

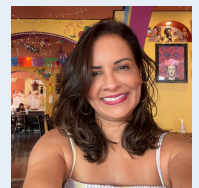
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The Provisional Board 2018 – 2020 / Extended 2023 formed by President Craig Cook (Woodstock School - India), Vice-President Dulce Filgueira de Almeida (University of Brasília - Brazil) and Secretary and Treasurer Mônica Mesquita (NOVA University Lisbon - Portugal) give welcome the our New Board Committee. The new committee is made up of: Dulce Filgueira de Almeida (president), Mônica Mesquita (vice president), Somdatta Murkherje (secretary), Leticia Silva (treasurer) and Anabela Pereira, Craig Cook and Victoria D'Hers.

## NEW BOARD COMMITTEE



**DR DULCE FILGUEIRA DE ALMEIDA  
PRESIDENT**

Priscila and Carolina's mother. Doctor in Sociology by University of Brasília/Brazil. Dulce Almeida is sociologist and full Professor, working in undergraduate and postgraduate courses at the Faculty of Physical Education at the University of Brasília. She has post-doctor by University of Strasbourg/France, under the supervision of David Le Breton (2018), by University of Maryland/USA and by University of Salamanca/ES.

In scientific associations, Dulce was Vice-President Research Committee 54 The body in the Social Sciences of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Vice-President and Financial Director of the Brazilian College of Sports Sciences/CBCE. She is leader of the research group Núcleo de Estudos do Corpo e Natureza (Body and nature research group)- NECON at University of Brasília. Coordinated research projects in important financing agencies in Brazil (Finep, Ministry of Sports and FAPDF). Areas of interest: sociology of the body, emotions, sensations; human rights and public policies. Last book: Almeida, Dulce Filgueira de. "Sociologia do corpo: Donald Pierson e a sociologia da itinerância". Brasília: Editora da Universidade de Brasília, 2024 (prelo). Last articles: Silva, Letícia; Heringer, Natália; Bento, Nárgila; Almeida, Dulce. Corporeidade e práticas corporais: (des)encontros na produção científica brasileira. Revista Pemo, v. 5, 2023. ISSN 2675-519X. DOI 10.47149/pemo.v5.e510321. Gurkewicz, Fabrício. Grando, Beleni. S.; Almeida, Dulce Filgueira de. Elementos para pensar a questão indígena em Rondônia: as Políticas Públicas de Esporte e Lazer. Revista Tellus, v. 50, n. 23, 2023. ISSN 2359-1943. DOI 10.20435/tellus.v23i50.895.



**DR MÔNICA MESQUITA**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

Ph.D. With a degree in Educational Sciences, with specialization in Science Teaching (Pt) and Socioanthropology of Space (UK), Mônica developed her studies on violence with street children and with native peoples, both in Brazil. In Portugal since 2001, she developed two post-doctorates. (Political Philosophy of Education; Critical Environmental Science).

Mônica has been a principal researcher and guest assistant professor at the NOVA University of Lisbon, part of the MARE Centre, where she coordinates the Ocean Literacy Observatory. She still researches, through transdisciplinary and transcultural paths, the high level of violence against the intelligibility of the invisible people/ethnicities. With experience in project coordination, she currently leads Smart Fishing and Marine Science, Technology & Society, both in Portugal, and Labour Praxis into Small Resilient Communities, in Brazil. As ISA member since 2003, she is on the Board of RC54 - Body in the Social Sciences, where she is vice-president, and of TG11 - Violence and Society. Mônica has experience as a master's and doctoral advisor and in teaching in the areas of communitarian and oceanic critical literacy, liberation pedagogy and environmental justice. As an ethnographer, with a main focus on the dynamics of intellectual encounter (traditional-local-technical-scientific), she has worked to encourage the collaboration of all actors involved in scientific research, aiming for the full exercise of environmental belonging and intellectual justice.



**DR SOMDATTA MUKHERJEE**  
**SECRETARY**

Dr. Somdatta Mukherjee completed her PhD from University of Paris, Sorbonne. Prior to that she was a research assistant in the department of Sociology at Boston University. She has the research experience of working with diverse groups like: Indian Army, the two major correctional homes in Kolkata, the largest prostitute area of Kolkata, one of the biggest slums in Kolkata, old age homes, tea-gardens, tribal areas, child disability rights centres to name a few.

Dr. Somdatta has expertise on Sociology of health & medicine, body-techniques, religion, yoga, ethnology, methodology, visual anthropology, environment. She is the first Indian student at CANTHEL, University of Paris, and the first ethnologist on yoga in France. She is serving as one of the editorial board members of a journal of international repute. Dr. Mukherjee has eight years of teaching experience in universities in India. At present she is working as an independent researcher. Her present projects are on bodies and emotions in – Sahajiyā, Indian Army, tantra & sacrifice, environment, belief. She is trained in prāṇāyāma (the breathing techniques) and Odissi (Indian Classical dance). She loves nature and photography.



**DR LETICIA SILVA  
TREASURER**

Teacher and coordinator of the degree course in Physical Education at the State University of Minas Gerais (UEMG). PhD and Master in Physical Education from the University of Brasília (2019 and 2015, respectively). Graduated in Physical Education from the State University of Goiás (2011).

Leticia completed part of her doctorate at the University of Strasbourg (France) under the supervision of sociologist David Le Breton (2018). She is a member of the scientific committee of the GTT Body and Culture of the Brazilian College of Sports Sciences; of RC54 "The Body in the Social Sciences" of the International Sociological Association (ISA), and; from NECON (Body and Nature Research Group), which is linked to the Cedes Network at the University of Brasília. She has established interdisciplinary work with education and social sciences (sociology and anthropology), working mainly on the following themes: sociology of the body, anthropology of the body and production of knowledge.



