

Newsletter of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 15 (Sociology of Health) – July 2023

English version

Greetings from the President of International Sociological Association, RC15 Sociology of Health

Miwako Hosoda, Seisa University, Japan



The 20th World Congress of the International Sociological Association in Melbourne, held in a hybrid face-to-face and online format from June 25 to July 1, 2023, concluded successfully. A large number of sociological researchers gathered for great learning and networking. Thank you to everyone involved. This conference would not have been possible without the efforts of our Australian colleagues who served as hosts. I would like to express my sincere appreciation. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who provided IT support at each venue and guided local excursions.

The theme of the conference was 'Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies and Sociology'. The message of the conference was to share the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion in order to respond to the various issues in today's chaotic society, and this was expressed in the President's Address and various lectures and presentations. RC15 board meetings, business meetings, and social events were also held during the Congress. To those of you who gathered on-site or participated online, thank you for your contributions to the success of the Congress. We had a meaningful and enjoyable time with all of you. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Mike, Nelson, and Farah of the RC15 Session Organizing Committee.

My term as President, which originally was four years but lasted five years due to COVID-19, will soon come to an end. The Board of Directors elected Nelson Filice de Barros (Brazil) as the new President for his hard work as Secretary/Treasurer of RC15. Congratulations, Nelson! I wish you all the best in further advancing RC15 in the future!

Of the eight board members, three others besides myself will be stepping down at this time. In addition to Mike Saks, who has served as Vice President/Newsletter Editor, Michael Calnan and Alex Asakitikpi are stepping down. Upcoming elections will take place between August and October to elect four new board members. After the election of the four new directors, the Board will decide on who will take on the Vice-President, Secretary and other roles. I encourage all RC15 members to run for the new directorships and vote for them. And to the Board members (Susan Bell, Sigrun Olafsdottir, Farah Purwaningrum) who will be on the Board until 2027, please join the new Board members and help Nelson in the future management of RC15. This will be my last President's message to you. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Board members and members who have always supported me and given me appropriate advice, and I

hope for the continued progress of RC15. Let us move forward together to help this Research Committee move forward in an even better way in sociology.

Best wishes,

Miwako Hosoda

Japanese version

世界社会学会 RC15 健康社会学 会長からのご挨拶

細田満和子（日本、星槎大学）

メルボルンにおける第20回世界社会学会大会は、2023年6月25日から7月1日にかけて、対面とオンラインとのハイブリッド形式で実施され、成功裏に閉会となりました。大勢の社会学研究者が集まり、大きな学びと交流がありました。ご関係の皆様、ありがとうございました。ホストを務めて頂いたオーストラリアの皆様のご尽力なしに、この学会は実現できないものでした。心から感謝いたします。また、各会場でのITサポートや地元観光案内をしてくださったボランティアの皆様にも心から感謝いたします。

大会のテーマは、「復活する権威主義：宗教・政治・経済と社会学との新たな関係」。混迷を極めている現代社会における諸問題に対応してゆくために、多様性・公正性・包摂の価値を共有していこうとするメッセージが、大会長講演や各種講演や発表などから出されていました。大会開催中には、RC15の理事会、ビジネスミーティング、社交イベントも開催されました。現地に集まっていたいただきました皆様、あるいはオンラインで参加してくださいました皆様、大会成功へのご貢献をありがとうございました。皆様と有意義で楽しいひと時を過ごすことが出来ました。改めまして、RC15の大会組織委員会のMike、Nelson、Farahには、この場を借りて深く感謝の意を伝えたいと思います。

本来は4年でしたがCOVID-19の影響で5年続いた私の会長の任期も、もうすぐ終了します。新会長には、RC15の秘書/会計として尽力してくださったNelson Filice de Barros（ブラジル）が、理事会で選出されました。おめでとう、ネルソン！これからのRC15をさらに発展させていってください！

