So below you will see the various sessions and papers, covering a diverse range of fascinating topics.

The newsletter also contains news of recent publications of RC56 members, as well as forthcoming events of note.



RC56 Sessions

Program Coordinators: Manuela BOATCA (University of Freiburg, Germany) and Paddy DOLAN (Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland)

Monday, 16 July 2018

10:30–12:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Warfare, Distance and Civilizing Processes Part I
Session Organizers: Ilan LEW and Dieter REICHER
Chair: Ilan LEW

Physical and Psychological Distance in Warrior Society: Warfare, Courtesy and Verbal Dueling in Medieval English and Japanese Narrative
Kikuo TOYAMA, Kyorin University, Japan

Boarding Parties in EARLY Modern Atlantic Warfare and the Recomposition of Violence
Alexandre JUBELIN, Université Paris-Sorbonne, France

15:30-17:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Warfare, Distance and Civilizing Processes Part II
Session Organizers: Ilan LEW and Dieter REICHER

Visualizing Violence in Contemporary Film : A Regression of "the Civilizing Process"?
Farida GADELHAK, Cairo University , Faculty of Arts, Egypt

From the Distant Crusades to 'local' 'Islamic Terrorism' – from European Civilizing Processes to a Contemporary Western De-Civilizing Process?
Lars Bo KASPERSEN, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark; Norman GABRIEL., Plymouth University, United Kingdom

Facing an Empty Battlefield: (Re)Creating Physical Proximity through Close Order Drill in the French Infantry (1870-1918)
Jean-Philippe MILLER-TREMBLAY, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), France

17:30-19:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Authors Meet Critics: Mirjam Künkler, John Madeley and Shylashri Shankar's A Secular Age Beyond the West. Religion, Law and the State in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.
Session Organizer: Armando SALVATORE
Chair: Said ARJOMAND

Discussion
Detlef POLLACK, Münster; Marian BURCHARDT, Inst Study Religious & Ethnic Diversity, Germany; Yoshihide SAKURAI, Hokkaido University, Japan; Bjorn WITTRÖCK, SCAS, Sweden

Tuesday, 17 July 2018

10:30-12:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Radicalisation and the Rise of the Outsiders

Session Organizers: Stephen VERTIGANS, Paddy DOLAN and John CONNOLLY

Chair: Norman GABRIEL

The Socio- and Psychogenesis of the Concepts of 'Return to Self' By Ali Shariati and 'Westoxification' By Jalal Al-Ahmad in Iran

Behrouz ALIKHANI, Reserch fellow and lecturer at the Institute for Sociology, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany, Germany

A Homogenising 'We-Discourse' and the Social Positioning of Syrian Refugee Entrepreneurs in Jordan: The Business of Hope and the Politics of Misery

John LEVER, Management, United Kingdom; Deema REFAI, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom; Radi HALOUB, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom

Schengen and the Rosary: Postcolonial Syndrome and Polish National Habitus

Marta BUCHOLC, WFiS University of Warsaw, Poland

The Organisation of Hunger Strikes and Established-Outsider Relations

Stephen VERTIGANS, Robert Gordon University, United Kingdom; Paddy DOLAN, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland; John CONNOLLY, Dublin City University, Ireland

15:30-17:20, room 718A (MTCC South Building)

Comparative and Historical Sociology of Women's Careers. Part III (with RC20, RC32 & RC33)

Session Organizers: Akiko NAGAI and Fumiya ONAKA

Married Working Women-Identification of Challenges and Strategies to Overcome Hurdles: A Study on Urban Women Workers of Dhaka City.

Bohi SHAJAHAN, American International University Bangladesh, Bangladesh

Sociological Study of Iranian Female-Headed Households' Positions in the Rural and Urban Areas in the Last Three Decades (1986-2016)

Saeedeh AMINI, Allame Tabatabaie University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Iran

Assessing the Existence of Empathetic Attitude of Bangladeshi Urban Men Towards Working Women

Hafsa MARYAM, American International University, Bangladesh

Intimate Partner Violence in European Countries

Pilar RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ, University of Almeria, Spain; Cristina CUENCA PIQUERAS, University of Almeria, Spain; Maria Jose GONZALEZ-MORENO, Universidad de Almeria, Spain

Unemployment, Poverty and the Erosion of Family Values in Nigeria

Toyin ADEFOLAJU, Ekiti State University, Nigeria

Economic Crisis and the Coping Strategies of Women in the Informal Sector of Western, Nigeria.

