



Sociology of
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RC52 Sociology of Professional Groups

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Objectives

To establish contacts and encourage collaboration among scholars working in the field of sociology of occupational/professional groups throughout the world; to encourage the international exchange of research findings in the sociology of occupational/professional groups.

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Letter from the President of ISA RC52

Dear members and friends of ISA Research Committee 52 'Sociology of Professional Groups',

This is my first letter as the incoming President of ISA RC 52, and I am excited about what the next 4 years will hold for the cluster. I want to begin by thanking Helena Serra, outgoing president of RC52 for her excellent leadership over an extended term and difficult times. Thanks Helena for all you have done for the cluster.

In this letter I will highlight a few upcoming initiatives and events. First, though, I want to mention this summer's ISA World Congress in Melbourne.

The XX ISA World Congress of Sociology was held in a hybrid format in June, and while there were several technological challenges, the papers were strong, and it was great to see so many people affiliated with the cluster in person and online again. On behalf of Helena and myself, as cluster programme co-ordinators, I'd like to thank everyone who organized sessions, chaired sessions, or participated in them as speakers or audience members. The quality of the papers was very high, and we had some great discussions over the course of the week. In total 81 papers were presented across 13 RC52 cluster sessions and 3 joint sessions with other clusters (RC15 [Sociology of Health], RC31 [Sociology of Migration], and RC19 [Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy]).

During the Congress the venue for the next (XXI) Congress was announced: Gwangju South Korea, July 4th-10th 2027. Just recently, information about the upcoming ISA Forum was announced. That event will be held in Rabat Morocco, July 7-11 2025. The format of these events has not been announced yet: that is, while the conferences will be held in-person, it is not clear whether there will be a hybrid option. Planning for 2025 should start soon, so we will share more details as soon as we have them.

There will also be an RC52 cluster Sociology of Professions conference, which will occur in June 2024 in Rome Italy. Thanks very much to RC52 board secretary/treasurer Andrea Bellini for taking the lead in organizing the conference. More details can be found later in this newsletter.

In another initiative, we have started an RC52 cluster monthly bulletin. We want to enhance communication within the cluster, and will use this monthly bulletin to share cluster-related news, share information about other conferences and calls for papers, and share information on recent publications in our field. To that end, if you have items for the bulletin, please send them to me at the email address below. These bulletins will also be posted on our blog: researchcommittee52.wordpress.com.

To wrap up, I will express my appreciation to all who contribute to RC52 in various capacities. I appreciate your many, varied contributions.

Best wishes

Tracey

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Letter from the President of ISA RC52 (French version)

Cher.e.s membres et ami.e.s du comité de recherche 52 de l'AIS "Sociologie des groupes professionnels",

Il s'agit de ma première lettre en tant que nouvelle présidente du CR52 de l'AIS, et je suis enthousiaste à l'idée de ce que les 4 prochaines années réservent au groupe. Je voudrais commencer par remercier Helena Serra, présidente sortante du CR52, pour son excellent leadership au cours d'un long mandat ponctué de périodes difficiles. Merci Helena pour tout ce que tu as fait pour le groupe.

Dans cette lettre, je mettrai l'accent sur quelques initiatives et événements à venir. Tout d'abord, je voudrais mentionner le Congrès mondial de l'AIS qui s'est tenu cet été à Melbourne.

Le XXème Congrès mondial de sociologie de l'AIS s'est tenu dans un format hybride en juin, et bien qu'il y ait eu plusieurs défis technologiques, les présentations étaient solides, et c'était formidable de voir autant de personnes à nouveau affiliées au groupe en présence et en ligne. Au nom d'Helena et de moi-même, en tant que coordonnatrices du programme du CR52, j'aimerais remercier tous ceux qui ont organisé ou présidé des sessions, ou qui y ont participé en tant que présentateurs ou membres du public. La qualité des présentations était très élevée et nous avons eu d'excellentes discussions tout au long de la semaine. Au total, 81 papiers ont été présentés lors de 13 sessions du groupe CR52 et de trois sessions conjointes avec d'autres groupes (CR15 [Sociologie de la santé], CR31 [Sociologie des migrations] et CR19 [Pauvreté, protection sociale et politiques sociales]).