8人いる理事の内、私以外にも3人がこの度退任となります。副会長/ニューズレター編集を務めてくださったMike Saksの他、Michael CalnanとAlex Asakitikpiです。今後、8月から10月にかけて、4人の新理事を選出する選挙が行われます。副会長や秘書などは、4人の新理事を選出した後の理事会で決めて頂きます。RC15メンバーの皆さん、新理事への立候補や投票へのご協力をどうぞお願いします。そして2027年まで任期がある3人の理事の皆さん（Suzan Bell, Sigrun Olafsdottir, Farah Purwaningrum）、新理事と共に今後のRC15の運営にネルソンに協力してください。

今回が、最後の会長挨拶になります。いつも私を支えてくれ、適切なアドバイスをくれました理事の皆様、そして会員の皆様に心からの感謝の念をお伝えしたいと思います。RC15のますますの発展を心から祈っております。社会学を通して、この社会が少しでも良い方向に向かっていけるよう一緒に進んでいきましょう。

細田 満和子

Italian version

Saluti dal Presidente dell'International Sociological Association, RC15 Sociology of Health

Miwako Hosoda, Università di Seisa, Giappone

Il 20° Congresso Mondiale dell'International Sociological Association a Melbourne, tenutosi a formato ibrido in presenza e online dal 25 giugno al 1 luglio 2023, si è concluso con successo. Un gran numero di ricercatori sociologici si sono riuniti per un grande apprendimento e networking. Grazie a tutti i soggetti coinvolti. Questa conferenza non sarebbe stata possibile senza gli sforzi dei nostri colleghi australiani che hanno servito come ospiti. Vorrei esprimere il mio sincero apprezzamento. Vorrei anche esprimere la mia sincera gratitudine a tutti i volontari che hanno fornito supporto IT a ogni sede ed escursioni locali guidate.

Il tema della conferenza era "Autoritarismo risorgente: la sociologia dei nuovi intrecci di religioni, politica, economia e sociologia". Il messaggio della conferenza era quello di condividere i valori della diversità, dell'equità e dell'inclusione per rispondere alle varie questioni nella società caotica di oggi, e questo è stato espresso nel discorso del presidente e nelle varie conferenze e presentazioni. Le riunioni del RC15, riunioni di lavoro ed eventi sociali, si sono tenute anche durante il Congresso. A quelli di voi che si sono riuniti in loco o hanno partecipato online, grazie per il vostro contributo al successo del Congresso. Abbiamo avuto un tempo significativo e piacevole con tutti voi. Ancora una volta, vorrei cogliere l'occasione per esprimere la mia più profonda gratitudine a Mike, Nelson e Farah del Comitato Organizzatore della Sessione RC15.

Il mio mandato come Presidente, che originariamente era di quattro anni ma è durato cinque anni a causa del COVID-19, sarà presto giunto al termine. Il board ha eletto Nelson Filice de Barros (Brasile) come nuovo Presidente per il suo duro lavoro come Segretario/Tesoriere di RC15. Congratulazioni Nelson! ti auguro tutto il meglio per far avanzare ulteriormente RC15 in futuro!

Degli otto membri del consiglio, altri tre oltre a me si dimetteranno in questo momento. Oltre a Mike Saks, che è stato vicepresidente/redattore della newsletter, Michael Calnan e Alex Asakitikpi si dimetteranno. Le prossime elezioni si svolgeranno tra agosto e ottobre per eleggere quattro nuovi membri del consiglio. Dopo l'elezione dei quattro nuovi consiglieri, il board deciderà chi sarà il Vicepresidente, il Segretario e altri ruoli. Incoraggio tutti i membri di RC15 a candidarsi per i nuovi incarichi direttivi e a votare per loro. E ai membri (Susan Bell, Sigrun Olafsdottir, Farah Purwaningrum) che rimarranno nel board fino al 2027, chiedo insieme ai nuovi membri del consiglio di aiutare Nelson nella futura gestione di RC15.