Idowu CHIAZOR, Covenant University, Nigeria; Mercy ADEBAYO, Covenant University, Nigeria

17:30-19:20, room 206D (MTCC North Building)

Historical Trends, Future Anticipations (with RC07)

Session Organizer: Elisa REIS

Sustainability of Cities Beyond Fossil Fuels: A Comparative Analysis

Graeme LANG, City University of Hong Kong, Canada

For a Holistic Social Science

Risto HEISKALA, University of Tampere, Finland

Global Modernity and Its Repercussion

Volker H SCHMIDT, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Revisiting the Rebound Effect: Practice Perspectives on Current and Future Energy Demand

Eoin GREALIS, Ludwigs-Maximilian-Universität (LMU), Germany; Henrike RAU, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich Tax ID DE811205325, Germany

Wednesday, 18 July 2018

08:30-10:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Historical and Comparative Sociology of Examinations

Session Organizer: Fumiya ONAKA

Chair: Fumiya ONAKA

Excellence and Gender Inequality in Science - Comparative Perspective

Ewelina CIAPUTA, Jagiellonian University, Poland; Ewa KRZAKLEWSKA, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland; Paulina SEKULA, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Married Women Pursuing Higher Education: A Sociological Study

Sumanth HIREMATH, Dept. of Sociology, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi. Karnataka State., India

Bringing the Incorporated Comparison Method into Chinese Stagnation Studies

Sung Hee RU, State University of New York at Binghamton, USA

10:30-12:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Figurational Dynamics, Changing Power Balances, and Organisational Formation

Session Organizer: Paddy DOLAN

Chair: John LEVER

Contributions of Organisations to Stability and Insecurity during Election Times: A Case Study of a Kenyan Informal Settlement

Stephen VERTIGANS, Robert Gordon University, United Kingdom

Elias's Idea of a Processual Type of Explanation

Vera WEILER, Universidad Nacional de Colombia (Bogotá), Colombia

The Figurational Dynamics of the 'Merger' of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers and United Steelworkers of America.

Elizabeth QUINLAN, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Re-Framing the ‘Paradox of Embedded Agency’: Figural Dynamics, Habitus Formation and Advertising Practice at Arthur Guinness & Sons Ltd

John CONNOLLY, Dublin City University, Ireland; Paddy DOLAN, Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland

15:30-17:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Author Meets Critics: Said Arjomand's Sociology of Shi'ite Islam"

Session Organizer: Manuela BOATCA

Chair: Manuela BOATCA

Panelists:

Mirjam KUENKLER, University of Bonn, Germany and Armando SALVATORE, McGill University, Canada

17:30-19:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

History Makers: Leaders, Rulers, Roles, Systems.

Session Organizer: Dennis SMITH

Chair: Behrouz ALIKHANI

Where Are the Leaders and the Makers of History in the Constructivist Conception of Berger and Luckmann?

Jiri SUBRT, Charles University, Faculty of Humanities, Prague, Czech Republic

Legitimation in Developing Countries: South Korea and Taiwan during the Late 1940s to Early 1950s

Bo Kyung KIM, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, USA

Missing Ring of Travelogue Study in Iran (The neglect of two narrative “present ethnographic” techniques and “indirect free discourse” in travelogue studies)

Mohammad Reza JAVADI YEGANEH, University of Tehran, Iran; Saeedeh ZADGHANNAD, University of Tehran, Iran

19:30-20:50, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

RC56 Business Meeting

Thursday, 19 July 2018

08:30-10:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

Commemorating Charles Tilly. Dynamics of Contention, Global History, and Comparative Sociology

Session Organizer: Mirjam KUENKLER

Chair: George STEINMETZ

Discussant: Said ARJOMAND

Panelists: Ernesto CASTAÑEDA, American University, USA; Mirjam KÜNKLER, University of Bonn, Germany, and Diana FU, University of Toronto

10:30-12:20, Room 202B (MTCC North Building)

From World Religions to Axial Civilizations

Session Organizers: Said ARJOMAND and Stephen KALBERG

Comparing Karl Jaspers' Concept of Paradigmatic Individuals with Max Weber's Concept of Charisma
Victor LIDZ, Drexel University College of Medicine, USA

Formal and Substantive Rationality in Law: Legacies of the Axial Age?

