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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENCY

Dear Colleagues,

This is the second issue of our newsletter for 2024. We are very happy to have shared such a meaningful and enriching year with all of you, especially our Budapest conference in September, and we are looking forward to the activities planned for 2025.

Our conference in Budapest

The conference in Budapest had been long awaited by many of us as an opportunity to come together and to discuss recent developments in sociological biographical research. At the same time, it almost coincided with the 40th anniversary of the RC 38 – another wonderful reason for the meeting. Over 80 biographical researchers accepted the invitation of the RC 38 “Biography and Society” to a three-day conference entitled “Biographical research quo vadis”, in which more than 60 papers were presented in 16 sessions. The topics of the conference included remembering and forgetting, critical biographical situations, methodological challenges, social movements, transformation of labor, health and illness, political belonging and communities, professionalization, social networks and visual histories, migration, class and mobility, political regimes and transformations, professional practice.

This wide thematic diversity attracted both established biographical researchers and those whose engagement with biographical approaches is quite new. While this proved the ongoing attractiveness of understanding societies and social constellations through life stories and life histories, it also opened up the question of the relation between biographical research as a method, on the one hand, and as a distinct approach to sociology, on the other.

This question was also echoed in a panel discussion at the end of the first day which focused on the theme of the entire conference: what are the challenges and opportunities for biographical research today? Roswitha Breckner, Kaja Kazmierska, Arne Worm and Martín Hernán Di Marco agreed that biographical research is faced with the task of finding its position in a changing academic world, not only as a distinct sociological paradigm, but also as an approach which reveals the complexity of sociality – which has to be reconciled or balanced with the increasing speed of academic production. Another line of discussion ran along the question of what are innovative biographical research focuses. The participants mentioned, for example, whether and to what extent digitalization and social media data can contribute to the analysis of biographies. Another key point was the need to think beyond the European contexts in which sociological biographical research has mainly been developed, and to foster global exchange between biographical researchers.

We enjoyed the warm, late summer days and the bustling urban atmosphere in Budapest, as well as the hospitality of ELTE University, on whose campus we spent the first day, and of the Central European University, where we spent the next two days – but we did not lose sight of the history and challenging present of Budapest and Hungary. The second panel discussion shed light on the current situation of Hungarian science. Using various areas as examples (such as national research funding, uni-

versity employment, the Central European University), local academics demonstrated the mechanisms with which the Orban government has managed to disempower established research institutions, to equip them with their own followers or to form competing institutions. In the course of two walks around the city, the conference participants learned about Budapest's Jewish history and present, as well as about the city's history in the 20th century and the transition from post-socialist democracy to an increasingly illiberal state.

We would like to thank everybody who made it possible to have this refreshing exchange and to make this conference a vibrant platform for meaningful face-to-face conversations about the ways we conduct biographical research across the globe. This includes all participants who presented their innovative research, session chairs and discussants. However, we would especially like to thank again Júlia Vajda and Juli Szekely for inviting us to Budapest and for meticulously planning and arranging the conference and their warm hospitality. We also express our gratitude to Anna Naderi and Hanna Acsady for their invaluable assistance with the local arrangements. We would like to thank the Section for Biographical Research in the German Sociological Association and the CEU Democracy Institute for their support.

2025 activities and new publications

As 2025 approaches, so does the 5th ISA Forum in Rabat in July. We have received a record number of submissions and are delighted to share with you in this Newsletter our exciting program for the conference with over 20 sessions, and cooperations with many other Research Committees, namely RC05 Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity, RC22 Sociology of Religion, RC31 Sociology of Migration, RC32 Women, Gender and Society, RC56 Historical Sociology, and WG11 Violence and Society.

In the Newsletter you will also find a call for the joint session between RC38 and "Committee 8: Biographical perspective: methodological challenges of life history research in Latin America" at the IX Latin American Meeting of Social Science Methodology (ELMECS) of the Latin American Network of Social Science Methodology (REDMET). The hybrid session is entitled *Biographical research in the 21st century: A review of its epistemological and methodological perspectives* (organised by Leticia Muniz Terra, Martín Hernán Di Marco and Johannes Becker) and will be held in Bogotá from 12-14 June 2025.

You will also discover in this Newsletter several interesting new publications by our members. The volume *Biographical Research and New Social Architectures – Challenges and Opportunities for Creative Applications across Europe*, edited by Lyudmila Nurse, Maggie O'Neill, and Lisa Moran, is part of the *Advances in Biographical Research* series, and examines emerging societal structures in the post-COVID-19 era. Additionally, three articles published by members of our community deserve attention. The first is *Affectivity, embodied knowledge and reflexivity in creative biographical research on migration in the Mediterranean context*, by Gianluca Gatta, Monica Massari, and Simona Miceli, published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. The second is *Impressions on a Philosophical Journey*, by Mercedes Krause, published in *Schutzian Research*. The third is Johannes Becker's *Comparing small gatherings in their urban contexts. An interpretive approach to a socio-spatial arena*, published in *Comparative Sociology*.

Finally, and importantly, following the ISA's new governance structure, RC38 now has a new contact email address: isa-rc38@isa-sociology.org. From now on, all communications related to the committee should be directed to this email address.

We wish everyone a 2025 filled with opportunities to come together once again, creating new spaces to share high-quality sociological knowledge. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all members and board members we have collaborated with throughout the year. We also warmly welcome the new members who have joined this enriching community. May our work continue to make a positive impact on society.

We hope you will enjoy reading our Newsletter.

Johannes Becker, Martín Hernán Di Marco, Maria Pohn-Lauggas,
Priscila Susin, Georgios Tisolis

Membership fees

Please remember to pay your membership fee. To apply for membership or renew ISA and/or RC affiliation, please use the membership form online: <https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In>

The membership fees to the RC38 for 4 years are (see ISA regulations):

Regular members	U\$40
Students and members from countries B and C	U\$20

If you have any questions concerning the membership, please contact Priscila Susin for advice: pri.qsusin@gmail.com

The deadline for the next Newsletter is at the end of July 2025.

Please send us:

- A short paper (3-7 pages) on a topic you are currently working on
- A presentation of your current project
- Some reflections on your experiences of teaching biographical approaches and methods
- Reports or some notes about conferences you have attended
- General reports about activities in the field of biographical research in your institution, university, country, continent
- Interesting calls for papers for conferences, workshops, summer schools
- New publications from you, also in your respective native language
- Any other thought or information you would like to share.
- Please send your contributions in Word or rtf formats.

Send your contribution directly to: isa-rc38@isa-sociology.org

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MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENCY, 2023-2027

Johannes Becker (President)



I am currently a substitute professor of sociology at the University of Leipzig, Germany, after more than 10 years as a researcher at the Center for Methods in Social Sciences at the University of Göttingen, Germany. Both my doctoral and postdoctoral research have been centrally related to sociological biographical research. In my PhD, I combined biographical research and approaches from the sociology of space and in my subsequent research with approaches of historical sociology and migration. As a biographical researcher committed to global exchange among qualitative sociologists and with an international research agenda, RC 38 has been a central reference point in my scholarly career.

