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Letter From the President of RC08



Dear fellow members and friends,

Our RC08 management team has been busy this year on the behalf of members, including the organisation of a new bank account for our local funds; opening and running an X account (previously Twitter) for us all to use; updating the RC08 statutes; planning our upcoming conferences (which our editor, Diego Pereyra, discusses in more detail in his letter below); reviewing our media and communications strategies; working on plans to expand our membership; and working with the ISA to ensure we have an excellent forum in Rabat in 2025. We have an excellent management team, and I would like to formally thank them all for their hard work over the past twelve months and especially during the past month while I took some leave to have a honeymoon in the USA.

In order to prepare for the forthcoming 5th ISA Forum, we need to submit ideas for sessions as soon as possible, and not long after this we will need to put in our abstracts for papers. Our editor gives us more information about these processes below. I would love to see a strong response to both of these processes – and hope that many of you will be able to obtain some institutional support to travel to Rabat to see your plans come to fruition. For my own part, I am rather excited about the prospect of travelling to Morocco in 2025 and experiencing a culture about which I currently know very little. For me, travelling and meeting new people have been one of the true joys of being an academic and an intellectual. I'm sure many of you feel the same way.

I am sure you are all busy with various writing projects, and it may be an opportune time to remind you about the journal *Serendipities: The Journal for the Sociology and History of the Social Sciences*. This journal was started by, and continues to be edited by several members of RC08. Indeed, many of our reviewers are also members of RC08, as are some of the contributors. This makes it *our* journal in multiple ways. As editors, we are always happy to receive your papers for possible publication, and, as you will see later in this newsletter, we have a new edition 'hot off the press'. This issue contains a special set of papers on the 'International Circulations and Inequalities in the Social Sciences', edited by Pierre Benz and colleagues; as well as a review symposium of reflections on George Steinmetz's book on 'The Colonial Origins of Modern Thought'. I am sure both these sections will be of interest to our members. We hope to have another edition of the journal published in the next few months. If there are members of RC08 who would like to participate in reviewing papers or being part of the editorial committee, please feel free to contact me or one of the other editors.

We have several new members of RC08, and it is always pleasing to welcome people who have only just discovered our existence, as well as welcoming back those who have, for whatever reason, left us for a little while. Please encourage any of your colleagues and students who are working in this area of knowledge to join the Committee, or re-join if they have let their membership lapse. As President, I wish you all, whether new or long-time members, the very best in your endeavours until we can meet again.

Warm regards,

Fran Collyer

President RC08

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News from the Editor

Since 1971, the ISA RC08 History of Sociology has been developing a prominent role as an autonomous and legitimate field within the sociology. It arose from the perception of a deep crisis in the discipline. From that period, it oriented its main questions towards the changes and continuities of sociological ideas and traditions; and investigated the processes of institutionalization and professionalization in different institutional, political and cultural environments. For this reason, in recent decades, the place of national contexts and traditions in the history of sociology have been re-thought and re-evaluated.

Slowly, the RC08 has expanded its audiences and languages. The participation of sociologists from regions such as Asia and Latin America has grown. This richness of perspectives enables us to face the challenges of understanding in these current times of turmoil. In a global context, data and evidence (that constitute the basis of social sciences) are being questioned. These transformations in society, politics and culture present so many questions about the social role of sociologists and sociology, and about the possible future of this discipline, requiring us to re-think the way we write history and examine the present.

Currently in the RC08 we are moving towards a series of activities to promote the exchange of experiences and strengthen our work. First, we are now operating an X (twitter) account. Second, we have organised an ISA-RC08 Online Conference with the title of "Sources, Data, and Methods for the History of Sociology" (October, 2024). Keep in mind that the next Online Conference will be on gender, which we will report later on. Third, we are participating in the organisation of the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology "Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene" (Rabat, July, 2025). Last, the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology (Gwangju, South Korea, July, 2027). This newsletter includes information on this road and shares news from our members.

Diego Ezequiel Pereyra

Call for Sessions for V ISA Forum Rabat 2025

Preparations for the forthcoming V ISA Forum of Sociology from 6 July to 11 July 2025 in Rabat, Morocco have already started. The call for session is now open. This significant milestone marks the beginning of our promotional efforts towards the upcoming Forum.

Please notice that all proposals should be submitted online through ISA's website **until July 1st, 2024**.

