

30 September 2023

DEAR RC46 MEMBERS,

It was a great pleasure seeing so many of you in Melbourne or talking online during our World Congress! Despite the far-from-ideal circumstances related to the distances between the venues in Melbourne, the sessions were very productive, and we were fortunate to listen to fascinating papers and participate in discussions that strengthened Clinical Sociology worldwide.

Thanks to all our officers, board members and regional representatives who have worked on our behalf from 2018-2023. A particular word of thanks goes to our outgoing President, Emma Porio (eporio@ateneo.edu), for the special efforts she has put into the RC since her election in 2019 and will continue to do as a member of our Presidential Advisory Board. We also would like to thank the other members of our Presidential Advisory Board, Jan Marie Fritz, Vincent de Gaulejac, and Robert Sevigny, for their sustained contributions.

Our new officers and board members were announced at the business meeting for 2023-2027. The officers are:

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Our other Executive Board members are Daniela Jauk-Ajamie, Anastasia Rigas, Suava Zbierski-Salameh, Chinwe Obuaku, Surichai Wun'gao and Melati Wan. Each of these board members will be assigned a particular responsibility or two. They are, of course, welcome to suggest responsibilities.

Our Regional Representatives are Melody Lehnerer (USA), Nagaraju Gundemeda (India), Matthias Viana Braz (Brazil), Fernando de Yzaguirre (Columbia), Isabelle Ruelland (Canada), Anna Domaradzka (Poland), Kathrin Bogner (Germany), Gianluca Piscitelli (Italy), and Anthony Kaziboni (South Africa). Contact information for everyone is provided at the end of this newsletter.

RC46 currently has 139 members. Some of your ISA and/or RC46 memberships expire at the end of 2023. Please check your membership status by going to the ISA website (<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/isa-members/my-account>) or contacting Johanna Zulueta. Please make sure your ISA and RC46 memberships cover the term 2024-2027. The number of sessions RC46 is allowed to host, and the value of the grants we can apply for from the ISA depends on the number of RC46 members in good standing with the ISA on January 1, 2024.

We encourage you to submit an article to the *Clinical Sociology Review*. Information about publishing in the CSR appears later in this newsletter.

Please also consider submitting a book proposal for Springer's Clinical Sociology book series. If you are interested in submitting a book proposal, please contact Jan Marie Fritz, the editor, at jan.fritz@uc.edu.

Please note that our next newsletter is planned for November 2023. Send me any information you want to appear in the newsletter (tuys@uj.ac.za). This could include, for instance, recent publications, a brief article, a new job, receiving awards or an upcoming conference that might interest clinical sociologists. (Make sure any publication reference is complete.) **Your information must be received by November 15, 2023.**

I look forward to working with all of you. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