Maria Pohn-Lauggas (Vice-President)



I am a sociologist and Professor of Qualitative Methods at Ruhr University Bochum, Germany. She is doing research on impact of violent collective past of National Socialism. Within this topic, she asks for biographical processes constituted by narratives and photographs. She teaches interpretative methods and multi-method designs. Her main research fields are: intergenerational transmission, visual and verbal memory practices, collective memory, discourse analysis, biography research and image analysis. From 2014 to 2018 she was secretary/treasurer of the RC 38, since 2018 she is one of the vice-presidents of the RC 38.

Giorgos Tsiolis (Vice-President)



Giorgos Tsiolis is a Professor of "Research Methodology in Social Sciences – Qualitative Research Methods" at the Department of Sociology, University of Crete (Greece) and is currently Head of the Department. His academic interests include issues on social research methodology, qualitative methods, qualitative data analysis, and the biographical narrative approach. His research focuses mainly on issues in the sociology of work (de-industrialization, unemployment, precarious employment). He has published in international journals as well as in collective scientific volumes. G. Tsiolis has also written two books in Greek on the biographical narrative approach and on qualitative analysis methods and has edited volumes on related issues. He is also the author (in common with Michalis Christodoulou) of the monograph "Social Causation and Biographical Research. Philosophical, Theoretical and Methodological Arguments" London / New York, Routledge (Serie: Routledge Advances in Research Methods), 2021.



Priscila Susin (Secretary)

Priscila Susin is a research fellow at the Center for Research & Development in Human Factors and Resilience at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. She is co-coordinator of the Research Committee 29 "Biography and Society" of the Brazilian Society of Sociology (SBS). Her areas of interest include qualitative research methods, reconstructive biographical research, gender studies, inequalities and social stratification in urban contexts, and organizational and work studies.



Martín Hernán Di Marco (Treasurer)

Argentinean sociologist with a Ph.D. in Social Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires. Assistant Professor in Violence and Violence Prevention at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA), Leiden University. His work focuses on the intersection of harm-doing, femicide, and biographical analysis in Latin America.

RABAT 2025 RC 38 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Sessions

Becoming an Activist in the Age of Polycrisis: The Biographical Experience of Advocating Social Change

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Session description:

The session is dedicated to the biographical investigation of the careers of social activists on the brink of a polycrisis. In recent decades, marked by severe economic, political, and epidemiological crises, along with a growing awareness of environmental threats, social activism has emerged as a viable means of addressing uncertainty and insecurity.

We invite submissions analyzing the careers of climate activists, social activists, and politicians advocating for social change in the Anthropocene era. We welcome both empirical contributions and theoretical papers responding to the call by And-feas Reckwitz and Hartmut Rosa (2023) for a theory capable of addressing the broader picture of a world under stress.

The thematic scope of the session includes, but is not limited to:

- Biographical sources of social activism,
- Careers of social activists from a life course perspective,
- Value systems and motivations for becoming an activist,
- Intricacies and paradoxes of activists' work,
- Comparisons between various kinds of activism,
- Generational and geographical varieties of activism,
- Production and dissemination of discourses on activists.

Keywords: crisis, Anthropocene, polycrisis, biographical research, social activists

References:

Reckwitz, A., Rosa, H. (2023). *Late Modernity in Crisis: Why We Need a Theory of Society*. Cambridge: Polity.

Abstracts:

Forgotten Directions in Biographical Research – Forgetting As a Catalyst for Social Change?

André EPP (University of Education Karlsruhe), Merle HINRICHSEN (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)

'Nezlamna Kalyna' – Biographical Processes of Becoming a Ukrainian Activist in Forced Exile

Katarzyna KRAKOWSKA (University of Lodz)

Everyday Activism Meets Lifelong Social Engagement: Insights from 10+ Years of Research with Everyday (Migrant) Activists

Piotr GOLDSTEIN (DeZIM Berlin)

Dynamics of Antiracist Agency Formation in Germany

Ruta YEMANE (DeZIM Berlin), Mara JUNGE (University of Bremen, German Centre for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM)), Samera BARTSCH (German Centre for Integration and Migration Studies)

Biographical Contours and Life Consequences of Activism Among Women Members of Collectives Searching for Disappeared Relatives in Mexico

Gustavo URBINA CORTES (El Colegio de Mexico)

Ambiguous Subjects in a Global Generation. Understanding Youth from Biographical Approaches, Part I

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Session description:

Conceptual debates about “youth” abound across the globe, and some of the most interesting ones have in recent decades emerged in the global south (Diouf 2003; Durham 2004; Honwana and de Boeck 2005; Mbembe 1985). While these debates have shown that youth is more than “just a word” (pace Bourdieu), scholarship continues to struggle with the exceeding diversity that the concept, or social category, of “youth” tends to absorb. In this panel, we seek to explore youth afresh from a 'global' and biographical perspective. Zooming in on the methodological potential of biographical approaches, we try to understand what it means to be a young subject in an increasingly trans-locally connected world and to what extent biographical approaches allow us to get a grasp of the liminality and ambiguity of a period of life that sits uneasily between biology, social status, and metaphor. We encourage proposals that focus on how youthhood is experienced and narrated, whether in life-course trajectories and biographical stories, in accounts of socialization and existential ruptures, in processes of subjectivation, de-subjectivation and individuation, in coming-of-age novels and films, on social media feeds and other emerging media.

Abstracts:

Youth and the Framing of the 2014 Popular Uprising in Burkina Faso

Zerbo ARMEL TIESSOUMA THÉODORE (University of Lisala)

Lifestyles of the “Alpha Generation”, Reading Experiences and Visual Culture: An Interpretive and Biographical Analysis of Reading Among Youth in Contemporary Brazil

Paula VIANNA (PUCRS)

Intersectional Action Research: Uncovering Life-Course Narratives with Young Migrants with Disability in Australia
Bella CHOO (University of Melbourne)

Growing up Abroad: Young and Highly-Skilled Migrants' Transnational Transition to Adulthood
Franka ZLATIĆ (O.P. Jindal Global University)

Trans-Mediterranean Generation: Youth of North African Origin in Italy between Local Configurations and Global Connections
Sveva MAGARAGGIA (University of Milan-Bicocca), Daniela CHERUBINI (University of Parma), Alessandra TURCHETTI (University of Milan Bicocca)

La Jeunesse Burkinabè, Une Jeunesse En Crise?
Zakaria SORÉ (Université Joseph KI-ZERBO)

Ambiguous Subjects in a Global Generation. Understanding Youth from Biographical Approaches, Part II

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Abstracts:

‘Youth’ in Images – Liminality and Emancipation in Visual Biographies on Social Media
Elisabeth MAYER (University of Vienna)

Trajectories of the Value (re)Production in the First Post-Communist Generation
Laura DAUKSAITE (Vilnius University)

Identities of National Minority Youths in the Vilnius Region: From Regional to Supranational

Vidmantas VYŠNIAUSKAS (The Institute of Sociology at the Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences)

Critical Reflections on 'Go-Along' Interviews with Marginalized Young People Living in Rural Areas: How My Drive-Along Interview Turned into a Driving Lesson

Prof Jeanette OESTERGAARD (Rockwool Foundation)

Between an Exceptional Experience and a Turning Point. How Does Participation in the Demos Project Figure in the Biographical Accounts of Young French People from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods?