Laura FORD, Bard College, USA

The Axial Age and Cultural Crystallizations in Global History By Björn Wittrock

Bjorn WITTROCK, S, Sweden

Christianization and Byzantinization of Russia: Transmission of Axial Age Legacies

Yulia PROZOROVA, Sociological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation

The Forgotten Earth: World Religions and Worldlessness in the Legacy of the Axial Age/Moral Revolution

Eugene HALTON, University of Notre Dame, USA

12:30-13:50, Room 718A (MTCC South Building)

Race and Colonial/Imperial Erasure. Sociology's Dysfunctional Relationship with A Foundational Concept
(with RC05 & RC08)

Session Organizer: Manuela BOATCA

Sociology's late colonial roots in France, Britain, Belgium, and their former colonies
George STEINMETZ, University of Michigan, USA

Imperial Race, Master Science: On the Whiteness of Sociology
Raewyn CONNELL, University of Sydney, Australia

Race and Caste: The Story of Its Intertwining, Its Erasure and Its Re-Connections in the Last 200 Years.
Sujata PATEL, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, India

"We Can't Fight What We Can't See: Grading Top Sociology Graduate Programs' Training on Race"
Vilna TREITLER, University of California Santa Barbara, USA

W. E. B. Du Bois' Scholarship and the Case for Canonization
Aldon MORRIS, Northwestern University, USA

Friday, 20 July 2018

15:30-17:20, Room 718A (MTCC South Building)

Comparative and Historical Sociology of Women's Careers. Part II (with RC20, RC32 & RC33)

Session Organizers: Akiko NAGAI and Fumiya ONAKA

Chair: Keiko SAKAKIBARA

Does Japanese Women's Labor Force Development Cause Gender Inequality?: A Focus on Maternity Leave
Substitute Jobs in the 1940s-70s.

Chisato ATOBE, Shizuoka university, Japan

European Perspectives on Occupational Gender Segregation

Nina-Sophie FRITSCH, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria; Sabine EBENSPERGER,
Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

Career Development Among the Palestinian Academic Women in Israel

Hawazin YOUNIS, hawazin younis, Israel

Gender Differences in Career Success of Academics in an Automotive Group

Hilke BROCKMANN, European University Institute, Italy; Anne-Maren KOCH, Jacobs University Bremen, Germany

“Pseudo-Feminization” of the Journalistic Profession in Spain: The Case of Women War Correspondents

Elisa GARCÍA, CU Villanueva, Spain

Horizontal gender-related segregation and the barriers that women face to access, maintain and promote in the occupation of mechanic in the sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles subsector in Spain

María del Mar MAIRA VIDAL, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain), Spain

Women's Empowerment in the Workplace: Changing Perceptions over Time with Makeup

Kezia MOROS-ACHONG, Broward College, USA; Kaya HAMER-SMALL, Broward College, USA

17:30-19:20, Room 718A (MTCC South Building)

Comparative and Historical Sociology of Women's Careers. Part I (with RC20, RC32 & RC33)

Session Organizers: Akiko NAGAI and Fumiya ONAKA

Chair: Miki NAKAI

Have Working Women's Stressors Decreased Under the Policy of Promoting Women at Work?