Questo sarà il mio ultimo messaggio del Presidente per te. Vorrei esprimere il mio sincero ringraziamento a tutte e tutti le/i socie/i che mi hanno sempre sostenuto e dato il giusto consiglio, e spero per il continuo progresso di RC15. Andiamo avanti insieme per aiutare questo Research Committee a proseguire in modo ancora migliore nella sociologia.

I migliori auguri.

Miwako Hosoda

Portuguese version

Saudações da Presidente da Associação Internacional de Sociologia, RC15 Sociologia da Saúde

Miwako Hosoda, Universidade de Seisa, Japão

O 20º Congresso Mundial da Associação Internacional de Sociologia em Melbourne, realizado em formato híbrido, presencial e online, de 25 de junho a 1º de julho de 2023, foi concluído com sucesso. Um grande número de sociólogos pesquisadores se reuniu para um grande aprendizado e networking. Obrigado a todos os envolvidos. Esta conferência não teria sido possível sem os esforços de nossos colegas australianos que serviram como anfitriões. Gostaria de expressar minha sincera gratidão. Também gostaria de expressar minha sincera gratidão a todos os voluntários que forneceram suporte de TI em cada local e nos guiaram no local.

O tema da conferência foi "Autoritarismo ressurgente: a sociologia dos novos emaranhados de religiões, políticas e economias". A mensagem da conferência foi compartilhar os valores de diversidade, equidade e inclusão para responder às várias questões da sociedade caótica de hoje, e isso foi expresso no discurso do presidente e em várias palestras e apresentações. Reuniões do conselho do RC15, membros do RC15 e eventos sociais também foram realizados durante o Congresso. Para aqueles de vocês que se reuniram no local ou participaram online, obrigado por suas contribuições para o sucesso do Congresso. Tivemos um tempo significativo e agradável com todos vocês. Mais uma vez, gostaria de aproveitar esta oportunidade para expressar minha profunda gratidão a Mike, Nelson e Farah pela Organização das Sessões do Programa do RC15.

Meu mandato como Presidente, que originalmente era de quatro anos, mas durou cinco anos devido ao COVID-19, chegará ao fim em breve. O Conselho de Administração do RC15 elegeu Nelson Filice de Barros (Brasil) como novo Presidente pelo seu árduo trabalho como Secretário/Tesoureiro da RC15. Parabéns, Nelson! Desejo-lhe tudo de bom no avanço do RC15 no futuro!

Dos oito membros do conselho, três outros além de mim deixarão o cargo neste momento. Além de Mike Saks, que atuou como vice-presidente/editor de boletim informativo, Michael Calnan e Alex Asakitikpi estão deixando o cargo. As próximas eleições ocorrerão entre agosto e outubro para eleger quatro novos membros do conselho. Após a eleição dos quatro novos diretores, o Conselho decidirá quem assumirá as funções de vice-presidente, secretário e demais cargos. Encorajo todos os membros do RC15 a concorrer e votar nos membros do novo Conselho de Administração. E aos membros do Conselho (Susan Bell, Sigrun Olafsdottir e Farah Purwaningrum) que estarão no Conselho até 2027, desejo que se juntem aos novos membros e ajudem Nelson na futura gestão do RC15.

Esta será a minha última mensagem de presidente para vocês. Gostaria de expressar meus sinceros agradecimentos a todos os conselheiros e membros que sempre me apoiaram e me deram os devidos conselhos, e espero pelo progresso contínuo do RC15. Vamos avançar juntos para ajudar este Comitê de Pesquisa a avançar cada vez melhor na sociologia.

Muitas felicidades

Miwako Hosoda

Note of thanks for translations

Many thanks are again due for the translations in this edition of the Newsletter to Miwako Hosoda, Guido Giarelli and Nelson Barros.

XX ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA 25 JUNE - 1 JULY 2023 Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies



The ISA World Congress took place in Melbourne from 25 June to 1 July. It ran for the first time in hybrid form and was reasonably well attended and soundly organized in the vast Melbourne Convention Centre.