Florencia DANSILIO (Université Paris Cité), Nathalie MONTOYA (Université Paris Cité)

An Ambiguous Genre for Ambiguous Subjects: Youth, Biography and Intergenerational Social Mobility in South Africa

Adam COOPER (Human Sciences Research Council)

Present without Past? on the Relevance of Historical Research for Sociological Investigation of the Present, Part I

(RC38, RC56 Historical Sociology)

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Session description:

We are interested in empirical research (qualitative or interpretative, figural and biographical) and in discussing the extent to which careful reconstruction of the past is necessary to understand social realities in the present. While many researchers pursuing a biographical or, more generally, an interpretative approach, know that their studies need to be historically informed, this often does not go beyond lip service. Adopting a long-term, multi-generation perspective has been established practice for a number of decades among sociologists engaged in biographical research, and yet there is still a tendency to stay on the level of the specific familial or individual history. On the other hand, studies based on sound research into the historical background frequently do not take into account a sociological approach to analysing the rules governing which phases and parts of the collective past (and thus also which "parts" of an individual life history) are presented, reinterpreted, reinvented or dethematized in social discourses in the present and at earlier points in time, and what effects this has had on the members of different groupings, or which groupings have an effective voice in these discourses.

For this session we invite papers based on empirical research which seek to do justice to the notion of a historically informed interpretative sociology.

Abstracts:

The Sociohistorical Construction of Slave Ancestry in Salaga, Ghana
Lucas CÉ SANGALLI (Ruhr University Bochum)

"Naive Theories of Society in the Past" As an Object of Sociological Research: The Case of Historiographical Discourses and Family Narratives about Polish Bourgeois Clans
Tomasz ZARYCKI (University of Warsaw)

Unpacking Power Dynamics in the Paraguayan Chaco through Indigenous Women's Biographies: An Historically Informed Sociological Analysis
Victoria TABOADA GOMEZ (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

Recognition and Interpretation of Community Formation History: A Case Study of a Japanese New Town
Dr. Yoshinori KASAI (Keio University)

Navigating Change: Childhood Experiences and Autonomy in Post-Soviet Lithuania
Goda DAMASEVICIUTE (Vilnius University)

Discussing the Importance of Historical Sociology for Public
Tatiana LANDINI (Universidade Federal de São Paulo)

Present without Past? on the Relevance of Historical Research for Sociological Investigation of the Present, Part II

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Abstracts:

Power Relations in Migrant Communities in Light of Long-Term Socio-Historical Processes in Contexts of Origin

Johannes BECKER (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin)

Biographical (De-)Thematization of Vulnerability from a Historical Perspective

Peter RIEKER (University of Zurich)

Making the Town: Afro-Brazilian Returnees (Tabom) and the Transformation of Accra, Ghana from the Early Colonial Times

Steve TONAH (University of Ghana)

Biographical Insights into Chile's Post-Dictatorship Economic

Jaime TIJMES (Universidad de La Frontera), Johanna SAGNER TAPIA (Universidad de La Frontera)

Biographical Perspectives on the Nexus of Antisemitism and Genderpolitics

Paula MATTHIES (Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences)

Fragility in Memory Production: A Comparative Ethnography on Two Memorial Museum Commemorating WWII Atrocities in the U.S. and China

Claire JI (University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA))

Citizenship, Biography and Family History

(RC38, RC05 Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity)

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Session description:

In recent decades, the study of citizenship has changed, particularly toward recognizing the dynamics of social inequalities that structure modes of legitimate membership. Citizenship not only involves status and rights, but relates to constructions of belonging and access to participation and representation, both symbolically and within the political order. This widens the scope beyond hegemonic conceptions by involving people who are not formally citizens.

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Possible questions are:

- How do rights and duties, forms of participation and constructions of belonging develop over the course of a lifetime?
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- In which ways are different statuses a driver of biographical thematization and in which ways are biographical experiences and accounts used in activists' struggles?

Abstracts:

Afro-Poles. Plurisocialization, Identity Building, Culture in the Making
Piotr SZENAJCH (University of Lodz, Institute of Sociology)

Migration – Social Inequality – Conduct of Everyday Life: Social Belonging and Othering in the Life Course of Young People with Migration Experiences in Germany
Grete ERCKMANN (University of Vienna)

Biograms, Drawings and Ethnographies As Biographical Devices: Uses, Potentialities and Limitations for the Analysis of Inequalities, Labour and Migration Trajectories in Latin America.

Leticia MUÑIZ TERRA (CONICET/ Universidad Nacional de La Plata.), María Eugenia AMBORT (CONICET/Universidad Nacional de La Plata), Barbara PSCHUNDER (Universidad Nacional de La Plata /DAAD)

The (Re)Construction of Migration Biographies through Citizenship. Ambivalences of Integrationism in Germany
Arne WORM (University of Goettingen)

Leveraging Family History As a Tool for Wealth Transmission: A Case Study of the Rong Yiren Family in Post-Reform China
Kei HUI (Beyond Trust Company), Rui JIANG (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

Between Memory and Opportunity: The Descendants of Spaniards in Argentina and Access to Citizenship
Montserrat GOLÍAS PÉREZ (University of A Coruña), Prof. Laura OSO (CISPAC, University of A Coruña)

Migration, Belonging and Family History

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Abstracts:

(AUTO)Biographical Nationalism: The Legacies of Twentieth Century Radical Elites in the Himalayas

Mallika SHAKYA (FAU Erlangen-Nurnberg)

Autoethnography of Three Generations of Chinese Diaspora in Japan

Tiensi CHEN (Waseda University)

The Role of Cultural Signifiers in the Adaptation of Migrant and Displaced Armenian Women

Hasmik GEVORGYAN (Yerevan State University), Yeva AVAKYAN (Save the Children USA)

My Mother Was My First Country": Identity and Belonging of Second Generation Congolese Immigrants in South Africa
Ragi BASHONGA (University of Johannesburg)

The Quasi-Citizenship of Young Descendants of Migrants in Italy: A Central Issue
Davide GIRARDI (Salesian University Institute of Venice)

Who Might Give Birth to Citizens? Reproductive Justice, Temporality and Family Immigration Regime
Linda PEDERSEN (University of Greenwich)

Reclaiming Narratives: How UK Adult Adoptees Challenge Dominant Adoption Discourses through Social Media Advocacy
Annalisa TOCCARA-JONES (The University of Sheffield)

Biographical Research on Precarity in the Era of Permacrisis

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Session in English

Session description:

The term "precarity" has gained particular popularity in scientific and public discourse, especially after the global financial crisis of 2008 and the emergence of the phenomenon of permanent crises ("permacrisis") that characterizes modern globalized societies. The term points out that in the societies of our time, human existence is characterized by a high degree of contingency and risk in all its aspects and therefore the sense of certainty and security cannot be considered in any area of social life as a given, predominant in the area of labour. In the relevant scientific debate, it is pointed out that the precarious forms of labour constitute a key instrument of governance and subjectification in neoliberalism. It is also mentioned that precarity is an element that should be calculated in order to accurately capture the class structure of modern societies, as the precarious class is considered the new lower class. In this session we will discuss the multiple ways in which biographical research can contribute to the precarity debate, sharpening the research perspective, posing new questions, and contributing to the theoretical conceptualization of precarity and its manifestations. Therefore, we invite proposals for papers that focus on precarity, not statically as a situation but as a biographical process, focusing on the ways in which it shapes contemporary life courses, tracing the diverse and dynamic ways in which the manifestations of precarity are experienced by actors, as well as the ways in which the individuals involved are subjectivized as "precarious" by drawing on relevant discourses.