Keiko SAKAKIBARA, Toyo University, Japan

From the Fringe to the Mainstream: Integrating Women into Trade Union Activities in Nigeria. Issues and Challenges

Toyin ADEFOLAJU, Ekiti State University, Nigeria

Mapping Gender and Social Inequalities: Young Women and Men in European Countries

Analia TORRES, CIEG/ISCSP University of Lisbon VAT#600019152, Portugal; Paula PINTO, University of Lisbon, Portugal; Dalia COSTA, CIEG-ISCSP, Portugal; Diana MACIEL, CIEG/ISCSP University of Lisbon, Portugal; Bernardo COELHO, CIEG-ISCSP, Portugal; Ellen THEODORO, CIEG/ISCSP University of Lisbon,

Portugal; Tania REIGADINHA, CIEG/ISCSP University of Lisbon, Portugal

Gendered Career Inequality (1000-Present) Implications for Women and Society in Past and Future
Linda CHRISTIANSEN-RUFFMAN, Saint Mary's University, Canada

The Gender Gap in Promotion Among Academics: Are We Doing Any Better?
Camilla GAIASCHI, University of Milan, Italy

Beyond Gender: The Experiences of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Female Engineers in the Canadian Labour Market.
Alla KONNIKOV, University of Calgary, Canada

Saturday, 21 July 2018

10:30-12:20, Room 204 (MTCC North Building)

Re-Thinking the Past to Illuminate the Future (with RC07)
Session Organizer: Elisa REIS
Chair: TBC

Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections & Responsibilities from the African Diaspora
Jualynne DODSON, Michigan State University, USA

Internal Multiple Modernities: The Korean Aperture
Kyung-Sup CHANG, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea

When the Past Teach Us about the Future, the Case of Israel/Palestine Power Sharing
Lev GRINBERG, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben Gurion University, Israel

Barrington Moore Jr. Revisited: Landlord, Peasant and the Collapse of Liberal Democracy in Central-Eastern Europe
Jaroslaw KILIAS, Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University, Poland

Recent publications by RC56 members

Books

Boatca, Manuela, Komlosy, Andrea and Nolte, Hans-Heinrich (eds) (2018) *Global Inequalities in World-Systems Perspective: Theoretical Debates and Methodological Innovations*. Routledge.

During its 500-year history, the modern world-system has seen several shifts in hegemony. Yet, since the decline of the U.S. in the 1970s, no single core power has attained a hegemonic position in an increasingly polarized world. As income inequalities have become more pronounced in core countries, especially in the U.S. and the U.K., global inequalities emerged as a "new" topic of social scientific scholarship, ignoring the constant move toward polarization that has been characteristic of the entire modern world-system. At the same time, the rise of new states (most notably, the BRICS) and the relative economic growth of particular regions (especially East Asia) have prompted speculations about the next hegemon that largely disregard both the *longue durée* of hegemonic shifts and the constraints that regional differentiations place on the concentration of capital and geopolitical power in one location. Authors in this book place the issue of rising inequalities at the center of their analyses. They explore the concept and reality of semiperipheries in the 21st century world-system, the role of the state and of transnational migration in current patterns of global stratification, types of catching-up development and new spatial configurations of inequality in Europe's Eastern periphery as well as the prospects for the Global Left in the new systemic order. The book links novel theoretical debates on the rise of global inequalities to methodologically innovative approaches to the urgent task of addressing them.

Global Inequalities in World-Systems Perspective

Theoretical Debates and Methodological Innovations



Edited by Manuela Boatca,
Andrea Komlosy, Hans-Heinrich Nolte



Connolly, John and Dolan, Paddy (eds) (2017) *The Social Organisation of Marketing: A Figurational Approach to People, Organisations, and Markets*. Palgrave.

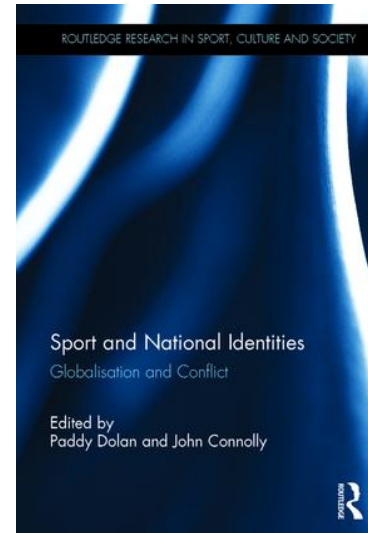
This book examines the social processes which have shaped the development and organisation of various marketing practices and activities, and the markets associated with them. Drawing on the figurational-sociological approach associated with Norbert Elias the contributors explain how various markets and related marketing practices and activities are organised, enabled and constrained by the actions of people at different levels of social integration. Collectively, The Social



Organisation of Marketing provides insights into topics such as the consumption and of wine in China, the advertising of Guinness, the management of on-line communities in Germany, the corporate social responsibility strategies of multinational energy corporations in Africa, the concept of talent management in contemporary organisations, the child consumer in Ireland, and the constraining and enabling influences of the American corporate organisational structure.