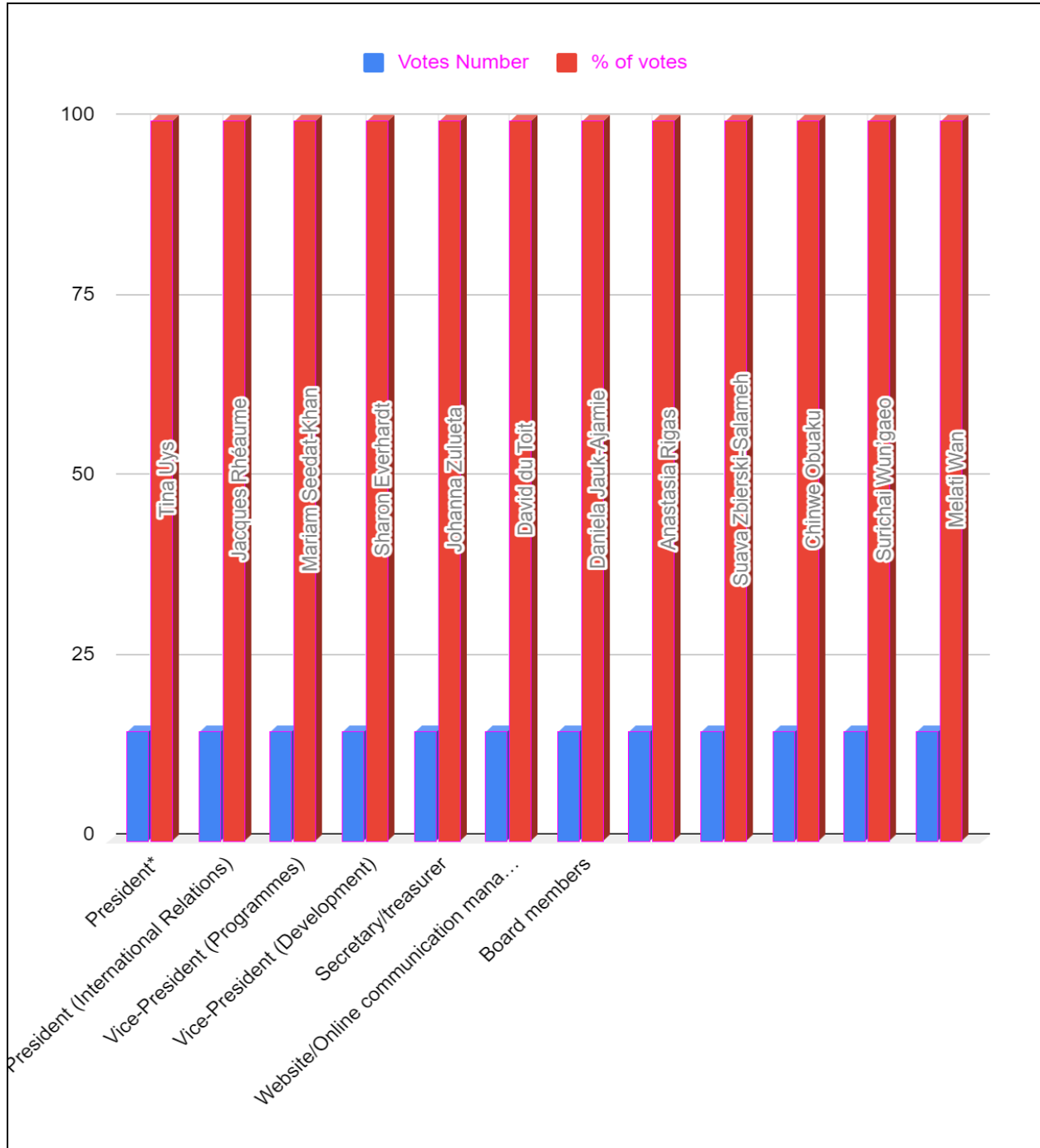
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NEWS FROM Clinical Sociologists Around the World

Reporting form on Board elections

1. RC 46 Clinical Sociology
2. Nominating Committee Chair / Elections Coordinator: Prof Emma Porio
eporio@ateneo.edu
3. Composition of the Nominating committee or election committee chair: Emma Porio & Jan Fritz
4. Date of the elections: Business meeting World Congress Melbourne 26 June 2023
5. Number of members in good standing eligible to vote: 134
6. Number of ballots received: 15 (Show of hands)
7. Number of votes invalid: None
8. Number of valid votes: 15
9. Results. Please fill in the below table adjusting positions required in your Board



* A strict limit of two consecutive mandates applies for this function.

** This function is recommended but not compulsory. The person in charge may be elected or appointed by the new elected board.

10. Was a member of the ISA Executive Committee present during the election or has she/he followed the election process? Yes – Jan Marie Fritz

News from Dr. Fernando de Yzaguirre García

JORNADA VIRTUAL DE ESTUDIOS

EPISTEMOLOGÍA Y SOCIOLOGÍA CLÍNICA

Organizan Universidad del Atlántico y Grupo de Epistemología de la Sociología Clínica del "Nodo Sur" (RISC). Colabora Aula Virtual "Federico Rubio"

Ponentes de 7 países(*): Marcelo Alfaro, Verónica Ávila, Roberto Avendaño, Ismael Cabrerizo, Edna Castro, Ana Correa, Emiliano De Armas, Romina Díaz, M^a Eugenia Espinoza, Santiago Ferreira, M^a Cristina Fuentes, Julio Luna, Sonia Murguía, Lina Ruiz, Georgina Sandoval, Iván Saucedo, Mayka Torralbo



Ana María Aragón,
coord. "Nodo Sur"

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Magister Filosofía,
Coordinadora "Nodo
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Fernando de Yzaguirre,
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VII), Repres. Sociol.
Clínica, RISC e ISA-
RC46, Profesor Univ.
Atlántico, Colombia.