Abstracts:

Navigating Institutional Rules: A Biographical Exploration of Social Science Research Practices and Trajectories

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"My Grandparents' Backgrounds Were Very Different....". Ruptures and Non-Linear Trajectories in Intergenerational Class (im)Mobility in Poland

Justyna KAJTA (SWPS University, Warsaw, Institute of Social Sciences), Stefan BIENKOWSKI (University of Warsaw)

Stigmatisation and Loss of Income As Causes of Social Isolation in Young Adults with Precarious Employment Trajectories

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Accident Narratives As Collective Resource for Operational Safety

Priscila SUSIN (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul)

Living Precarity and Talking Politics. Biographies of Precarious Workers in Spain and Italy

Walter HAEUSL (Scuola Normale Superiore)

Precarity and Social Media in Biographical Experiences of Microinfluencers

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Research Infrastructures, Data Reuse and Secondary Analysis in Biographical Research and Oral History**Session Organizer(s):**

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Session description:

The rapid development of the relevant technological capabilities that have led to the establishment of research infrastructures and digital archives in social sciences has compellingly opened the debate on the prospect of secondary analysis of social data. The term "secondary analysis" refers to a research strategy that uses data generated in the context of previous research projects to investigate social phenomena. While this research strategy seems to be commonly utilized in quantitative social research with the reuse of quantitative data, it is not a popular practice in qualitative research, especially in biographical research. Some qualitative researchers raise objections, arguing that secondary analysis is incompatible with the specific logic of qualitative research. In particular, they raise objections based on epistemological issues as well as reservations related to issues of research ethics. Advocates of secondary analysis, however, highlight the advantages of data reuse and contend that a perspective on secondary analysis of qualitative data requires revisions to our understanding of "data," which will no longer be viewed as "pre-existing" entities that

are "out there" and ready to be used, but rather as elements that are continually re-framed within the research process; additionally, our understanding of "research framework" has to become more expansive and pluralistic. In this session we invite proposals for papers that focus on the opportunities and challenges associated with data reuse and secondary analysis in biographical research and oral history, while presenting relevant projects taking place in different countries around the world.

Abstracts:

Secondary Analysis of Biographical Narratives: Challenges and Prospects Based on an Ongoing Project in Greece
Giorgios TSIOLIS (University of Crete)

Creation, within the Framework of the so.Da.Net. Social Research Infrastructure, of a Corpus of Digital Multimedia Texts (e-corpus) on the Topic of Refugee Phenomenon
Nikolaos NAGOPOULOS (University of Aegean), Ioannis KALLAS (University of the Aegean), Dimitris PARASKEVOPOULOS (University of the Aegean), Asimena TASSOU (University of the Aegean)

The Migreval Database: Methodological Contributions of a Restricted Access Qualitative Database in the Sociology of Migration
Gwendolyn GILLIERON (L'Institut Convergences Migrations (IC Migrations)), Catherine DELCROIX (University of Strasbourg)

Legal Issues Raised By Secondary Use of Research Data for Biographical Research/Oral History Purposes.
Anna Maria PISKOPANI (University of Nottingham)

Research Ethics and Data Archiving: Current Challenges in Biographical Migration Research
Irimi SIOUTI (Frankfurt University UAS)

Transnational Generations – Memories and Knowledge Transmission of/in Migration and Exile, Part I**Session Organizer(s):**

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Session description:

In the field of biographical research, numerous important multi-generational studies have emerged that address the transgenerational transmission of knowledge, patterns of interpretation, memory work and trauma. Many of these studies focus on historical processes associated with collective experiences of violence and many involve cross-border processes such as flight, (forced) migration, enslavement and exile. In this session, we will focus on the intersections and overlaps between transgenerational and transnational processes. How are transgenerational processes – and more specifically memory processes – organized in transnational spaces? What

changes in intergenerational dialogue when one or more generations are mobile or on the move? What role does transnationality play in processes of remembrance and memorialization?

We welcome submissions that deal with transgenerational processes in the transnational space on the basis of concrete empirical research. Possible topics include:

- Childhood in exile (as a consequence of historical processes like South African Apartheid, Latin American dictatorships, National Socialism in Germany)
- Memories of parents' and grandparents' migrations
- Dealing with the forced migration of ancestors (e.g. in the Afro-diaspora, or the Indian and Chinese diaspora)
- Migrating children and grandchildren and their links to the homeland and the ones that stay behind

Abstracts:

Food As a Carrier of Memory & Belonging in Transnational Families
Meryem CHOUKRI (University of Warwick)

Telling Family Stories in Migration: Transgenerational Remembrance Practices in Transnational Families
Anna SCHNITZER (University of Halle)

“Repair It Well”: Transnational and Transgenerational Memories of the Brazilian Military Dictatorship
Felipe MAGALDI (Federal University of São Paulo), Aline LOPES MURILLO (Federal University of São Paulo)

From Korean Wave (Hallyu) to Colonial Memory: The Transgenerational Reconnection of Zainichi Korean Youth
Phillip CHA (Sogang university)

Wounded Memories, Besieged Lives: Surviving and Resisting across the Mediterranean Borders
Monica MASSARI (University of Milan), Silvia DI MEO (University of Milan)

Transnational Generations - Memories and Knowledge Transmission of/in Migration and Exile, Part II

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Abstracts:

Reimagining Hong Kong: Transgenerational Memory and Identity Construction in the Diaspora

Wai Fung IU (Monash University)

Home As a Concept of Belonging: Narratives of Three Generations of Kurdish Women in Diaspora

Orkide IZCI (University of Bologna)

Migrant Background Youth and Sensemaking of Place, Community and Belonging through Intergenerational Oral Histories in Jordan's Industrial Heartland

Sarah LINN (Manchester Metropolitan University), Hala GHANEM (Hashemite University), Abdallah ABOLOUZ (Hashemite University)

Transgenerational Diasporic Memories and Mnemonic Solidarity: The Case of the Afghan and Somali Diasporas in the USA and Italy

Gianluca GATTA (University of Milan)

Trayectorias Políticas y Sociales De La Segunda Generación Del Exilio Argentino En México

Ana Laura RAMOS SASLAVSKY (Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México (UACM))

Transnational Memories between Miami and Havana. How Imaginaries of Cuba's Past and Future Are Negotiated in the Diaspora and Beyond

Myriell FUSSER (Philipps-University Marburg)

Locating Women's Leadership in Their History and Territory: Emerging Forms of Knowledge in the Face of Environmental and Climate Change

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Session description:

In this session, we welcome papers that engage with historical and political processes through which women's leadership in the environmental context emerges. While particularly interested in Indigenous leadership, we welcome studies on women leaders from other contexts.

