

**First ISA Conference of the Council of National Associations**  
***Local, Regional, and Global Sociologies: Contexts, Perspectives, and***  
***Practices***  
**August 9-11, 2005 Miami, Florida, United States**

The meeting of the ISA Council of National Associations in Miami in 2005 was the first meeting of this kind in 20 years.

35 National Associations were represented.

SAGE was currently reviewing the Chair's proposal to publish 29 papers presented at this meeting as a Handbook entitled *Diverse Sociological Traditions in the World*.

Sujata Patel, Vice-President for National Associations, thanked the American Sociological Association for co-sponsoring this meeting and Douglas Kincaid for organizing this conference.

Everyone present in the Miami meeting was also sponsored for the ASA congress in Philadelphia to be held immediately after the NAC meeting (13–16 Aug. 2005). The ASA had reserved four panels with four participants each for ISA representatives.

*Meeting of the Council*  
**2005** *of National Associations*  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
*"Local, Regional, and Global Sociologies: Contexts, Perspectives, and Practices"*

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**2005 Meeting of the ISA Council of National Associations  
“Local, Regional, and Global Sociologies: Contexts, Perspectives, and  
Practices”**

**Thematic Statement**

This will be the first Council of National Associations meeting since the International Sociological Association established a vice presidency for national associations in order to revitalize the presence and participation of national and other collective members within the organization. Our aim in holding this conference is to bring together representatives from the national associations, discuss their professional needs and aspirations, and foster a stronger network amongst them. As part of this effort, we invite them to reflect on their national sociological traditions in ways that will highlight their commonalities and differences.

The theme selected for this meeting stems from our understanding of the plural traditions that comprise the discipline of sociology as it is organized and practiced around the world. These plural traditions, we believe, have been formed within the context of public debates regarding inequalities and hierarchies in different localities and regions. Simultaneously new discourses of gender, ethnicity and nationality and that of cultural pluralism have challenged these public debates. Additionally discussions regarding the impact of new technologies together with market integration and interdependence and its effect on processes such as migration have become significant in the contemporary world. Simultaneously there are increasing concerns with environmental and public health issues, as also with violence (both state and non-state). To a large extent these themes bridge sociologies all over the world.

Within this framework we seek contributions that highlight three processes that organize these local and regional sociological traditions:

- **Contexts:** By contexts we refer to the exploration of historical, social, cultural, economic, and intellectual processes and attributes that frame sociological inquiries.
- **Perspectives:** These span approaches and themes of sociological research. On the one hand, they include the types and nature of theories, particularistic and universal knowledge claims, emic and etic approaches, as also historical and discursive traditions. On the other hand, they define themes and objects of study.
- **Practices:** We seek contributions that turn a critical eye on research methodologies, pedagogies, and public involvement of sociologists in the pursuit of their profession as this interface with public debates. This aspect also highlights ways of doing sociological research and teaching, as well as their relationship with state, societal and community needs. Contributors may wish to reflect more generally on public perceptions of sociological practice and its ascending or declining relevance.

**2005 Meeting of the ISA Council of National Associations  
"Local, Regional, and Global Sociologies: Contexts, Perspectives, and Practices"**

**August 9-10, 2005**

**Miami, Florida**

*Hosted by Florida International University (FIU) and the University of Miami (UM)*

**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday, August 9: Graham Center, FIU (all events in GC 243 except as noted)**

8.45 am – 9.00 am    Tea/Coffee

9:00 am – 9:10 am    **Welcoming remarks**  
A. Douglas Kincaid, Vice Provost for International Studies, FIU  
Mark B. Rosenberg, Provost and Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs, FIU

9:10 am – 9:20 am    **Opening Remarks**  
Sujata Patel

9:30 am – 11:00 am    **Local Knowledge and Global Sociologies**  
Chair: Michael Burawoy

- Sujata Patel, *Beyond North and South. A Case for Many Sociologies*
- Kenji Kosaka, *Local Knowledge and Global Knowledge: Toward a New Sociology of Knowledge and an Idea of Socio-pedia*
- Piotr Sztompka, *Many Sociologies for One World or One Sociology for Many Worlds?*

11.00 am – 11:15 am: Tea/Coffee

11:15 am – 12:45 pm    **State, Democratization and Sociological Practices (Parallel Session)**