MODALIDAD VIRTUAL

Sábado, 23 sept. 2023: Hora Inicio: **9 Colombia** (8 México; 10 Chile; 11 Argentina, Brasil y Uruguay; 16 España) (*)

Inscripciones invitadas (gratuitas):
<https://forms.gle/yq9sTaA1gbYHZVmq7>

MESAS DE TRABAJO: Mesa 1 (9:15 hora Colombia): Epistemologías para una SC (Ricoeur, Ortega y Enriquez). Mesa 2 (10:30 h.C.): Epistemología e Hipermodernidad: aportes al momento sociohistórico actual. Mesa 3 (11:45 h.C.): SC y Epistemologías del Sur.



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We invite you to the Virtual Study Day "Epistemology and Clinical Sociology". They organize the Epistemology Group of the Latin American South Node of the RISC and the Universidad del Atlántico, with the collaboration of the "Federico Rubio y Galí" Virtual Classroom.

Saturday, September 23, 2023: Start time 9am in Colombia (8 Mexico; 10 Chile; 11 Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay; 16 Spain and France).

Guest registrations (free):

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Twenty speakers from 7 countries. Working Groups: M1 Epistemologies for a Clinical Sociology (Ricoeur, Ortega and Enriquez); M2 Epistemology and Hypermodernity: Contributions to the Current Socio Historical Moment; M3 Clinical Sociology and Epistemologies of the South.

NEWS FROM Rosemary Barberet

Special Issue of International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice volume 47 issue 2: Feminist approaches to Justice: Contributions to CSW66

Guest Co-Editors: Rosemary Barberet, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY), Sheetal Ranjan, Montclair State University, Dawn Beichner-Thomas, Illinois State University

Free Reading Contents:

[Foreword to the special issue “feminist approaches to justice: contributions to CSW66”](#) - by Janice Joseph

[Feminist approaches to justice: contributions to CSW66. Editors' introduction](#) - Rosemary Barberet, Sheetal Ranjan & Dawn Beichner-Thomas

[Global governance and climate stress of incarcerated women: the case of the U.S](#) - Daniela Jauk-Ajamie

[An equity-first policy for women police around the world: strategies for change](#) - Venessa Garcia & Anqi Shen

[The sexual and gender-based violence epidemic meets the COVID-19 pandemic: survivors' and advocates' narratives in Egypt](#) - Mozn Hassan & Helen Rizzo

[Secondary victimisation, procedural injustices, and machismo: the experiences of women who access Brazil's not-so-specialised domestic violence courts](#) - Fernanda Fonseca Rosenblatt, Marília Montenegro Pessoa de Mello & Carolina Salazar L'Armée Queiroga de Medeiros

[Women's equal representation in the higher judiciary: a case for judicial diversity in India](#) - Gita Mittal & Dipika Jain

Meet Dr. Rosemary Barberet Who Just Got Elected to the UN Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women

Dr. Rosemary Barberet is a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, in the United States; a former member of the ISA's Executive Committee; and a representative of the ISA to the UN. She is a member of RCs 05, 29, 32 and 46. Rosemary just has been **elected by acclamation as member-at-large of the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (or NGO CSW/NY)**. The NGO CSW/NY convenes global civil society for the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) session in New York City and does global gender equality advocacy. The organization's main project is organizing the annual NGO CSW Forum during the CSW annual meeting. The NGO CSW/NY wants to bridge the gap between the official UN Commission on the Status of Women process in New York and global civil society as well as grassroots organizations.