Types of sessions:

- 1) Regular "papers sessions" based on the presentation of a small number of papers on a common theme followed by Q&A's and discussion.
- 2) "Author meets critics": sessions based on the discussion of a recently published book. Here you might suggest a book (and possibly a list of discussants).
- 3) "Joint sessions" with other RCs (for example: Sociological Theory or Historical Sociology) on specific topics. Here the submission should be made after having contacted the relevant member(s) of the other RC and having an agreement in principle about the session.

Deadlines:

May 2 - July 01, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT:	Call for Sessions (submission online)
July 02 - July 31, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT:	Final List of Sessions
August 05 - October 15, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT:	Abstracts Submission
October 15 - November 10, 2024 - 24:00 UTC/GMT:	Abstracts Selection

Matteo Bortolini will serve as the RC 08 program coordinator for the Forum. The Board has also appointed a committee of three (including Bortolini, Stéphane Dufoix and Philipp Altmann), who are in charge of selecting among session and abstract proposals and possibly suggest session mergers and/or splits according to the needs of the program.

You might approach Matteo with any questions you might have about the sessions or the schedule (matteo.bortolini@unipd.it).

For more details, please see the ISA Forum website:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025/visaforumguidelines>

The official forum hashtag is: #ISAforum25!



ISA Media News



The ISA is now officially on LinkedIn!



ISA expanded its digital presence on this professional network in April!

Here's the link: [https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-sociological-association-isa-](https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-sociological-association-isa/)

Don't forget to like, share, and comment using the official ISA Media and social networks.



<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalSociologicalAssociation>



https://twitter.com/isa_sociology



[https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-sociological-association-isa-/](https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-sociological-association-isa/)

ISA RC08 History of Sociology has opened an X account



You can follow us at @RC08_ISA.

The objective of the account is to exchange and disseminate news and activities between us and other institutional groups linked to sociology, and especially to the history of sociology and the social sciences.

Anyone who has information and/ or news about activities of academic interest (seminars, symposiums, conferences, etc.), interviews, publications (books, articles, notes, etc.), or calls for scholarships, grants or papers.

Please share the link and/or poster-photography to any of us to be published on Twitter.

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Calls for Papers

Sources, Data, and Methods for the History of Sociology

First ISA-RC08 Online Conference

October 16, 2024 - 11:00-17:00 CET

The ISA RC08 – History of Sociology proposes an ongoing series of online conferences with three main objectives in mind: (1) creating a new, institutional venue to stimulate new research and new researchers in the history of global sociologies; (2) keeping every member of RC08 up-to-date about the most recent developments in research; (3) maintaining and strengthening scientific and social ties between RC08 members, and creating the preconditions for shared research projects.

A maximum of five papers will be selected for each half-day conference to ensure there is time for exchanges and debate. No fee will be charged for the online conference.

The first ISA-RC08 online conference will focus on methods. Explicit reflection on research methods is still at an embryonic stage in the history of sociology, especially when the latter is practiced by sociologists, whose methodological training is focused on techniques for the collection and treatment of contemporary data. We thus invite our colleagues to submit proposals on the following topics:

- 1) Selecting our objects and avoiding (or embracing) a whiggish understanding of the discipline(s);
- 2) Selecting a unit of analysis (actors, ideas, institutions, instruments, and contexts), model cases, or samples;
- 3) Working in the archive;
- 4) Utilising various kinds of sources (fieldnotes, diaries, letters, unpublished papers, questionnaires, interviews, machines, data matrixes, etc.);
- 5) Using oral histories and interviews collected by others;
- 6) The use of unconventional (especially digital or visual) sources;
- 7) Re-furbishing and re-calculating quantitative data;
- 8) Preparing comparative work.

In particular, we would like to discuss with our junior and senior colleagues about their work, research design, and troubleshooting: the selections they made, the difficulties they found, the decisions they took when finding themselves collecting and analysing historical data.

Timeline:

July 31, 2024 - Deadline for submitting title and abstract (max 250 words).

August 31, 2024 - Selected papers announced.