It was launched on Sunday by the chief Australian organizer, Dan Woodman, the President of the ISA, Sari Hanafi, and other speakers – with respect to the First Nation peoples and their culture. This was followed by a convivial Welcome Reception that brought participants from all over the world together at the start of the Congress.

As reported in the last Newsletter, abstracts were presented at the following RC15 sessions (alongside the RC15 Business Meeting), as agreed by the Program Coordinators Mike Saks, Nelson Barros and Farah Purwaningrum, together with five joint sessions with other Research Committees:

- COVID-19 Pandemic and Global Health Workforce Policies and Governance: Challenges and Issues at the Forefront (with RC52)
- Community Influences on Lifestyles and Health (with RC03)
- Cross-country Comparative Sociological Analyses of Covid-19 patient experiences: Insights from the DIPEX International Collaboration
- Digital Health Futures
- Enhancing the Dialogue between Science and Society: The Challenges of e-Health Care
- Inequalities in Health, Mental Health, and Discrimination
- Inequality in Health Care – Empirical Studies about Health Care Professions
- Knowledge Co-Production, Communities, Social Justice and Human Rights (with RC09)
- Language on Health under COVID-19 Pandemic (with RC25)
- National Health Systems and the State: The Experience of Practitioners and Patients

- Patients Participation and Transformation of Society
- Pharmaceuticalization of Society: Current Debates and Empirical Contributions
- Reproduction in the Current World: Focusing on Prenatal Testing and Abortion
- Social Dimensions of Public Health Activism: Global, National and Local Perspectives
- Sociology of Vaccines
- The Climate Crisis and Young People's Health and Well-Being (with RC34)
- The Entanglements of Religions, Health, and Political Economy in Africa
- The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the Social Construction of Health and Illness for and By Persons with Disabilities: Call for a Sociological Reflexivity
- The Response of Health Professions to Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Where Next for Sociological Alcohol Research?

RC15 BUSINESS MEETING IN MELBOURNE

On Tuesday during the Congress there was a brief meeting of available members of the RC15 Board that preceded the Business meeting. At the latter the main item of business was to confirm the new President of RC15, Nelson Barros (from Campinas University in Brazil) – who is the current Secretary/Treasurer of RC15. He is pictured on the left below at the Business Meeting, alongside the outgoing RC15 President, Miwako Hosoda, and Vice President/Newsletter Editor, Mike Saks.

Online elections for four additional Board members to replace outgoing Directors will take place in the next few weeks, spearheaded by Nelson (nelfel@uol.com.br) who will guide RC15 through to the next ISA World Congress to be held in Korea in 2027. Nominations should be put forward to him during August and September with a short profile and a description of what candidates would like to do if elected to the Board, along with a picture of themselves. A list will then be sent out to members by email in October to vote on their desired candidates.



It was also reported at the Business meeting that RC15 has close to one hundred members distributed as follows: Australia 6, Brazil 3, Burkino Faso 1, Cameroon 1, Canada 7, Denmark 2, Finland 1, Germany 3, Ghana 1, India 1, Indonesia 1, Ireland 1, Israel 2, Italy 7, Japan 12, Kenya 1, Luxembourg 1, Mexico 2, New Zealand 1, Nigeria 6, Norway 2, Peru 1, Philippines 2, Portugal 1, Republic of Korea 2, Romania 1, Russia 2, Serbia 1, South Africa 2, Spain 1, Sweden 1, Taiwan 3, United Kingdom 4, and the United States 14.

This is a very wide spread of members across 34 countries but we need more – amongst other things, because this increases the number of sessions we are allocated at ISA World Congresses and Forums, as well as the funding we receive – so please publicise the virtues of RC15 membership in your networks.

Pleasingly, RC15 is in good financial health with affiliation fees from ISA members totalling \$3,944 USD and the ISA activities grant totalling €1,540 – alongside considerable reserves.

Members were reminded in terms of social media we have the following online presence:

Website: <https://isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc15-sociology-of-health/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066516051676>

After the Business meeting, the RC15 social event was held at Plan 5 on South Wharf. Below is a photo of some of the RC15 members in attendance. We were also joined later in the evening by members from other Research Committees – as well as Michael Burawoy, previous President of the ISA. This made for a very convivial event (see picture below).