Chair: Roberto Cipriani

*This session will be held in Primera Casa (PC) 438*

- Bert Klandermans, *Apartheid's Legacy: Collective Guilt among White Afrikaner Youth*
- Tom Dwyer and Maria Stella Grossi Porto, *Development, Dictatorship and Democratization – Trajectories of Brazilian Sociology*
- Janusz Mucha, *Central and Eastern European Sociology in the Post-Communist Era*

11:15 am – 12:45 pm **Social Inequalities and Sociological Theories  
(Parallel Session)**

Chair: Raquel Sosa Elizaga

- Ann Denis, Ethnicity/Race and Gender within Sociologies in Canada and in the Commonwealth Caribbean
- Louis Chauvel, The Post-Class Society and Beyond: A Problem for French Society and French Sociology
- Rufat Guliyev, Social Inequality and Social Conflicts in Transforming Society
- Roberto Briceno-Leon, Urban Violence and Citizenship: The Sociological Theory of Health and Violence in Latin America
- Discussant: George Wilson, UM

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Lunch

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Sociology and Public Policy (I) Parallel Session**

Chair: Carlos Fortuna

*This session will be held in Primera Casa (PC) 438*

- Pekka Sulkunen, Welfare Theory Today: Nordic Perspectives
- Pamela Abbott, Sociology and Public Policy: Reflections on the Contribution of British Sociology to Policies and Practice to Reduce Health Inequalities
- Discussant: Lois West, FIU

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm **Sociology and Public Policy (II) Parallel Session**

Chair: Maria Angeles Duran

- Josef Hochgerner, The Great Transformation in Europe. Modernisation, Solidarity and National Welfare State Systems in a Borderless Global Economy
- Eric Widmer, Embedded Parenting? The Influence of Conjugal Networks on Parent-Child Relationships in Switzerland
- Ming-Chang Tsai, Evaluating Sociologists in Taiwan: Power, Profession and Passersby

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm Tea/Coffee

4:15 pm – 5:45 pm **Keynote Address**

Introduction of the Speaker: Piotr Sztompka

**Michael Burawoy, Public Sociology in a Global Context**

**Wednesday, August 10: Convocation Center, UM (all events in Hurricane 100)**

8:45 am – 9:00 am Coffee/Tea

9:00 am – 9:10 am **Welcoming remarks**  
Robert Johnson, Chair, Department of Sociology, UM  
Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost, UM

9:15 am – 10:45 am **Local Contexts and Sociological Practices (I)**  
Chair: Daniel Bertaux

- Partha Mukherji, Sociology in India: Engagements with Western Sociological Paradigms
- Tina Uys, South African Sociology in Transition: Tradition, Imagination and Transformation
- Josef Matulnik, From Totality to Plurality: An Experience of the Slovak Sociologists Community
- Discussants: Linda Belgrave, UM; Barry Levine, FIU

10:45 am – 12:15 pm **Local Contexts and Sociological Practices (II)**  
Chair: Piotr Stompka

- Jacinto José Araujo Estrela: Sociological Research in Cape Verde: From a Pre-sociology praxis to the practice of sociology
- Analia Torres, Sociology, Science and Profession. Portugal's Recent Experiences
- Jiri Subrt, Czech Sociology and the Masaryk Sociological Association: Past and Present
- Discussant: George Primov, UM

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm – 3:00 pm **Contemporary Processes and the Challenges to Sociology I (Parallel Session)**  
Chair: Ann Denis

- Maria Angeles Duran, The Social Role of Languages in Global Sociologies
- Pepka Boyadjieva, Social Commitment and Academic Values in Sociology: Rediscovery of Sociology in a Society of Transition
- Kirsten Meyer, Use of Information Technology in Learning Processes. Success and Failure in Implementation
- Ronald Marshall, Changing Social Relations and the Reinterpretation of Sociological Theory. A Redefinition of the Situation

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Contemporary Processes and the Challenges to Sociology II (Parallel Session)**

