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## NEWSLETTER

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### Letter from the President

Dear RC04 colleagues,

On behalf of the RC04 board I wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a wonderful 2025. In this short address I want to report to you the results of the process by which abstracts were selected for the upcoming V ISA Forum of Sociology (6-11 July, 2025) in Rabat, Morocco.

RC04 as one of the largest RCs in ISA will host 28 sessions and is a co-host in 10 more sessions organized by other RCs or TGs. RC04 session chairs for the 2025 Forum received more than 310 abstracts. The session chairs accepted abstracts that better matched their proposed themes and transferred many to the program chairs (Shaheeda and me). We were able to reallocate a number of abstracts in undersubscribed sessions and to convert two undersubscribed sessions into roundtable sessions which accommodated five individual roundtables each. This permitted us to accept additional abstracts to be included in the RC04 offerings. Thus, we were able to place more than 250 abstracts in the RC04 program. Following ISA guidelines all presentations are expected to be delivered with physical presence. It is essential that individuals whose abstracts have been accepted should register before 22 March, 2025, or else ISA will delete their abstract from the program.

ISA members in good standing, active participants in the program, are eligible to apply for a registration grant. Applications should be sent to Shaheeda (Essack.S@dhet.gov.za) and to me (M.Vryonides@euc.ac.cy) by January 31, 2025. RC04 will also make available a limited number of travel grants. Requests for both types of grants should be sent to us as Program Coordinators by January 31, 2025. I expect that the V ISA Forum of Sociology in Morocco will be an exciting one both academically but also socially giving us an opportunity to meet and socialize in person.

Best regards and I wish to thank all of you for your continued involvement in RC04.

Marios Vryonides,  
President, RC04  
10 December 2024



## News from the Editor

Warm greetings to Members and the Board of RC04. I trust you are keeping well.

Much work has been done in the planning and preparation for the **5th ISA Forum of Sociology** which will take place in **Rabat, Morocco from July 6-11, 2025**. We wish to thank ISA-Confex for their sterling organisation, the Programme co-ordinators and the session organisers. For those presenters whose abstracts were accepted, Congratulations! Kindly note that the due-date for registration is 22 March 2025. The due-date for applying for registration and travel grants is 31 January 2025. More detail on the Conference is available on the website at: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025>.

Queries on the conference, registration, accommodation, etc, should be sent to [isacnf@confex.com](mailto:isacnf@confex.com).

On behalf of the RC04 board, we commit to the success of these conference.

Two midterm conferences were held in 2024. More detail is available on page 5.

Unfortunately , we did not receive many articles for the section on Global Exchange.

### **Welcome to new members and congratulations to those who have achieved.**

We wish to welcome new members to the RC04 and look forward to your participation. Likewise, the RC04 commits to respond to your needs as well. There are 233 active members in the RC04, which is in the top 4, clearly illustrating the valuable role of the RC04 in the ISA.

On page 6, the *Newsletter's* section on **Global Exchange** provides useful and relevant information on publications, recently published journal articles, research and other announcements. Members are encouraged to submit 100-150 word synopses of their on-going or planned research as a way of exchanging ideas and fostering collaboration for inclusion in the RC04 Newsletter. Members are also encouraged to make full use of this channel of communication and further enhance the activities of the RC04.

The RC04 statuses and board members can be found on page 7.

On behalf of the President and the Board, I wish to thank members of the RC04 for their continued involvement and active participation.

We look forward to your valuable contribution and support. We always wish you well over the festive season.

Shaheeda Essack  
Secretary, RC04  
10 December 2024

**Future Conferences**

**5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum of Sociology**

**Theme: Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene**  
**Venue: Morocco, Rabat, Mohammed V University**  
**Dates: July 6-11, 2025**

The submission of abstracts has been finalised and we are now moving onto the next stage of registration, which is 22 March 2025. Requests for registration and travel grants must be sent to the Programme Co-ordinators by 31 January 2025 (Marios and myself.)

The host of the conference is Mohammed V University. The theme of the conference is "Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene", to be held from July 6-11, 2025 in Rabat, Morocco at the Mohammed V University.

Detailed information can be found on the website at <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025>.

We look forward to the support of session organisers and chairs for contributing to the success of the RC04 program.

**Future Conferences**

**ISA World Congress of Sociology**

**Theme: Not yet available**  
**Venue: Gwangju, Korea**  
**Dates: July 4-10, 2027.**

Further information will be disseminated when the programme is finalized.

Detailed information can be found on the website at <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress>.

WE look forward to the support of session organisers and chairs for contributing to the success of the RC04 program.