Titles and abstracts (max 250 words) must be submitted by the deadline of **July 31, 2024**, to both organizers:

Matteo Bortolini: matteo.bortolini@unipd.it

Giovanni Zampieri: giovanni.zampieri.3@phd.unipd.it

Aaron V. Cicourel : actualité d'un héritage scientifique singulier (1928-2023)
(Aaron V. Cicourel: current events of a singular scientific heritage)

Campus Condorcet, Aubervilliers, 21-22 octobre 2024

Comité scientifique: Philippe Corcuff, Nicolas Dodier, Pedro José García Sánchez, Johan Heilbron, Marie Jaisson, Saadi Lahlou, Julien Larregue, Chloé Mondémé, Dafne Muntanyla-Saura, Albert Ogien, Gisèle Sapiro, Yves Winkin

Organisation: Antoine Aubert (RT 27), Tangi Audinet (RT 36), Constantin Brissaud (RT 27), Gaëlle Chartier (RT 36), Wiebke Keim (RT 36), Nicolas Sembel (RT 36)



L'été 2023 a été marqué par la disparition de deux grandes figures de la sociologie états-unienne: Howard Saul Becker et Aaron Victor Cicourel. Si le premier jouit d'une importante notoriété en France, le second est sans nul doute moins connu (Ogien, 2023). Et pourtant, son œuvre, exigeante, parfois ardue reste un héritage scientifique important dans la pratique de la sociologie aujourd'hui. Cette journée d'étude se donne donc pour tâche, en guise d'hommage, de remettre sur le métier le geste scientifique d'Aaron Cicourel, comme pratique théorique. Elle ambitionne aussi, dans une logique de collaboration entre RT (réseaux thématique) de l'AFS (Association Française de Sociologie), de donner à voir l'unité d'une pratique disciplinaire derrière son éclatement apparent.

Ne pouvant traiter de l'ensemble des thèmes abordés par une œuvre foisonnante, cette journée d'étude voudrait s'articuler selon quatre axes : I) Le parcours singulier de Cicourel dans le champ sociologique états-uniens et son rapport aux autres disciplines (sciences sociales et biologiques); II/ La circulation de l'homme et les traductions et réceptions de l'œuvre ; III) Ses préceptes méthodologiques : qu'ils concernent son rapport à l'ethnographie, ses réflexions sur le langage en sociologie, ou sa réflexivité critique quant à l'utilisation des statistiques officielles; IV) Sa pratique théorique : qu'elle ait trait à son emploi de concepts précis, à sa mobilisation de matériaux empiriques, ou à l'articulation entre diverses échelles d'analyse mise en œuvre dans sa sociologie cognitive.

AXE 1- Une trajectoire scientifique atypique

AXE 2- La circulation internationale d'une œuvre carrefour

AXE 3 - Un parcours méthodologique

AXE 4 – Une pratique théorique

Les propositions de contributions d'environ 3.000 signes (espaces compris, hors références bibliographiques) sont à envoyer d'ici le **1 juillet 2024** aux adresses des RT 27 et 36: socio.intellectuels@gmail.com et socio.rt36@gmail.com.

Chaque proposition devra contenir un titre, 5 mots clés et préciser l'axe dans lequel elle s'inscrit préférentiellement. Les propositions sont acceptées en langues française et anglaise.

La notification d'acceptation des propositions aura lieu **le 15 juillet 2024**.

Les contributions des doctorantes sont encouragées.



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Sociology in Latin America. Institutions, biographical trajectories, networks and comparative perspectives.

The journal *Temas Sociológicos*, a School of Sociology of the Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez publication (Santiago, Chile), invites the academic community to submit articles for its issue N°35, with its dossier section dedicated to reflecting on "*Sociology in Latin America. Institutions, biographical trajectories, networks, and comparative perspectives*".

Sociology in Latin America has a long and rich history. Over the years, it has shown remarkable vitality in understanding the region's profound structural transformations, offering creative and pertinent theoretical tools to interpret its tensions and challenges. After a long period of unusual institutional expansion and the accumulation of cultural prestige, Latin American sociology today observes a severe scenario of controversy over the validity of its research results. The irruption of some extremist ideologies, denying the social bond and collective projects, put sociology on alert as a discipline questioning the natural order. In many countries, sociology needs to defend its contribution to the progress and welfare of people. It is essential to reconstruct its history and rethink its role, providing a critical analysis of a complex and evolving political and social reality.

Thus, it is crucial to evaluate the vast production and dissemination of sociological knowledge in Latin America, addressing both its unique social characteristics and global issues from an innovative standpoint. This dossier aims to enhance understanding of the history of sociology in the region by reconstructing its legacies and legitimacy. The text proposes a platform to rekindle and expand the important discussion on the key directions, themes, concepts, works, and figures of Latin American sociology in various universities and across regional, national, and local contexts. This will also involve comparative studies concentrating on other regions of the Global South. We expect to contribute to understanding the capacity, limits, and possibilities of Latin American sociology to unravel the present's multiple challenges. Therefore, it is necessary to rethink the trajectory of the discipline in different geographical and institutional spaces from a historical and regional perspective and discuss tensions and problems of other foundational, emerging, and alternative sociological traditions.