We want to explore how to define leadership by locating the biographies and trajectories of women leaders in the discourses about their past and how these relate to current discourses on environmental protection. We seek to identify historical events and dynamics that shape their field of action and, in doing so, reconstruct their historical emergence and their role in the territory—be it towards change or not.

We are driven to gain an understanding of how they conceive the notion of territory, considering power and colonial dynamics in short—and long-term processes of environmental change, and also see how we can work with the concept of territory as an analytical tool.

Lastly, we must consider the economic and material realities that challenge notions of indigenous and local territory, particularly when it comes to protecting natural resources. So, we ask how women leaders negotiate multiple and sometimes contradictory demands—within and beyond their lived territories.

Abstracts:

Indigenous Women Leaders: Environmental and Economic Care in the Peruvian Amazon and Andes

Anke KAULARD (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru)

Exploring Leadership and Territory through Indigenous Women's Biographies in the Paraguayan Chaco

Victoria TABOADA GOMEZ (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)

Indigenous Women and Management: A Global Analysis of Localized Funding Initiatives in the Tropics

Deborah DELGADO PUGLEY (Catholic University of Peru)

Practices of Resistance, Practices of Care: The Role of Indigenous Women in the Peruvian Central Amazon Region in the Context of Dispossession of Territory

Maria Eugenia ULFE (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), Iris JAVE (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), Roxana VERGARA RODRÍGUEZ (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), Abdul TRELLES (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), Ariana GARATE (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), Andrea LUNA (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), Roberto SANCHEZ (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)

The Emergence of the "Kukama Mothers" in the Defense of Their Territories Under Oil Pollution (2014-2022)
Roxana VERGARA RODRÍGUEZ (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)

Speaking and Silencing of Violent Experiences As a Social Issue in Biographical Research and Oral History

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Session description:

In post-violence societies, social conditions and public discourses highly impact how surviving victims, perpetrators, and bystanders talk about what they experienced and what they keep silent about. 'Speaking' and 'silencing' are not absolute but find various expressions. In different ways, this might also be the case with the descendants of either group. Biographical accounts gathered through methods of reconstructive sociology, such as the autobiographical narrative interview, or oral history studies can reveal mechanisms of biographization, the operationalization of biography as an effort to reach an interpretation of past events, and de-biographization, casting out life historical and family biographical features from the narration. Since the biographical framework encapsulates historical entities and their memories in current society, both mechanisms enable us to analyze and understand the (un)describable and (un)discussable elements and the ruling conditions at specific times.

We invite proposals for papers that focus on (kinds of) thematization and silencing and reconstruct their specific conditions after violent political conflicts and persecution. Papers can be based on biographical or oral history research. Some of the questions for discussion might be: In which ways are historical processes and their memories in current society encapsulated in biographies? How can we analyze and understand the (un)describable and (un)discussable elements in relation to dominant social conditions and discourses? What kinds of changes can be observed with regard to biographization and other phenomena in family narratives over generations?

Abstracts:

Violence, Silence, and Migration: Family Figurations in the Biographical Narratives of Assyrian Migrants from Iraq and Syria
Orhan NASSIF (Research Fellow)

Negotiating (Im)Possible Life Stories - Collaborative Storytelling in (Post)Conflict Contexts

Phil LANGER (International Psychoanalytic University Berlin), Aisha-Nusrat AHMAD (International Psychoanalytic University)

Neither a Perpetrator Nor a Victim, and Yet. Questioning the “Years of Lead” in Morocco By a Biographical Approach
Irene BONO (University of Turin)

Refugees on the Polish-Belarusian Border: Between Suffering and Being an “Object” of a Political Game
Katarzyna WANIEK (University of Lodz, Poland)

Social Work and Violence - Relativizing Extreme Right Youth Violence in Germany
Christina KOENIG (Goethe University Frankfurt / Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences)

Living through the ‘Pact of Silence’: Political Violence in Biographies of laioflautas Activists in Spain
Christoph SCHWARZ (University of Innsbruck)

Oral History As Literature Versus Silencing
Dilek HATTATOGLU (independent scholar)

Immigration Policies, Global Inequalities, and Knowing (in)Justice As Biographical Knowledge

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Session description:

While immigration to Europe from third countries is highly restrictive and almost generally prohibited, qualified personnel is encouraged to immigrate. In Germany, for example, special immigration policies have recently been introduced for professionals, especially in the health care sector, to simplify their employment or search for employment. How do individuals experience and reflect on their immigration process under these conditions? What kinds of transnational networks are created between countries of origin and receiving countries? We would like to invite papers that address the effects of specific immigration policies on (groups of) individuals, by reconstructing their biographical experience, evaluation, and knowledge. Also invited are papers that address possible consequences of specific immigration policies for countries of origin as well as for receiving countries, based on the reconstruction of biographical evaluation of knowing (in)justice.

Abstracts:

Multiple Boundaries of Turkish Migrant Women's Access to Public Space in the UK
Ceren LORDOGLU (Dr)

Angolan Immigrant Women in Southern Brazil: A Biographical-Theoretical Perspective on the Construction of Belonging
Nathalia LOURUZ DE MELLO (Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul)

Life Course, Biography, Career. the Migrant Musicians of the Orchestra Orpheus XXI (Jordi Savall)
Vogt ALICIA (EHESS & Goethe Universität Frankfurt/Main)

Decolonizing 'migration Studies' Facing the Rise of Nationalism in Europe: An Epistemological Conceptualization
Marwa NEJI (Ghent University)

Theaterpractices for Traumaprocessing & Strengthening the Narratives of Migrantized Women in Belgium
Havva AKÇAOĞLU (Empact), Hanane EL FIKRI (Empact), Latifa EL MORABIT (Empact)

Navigating Migration, Financial Independence and the Dilemmas of Internalised Oppression of Families, Traditions and Norms; The Disparities, and Gendered, and Racialised Experiences of Migration and Assimilation of Keralite Healthcare Workers in the NHS United Kingdom.
Shailini VINOD (University of Aberdeen (School of Language, Literature, Music and Visual Culture) & School of Social Sciences)

Creative Methods in Biographical Research

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Session description:

The use of creative research methods in social sciences has been discussed internationally during the last years. These include art-based and embodied research, e.g. through painting, photography, collage, video or dance, role play and others. However, little attention has been paid to these methods in the interdisciplinary research field of biographical research although the use of creative methods could be beneficial. As creative methods offer alternative ways to interrogate life-stories and auto/biographical narrations, they can broaden our understanding of how life experiences are constructively (re)-articulated in different ways. Additionally, creative, art-based, and embodied research can offer alternative ways to get an access to research fields that are difficult to access with conventional biographical methods like narrative interviewing. The use of creative methods in these research fields poses not only methodological but ethical questions. In this panel we would like to discuss the methodological and ethical challenges of using creative methods in biographical research and to reflect on practices of doing creative biographical research. We are looking forward to contributions in which research experiences with the use of creative methods in different areas of biographical research are discussed.