RC46 member Rosemary Barberet, with six graduate students at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, USA, conducted a systematic content analysis of the most recent State Party Reports and Common Core Documents to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination of the United Nations, on compliance with Article 5(a) of the ICERD convention regarding efforts taken by states to prevent law enforcement racial and ethnic discrimination. They presented it at a side event of the 32nd session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna. A recording of the session is here: https://jjay-cuny.zoom.us/rec/share/MP1ZKw22HLITai4KenspvWE_tTfxsoWkuFgYfN1DjTRhre5Qk8E6MHOCIKMK054_zvYeRTFIUzVEmM9G?startTime=1684839129000, Passcode: mR589Mj* They were later invited to present it directly to CERD in a closed session on August 25th. Findings revealed that most State Parties who mention taking action have either developed anti-discrimination plans or strategies, or conducted human rights/anti-discrimination training with law enforcement. The reports rarely mentioned research, data or statistics on this topic. The full findings will appear in an academic article.

Rosemary was also elected by acclamation to the Executive Committee of NGOCSW, a large coalition of feminist NGOs active at the United Nations (<https://ngocsw.org/>)

News from Jan Marie Fritz

Jan Marie Fritz (University of Cincinnati and University of Johannesburg) gave a virtual presentation ("The Role of the UNSCR 1325 National Action Plans in Promoting the Protection of Children in Armed Conflict" for the Universities Network for the Protection of Children in Armed Conflict international conference at the University of Prishtina in Kosovo on September 5, 2023. She also chaired a session (The Professional World: A Gender Perspective) and gave a presentation ("Women's Stories: Experiencing Mandatory Retirement") on September 5, 2023 at the GenS international conference in Stintino, Italy.

News from David Du Toit

Special Issue: Domestic work in South Africa



The special issue on Domestic work in South Africa, guest edited by Prof. David du Toit, Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg, is now available online. Published by The Thinker, this special issue is an output of a virtual symposium called ‘Maids and Madams: Change and Transformation over Four Decades’, organized by the guest editor at the Department of Sociology at the University of Johannesburg in 2022. It includes a selection of the symposium presenters’ contributions alongside other prominent scholars’ works, providing a comprehensive debate on the changes and transformations

in paid domestic work in South Africa. For the special issue of The Thinker, [visit here](#).

News from Melati Wan

Received grant by IPWSO and Friends of IPWSO USA: PWS CIRCLE: EMPOWERING FAMILIES, ENERGIZING LIVES (International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organization US [IPWSO] and Friends of IPWSO) (USD 1,500) 1 Sept. 2022 – 31 March 2023 (Chief Investigator). This fund enables us to conduct a Support Group for Parents with Prader-Willi Syndrome using a Clinical Sociological approach.

As Deputy Director of Eradicating Poverty Impact Lab, I have led and organized a few programmes to empower low income households, promote healthy well-being, and support income generation activities.

a. **Pasar Makmur** - "Pasar Makmur" is a transformative weekly bazaar that spans over seven weeks, designed to create a platform for low-income households to showcase their products and entrepreneurial skills at Taylor's University. This initiative not only provides an opportunity for these individuals to promote their brands and generate income but also encourages the development of valuable entrepreneurial skills. Beyond financial gains, Pasar Makmur fosters a sense of community and networking among participants, promoting a supportive environment where individuals can learn from one another and collectively strive for economic empowerment and success.

b. **Fit.Ria** - "Fit.Ria" is a transformative initiative that partners with local celebrities to champion healthy living and well-being among low-income households, a demographic often challenged by prioritizing health amid pressing survival needs. This program offers participants an opportunity to engage in rejuvenating yoga and stretching exercises, providing physical and mental relief. Moreover, it introduces essential concepts of mental well-being and encourages the adoption of healthy eating and lifestyle choices. By combining the influence of local celebrities with holistic wellness practices, Fit.Ria empowers individuals to take proactive steps toward improving their health and overall quality of life.