Main themes include:

- ✓ Sociology in comparative perspective;
- ✓ Biographical and academic trajectories;
- ✓ Reception, adaptation, impact, and diffusion;
- ✓ Professionalization of sociology;
- ✓ Sociology - state - public policy linkages;

Coordinators: Dr. João Marcelo Ehlert Maia and Dr. Diego Ezequiel Pereyra.

Receipt of articles in Spanish, English, and Portuguese for the call for papers until July 1, 2024.

For publication standards, see: <http://ediciones.ucsh.cl/index.php/TSUCSH/about/submissions>

Authors should upload their texts to the journal's OJS platform. For any questions, please write to the Temas Sociológicos Journal e-mail: temasociologicos@ucsh.cl

Academic Activities

Cartografías Jelin. Archivo, tiempos y afectos (Jelin Cartographies. Archive, times and affections)

This exhibition was recently organized by the National Library in Buenos Aires. It brings together a set of materials that give an account of the itinerary of the sociologist Elizabeth Jelin and, in a fragmentary way, trace a cartography to be followed.



Elizabeth Jelin achieved national and international notoriety for her theoretical and empirical contributions, linked to memory and human rights, gender, work, family and social movements, centrally in Latin America. Her archive, available for public consultation in the National Library from 2022, forms the legacy of her career and exhibits her temporal mentality, knotted in multiple juxtaposing layers. What idea of community can be reconstructed from a personal archive? How does an individual biography relate to its historical time? How is time, times, crossings of temporalities represented? The exhibition of these papers, which recreate possible writing laboratories, is linked to a policy of openness and democratization of the archive; they challenge the public and invite them to continue imagining new ways of life.

<https://www.bn.gov.ar/agenda-cultural/cartografias-jelin-archivo-tiempos-y-afectos-1>

Access the catalog: <https://www.bn.gov.ar/micrositios/exposiciones/categoria1/cartografias-jelin>



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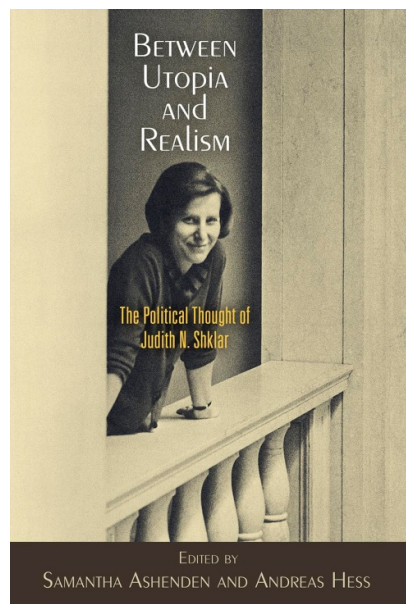
(*) Clara Ruvituso at the Archives of the National Library of Buenos Aires in April, researching at the legacy of the Argentine sociologist Elizabeth Jelin and her importance for the visibility of Latin American debates and colleagues, for instance at the XI ISA World Congress of Sociology in India (1986).

Member's Publications

Books

Between Utopia and Realism. The Political Thought of Judith N. Shklar, Edited by Samantha Ashenden and Andreas Hess, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019.

Contributors: Samantha Ashenden, Hannes Bajohr, James Brown, Katrina Forrester, Volker M. Heins, Andreas Hess, Samuel Moyn, Thomas Osborne, William E. Scheuerman, Quentin Skinner, Philip Spencer, Tracy B. Strong, Kamila Stullerova, Bernard Yack.



From her position at Harvard University's Department of Government for over thirty-five years, Judith Shklar (1928-92) taught a long list of prominent political theorists and published prolifically in the domains of modern and American political thought. She was a highly original theorist of liberalism, possessing a broad and deep knowledge of intellectual history, which informed her writing in interesting and unusual ways. Her work emerged between the "end of ideology" discussions of the 1950s and the "end of history" debate of the early 1990s. Shklar contributed significantly to social and political thought by arguing for a new, more skeptical version of liberalism that brought political theory into close contact with real-life experience.