Dolan, Paddy and Connolly, John (eds) (2018) *Sport and National Identities: Globalisation and Conflict*. Routledge.

While globalisation has undoubtedly occurred in many social fields, in sport the importance of ‘the nation’ has remained. This book examines the continuing but contested relevance of national identities in sport within the context of globalising forces. Including case studies from around the world, it considers the significance of sport in divided societies, former global empires and aspirational nations within federal states. Each chapter looks at sport not only as a reflection of national rivalries but also as a changing cultural tradition that facilitates the reimagining of borders, boundaries and identities. The book questions how these national, state and global identifications are invoked through sporting structures and practices, both in the past and the present. Truly international in perspective, it features case studies from across Europe, the UK, the USA and China and touches on the topics of race, religion, terrorism, separatism, nationalism and militarism.



Haut, Jan, Dolan, Paddy, Reicher, Dieter and Sánchez García, Raúl (eds) (2018) *Excitement Processes: Norbert Elias's Unpublished Works on Sports, Leisure, Body, Culture*. Springer.

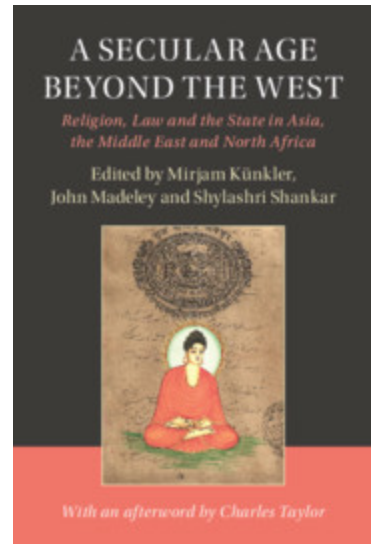
This book focuses on major aspects of Norbert Elias's social theory through research on supposed “minor” topics, such as manners, sports, leisure and cultural practices. While many of his publications became essential for scholars in the different disciplines concerned, the development of the figurational approach towards these fields was not always completed. The edited volume picks up some loose ends by including archive manuscripts by Elias on the genesis of sport, developments of cultural practices, and the sociology of the body, which are published here for the very first time. Based on critical reviews of these texts, international experts show how



the new material adds up to Elias's oeuvre and how it can be fruitfully applied to current research.

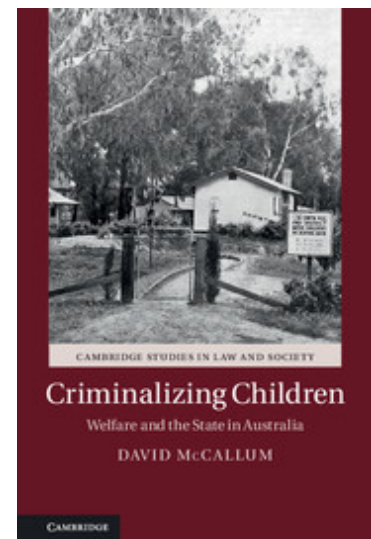
Künkler, Mirjam, Madeley, John and Shankar, Shylashri (eds) (2018) [*A Secular Age Beyond the West. Religion, Law and the State in Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.*](#) With an Afterword by Charles Taylor. Cambridge University Press, 2018.

This book traces religion and secularity in eleven countries not shaped by Western Christianity (Japan, China, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Iran, Russia, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, and Morocco), and how they parallel or diverge from Charles Taylor's grand narrative of the North Atlantic world, *A Secular Age* (2007). In all eleven cases, the state - enhanced by post-colonial and post-imperial legacies - highly determines religious experience, by variably regulating religious belief, practice, property, education, and/or law. Taylor's core condition of secularity - namely, legal permissibility and social acceptance of open religious unbelief (Secularity III) - is largely absent in these societies. The areas affected by state regulation, however, differ greatly. In India, Israel and most Muslim countries, questions of religious law are central to state regulation. But it is religious education and organization in China and church property and public practice in Russia that bear the brunt. This book explains these differences using the concept of 'differential burdening'.