Abstracts:

Artistic Techniques in Fat Studies. Methodological and Ethical Dilemmas
Laura CASTRO ROLDÁN (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Working with Photos in Biographical Research
Roswitha BRECKNER (Univ of Vienna, Inst Sociology)

University to Work Transition in First Generation Students. Narrating Biographical Transitions in Digital Diaries
Ismael TABILO PRIETO (Universidad Finis Terrae)

Embedding Creative Methods in the Life History Calendar Approach: Enhancing DATA Quality of Biographical Research in Vulnerable Populations
Wander VAN DER VAART (University of Humanistic Studies), Vanessa TORRES VAN GRINSVEN (Open Universiteit)

Challenges and Opportunities of Biographical Creative Workshops: Migration and Memory Research in the Mediterranean and the USA
Gianluca GATTA (University of Milan), Monica MASSARI (University of Milan), Simona MICELI (University of Milan)

Object Biographies and Social Mobility Among Mobile Men in India
Devika BAHADUR (De Montfort University)

Mapping the Digital Self. a Biographic Cartography for Situating Social Media Impacts
Raimundo FREI TOLEDO (Universidad Diego Portales)

"Decolonization" Meets Qualitative-Interpretative Research**Session Organizer(s):**

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Session description:

Under the catchphrase "decolonization of methods", current debates follow on from the now widely established approaches of postcolonial criticism. They address the fact that Western sociological concepts and theories of "society", such as "individualization", "nation" or "modernity", reproduce Eurocentric and Occidental thinking and set them as the norm. We agree that these debates must be seen in their (trans-)regional contexts. However, according to the findings of several researchers (Lentz 1992; Baur 2021), methodological questions remain rather marginal compared to questions of decolonizing social theory. Concrete examples of empirical research based on decolonized methods, or suggestions as to what they might look like, are rarely offered. This finding also applies to interpretative and, in particular, biographical research.

For this session, we invite contributions that draw on empirical qualitative and interpretative research in order to discuss how methods critical of domination and power can be applied. We thus encourage the exploration of qualitative research approaches with the potential to ensure that familiar theoretical concepts are not simply imposed on social phenomena when trying to understand and explain them but which will enable us to go beyond a standardized or “colonized” conceptual organization. Which methodologies do we need in which contexts? But also, how do we understand sociological research itself? These are open-ended questions that invite your unique perspectives and ideas.

Abstracts:

A Brief Appraisal of an International Biographical Encounter from a Biographical Perspective

Hermilio SANTOS (PUCRS)

Deconstructing Power Asymmetries through Participation? on Participatory Research in Multimethod Frameworks

Eren YETKIN (Catholic University of Applied Sciences Berlin)

Narrative Biographical Research with Mapuche Youth: Intercultural Ethics and Decoloniality of Being

Gabriela GARCES (Universidad de la Frontera)

Decolonizing Interviews with Migrants and Rethinking the Agency of Migrant Interviewees

Anlam FILIZ (Turkish-German University)

Divided Landscapes: An Autoethnographic Exploration of Hill-Valley Divide in Darjeeling District, India.

Yalamber DEWAN (National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER))

Grounded Theory and the Decolonizing Agenda: Possibilities and Limitations

Annette WITHERSPOON (Friedensau Adventist University), Ulrike SCHULTZ (Friedensau Adventist University)

Doing Biographical Interviews with Refugees As a Young European Scientist. from Data Extractivism to Care Work

Eleftheria KOUTSIOUMPA (Institut Convergences Migrations Fellow and Centre Marc Bloch)

Narrations of Gendered (In-)Justice in Migration Processes

(RC38, RC32 Women, Gender and Society)

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Session description:

Joint Session of RC38 Biography and Society and RC32 Women, Gender and Society our panel will tackle the question of what role notions of gender (in-)justice play in the context of migration. We ask what kind of experiences of gendered (in-)justice migrants have during migration processes, and how these experiences are narratively articulated. Do these notions contribute to the (re-)production of given societal gender relations and individual gender arrangements, or can they challenge them? We invite papers that discuss biographical experiences and narrative representations of gendered (in-)justice in diverse migration contexts, including different (often paradoxical) migration policies to which migrants are exposed on transnational, national, and local levels. We particularly welcome contributions that are based on qualitative empirical studies focusing on the individual perception and biographical evaluation of knowing (in-)justice when crossing borders in the transnational space.

Abstracts:

Wedding across Borders: Narratives of Marriage, Migration and Desertion
Daljit SINGH (University of Delhi)

Narratives of (In-)Justice in Sex Trafficking. the Case of Nigerian Women in Italy
Federica CABRAS (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Gendered Phenomenon of Remigration Choice: A Case from China's Internal Migration
Luping WANG (University of York)

Women Who Fled Ukraine: Gendered Educational and Occupational Paths in Finland
Minna SUNI (University of Jyväskylä)

Sensory Intersections. Experiences of Racialisation and Gender Violence Among Migrants in Lisbon
Sofia ABOIM (University of Lisbon, Institute of Social Sciences)

Individual, Family and Group Experiences with Return Migration and Returnees - a Cross-National (Comparative) Perspective**Session Organizer(s):**

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Session description:

Migration, displacement and exile and their accompanying challenges have been a prominent feature of life across different regions of the world, particularly in the 21st century. The number of people moving from their habitual places of residence has reached an unprecedented level in this century. However, with every migration flow comes the issue of return migration, that is, individuals and groups who return to their home communities, regions or states, either voluntarily or because they are compelled to do so. Return migration and return from exile has only received scholarly

attention in the past two decades. In public discourses, life after return is hardly discussed.

This session will be devoted to research on return migration, return from exile, 'returnees' in general, and related issues, from an empirical perspective. We are interested in studies which examine family and group experiences of return migration, as well as biographical trajectories of returnees.

We invite papers that document the experiences of 'returnees' from different regions of the world with their unique peculiarities and challenges. What position do the returnees occupy in the families and communities they left behind? And how do returnees react to their familiar, and yet new, situation? This includes the formation of groups and associations that negotiate with local or national authorities. Studies with a cross-national or regional perspective are particularly welcome. What challenges are faced by 'returnees' when they move from one country to another? How do different government policies affect their experiences?