RESEARCH REPORT

RESEARCH ON THE DESIGN, REFORM AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH PRACTITIONER REGULATION ACROSS COUNTRIES

by Stephanie Short, University of Sydney, Australia, and Ivy Bourgeault, University of Ottawa, Canada

We are pleased to report that several members of ISA RC52 and RC15 have been involved in conducting a large scale study for the Health Workforce Department of the World Health Organization. Mike Saks, from the University of Suffolk, was a member of the Technical Expert Group and Ivy Bourgeault from the University of Ottawa, and Stephanie Short from the University of Sydney were members of the research team, along with colleagues from Hong Kong, Canada and Australia with Giorgio Cometto, Coordinator, Human resources for health policies, norms and standards, World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

The Guidance on Health Practitioner Regulation will be the first WHO product on this subject to be used by Member States. It will be informed by the evidence provided by the systematic review commissioned by WHO and inputs from the Technical Expert Group. In fact this was the most interesting aspect of the study, being involved in integrating the scientific findings from the systematic review with advice from the international Technical Expert Group that comprised regulators, researchers and practitioners from low, middle and high income countries

The international team of sociologists and health service researchers was successful in responding to a Request for Proposals to provide evidence on the 'Design, Reform and Implementation of Health Practitioner Regulation across Countries' in mid-2021 and the project was completed at the end of 2022. Papers are currently being prepared and finalised for publication, and the findings were reported at the ISA World Congress in Melbourne.

Funding for the study was provided by the European Commission and the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) of Germany through grants administered by the Health Workforce Department of the WHO.

The findings produced in this study provided the evidence base that will underpin the first ever WHO guidance on systems of health practitioner regulation globally. It was an exciting project, conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic, so unfortunately the researchers and technical experts were not able to meet in-person during the course of the study.

We adopted a rapid review approach to conduct integrative analysis of literature published between 2010 and 2021, and searched 14 databases using a systematic strategy. Data were extracted and synthesized using an integrative approach based on a modified Donabedian framework. The large-scale review synthesized evidence from 410 academic sources and 426 sources from the grey literature relevant to health practitioner regulation. Findings identified in the synthesis were categorized in themes derived from a modified Donabedian framework:

- *Health practitioner regulation structures* (regulatory governance systems, regulatory institutions, and system linkages),
- *Processes* (registration and monitoring of continuing competence of practitioners, accreditation of entry-to-practice education programs, regulating scopes of practice, managing complaints and discipline, and regulating traditional and complementary medicine) and
- *Outcomes* (impact of health practitioner regulation structures and processes on health system and workforce outcomes).

Health practitioner regulation (HPR) systems are first and foremost designed to promote patient safety. And it is increasingly recognized that HPR contributes to supporting health workforce availability, accessibility, quality, and sustainability. Our study sought to identify the evidence on the design, delivery and effectiveness of HPR systems to inform policy decisions by governments, regulators, and other stakeholders. While we found a good deal of evidence on HPR structures and processes, most studies were descriptive, resulting in a low certainty of evidence.

We also identified limitations in the evidence base across jurisdictions and professions. Perhaps most significantly, if future researchers wish to inform regulatory design and reform, it is crucial to prioritize generating more evidence on regulatory outcomes. There is much descriptive research, and too little evaluative research conducted with a view to analysing how innovations affect outcomes in terms of patient safety, the health workforce, and health systems more generally.

Our main take-home message is that our fellow sociologists are well placed to inform the future of health practitioner regulation by tracking and evaluating the impact of innovations in health practitioner regulation systems, and analyzing how interventions affect the achievement of patient safety, health workforce and health systems goals.

2021-22: V. Lin, A. L. Carlton, S. D. Short, M. Balasubramanian, I. Bourgeault and K. Leslie, WHO Funding, Grantee, World Health Organization. Global design, reform and implementation of health regulatory systems - \$159,264 USD.