### Feedback on Midterm Conferences Held in 2024

The following midterm conferences were held:

- ❖ International Conference and the 30th Taiwan Forum on Sociology of Education, May 24-25, 2024

**Theme:** Resilience, Sustainability, and educational governance

**Country:** Taiwan

**Organizer:** Taiwan Association of Sociology of Education, TASE  
<https://www.tase.url.tw/en>

- ❖ RC04 in Collaboration with the Higher Education and Sciences Studies Group of SASA on July 1-4, 2024

**Theme:** Sociology and its Publics: Institutions, audiences, and vocabularies in a new era of contestation

**Country:** South Africa

**Organizer:** South African Sociology Association and the University of Stellenbosch

### Future Midterm Conferences Scheduled for 2025

The following midterm conferences are scheduled:

- ❖ **International Conference and the 31th Taiwan Association of Sociology of Education**

**Country:** Taiwan

**Organizer:** Taiwan Association of Sociology of Education, TASE  
<https://www.tase.url.tw/en>

**Theme:** Equity and Excellence: Theories and Practices in Sociology of Education

**Date:** May 2-3, 2025

**Venue:** National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

**Language:** Mandarin or English

**Conference organizer:** Department of Education and Learning Technology, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan. Tel: +886-3-571-5131 #73013. E-mail: [tase2025nthu@gmail.com](mailto:tase2025nthu@gmail.com)

**Website:** Please refer to the official website for the latest information and details of the Call for Papers: <https://en2025forum.tase.url.tw/>

The Poster has been attached for further detail.

- ❖ **RC04 in Collaboration with the Higher Education and Sciences Studies Group of SASA in 2025**

Details will be announced when available.

## Global Exchange

This is the fifteenth issue of the Newsletter column entitled Global Exchange. This initiative from the previous editor of the RC04 newsletter is very important because it is a forum to exchange current or pending research projects and seek suggestions, ideas for future directions, as well as possible collaboration with other RC04 members. The abstracts of approximately 100-150 words should be sent to the editor by e-mail for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter. In this regard, please consider submitting a description of your project to the editor for inclusion in future issues of the Newsletter. It is hoped that RC04 members will contact the researchers whose projects are listed below with suggestions, commentary, and even offers to collaborate or share reports and publications. Submissions to Global Exchange should be sent to [Essack.S@dhet.gov.za](mailto:Essack.S@dhet.gov.za).

This section also includes requests for participation in projects, submissions and other related issues.

The following information was received from members:

### ❖ Received from Daniel Gabaldon-Estevan

- ✚ Gabaldón-Estevan, D., Carmona-Talavera, D., Catalán-Gregori, B., Mañas-García, E., Martín-Carbonell, V., Monfort, L., ... & Reis, C. (2024). Kairos study protocol: a multidisciplinary approach to the study of school timing and its effects on health, well-being and students' performance. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 12, 1336028.

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/publichealth/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1336028/full>

### ❖ Received from Dionysios Gouvias

- ✚ Gouvias, D., Gasouka, M. & Foulidi, X. (2024). *Gender, Alterity and Refugee Education in Greece*. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. **Book**

A pdf file with the book's cover (pre-print draft) and the book's webpage can be found from the publisher's website:  
<https://www.cambridgescholars.com/product/978-1-0364-0948-7>

## Future Events

### **Future events to be noted and diarised**

1. The ISA Forum, held in between the World Congress of Sociology, will be held in 2025 in Morocco, Rabat, Mohammed V University, from July 6-11, 2025.
2. The ISA World Congress of Sociology will be held in 2027 in Gwangju, Korea from July 4-10, 2027.
3. Further announcements to be made when available.

## STATUSES AND BOARD MEMBERS

### ❖ Established 1971

### ❖ Objectives

The Research Committee 04 (RC04) is an active group with annual or bi-annual meetings on Sociology of Education topics. Regular meetings are held at the World Congress of Sociology (every four years) and at the RC's Midterm Conferences (in-between world congresses). In addition, meetings on special topics are held.

### ❖ Board 2023-2027

- President: **Marios Vryonides**, European University Cyprus, **Cyprus**, [m.vryonides@euc.ac.cy](mailto:m.vryonides@euc.ac.cy)
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### ❖ Newsletter

An informative newsletter is mailed to members twice a year. It contains conference abstracts, research summaries and exchange, members' news, conference news, country reports and the new feature, Global Exchange.

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### ❖ Membership

Membership Fees: \$30 for a 4-year period. Please contact the International Sociology Association for payments.

### ❖ Website

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc04-sociology-of-education>