**DR ANABELA PEREIRA**  
**BOARD**

Project manager at 'VAX ACTION: tackling effectively vaccine hesitancy in Europe from the European consortium led by GHMT/IHMT, founded through the EU4 Health Program, coordinated by Tiago Correia, at UNL, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa.

Anabela has expertise in sociology, particularly art and culture, discourse analysis, identity, body representation, and artistic trajectories.

Recently, Anabela has been focusing on biographical research and developing qualitative and quantitative sociological research methods. She used to enjoy delving into analyzing data and discovering new avenues for research. She recently completed her master's dissertation in cognitive science, where she studied the connections between the mind, brain, body, and environment, exploring the emotionally embedded cognition hypothesis. She was a published author and an Integrated Researcher at CIES, Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa. Recent publications include *De Viva Voz* (2023). *Ecos Biográficos da Sociedade Portuguesa Tinda-da-China* (book with Ana Caetano, Sónia Bernardo Correia, and Magda Nico); *Touching from a Distance: gaining intimacy with research participants during the COVID-19 pandemic* (forthcoming book chapter with Ana Caetano, Magda Nico, and Sónia Bernardo Correia); *A year in the life: living portraits of the COVID-19 pandemic in Portugal* (forthcoming book chapter with Ana Caetano, Magda Nico, Sónia Bernardo Correia, and John Goodwin).



**DR CRAIG COOK  
BOARD**

Ph.D., Sociology, (emphasis in gender, religion, and urban sociology), 2007. Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines.\*John F. Doherty Award for Social Justice. \*Dissertation: The Social Construction of Bodies Through Basketball during the American Occupation of the Philippines, 1906-1922. M.Div., Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, La Mirada, California, 1986.

Recently, Craig was the president of the provisional board of the RC 54 until 2023. He used to do researches about intercultural studies, gender, religion and sport, specially, about basketball. At the present time, he is Principal/Head of School, Woodstock School, Mussoorie, India. 2016 to 2019, Dean, School of Education, Simpson University, Redding, California. Last publications: "The Birth of the Basketball Court: Bodies in Time and Space" by Craig Cook, University of Montreal Visual Anthropology Laboratory e-journal, to be published in April 2018. \*"Constructing Bodies through Basketball: American and Philippine Interactions", by Craig Cook, pp. 172-198, in Embodiment and Cultural Differences, edited by Bianca Maria Pirani and Thomas Spence Smith, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016.



**DR VICTORIA D'HERS COOK  
BOARD**

PhD in Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, 2011. Degree in Sociology, University of Buenos Aires. UBA Professor at UBA and National University of La Plata. Adjunct Researcher at the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina (CONICET), and at the Centre for Sociological Research and Studies (CIES: [www.estudiosociologicos.org](http://www.estudiosociologicos.org)).

Part of the Study Group on Sociology of Emotions and Bodies, Gino Germani Research Institute, Faculty of Social Sciences-UBA. Editorial Committee of the Latin American Journal of Studies on Bodies, Emotions and Society, and evaluates articles for several indexed journals. Member of the Thematic Group 08 Society and Emotions of the International Sociological Association (ISA). VicePresident of the Iyengar Yoga Association, Argentina. Certified Iyengar Yoga Teacher- [www.bksiyengar.com](http://www.bksiyengar.com); Dancer. Main research areas: Sociology of body/emotions, social research based on creativity and expressiveness, Environmental Sociology, yoga and dance as social research tools.



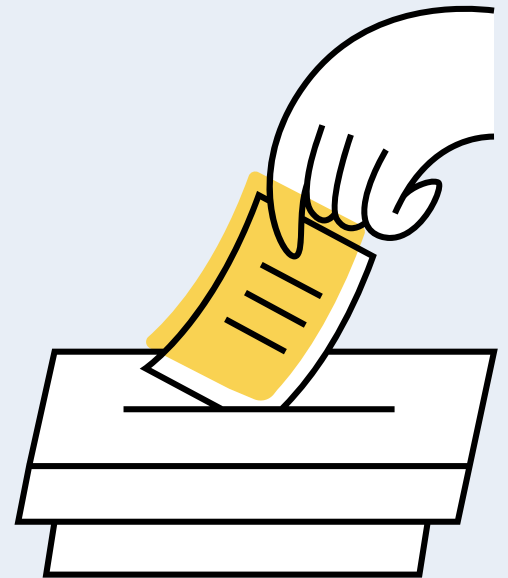
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## BALLOT ABOUT THE ELECTORAL PROCESS

The Electoral Process for the RC54 Board 2023 – 2027 was launched by the Provisional Board 2018 – 2020 / Extended 2023, on June 5 and it was finished in on August 30th.



## LAST WORDS

On behalf of our former scientific committee, we welcome our new committee and we would like to thank the partnership formed with the researchers Somdatta Mukherjee (Independent - India), Dietmar Wetzel (MSH Medical School Hamburg - Germany) and Letícia Silva (State University of Minas Gerais) for all the support received during these last years, including the realization of the RC 54 Post Forum - the mid term event - in a virtual way. "Bodies in the pandemic context", the title of our event, was organized by Professor Dulce Almeida and her research group "Body and nature study center - NECON" from University of Brasilia/Brazil in 2021, during the Covid 19 pandemic.

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