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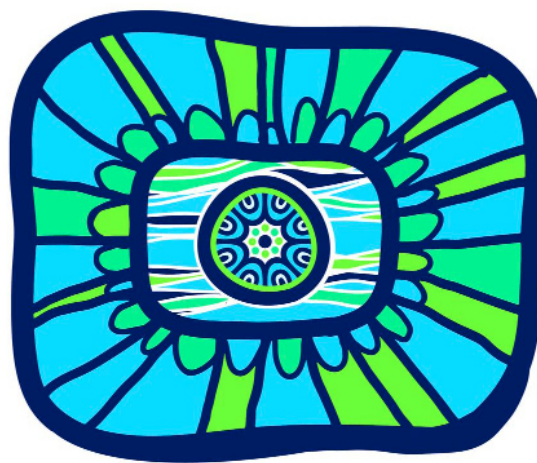
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RC26 @ Melbourne XX ISA World Congress of Sociology

In the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne (June 25-July 1, 2023), RC26 hosted 8 **sessions** and coorganized 2 sessions (with WGoI and RC46). During our sessions 28 **papers** were presented.

On June 27, RC26 held its business meeting during which the committee elected the **new board** (2023-2027). The details of its composition can be found on page 2.

Message from the new president

*Dear Fellow Colleagues,
I have been elected by you to serve as president of RC26 for a four-year term. My deepest gratitude goes out to you for placing your trust in me. It will be my pleasure to contribute to RC26's continued development with your assistance and active participation. Our forthcoming and planned conferences will allow us to discuss everything, share our ideas, and meet in different countries. Let's live the coming four years richly in our profession and academic cooperation.*

Nikita Pokrovsky

New Board 2023-2027

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Past Event - International Conference Power Asymmetries: Leadership, Participation, Supremacy and Representation. A Gender Perspective

Stintino, Sassari, September 3-6, 2023

From 3 to 6 September 2023 the MuT, Museo della Tonnara in Stintino, hosted the work of the international conference **Power Asymmetries: Leadership, Participation, Supremacy and Representation. A Gender Perspective**. The conference was organized by our former president prof. Flaminia Saccà, with the partnership of ISA Research Committee 26 "Sociotechnics and Sociological Practice", ISA Working Group 01 "Sociology on Local Global Relations", ESA Research Network 32 "Political Sociology" and the Political Sociology Section of the Italian Association of Sociology. The best reports will be published in an international volume next year. A second edition of the International Conference Gens is scheduled for September 2024.

Next Event - International Conference Zenon of Kition, the Legacy of Stoicism in Turbulent Times: Addressing Issues of Sustainability, Globalization, Inclusion and Democracy

Larnaca, Cyprus, November 10 - 11, 2023

CALL FOR PAPERS. The aim of the conference is to promote solutions to social and economic crises faced currently by European and Global Communities, due to pandemics, climate change, regional conflicts, digital economy, and inequalities, along with global challenges. Within this framework, stoic philosophy, social and applied sciences, provide a remedy for such dramatic problems, as they had already provided during similar periods in the past. Autarchy and Ethics in governing sustainable communities (a key message of Zeno's Philosophy), seem to be a new application towards sustainable development goals, rendering this aspect innovative and culturally resourceful...

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RC26 Publication Focus

F. Saccà, D. Selva

European Political Leaders and the Social Representation of the Covid-19 Crisis. Leading the Pandemic

Palgrave Macmillan, 2023

European leaders faced the Covid-19 pandemic by adopting very different leadership styles, characterized by diverging approaches to crisis communication, power management, and relationship-building with actors and stakeholders in the public sphere. The pandemic also highlighted the importance of the already-existing cleavage between populism and technocracy, positioning it at the centre of the political scene.

These complex circumstances required a multidisciplinary perspective grounded in political sociology and communication studies. To address these issues, this book analyses the communication and leadership styles of seven European leaders, grouped into 'political families'. It analyses the cases of Angela Merkel and Erna Solberg to understand if and how female leaderships differentiated from their male counterparts. It then analyses the relationship between techno-populism and professional politics by comparing the cases of Giuseppe Conte, Emmanuel Macron and Pedro Sanchez. Finally, it focuses on populist leaders Boris Johnson and Victor Orbán, who represent emblematic cases with opposite outcomes.

More info @ <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-38380-9>

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