Pendant le congrès, le lieu du prochain congrès (XXI) a été annoncé : Gwangju, Corée du Sud, du 4 au 10 juillet 2027. Tout récemment, des informations sur le prochain Forum de l'AIS ont été annoncées. Cet événement se tiendra à Rabat, au Maroc, du 7 au 11 juillet 2025. Le format de ces événements n'a pas encore été annoncé : les conférences se tiendront en présence, mais on ne sait pas encore s'il y aura une option hybride. La planification pour 2025 devrait commencer bientôt; nous partagerons donc plus de détails dès que nous les aurons.

Il y aura également une conférence du CR52 sur la sociologie des professions, qui se tiendra en juin 2024 à Rome, en Italie. Un grand merci à Andrea Bellini, secrétaire/trésorier du conseil d'administration du CR52, qui a pris l'initiative d'organiser cette conférence. Vous trouverez plus de détails dans cette lettre d'information.

Dans le cadre d'une autre initiative, nous avons lancé un bulletin mensuel du groupe du CR52. Nous souhaitons améliorer la communication au sein du groupe et utiliserons ce bulletin mensuel pour partager des nouvelles liées au groupe, des informations sur d'autres conférences et appels à contributions, ainsi que des informations sur les publications récentes dans notre domaine. À cette fin, si vous avez des éléments à inclure dans le bulletin, veuillez me les envoyer à l'adresse électronique ci-dessous. Ces bulletins seront également publiés sur notre blog : researchcommittee52.wordpress.com.

Pour conclure, je tiens à exprimer ma gratitude à tous ceux qui contribuent au CR52 à divers titres. J'apprécie vos contributions nombreuses et variées.

Meilleures salutations
Tracey

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Letter from the President of ISA RC52 (Spanish version)

Estimadas miembros y amigos del Comité de Investigación de la ISA 52 "Sociología de los Grupos Profesionales",

Esta es mi primera carta como presidenta del RC52 y estoy entusiasmada con lo que los próximos 4 años llevarán al grupo. Quiero empezar dando las gracias a Helena Serra, ex-presidenta de RC52 por su excelente liderazgo durante un largo mandato y unos tiempos difíciles. Gracias Helena por todo lo que has hecho por esta comunidad.

En esta carta destacaré algunas iniciativas y acontecimientos próximos. En primer lugar, quiero mencionar el Congreso Mundial de la ISA celebrado este verano en Melbourne.

El XX Congreso Mundial de Sociología de la ISA se celebró en un formato híbrido en junio, y aunque hubo varios retos tecnológicos, las ponencias fueron sólidas y fue genial ver a tanta gente afiliada al network en persona y online de nuevo. En nombre de Helena y en mí propio nombre, como coordinadoras del programa del RC, me gustaría dar las gracias a

todas las que organizaron sesiones, las presidieron o participaron en ellas como ponentes o miembros del público. La calidad de las ponencias fue muy alta y mantuvimos unos debates magníficos a lo largo de la semana. En total, se presentaron 81 ponencias en 13 sesiones del grupo RC52 y 3 sesiones conjuntas con otros grupos (RC15 [Sociología de la Salud], RC31 [Sociología de las Migraciones] y RC19 [Pobreza, Bienestar Social y Política Social]).

Durante el Congreso se anunció la sede del próximo (XXI) Congreso: Gwangju, Corea del Sur, del 4 al 10 de julio de 2027. Más recientemente se anunció el próximo Foro de la AIS. Este evento se celebrará en Rabat, Marruecos, del 7 al 11 de julio de 2025. Aún no se ha anunciado el formato de estos eventos: es decir, aunque las conferencias se celebrarán en persona, todavía no queda claro si habrá una opción híbrida. La planificación para el 2025 debería empezar pronto, por lo que compartiremos más detalles en cuanto los tengamos.

También habrá una conferencia de Sociología de las Profesiones del grupo RC52, que tendrá lugar en junio de 2024 en Roma, Italia. Muchas gracias al secretario/tesorero de la junta directiva de la RC52, Andrea Bellini, por liderar la organización de la conferencia. Encontraras más detalles más adelante en este boletín.

Como otra iniciativa, hemos puesto en marcha un boletín mensual de la RC52. Queremos mejorar la comunicación dentro de nuestra comunidad y utilizaremos este boletín mensual para compartir noticias relacionadas con el network, compartir información sobre otras conferencias y convocatorias de ponencias, y compartir información sobre publicaciones recientes en nuestro campo. Para contribuir, si tiene artículos para el boletín, envíemelos a la dirección de correo electrónico que figura más abajo. Estos boletines también se publicarán en nuestro blog: researchcommittee52.wordpress.com.