The book showcases Shklar's approach to addressing the intractable problems of social life. Her finely honed political skepticism emphasized the importance of diagnosing problems over proffering excessively optimistic solutions. As this collection makes clear, her thought continues to be useful in addressing cruelty, limiting injustice, and combating the cynicism of the present moment.

Soziologie der Zwischenkriegszeit. Ihre Hauptströmungen und zentralen Themen im deutschen Sprachraum. Band 3 (Sociology of the interwar period. Its main currents and central themes in the German-speaking world. Volume 3), edited by Karl Acham and Stephan Moebius, Springer, 2024.

The third volume in the series on the sociology of the interwar period in the German-speaking world deals with the following topics, among others: formal sociology, historical sociology, methodologies, ordoliberalism, the Spann circle, Robert Michels and Edgar Salin in Basel, population sociology, the dispute over the sociology of knowledge, political sociology, Marxist sociology, pedagogical sociology, Geiger's sociology of stratification, Lazarsfeld and the study on Marienthal, the sociology conferences of the German Sociological Association.



Keim, Wiebke; Rodríguez Medina, Leandro (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Academic Knowledge Circulation*. London: Routledge, 2023.

Editorial committee: Arvanitis, Rigas; Bacolla, Natacha; Basu, Chandni; Klein, Stefan Fornos; Nieto Olarte, Mauricio; Riedel, Barbara; Ruvituso, Clara; Saalman, Gernot; Schlechtriemen, Tobias; Vessuri, Hebe.



Knowledge is a result of never-ending processes of circulation. This accessible volume is the first comprehensive multidisciplinary work to explore these processes through the perspective of scholars working outside of Anglo-American paradigms. Through a variety of literature reviews, examples of recent research and in-depth case studies, the chapters demonstrate that the analysis of knowledge circulation requires a series of ontological and epistemic commitments that impact its conceptualisation and methodologies.

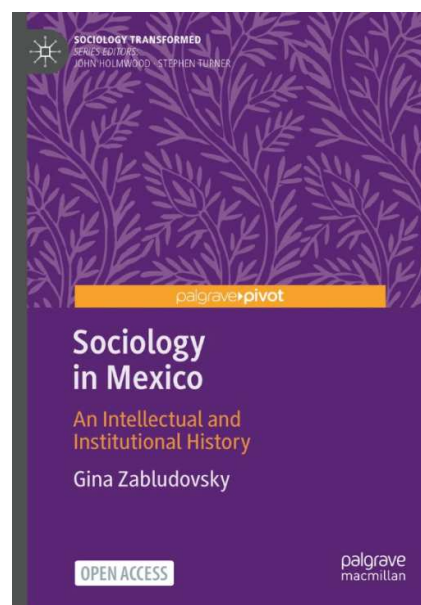
Bringing diverse viewpoints from across the globe and from a range of disciplines, including anthropology, economics, history, political science, sociology and Science & Technology Studies (STS), this wide-ranging and thought-provoking collection offers a broad and cutting-edge overview of outstanding research on academic knowledge circulation. The book is structured in seven sections: (i) key concepts in studying the circulation of academic knowledge; (ii) spaces and actors of circulation; (iii) academic media and knowledge circulation; (iv) the political economy of academic knowledge circulation; (v) the geographies, geopolitics and historical legacies of the global circulation of academic knowledge; (vi) the relationships between academic and extra-academic knowledges; and (vii) methodological approaches to studying the circulation of academic knowledge.

This handbook will be essential reading for academics, researchers and postgraduate researchers in the humanities and social sciences interested in the circulation of knowledge.

Zabludovsky Kuper, Gina, *Sociology in Mexico: An Intellectual and Institutional History*, Sociology Transformed, Palgrave-Macmillan, London, 2023.

The book presents a condensed history of sociology in Mexico from its origins in the mid-nineteenth century to the present day. Most of the research and publications on the subject has focused on a specific historical period, the contributions of a reduced number of sociologists, a specific concern, or a particular theoretical orientation. Moreover, to the extent that they are written in Spanish, most of the publications cannot be shared by academics beyond the Spanish-speaking world. This project aims to fill this gap.

In comparison with the previous works concentrated on the analysis of short historical periods and a limited interpretation of history, this book will present a broader outlook and a different approach aimed at studying the constitution of sociology in Mexico in the long term. Therefore, the study provides a comprehensive account of the genesis and institutionalization of Mexican sociology and the main turning points from the mid-nineteenth century to the present.





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