McCallum, David (2017) [*Criminalising Children. Welfare and the State in Australia.*](#) Cambridge University Press.

Incarceration of children is rising rapidly throughout of Australia, with indigenous children most at risk of imprisonment. Indigenous and non-indigenous children have been subject to detention in both welfare and justice systems in Australian states and territories since colonization. Countless governments and human rights enquiries have attempted to address the problem of the increasing criminalization of children, with little success. David McCallum traces the history of 'problem children' over several decades, demonstrating that the categories of neglected and offending children are both linked to similar kinds of governing. Institutions and encampments have historically played a significant role in contributing to the social problems of today. This book also takes a theoretical perspective, tracking parallel developments within the human sciences of childhood and theories of race. Applying a social theoretical analysis of these events and the changing rationalities of governing, McCallum challenges our

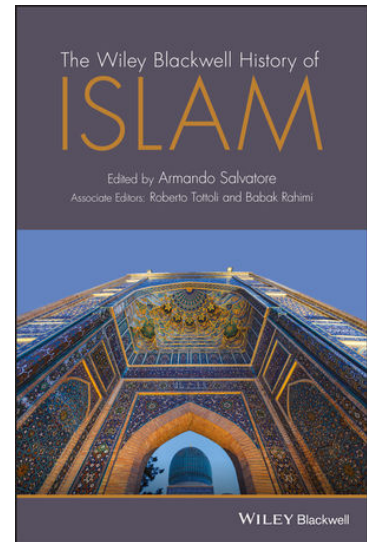


assumptions about how law and governance of children leads to their criminalization and incarceration.

Salvatore, Armando, Tottoli, Roberto, and Rahimi, Babak (eds) (2018) [*The Wiley Blackwell History of Islam*](#). Wiley-Blackwell.

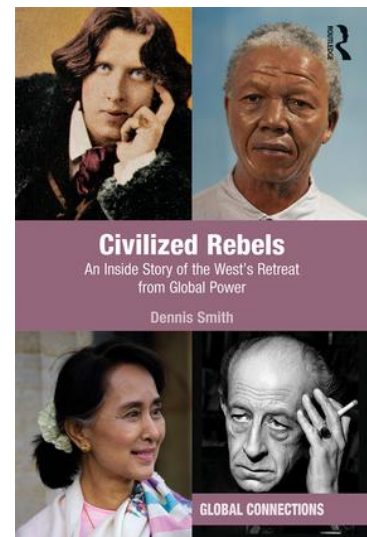
This major new reference work offers a complete historical and theoretically informed view of Islam as both a religion and a sociocultural force. Uniquely comprehensive, it surveys and discusses the transformation of Muslim societies in different eras and various regions, providing a broad narrative of the historical development of Islamic civilization.

This text explores the complex and varied history of the religion and its traditions. It provides an in-depth study of the diverse ways through which the religious dimension at the core of Islamic traditions has led to a distinctive type of civilizational process in history. The book illuminates the ways in which various historical forces have converged and crystallized in institutional forms at a variety of levels, embracing social, religious, legal, political, cultural, and civic dimensions. Together, the team of internationally renowned scholars move from the genesis of a new social order in 7th-century Arabia, right up to the rise of revolutionary Islamist currents in the 20th century and the varied ways in which Islam has grown and continues to pervade daily life in the Middle East and beyond.



Smith, Dennis (2017) [*Civilized Rebels. An Inside Story of the West's Retreat from Global Power*](#). Routledge.

This book is about four highly civilized rebels: Oscar Wilde (1854-90), Jean Améry, a concentration camp survivor born Hans Mayer (1912-76), Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) and Aung San Suu Kyi (1945- the present). These rebellious lives were closely interwoven with the British Empire's disintegration, decline, and collapse, challenged by French, American, German and Japanese rivals. These rebels all became prisoners and suffered severe humiliation, as did the regimes they were challenging. *Civilized Rebels* merges empirically rich comparative biography with the bigger world-historical picture, dramatizing the links between the British Empire's disintegration and two other transformations under way: the West's retreat from global power; and the prolonged trauma of



Brexit, the United Kingdom's projected exit from the European Union. (Buy direct from Routledge website and quote FLR40 to obtain a discount.)