Para terminar, quiero expresar mi agradecimiento a todos los que contribuyen al RC52 en diversas funciones. Aprecio sus numerosas y variadas contribuciones.

Mis mejores deseos
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V ISA Forum of Sociology

The next ISA Forum of Sociology will take place in **2025, July 7-11**, in **Rabat, Morocco**.

Soon we will have an update regarding the Call for Session.

#ISAforum25

RC52 News

RC52 INTERIM MEETING 2024

Navigating turbulence: professions in an era of multiple crises

The next RC52 Interim Meeting will take place in **2024, June 24-26**, in **Rome, Italy**. It will be hosted by Sapienza University of Rome and organized by Andrea Bellini.

Theme

Over the last decade, numerous global challenges have emerged. From financial crises, unemployment, rising precarity, and retrenchment of public funding, through the COVID-

19 pandemic and workplace changes including digitalization, to wars and violence, professionals have had to navigate turbulence. Nonetheless, professionals continue to play a critical role in interpreting change and defining and applying norms and rules, thereby giving meaning to social life. In the context of change, however, professionals experience profound alterations in their careers, roles, and tasks, which require them to reshape their own professional identities. On a global scale, processes of differentiation associated with growing inequalities can be observed across professions.

Call for Sessions (open)

RC52 invites submissions of session proposals addressing the issues above in all professional areas, whether theoretical or empirical in nature and based on multiple or single case studies or comparative analyses.

Please send your proposals via e-mail to the local organizer, Andrea Bellini (rc52rome2024@gmail.com). Proposals must be sent in Word files, written in the English language in the form of a Call for Abstracts, and must include:

- Session title;
- An abstract of no more than 200 words;
- Name(s) and contact details (affiliation, country, e-mail) of the session organizer(s);
- Short biographical note(s) of the session organizer(s) (max 50 words each).

Deadline: **2024, January 31**

Download the [full text](#)

Visit the conference website: <https://sites.google.com/view/rc52-rome-2024>

SUBSCRIPTION TO RC52 NEWSLETTER

The mailing list of ISA RC52 is now available for subscription at:
<http://bit.ly/RC52listSubscription>.

The mailing list is the new official news channel of ISA RC52, in compliance with GDPR regulation of the European Union. Please subscribe to the mailing list if you want to be updated about our initiatives and to keep receiving the ISA RC52 Newsletter.

MONTHLY BULLETTIN

Contributions to the RC52 Monthly Bulletin are very welcome. These could feature news, new developments in the field, call for papers, publications (books and journal articles),

forthcoming events including conferences, report-backs. Anything that you think might be of interest to members and help fulfil the objectives of RC52.

Please email, as a word document, your contribution to the RC52 President Tracey Adams (tladams@uwo.ca).

BLOG CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember that you can post any news with relevance for the ISA-RC52 community and beyond on our blog! It could be call for papers, news on publications, or notes on events and developments in your part of the world.

Send your contribution for the blog to Tracey Adams (tladams@uwo.ca). And follow the blog at www.researchcommittee52.wordpress.com.

Notices

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Digital Disruption: Professions at the Crossroads? A sub-theme of the **40th EGOS Colloquium**, July 4th-6th 2024, University of Milan-Bicocca.

We welcome submissions to this sub-theme of the EGOS Colloquium.

In this sub-theme, we explore how professions, PSFs and professionals respond to and enact digitalization. We posit that professions, PSFs, and professionals find themselves at a crossroads: either they continue their trodden path, or decide to follow a new one, in which they – spurred by digitalization – need to (re-)shape the boundaries for what they (should) know, what they (should) do, and who they are (or should be). Thus, we are interested in how professions, PSFs, and professionals engage in maintaining their existing jurisdictions and domains of expertise, and/or redefining them.

We invite interdisciplinary contributions from a range of methodological approaches, addressing topics including but not restricted to:

- How do PSFs and professionals organize to manage the onsite-online boundary, and what implications does that have for their team dynamics, innovation, and time management?
- How do professionals, professions, and PSFs collaborate across organizational boundaries (e.g., in ecosystems, platforms, etc.), how are these collaborations

- organized and governed, and what new types of organizational forms emerge?
- How do PSFs and professionals organize for boundary-spanning work and roles, and for the recruitment and integration of new types of expertise into their organizations?
 - How do PSFs' and professionals' boundary-spanning activities (see above) influence the professions' jurisdictions, domains of expertise, and professional identity?
 - How do professionals perceive and enact new boundary-spanning work practices and roles?