ADDRESS TO THE ISA WORLD CONGRESS ON THE UNITED NATIONS

In addition to his other activities at the ISA World Congress, Mike Saks also participated in a plenary session with other panelists, chaired by Jan Fritz, on Getting Active with the United Nations. Here he was able to discuss his position over the past five years as Honorary Senior Advisor on Leadership to the UN, his current role as Chair of the UN-sponsored Institute for Responsible Leadership (IRL), and his recent engagement as part of the small Technical Expert Group of the World Health Organization in formulating guidelines on the global regulation of health practitioners – on which he is the only UK representative.

There was a lot of interest in how he became engaged with the UN in various guises. He was able to advise attendees to use their networks inside and outside the UN as extensively

as possible. He also encouraged those present to publicise their research and to highlight its relevance to progressing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The IRL itself aims to promote leadership integrity, offer courses/seminars/webinars, accreditation, mentoring, coaching and research support in responsible leadership, and to honour exceptional cases of responsible leadership through its system of Fellowships. If members of RC15 are interested in joining the IRL as a first step in engaging with the UN, they should see the following website: www.responsible-leadership.org This outlines the one-off membership fee of £75 (£50 for low-to-middle income countries) and the range of benefits for those accepted. Further details can be obtained from the Chief Executive of the IRL, Julie Search-Whittaker at Julie.18search@btinternet.com

CONFERENCES

THE ASIA PACIFIC SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2023



The 18th Asia Pacific Sociological Association conference was held on 2-4 July 2023 at the University of Sydney, Australia. The theme was “Diversity, Inclusion and Social Cohesion-Toward social, health, and environmental advancement, and sustainable development goals attainment.” The conference brought together scholars and researchers from different countries and disciplines to exchange ideas and share knowledge on how social and environmental advancement and sustainable development goals can be achieved in Asia-Pacific countries. There were great opportunities for networking and socializing with our international colleagues in the Asia Pacific region and worldwide.

NEW BOOKS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES OF WESTERN EUROPE: CHALLENGES, REFORMS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES



This co-edited book by Guido Giarelli and Mike Saks with Routledge on the ***National Health Services of Western Europe: Challenges, Reforms and Future Perspectives*** is due to be published on 14 August 2023. This edited book, with a range of top-drawer expert international contributors, provides an analysis of the evolution of the national health services (NHSs) of Western Europe. Centred on a neo-Weberian and neo-institutionalist perspective, it defines and illustrates their changing features by drawing on such systems in countries from the British, Scandinavian and Mediterranean macro-regions. These are analysed historically and contemporaneously in face of the various challenges they have faced – from cost containment to governance – in the first part of the book. The second part of the book compares the NHSs concerned by focusing on the changing role of the four main actors involved in their evolution and sustainability – the state, the medical profession, patients and the public, and the medical industrial complex. Following a summary of the key overarching themes in the Conclusion, proposals are made about the future direction and sustainability of the NHSs of Western Europe. As such, the book – with thirteen chapters and an Introduction and Conclusion – makes a novel contribution to the literature, at a time when health services globally have been under great pressure in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It should appeal to a wide range of academics and higher-level students, as well as health professionals and policy makers alike. The book was previewed at the ISA World Congress in Melbourne. It is available in hardback at £130 and £38.99 as an e-book. Routledge currently offer launch reductions on this new book when you should be able to obtain a 20% discount on the above prices by entering the code EFL01 on checkout on its website.