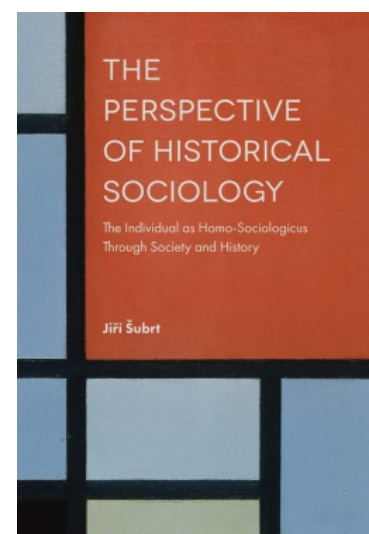
Smith, Jeremy (2017) *Debating Civilisations: Interrogating Civilisational Analysis in a Global Age*. Manchester University Press.

Debating Civilisations evaluates the multidisciplinary field of civilisational analysis, its main currents and its principal competitors. As well as tracing the field's lineage to Emile Durkheim, Oswald Spengler, Arnold Toynbee and Max Weber contemporary historians and political scientists are included. Examining the work of S N Eisenstadt, Norbert Elias, Peter Katzenstein and Johann P Arnason as leading scholars of civilisations, the book also evaluates the contemporary revival of the field against competing paradigms, especially Marxism, globalisation theory and postcolonial sociology. On the basis of this evaluation, the author argues for an alternative approach that lays stress on the dense engagement of societies, cultures, empires and civilisations in human history. Illustrating this argument through case studies of modern Japan and post-Conquest Latin America, the book explores discourses of civilization outside the West in contexts of growing Western imperial power. Drawing also on the unique theory of social imaginaries developed by Cornelius Castoriadis, *Debating Civilisations* argues that civilisations are better understood as creations made from routine contacts and connections carried out by anonymous actors over the course of long periods of time. The book contributes a unique perspective on this corner of comparative and historical sociology. *Debating Civilisations* will appeal to scholars and students in the fields of history, comparative and historical sociology, international relations and social theory.



Šubrt, Jiří (2017) *The Perspective of Historical Sociology: The Individual as Homo-Sociologicus Through Society and History*. Emerald.

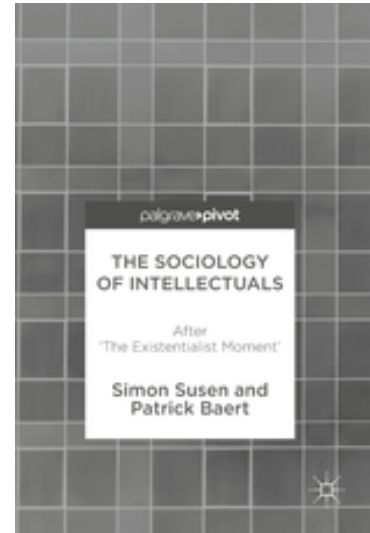
This book provides a comprehensive overview of the range of themes which make up the field of Historical Sociology. Jiří Šubrt systematically discusses the main problems of societal development, long term process and changes in the key areas of social life. These include not only temporalized sociology, evolutionary theory, civilizational analysis, societal systems, structures and functions, but also modernization and revolution, risk, crisis, catastrophe and collapse, wars, conflicts and violence, nations, nationalism and collective memory. This study does not ignore the



fundamental dichotomy underlying the discipline, which is between individualism and holism. At the heart of this book lies the human individual as related to social and historical development. The key question is who or what is responsible for the process of human history: society or the individual? The author concludes by offering an approach which may help in resolving this dilemma.

Susen, Simon and Baert, Patrick (2017) [*The Sociology of Intellectuals: After 'The Existentialist Moment'*](#). Palgrave.