Submission deadline: **January 9, 2024**

Further details, including information about how to submit a paper are available here https://www.egos.org/jart/prj3/egos/main.jart?rel=de&reserve-mode=active&content-id=1662944489704&subtheme_id=1669874218326

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Francophone colleagues, researchers and students could be interested by this appel à communications for the **Association internationale des sociologues de langue française (AISLF)** forthcoming conference, in Ottawa (Canada), July 8-12, 2024. The call is open until December 15, 2023. It proposes 6 themes that concern professions, work of professionals, collaboration, legitimation, organisations, etc. A first Conference in presence since 2016! Au plaisir de vous y rencontrer!

Submission deadline: **January 12, 2024**

Further details, including information about how to submit a paper are available here: <https://congres2024.aislf.org/pages/23-aac.php?aac=CR32>

For information: nancy.cote@soc.ulaval.ca

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), 2024 Conference, June 26-29, Limerick Ireland.

Network D: Professions and Professionals in a Globalizing World

Professions and professionals have long had a central role in economy and society, and in the current era they remain as central as ever. In particular, professions and professionals play a central role in addressing some of the key socio-economic concerns of our time, from climate change to corporate governance, ageing populations to trade regulation.

There are, however, some distinctive features of the contemporary role of professions and professionals compared to earlier eras. The meaning of the term profession and professional has evolved. Alongside the 'traditional' professions such as accountancy, architecture, law and medicine, a series of 'new' professions and professionals have emerged, such as management consultancy and project management, that rely on discourses of expertise, ethics and client service to carve out a role in markets and legitimise claims to a role in issues 'old' professions also claim jurisdiction over. Professionals frequently work in large, often multinational organizations that they shape with discourses and identities while being at the same time inserted in new forms of division of labour with other occupational groups. Professions and professionals increasingly operate in and form transnational regimes, and practice in and exert influence through large and global professional service firms but also non-professional organizations as diverse as charities, lobby groups and non-governmental organizations. They also form compacts with corporations, states, and inter-governmental organizations to advance one-another's interests. Hence, change, re-scaling, redefinition, and re-organization are core themes at the heart of work on professions and professionals.

Through the Professions and professionals in a globalizing world network we seek to develop critical analysis of contemporary developments. In particular, we are interested in the way changes place professions and professionals at the centre of topics that are at the heart of the SASE agenda, such as transnational governance, varieties of capitalism in a global world, and global economic development. Thus papers might address, but are certainly not limited to, topics such as professions and professionals:

- In global organisations, from the professional service firm to inter-governmental organizations;
- In transnational governance, lobbying and standards;
- In developing and emerging markets (particularly from post/neo-colonial perspectives);
- In global issue control, such as in relation to climate change and trade.

The network invites contributions from a variety of intellectual traditions and disciplines, including sociology, political science, economics, geography, anthropology and management studies.

Submission deadline: **January 19, 2024**

Further details, including information about how to submit a paper are available here:

<https://sase.org/event/2024-limerick/>

Special Issue of the **Journal of Applied Behavioral Science**

From Near and Far: On the Role of Distance in Changing Professional Services

Guest Editors:

Tracey L. Adams, University of Western Ontario

David M. Brock, Ben-Gurion University

Daniel Muzio, University of York

John Amis, University of Edinburgh

Most professional services are provided within organizational frameworks that are experiencing substantial change, altering the relationships between service providers and clients. Traditionally professional services were delivered with close proximity between the service provider and the client, reflecting both the experiential nature of these services and the need to establish and maintain trust (Von Nordenflycht, 2010). Thus, auditors and consultants have performed much of their work on the clients' premises, doctors are trained to assess and treat their patients face-to-face, and lawyers generally meet their clients on-site and/or in court. However, several factors – including globalization, enabling technologies, and the Covid-19 pandemic – have enabled more and more professionals to work in different offices, cities, and even countries than their clients, as professional expertise is increasingly delivered at 'a distance', both in geographical and in institutional terms. These changes have profound implications for a range of individuals, organizations and institutions and are triggering wide changes to how professional services are organized, produced and consumed. In particular, these changes have the potential to impact knowledge, decision-making, planning, collaboration, regulation, the content of services, work processes, and ethical conduct – altering what is done and how – to name only a few implications.