Abstracts:

Women Returnees: Migration, Social Change in Post-Revolution MENA
Stellamarina DONATO (LUMSA University of Rome)

Migrant Associations and the Reintegration of Return Migrants into Their Families and Communities in the Nkoranza Districts of Central Ghana
Steve TONAH (University of Ghana), Emmanuel, Obeng CODJOE (Department of Sociology, University of Ghana, Legon)

I Would Rather Start Dealing with My Own Identity Than Flee from Missiles to a Shelter – Migrating Back and Forth between Hungary and Israel
Julia VAJDA (Eotvos Lorand University)

Return Migration: Rurbanization and Social Inequalities in Romania
Stefania TOMA (Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities / Babes-Bolyai University)

The Nexus of Migration, Climate and Gender in the Light of Moroccan Internal Mobility Narratives
Nina SAHRAOUI (PRINTEMPS, CNRS, Université Paris-Saclay), Sofia EL ARABI (PRINTEMPS, CNRS, Université Paris-Saclay)

Return Migration of Exiles and Their Descendants: The Case of Latvia
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The Social Challenges of Care in Contemporary Societies

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Session description:

Care emerges as a fundamental phenomenon in social experience, learned throughout our own biographies and those who play a role in our primary and secondary socialization. Care becomes an essential dimension of our intersubjective relationships and is mediated by social structures. Whether cultivated in reciprocity or neglected, care shapes various forms of consciousness towards oneself, one's environment, and others. In this context of interdependence, the absence of care implies a denial of the recognition of others, leading to their marginalization within the social fabric.

In this session, we are interested in empirical research that explores the interplay between the daily experiences of care from a biographical perspective and social structures like economics, education, and health systems, to name a few. We would like to examine the social challenges that care imposes in current societies, understanding how individuals make sense of caring or being cared for. We welcome proposals that include a theoretical discussion, potentially involving gender studies, disability studies, or critical studies.

Abstracts:

Entre El Cuidado y El Cuidado De Sí: Narrativas Docentes y Trabajo Emocional En La Educación Infantil

Carolina GAMBÁ (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales FLACSO)

Care and Power in the Lives of Ageing Men As Narratives of Unbearable Lightness

Iva SMIDOVA (Masaryk University)

Reconfiguración De Los Vínculos Familiares Para Las Funciones Parentales En Parejas Con Hijos Con Discapacidad Intelectual. Una Aproximación Desde Las Narrativas Biográficas

Felipe QUINTANO MÉNDEZ (Universidad de La Frontera)

Biographies and Health Development in the Global South between Transnational Aid Artifacts and Local Communities

Augusto GAMUZZA (University of Catania)

Gendered Perspectives on the Interrelation of Paid Work and Care Work in Peripheral Council Housing. an Intergenerational Biographical Study in Vienna

Julia EDTHOFER (University of Applied Arts Vienna)

"New Fathers" Care?! Evidence from an Interview Study with Fathers, Grandfathers and Great-Grandfathers in Germany and Poland

Claudia ZERLE-ELSAESSER (German Youth Institute), Klara LUERING (German Youth Institute)

Trayectorias De Cuidado De Personas Mayores En Chile
Catalina ARTEAGA AGUIRRE (Universidad de Chile), Paulina OSORIO (Universidad de Chile), María Sol ANIGSTEIN (Universidad de Chile)

Biography and Care. Experiences of People Employed in Small and Medium-Sized Service Enterprises
Olga GITKIEWICZ (University of Wrocław, Institute of Sociology)

The Nexus between Migration and Enslavement

(RC 38, RC31 Sociology of Migration)

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Session description:

Rabat played a crucial role as a market for enslaved people from Europe and Africa until the 19th century (pejoratively referred to as the 'Barbary' slave trade). Despite the legal prohibition of the slave trade in the Kingdom of Morocco in 1884 and 1923, many people currently migrating to the country, especially from other regions of Africa, report experiences of unpaid labor and being subjected to slurs that evoke the collective history of various forms of enslavement and servitude in Moroccan society. Inspired by the history of our host country, we invite papers that explore the nexus between sociohistorical and contemporary processes of enslavement, movement restriction, unpaid labor, and servitude in the context of migration. We are particularly interested in empirical, archival, and (auto)biographical research that examines how migration trajectories around the world have intersected with human 'trafficking' routes, as well as work that reconstructs how migration can, in certain sociohistorical contexts, represent an escape from conditions of, or analogous to, enslavement. What potential does migration offer individuals and collectives to contest power inequalities, and to what extent can it lead to more or less powerful positions in different societies?

We welcome research that addresses, but is not limited to, issues such as transitions from slavery and recruitment into colonial armies; indentured servitude; migration and coerced labor (e.g., mining activities, sexualized work); migration 'sponsorship' (e.g., *kafala* systems); and the development and repression of autonomous communities (e.g., *Zongos*, *Quilombos*, *Mascogos*, and the like).

Abstracts:

Cultural Capital, Caste Structure and Trafficking of Dalit Girls in India
Arun Kumar ACHARYA (Sambalpur University), Bikram Kumar JENA (Sambalpur University)

Servitude and Belonging Among Female Migrant Domestic Workers in India
Anindita CHATTERJEE (BRAC University)

Between Empowerment and Deceit: Migration from Zimbabwe and Work in Gold Mining Activities in South Africa
Charles MURATA (University of Oldenburg)

Coerced Labour and War Prisoners in Southeast Asia: Unequal Remembering Practices of the 'Death Railway'
Tridib MUKHERJEE (Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati)

Modern Slave or Modern Fugitives?: Bringing Journeys out of Slavery into Dialogue with Contemporary Migration
Angelo MARTINS JUNIOR (University of Birmingham), Julia O'CONNELL-DAVIDSON (University of Bristol)

Positioning the Migrant Self in the Story-World of Human Trafficking of Sub-Saharan Africans in Morocco
Tawanda BVIRINDI RAY (Midlands State University)

Power Inequalities: Old and New Kind of Slavery in Cultural Cages
Isabella CORVINO (UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PERUGIA)

Performing Gender at the Border: Mobility, Agency, and Strategies at European Borders
Adele MOLTEDO (Scuola Normale Superiore)

Trajectories of Young African Domestic Workers to Lebanon: From Social Imaginary to Reality
Rim TRAD (The European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR))

From Slavery to Sponsorship: Tracing Eritrean Migrants and Labour in Saudi Arabia
Sousan SOUSAN IBRAHIM (UCL)

Exploring Intersections between Biographical Research and Religion

(RC38, RC22 Sociology of Religion)

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Session description:

In this session, we explore the intersections between the sociology of religion and biographical research. We invite contributions that examine the role of religion in biographical experiences and narratives, encompassing socialization processes, familial transmission, rites of passage in religious life, and life in religious communities, among others. In particular, we are interested in both established and novel research themes that bridge the two fields.

Existing research in this area has notably focused on conversion processes as responses to biographical crises and external challenges, as well as on confessions as

catalysts for biographical awareness. We particularly welcome empirical contributions that employ recent approaches in the sociology of religion through the lens of biographical research. Biographical research is especially suited to analyze the concepts of "lived religion" and "religious agency" from a processual perspective. Furthermore, we recognize that religious identities and practices are part of a dynamic field that also involves new spiritualities, forms of (non) religion, and secular concepts of self and society. We thus welcome contributions that move beyond the realm of organized religion to examine spiritual and secular lives and practices that are less institutionalized, codified, and regulated, and often also less visible.