This volume offers an unprecedented account of recent and future developments in the sociology of intellectuals. It presents a critical exchange between two leading contemporary social theorists, Patrick Baert and Simon Susen, advancing debates at the cutting edge of scholarship on the changing role of intellectuals in the increasingly interconnected societies of the twenty-first century. The discussion centres on Baert's most recent contribution to this field of inquiry, *The Existentialist Moment: The Rise of Sartre as a Public Intellectual* (2015), demonstrating that it has opened up hitherto barely explored avenues for the sociological study of intellectuals. In addition, the authors provide an overview of various alternative approaches that are available for understanding the sociology of intellectuals – such as those of Pierre Bourdieu, Randall Collins, and Neil Gross. In doing so, they grapple with the question of the extent to which intellectuals can play a constructive role in influencing social and political developments in the modern era. This insightful volume will appeal to students and scholars of the humanities and social sciences, particularly to those interested in social theory and the history of intellectual thought.



Journal special issues and articles

Onaka, Fumiya (2017) Community transformation in Asian societies: An introduction. *Historical Social Research* 42(3): 277-288.

Picker, Giovanni, Murji, Karim and Boatcă, Manuela (eds) (2018) Racial Urbanities, special issue of *Social Identities*, 3/2018

Videos

An online video of the author meets critics session of the recent American Philosophical Association Pacific Meetings in San Diego on Eugene Halton's book, *From the Axial Age to the Moral Revolution: John Stuart-Glennie, Karl Jaspers, and a New Understanding of the Idea*, has been posted last week by the Karl Jaspers Society of North America, who sponsored the session:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=01qgsttbSEo&feature=youtu.be>

Eugene and fellow panelist Victor Lidz in the video will both be panelists in the session "From World Religions to Axial Civilizations" at the ISA congress in Toronto (see above).

New Research Centre in Berlin

[Collaborative Research Center on the 'Refiguration of Spaces' in Berlin, Germany](#)

The German Research Foundation is funding a new Collaborative Research Center on the "Refiguration of Spaces" (CRC 1265) (2018–2021) in the fields of sociology, architecture and urban planning which starts with the observation that current social, political and technological changes, as well as uncertainties and conflict around the world all point to a fundamental issue: the relationship between people and the spaces they live in is being renegotiated and transformed. This involves processes characterized by tension and conflict. The main features of these processes can be captured by the concept of "refiguration of spaces". Refiguration finds its expression both in emerging spatial planning practices and in the fight for the preservation of traditional uses of space. With this in mind, the CRC takes an interdisciplinary approach to analyzing spatial structures and new spatial knowledge, thus offering an integrative perspective on the analysis of the current transformation of the social order. A special focus of the first year will be the

relationship between refiguration of spaces and cross-cultural comparison. There will be a guest scholar and fellowship programme for international scholars. Further information on the CRC can be found on: http://www.pressestelle.tu-berlin.de/menue/tub_medien/publikationen/medieninformationen/2017/november 2017/medieninformation nr 2082017/parameter/en/

Events

GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCIES

What's new in the human society of individuals?
The political and academic relevance of Norbert Elias's work today

Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium,
5–8 December 2018



Reinventing Elias: International Pre-Conference PhD Workshop (Stephen Mennell and Robert van Krieken)

Brussels, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, 4–5 December 2018

This workshop examines the particular contribution made by Norbert Elias and scholars using his work in sociological research. Students will become familiar with the key concepts in Elias's work, including processes of civilization, decivilization, figurations, the theorization of court society, process sociology and relational theorizing. The seminar will also examine the critical engagements with Elias's work, and reflect on the various ways in which Elias's sociology of civilization and decivilization can be applied to current issues in social science. Topics will include court society and modernity, civilization and the making of the modern self, genocide, cultural genocide and decivilization, recent developments in international relations, and 'celebrity society' as court society in an age of mass communication.

There is no charge for the workshop, apart from a small charge for light refreshments, although participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. Enrolment in the workshop will be limited to 20 participants, and *the closing date for applications is 30 September 2018*. Those who

would like to take part should send an email to Robert van Krieken (Robert.van.Krieken@sydney.edu.au) briefly stating their interests and what they are currently working on.

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