This special issue is thus dedicated to understanding the implications of distance on professional services provided within and across organizations in a context of change – with particular attention to the implications for practice, relationships, knowledge, and interventions. Our special issue welcomes both empirical and conceptual studies that enhance our understanding on the changing role of distance in professional services, from a variety of perspectives and viewpoints.

We invite contributions that include (but are not limited to):

- Onsite versus offsite versus hybrid work: How can professional firms evaluate and implement various modes of working with their clients? How can professional organizations maintain a coherent culture and standards when working at a distance? (Adams, 2020; Li, 2019; Spicer, 2020)
- Networks and Alliances: What organizational alternatives may allow professional firms to reach distant clients? (Kumar & Nti, 2004; Salvoldi & Brock, 2019, 2023)
- The Pandemic effect: How has Covid-19 impacted the delivery of professional services? (Björkdahl & Kronblad, 2021; De Clercq & Pereira, 2021; Empson 2022)
- Careers: How does distance work impact on development of professionals at different stages of their careers? (Malhotra, Morris & Smets, 2010; Yao, 2022)

- Technology and organizations: Pathways to successful integration of new technology (Schwarz & Bouckennooghe, 2022).
- Technology and professional work: To what extent can new technological approaches enable professional work at a distance? (Armour & Sako, 2020; Pareliussen, et al., 2022)
- Regulation: Implications for professional organizations and services straddling multiple regulatory and normative frameworks as well as cultural contexts (Adams, 2022; Sabini & Paton, 2021)
- Wrongdoing: Does distance imply weaker oversight and more scope for deviance, thus begging ethical questions? (Bierman, et al., 2019; Bres, et al., 2019; Muzio et al, 2016)

Submission deadline: **February 15, 2024**

Further details, including information about how to submit a paper are available here:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/page/jab/cfp-from-near-and-far>

CONFERENCES

The **International Health Workforce Collaborative Conference** will take place December 6th-8th. A video streaming in English and French will be available.

Further details are available here: <https://www.hhr-rhs.ca/en/events1/ihwc-2023.html>

JOURNAL ISSUES

Latest issue from the **Journal of Professions & Organization**

JPO recently published a virtual special issue that focuses on inequality in professional work, which featured nine articles and an introductory essay by the guest editors (Taheri & Ballakrishnen, 2023).

Articles are available here: <https://academic.oup.com/jpo/pages/special-issue-inequality-in-professional-work>

Latest issue from **Professions and Professionalism**

The last issue published by Professions and Professionalism can be accessed

here: <https://journals.oslomet.no/index.php/pp>

This issue focuses on "The Research Literacy of Teachers", and it has been guest edited by Andreas Eriksen & Kim Pedersen Phillips. You can find below its table of content:

Editorial

Andreas Eriksen & Kim Pedersen Phillips: [Editorial: The Research Literacy of Teachers](#)

Articles

Martyn Hammersley: [Research Literacy and Teaching: The Peculiar Case of Research about Teaching about Research](#)

Ben Kotzee: [The Philosophical Dimensions of Teachers' Research Literacy](#)

Terje Ogden: [Research Literacy in Education and the Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices in Schools](#)

Cecilie Haugen: [Evidence-Based Practice and Power Struggles Over Pedagogic Practices in "High-" and "Low-Stakes Accountability" Contexts](#)

Kim Pedersen Phillips, Andreas Eriksen, & Sølvi Mausethagen: [Educational Research Literacy: Philosophical Foundations and Empirical Applications](#)

Professions and Professionalism (P&P) is an open-access online journal that invites research-based empirical, theoretical or synoptic articles focusing on traditional professions as well as other knowledge based occupational groups approached from any perspective or discipline. The journal creates a space for development of the research field, prioritizing no single theoretical horizon or methodological approach. All articles are peer-reviewed.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

BOOKS

Dent, M. (2024). *Professions and Professionalism: A Research Overview*. London: Routledge.

Leicht, K.T., Fennell, M. (2023). *Crisis in the Professions: The New Dark Age*. London: Routledge.