c. **MyPeriod Story** - "MyPeriod Story" is an impactful initiative dedicated to educating high school students about the pressing issue of period poverty. This program is a collaborative effort that brings together a diverse group of experts, including health practitioners, social entrepreneurs, NGOs, and psychology and sociology specialists. By pooling their collective knowledge and resources, MyPeriod Story seeks to shed light on the challenges faced by those affected by period poverty and create a supportive and informed community. Through education and awareness-building, this initiative empowers high school students to become advocates for change, fostering empathy, and inclusivity while addressing a critical social issue.

d. **Ibu.Niaga** - "Ibu.Niaga" is a remarkable project dedicated to empowering women micro-entrepreneurs. Through a series of workshops focused on motivation, resilience, and various essential skills like innovative pastry making on a budget, financial literacy, and effective business promotion, this initiative equips women with the tools they need to succeed. The project takes it a step further by encouraging participants to share their stories on social media, amplifying their voices and building a supportive community. To put their newly acquired knowledge into practice, "Ibu.Niaga" provides a unique opportunity for income generation with a two-day bazaar right on the Taylor's University campus. This comprehensive approach not only fosters economic empowerment but also promotes personal growth and community building among these inspiring women entrepreneurs

Recent Publications:

Wan, Puspa Melati. (2023). The Unspoken Truth about Their Experiences and Challenges

Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic. In Mariam Seedat-Khan, Johanna O. Zulueta (eds.). *Women and COVID-19 A Clinical and Applied Sociological Focus on Family, Work and Community*. Taylor Francis, pp. 10-17.

Wan, Puspa Melati, Affezah Ali, Ng Miew Luan. (2023). Vaxx-Confident and Vaxx-Hesitant

Agents: Factors Affecting COVID-19 Vaccination Willingness Among Young Adults in Klang Valley, Malaysia. *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, 31 (1).

I was also recently invited for:

PLENARY SPEAKER. Feeding Empathy: A Sociological Exploration of Food Management Strategies in Prader-Willi Syndrome Families 5th International Conference of Arts and Sciences, Cebu Normal University (Hybrid), Wednesday, 20th September 2023 | 11:30am – 1:30pm. and online talk show:

Mosaic's 'Wolkfolk' Series - talking on Work life balance in modern times 22 September 2023

Best Presenter Award:

15-16 August 2023

Prader-Willi Syndrome in Malaysia: The Context, The Issues, and the Role of Social Scientists.

The 13th International Malaysian Studies Conference (MSC 13)
Malaysian Social Science Association

News from Anastasia Valentine Rigas

A. Symposium 3/01/23 Hellenic Association of the United Nations

President: Anastasia Valentine Rigas Professor of Social Clinical Psychology and Qualitative Methodology, University of Crete

Subject of the symposium: Protection of Our Greek Ancient Civilization. Presenter the Greek Architect Konstantinos Staikos

Place of the Symposium: The Acropolis Museum

B. Symposium 12/5/23 Folk University of Athens

Dean Anastasia Valentine Rigas Professor of Social Clinical Psychology and Qualitative Methodology, University of Crete

Subject of the symposium: Kostis Palamas. The National Greek Poet. Presenters: D. Karamvalis, writer/lawyer - Euripides Garantoudis Professor of Philology. Kapodistrian University of Athens

Place of the Symposium: Folk University of Athens, Ampitheater

C. The Greek Association of Psychology, Congress of Social Psychology

23/11/23-26/11/23

Symposium Social Clinical Psychology and Human Rights

Organizers of the symposium: AV Rigas - A. Giotsa Professors

Title of the symposium: Human Rights in the Family and the Society, Violence, and Aggressiveness

Place of the symposium: University of Patras

D. Symposium International Day of Human Rights: The Violence Against Children and Women in Greece

9/12/23

Organizer of the symposium: Hellenic Association of the United Nations

AV Rigas, President

Place of the symposium: Embassy of Cyprus/The House of Cyprus, Center of Civilization, Athens. With European Participation

Articles in scientific books:

AV Rigas. The Pictorial Arts as Psychotherapy. Theoretical Approaches and Application. In The New Year Philology Time (A. Thalasselis, ed.). Annual Literary and Artistic Edition, Tome 72, pp.152-157, Athens, Greece.