Chair: Bert Klandermans

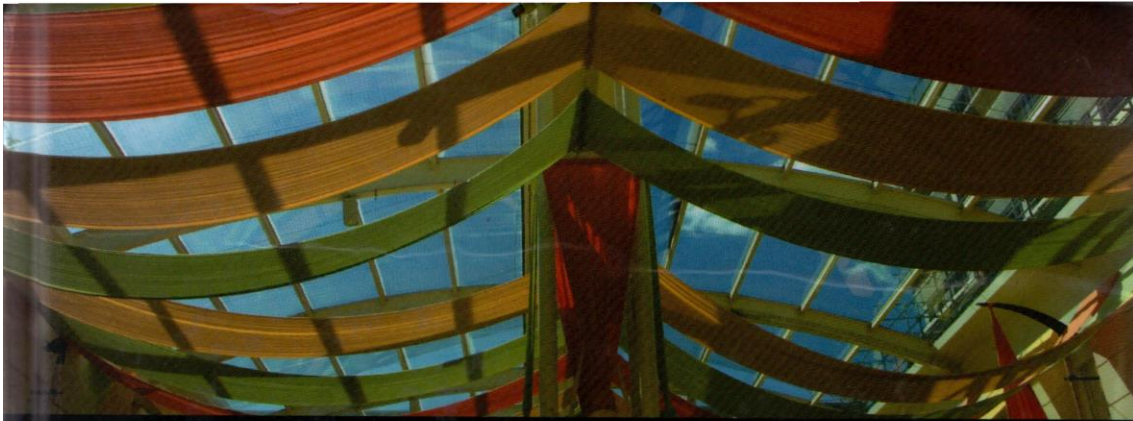
- Victor Azarya, Academic Excellence and Social Relevance: Israeli Sociology in University and Beyond
- Denisa Krbec, Re-construction and Tradition: Understanding and Implementing the Discipline of Sociology at Croatian Universities
- Karl-Siegbert Rehberg, The State of Sociology in Germany Today - between Professionalisation, New Degrees and Career Prospects

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm    Tea/Coffee

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm    **Roundtable discussion on Relevance of National and Regional Sociologies in a Global Context**

Chair: Sujata Patel

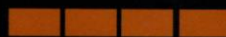
Speakers: Raquel Soza Elizaga, Carlos Fortuna, Daniel Bertaux,  
Michael Burawoy, Roberto Cipriani



# The ISA Handbook of Diverse Sociological Traditions

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# Preface and Acknowledgements

The idea of this *Handbook* emerged at a conference organized by the International Sociological Association (ISA) for various representatives of National Associations in August 2005 at Miami. Titled *Local, Regional, and Global Sociologies: Contexts, Perspectives, and Practices*, this was the first conference of the Council of National Associations after ISA installed a new Vice-President for National Associations, thereby acceding to the request to include voices of national traditions together with those of Research Committees – the other constituent of ISA. Some of the papers presented at this conference, together with new additional ones, are incorporated in this volume. I would like to thank Douglas Kincaid, Florida International University, University of Miami, American Sociological Association and ISA for organizational and financial help in making this conference a success. Since then, ISA and its officials have supported this project in many different ways and I thank them all.

For a long time, sociologists have debated the nature and scope of international sociology and have found it difficult to come to a consensus on this issue. Contemporary globalization has revived this debate and has placed challenges to frame ways to construct a sociology that can be both international and contain non-dominant universals. This *Handbook* hopes that it can continue the debate on the discussion and highlight the many practices that need to be reflected upon in this new context.

This *Handbook* does not purport to be a handbook of national sociologies. Rather, it

presents diverse but universal voices that structure sociological thinking and elaborates the unique characteristics of the national and/or regional sociologies that need to be taken into account in discussing international sociology in the globalizing world. It asserts that every interpretation of this collective international experience of practicing sociology is equally privileged and legitimate.

Every handbook is difficult to arrange and assemble. But this one was particularly difficult because there was a desire to include many traditions whose experiences have not been documented in recent times. Fifteen of the twenty-nine papers have been written by authors whose first language is not English and who do not debate sociological ideas in this language. That we have been able to incorporate these after reconstructing the papers testifies to the need to transcend barriers of communication for practicing international sociology, and to the richness that one can expect once we move out from narrow horizons of language, culture and normative assertions. If this *Handbook* has been able to achieve this, it is also because of the commitment of the contributors, colleagues and friends – almost one hundred in number – who have helped in executing this project in various ways. Some have suggested names of authors, others have spent enumerable hours in reviewing and helping to modify the papers; yet others have supported the project by discussing how to ‘think out’ the principles of international sociology for a global audience. I would like to thank all of them for helping to realize this project. In addition,