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP: ESSENTIAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



As announced in the last Newsletter, Mike Saks has published this edited book with Routledge in partnership with the United Nations on ***Responsible Leadership: Essential to the Achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals***. With a range of well-respected voices from across the business, political, third sector and research spectrum, this important book provides an accessible insight into responsible leadership. It represents the most comprehensive and informed work on responsible leadership linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) produced to date. This volume, based on a collaborative partnership between the Institute for Responsible Leadership (IRL) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), contains twenty chapters in seven parts which address the relationship between responsible leadership and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These original and accessible contributions discuss progress in a variety of areas relevant to the goals, including climate change and biodiversity, global health, cybercrime, human trafficking, corporate social responsibility, gender, education and social cohesion. The world-leading expert contributors are drawn from a wide range of societies and continents and cover key aspects of responsible leadership in a lively and impactful fashion. The book also includes a chapter by our RC15 President, Miwako Hosoda, on global health – as well as a number of other health-related contributions.

This book is for leaders at every level in the public, private and third sectors, students concerned with responsible leadership, academics and researchers studying leadership in different disciplinary fields, and all those committed to sustainable development and progressing the UN SDGs. This book has recently been launched at the UN headquarters at Le Palais des Nations in Geneva and at the University of Westminster in London. It is available in paperback at £29.99, hardback at £96.00 and £29.99 in e-book format. Routledge offer a range of reductions in its summer sale, when purchasers may be able to obtain up to a 20% discount on the above prices on its website.

BOOK SERIES

SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: FUTURE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTIONS

This series co-edited by Mike Saks and Mike Dent centres on the production of high quality, original work in the sociology of health professions with an innovative focus on the future directions of such professions. It covers a wide range of health professional areas, and interrelated health fields such as social care, medicine, nursing and allied health.

It is oriented towards final year/postgraduate students, academic lecturers and researchers, practitioners and policy makers. Its general aims are:

- To inform/stimulate debate about the sociology of health professions
- To influence policy development and practice in the fields concerned
- To make a significant contribution to thinking in the sociology of health
- To produce original national/international work of recognised high quality.

Proposals for future books in the series are both welcomed and invited. These should be submitted in the first instance to the series co-editors Mike Saks (m.saks@uos.ac.uk) and Mike Dent (Mike.Dent@staffs.ac.uk). Please feel free to contact them initially to explore ideas and discuss the format of any submissions.

Currently published books in the series include:

- J. M. Chamberlain, M. Dent and M. Saks (eds) (2018) Professional Health Regulation in the Public Interest: International Perspectives.
- M. Saks (ed) (2020) Support Workers and the Health Professions in International Perspective: The Invisible Providers of Health Care.
- S. Nancarrow and A. Borthwick (2021) The Allied Health Professions: A Sociological Perspective.
- J-L. Denis, S. Germain, C. Régis and G. Veronesi (2022) Medical Doctors in Health Reform: A Comparative Study of England and Canada

AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations are due to RC15 member Dr. William Cabin who has been awarded the 2023 Outstanding Scholarship Award by the Health Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. His latest publications include:

Cabin, W. (2023) "‘They Live in an Isolation Chamber’: Medicare Fails the Depressed Homebound Elderly", *Home Health Care Management and Practice*. Accepted 3 March 2023.

Cabin, W. (2023) "‘They Are Measures Without Impact’: Home Care Social Workers Criticize OASIS-E", *Home Health Care Management and Practice*. Accepted 26 March 2023.

JOURNAL OF PROFESSIONS AND ORGANIZATION

Mike Saks is pleased to announce that, as Associate Editor of the well-established *Journal of Professions and Organization* (Oxford University Press), submissions of articles on health and other professions to the journal are warmly welcomed. Please contact Mike Saks (m.saks@uos.ac.uk) if you would like to discuss potential submissions.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Papers are invited for a special issue of the *Journal of Applied Behavioral Studies* on 'From Near and Far: On the Role of Distance in Changing Professional Services' for a deadline of 14 February 2024. For further details of the special issue and contact points for the editors, please see the following website:

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POSTSCRIPT FROM MIKE SAKS

Many thanks are due to all my fellow Board members for their work over the last five years. Good wishes go to the new four elected members of the Board to replace those who will not be continuing after this academic year – and to the Board as a whole in progressing its agendas going forward. This is my last Newsletter as an outgoing member of the Board and I shall of course be following the activities of RC15 very closely in future!