Social Clinical Psychology and Consultation for Adult Persons.

Courses on Theory and Applications

Presenter and chief of the courses: AV Rigas

Years of teaching: 1994- 2023.

Place of the courses: Folk University of Athens

News from Various Parts of the World

During the summer, our colleague Kepler Aurelien hosted a seminar on research and psychosocial intervention systems for master students as part of the master's degree in social psychology at the State University of Haiti (UEH). In the program planned for this seminar (June-July-August 2023), he inventoried a set of mechanisms developed in clinical social sciences, including clinical sociology ([see it here](#)).

Several events to stress in September and October

PhD students from LCSP (Université Paris Cité) organize an interdisciplinary symposium on- reflexivity and involvement- with the participation of clinical sociologists in Paris ([See here](#)).

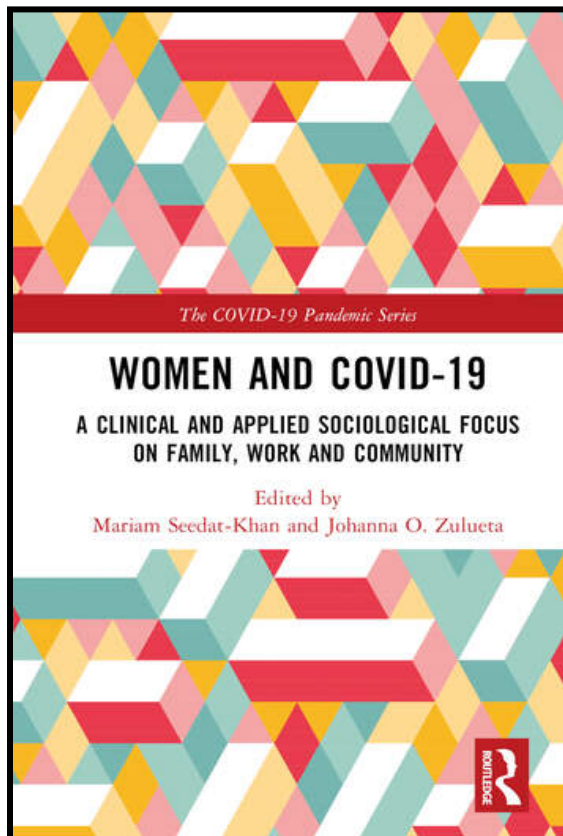
Meanwhile, Fernando de Yzaguirre and Ana Maria Araujo will hold an online symposium- Epistemology and Clinical Sociology- ([Click here](#)). Training in clinical sociology also continues in Canada, with a session on intervention theater in October in Montreal ([Click it here](#)), and also sessions on various topics in France as part of RISC-formations ([Here](#)).

Recent Publications in Clinical Sociology

In Belgium, a book on domestic violence, by Isabelle Seret-Faire taire le silence- ([further reading](#)) In Brazil, a collective book on work and mental health- Desse Jeito Não Dá Mais: Trabalho doente e sofrimento mental ([further reading](#)).

In Spain, the translation into Spanish by Marcela De Grande of a French book on intervention theater by René Badache and Vincent de Gaulejac : « Poner la vida en juego-Mettre sa vie en jeu- ([further reading](#)).

Special Feature



Mariam Seedat-Khan and Johanna O. Zulueta co-edited two books on gender and the COVID-19 issue. *Women and COVID-19: A Clinical and Applied Sociological Focus on Family, Work and Community* (Routledge, 2023) looks at women's lived experiences amid the pandemic, focusing on migrant workers, ethnic minorities, victims of gender-based violence, and those living on the margins of society. *COVID-19: Sociological Interventions* (Frontpage, 2023), examined the social impacts of the pandemic on various sectors of society, as well as the applied and the clinical interventions made

to address these. Both books featured articles from clinical sociologists in both the Global North and the Global South.

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