Maestriperieri, L., Bellini, A. (Eds). (2023). *Professionalism and Social Change: Processes of Differentiation Within, Between and Beyond Professions*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

NEW ARTICLES

Ashcraft, K.L. (2023). Facing up to face value: communication, difference, and the turn to expertise. *Journal of Professions & Organization*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joad009>

Avnoon, N. (2023). The gates to the profession are open: the alternative institutionalization of data science. *Theory & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-023-09529-0>

Bonelli, M. da G., Oliveira, F.L. de. (2023). Changes in gender and race composition of the Brazilian Judiciary. *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* 13(4): 1351–1375. <https://doi.org/10.35295/osls.iisl/0000-0000-0000-1394>

Delmas, C. (2023). The feminisation of the notary profession in France: end of a patriarchal bastion or sedimentation of a gender stratification. *International Journal of the Legal Profession*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09695958.2023.2190898>

Dufour, L., Andiappan, M., Banoun, A. (2023). How healthcare professionals transition from being self-employed to being employees: the case of French medical biologists. *Social Science & Medicine - Qualitative Research in Health*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2023.100303>

Hawbaker, A., Paiz, J., Crawford, B., Turner, R., Jozkowski. (2023). Medicine and abortion: public trust in medical authority and Americans' acceptance of legal abortion. *Social Science & Medicine - Qualitative Research in Health*. 4. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2023.100361>

Hoļavins, A., Iarskaia-Smirnova, E.R. (2023) Boundary setting between 'private' and 'professional' in care work. *Social Work & Society* 21(1). <https://ejournals.bib.uni-wuppertal.de/index.php/sws/article/view/847/1429>

Kirkpatrick, I., Aulakh, S., Muzio, D. (2023). The evolution of professionalism as a mode of regulation: evidence from the United States. *Work, Employment & Society* 37(3): 685-702. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09500170211035297>

Fujimoto, M., Nohara, H. (2023). La crise de la Covid-19 et le télétravail au Japon: une analyse au prisme de la ségrégation par genre sur le marché du travail. *SociologieS*. <https://doi.org/10.4000/sociologies.21009>

Lorenz, L. (2023). The hybrid work of public sector data scientists. *Journal of Professions & Organization*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joad017>

Meilvang, M.L. (2023). Working the boundaries of social work: artificial intelligence and the profession of social work. *Professions & Professionalism* 13(1). <https://doi.org/10.7577/pp.5108>

Mickleborough, T., Muzzin, L., Martimianakis, M.A. (2023). Governing professionals through discourses of resilience and value: a new legitimation for Ontario pharmacists. *Professions & Professionalism* 13(1). <https://doi.org/10.7577/pp.4993>

Satran, S. (2023). From craft to labor: how automation is transforming the practice of psychotherapy. *Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry* 47(3): 605-625. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11013-022-09771-8>

Sibbery, A., Adams, T., Leach, B. (2023). 'Place matters': midwives' interprofessional relations in rural and urban institutional contexts. *Social Science & Medicine - Qualitative Research in Health*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2023.100309>

Wilenmann, J., Gil, D., Tschorne, S. (2023). 'It now exists': the birth of the Chilean professional legal academia in the wake of neoliberalism. *Law & Social Inquiry* 48(3): 971-998. <https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2022.56>

ISA RC52 Blog

Sociology of Professional Groups

RC52 of the International Sociological Association (ISA)



The ISA RC52 blog researchcommittee52.wordpress.com has been available online for the past two years and provides a space where all those interested in professions can participate and put a step forward in the debate about professions.

PhD students and early career researchers are especially invited to participate, but the blog is open to everybody who is interested in the sociology of professions. It welcomes notices (max 1000 words) about professions in Europe and in the world, in which RC52 members and non-members can present their recent work in the field of sociology of professions and/or exchange of research findings.

There are three main sections:

- **Conferences:** write about your national and international forthcoming conferences on professions;
- **Publications:** present your recent books about relevant topics for RC52;
- **Debates:** introduce your research, discuss 'hot spots' in the area of professions and professionalism, propose a new debate, or search for research project collaborators.

Everybody interested in participating the blog, please send a brief summary of your idea (max 150 words) to Tracey Adams (tladams@uwo.ca).

Change of Address

If you change your email or postal address, please do not forget to contact us by email.

Updated details should be sent to the ISA secretariat, email: isa@isa-sociology.org

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Membership



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