Abstracts:

"Does It Actually Make Any Sense?" Contemporary (Un)Religious Experiences of the Young Generation

Kaja KAZMIERSKA (University of Lodz)

Exploring the Ambivalent Position of the Filipino Baklang Katoliko within the Catholic Church

Latrell FELIX (University of the Philippines Manila and University of the Philippines Dili-man)

Shared Roots, Divergent Paths? Gendered Religious Socialization in the Lives of Muslim Brothers and Sisters

Sebastian ELSÄSSER (CAU Kiel), Hoda SALAH (CAU Kiel)

Feminisation of Islamic Religious Leadership in a Muslim-Minority Country: An Exploration through Biographical Interviews

Valentina SCHIAVINATO (University of Padova), Mohammed Khalid BRANDALISE RHAZZALI (University of Padova), Mounya ALLALI (Piemonte Orientale University)

Life Stages and Religious Renewal. Young Muslims Transitioning to Adulthood in Italy and Their Conception of Islam

Stefano ALLIEVI (University of Padova), Andrea CALABRETTA (University of Padova)

Life Stories and Self-Thematizations of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Context of Familial and Collective Persecution Under National Socialism

Miriam SCHAEFER (Ruhr University Bochum), Maria POHN-LAUGGAS (University of Bochum)

Subjects of God? Rethinking Religious Agency, Biography and Masculinity from the Global South

Johannes BECKER (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin), Marian BURCHARDT (Leipzig University)

Inspecting Lives of Those Who Harm

(RC38, WG11 'Violence and Society')

Session organizers:

Dabney EVANS, Emory University, USA

Martín DI MARCO, Leiden University, Netherlands

Session description:

Working Group 11 'Violence and Society' and Research Committee 38 'Biography and Society' invite proposals for papers exploring the intersection of biographies and the perpetration of violence. This theme seeks to delve into the multifaceted relationships between personal life histories and stories, societal contexts, and various forms of violence. Scholars have examined these intersections through diverse lenses, such as the trajectories of perpetrators, their own experiences of victimisation, the contexts in which individuals enact, reproduce, and survive violence, and the discourses shaping views and practices of violence. Key concepts in sociological discussions have emerged from these overlapping themes, including chains of violence (J. Auyero), intergenerational haunting (K. Wale), and changing projects (R. Dobash & R. Dobash). The main aim of this session is to foster a candid discussion about how biographies and violence intertwine in those who inflict harm. We welcome contributions that critically engage with theoretical frameworks, methodological innovations, and empirical findings that illuminate these complex dynamics. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, perpetrators of femicide/feminicide, intimate partner violence, and workplace violence; perpetrators; life courses, life stories, and biographical contexts; the challenges of considering scales in biographical work about violence; the dangers of decontextualisation; and ethical, methodological, and moral discussions in biographical research on violence.

Abstracts:

Flying Under the Radar: Tactics of Intimate Partner Femicide Perpetrators to Evade Systemic Intervention

Dabney EVANS (Emory University), Martín DI MARCO (Leiden University)

Adverse Childhood Experiences in Femicide Perpetrators: Does Trauma Type Matter?

Dabney EVANS (Emory University), Maya FARRENDERSON (Emory University), Martín DI MARCO (Leiden University)

Violence-Related Forms of Life. the Case of Western Jihadism

Felix ROSSMEISSL (Fulda University of Applied Sciences)

Relatos De Cambio: Análisis Del Proceso De Desistimiento De La Violencia De Género En Argentina y Uruguay

Florentina CAVARO (Universidad Nacional de la Matanza)

The Making of a Violent Man's Past: How Discursive Contexts in Batterer Intervention Programmes Shape Biographical Reconstructions

Florentina CAVARO (Universidad Nacional de la Matanza)

The Role of Cultural, Social, and Individual Beliefs in the Normalisation and Perpetuation of Femicide: A Narrative Review

Nazanin KHAJESTEGANAN (University of Wolverhampton), Dariush FALLAHKOHAN (Aston University)

“Why I Don't Become a Perpetrator”: The Life Story of Individuals Seen As “Potential Perpetrators”

Yayoi YUKAWA (Keio University)

CONFERENCES REPORTS

Resistances and Contestations: New Perspectives in Oral History

Conference of the Greek Oral History Association, Volos 8-10 November 2024

The 6th International Oral History Conference, titled “*Resistances and Contestations: New Perspectives in Oral History*,” was successfully held on November 8-10, 2024, at the University of Thessaly in Volos (Greece). Organized by the Greek Oral History Association and the Department of History, Archaeology, and Social Anthropology, the conference brought together academics and researchers from Greece and abroad, focusing on the study of resistance through oral testimonies and biographical narratives. The main thematic areas included resistance as action, collective memory as a tool for contestation, lived experiences of resistance, and narrators’ communicative strategies. The program featured 40 academic presentations.

The conference was marked by two important events featuring leading international scholars in the fields of oral history and biographical research. Professor **Alessandro Portelli** offered a keynote speech on the topic “*War, Violence and the Ethics of Resistance*”, in which he reflected on the topic of war-time violence, quoting largely from the interviews he had recorded in the late 1990s with Italian partisans. The interviews gave a vivid image of the kind of ethical dilemmas and feelings experienced by armed men and women forced to kill during a time in which peace-time ethics had been suspended. In his talk, Portelli showed the importance of the political context in which oral testimonies are recorded, the gendered aspects of memory and the power of oral history in revealing the subjectivity of historical actors.

The second highlight was the roundtable “*Oral History and Biographical Approach: An Inspiring Dialogue*”, co-organized by RC38 Biography and Society and the Greek Oral History Association. Oral history and biographical research share an interest in life stories as a gateway to understanding both the past and the present. The purpose of this event was to bring together two eminent scholars of both strands, in order to pick up the thread of cooperation and exchange which had marked the 1970s and 1980s but is less evident today. **Gabriele Rosenthal** and **Lindsey Dodd** explored common approaches and differences in their respective research practices, by looking first at the ways in which their own methodology and writing have evolved over the years, and secondly by comparing different crucial aspects of life history research, such as the construction of samples, interviewing techniques and the use of complementary resources.

Both sessions have been recorded and can be accessed at the “video on demand” site of the University Thessaly (<https://vod.uth.gr/>, recordings of 8 and 9 November 2024).

CALL FOR PAPERS



IX Latin American Meeting of Social Science Methodology (ELMeCS)

Biographical research in the 21st century: a review of its epistemological and methodological perspectives.

Undisciplined social sciences. Transformations and resistances at methodological frontiers

Bogotá - Colombia, 12-14 June 2025

Joint session between Committee 8: Biographical perspective: methodological challenges of life history research in Latin America, IX Latin American Meeting of Social Science Methodology (ELMECS) of the Latin American Network of Social Science Methodology (REDMET) and the Research Committee 38 Biography and Society of the International Sociological Association.

In recent decades there has been a growing interest in the social sciences in the development of biographical studies, which is manifested not only in the continued use of their methodological possibilities but also in the increasingly widespread dialogues with the disciplinary construction of the sciences. Thus, by highlighting the broad use of the biographical perspective, the openness to thematic, epistemological and methodological discussion derived from the multiple approaches to biography, life histories and their applications becomes evident.

In this context, the joint session between Committee 8 Biographical perspective: Methodological challenges of life history research in Latin America, IX Latin American Meeting of Social Science Methodology (ELMECS) of the Latin American Network of Social Science Methodology (REDMET) and the Research Committee 38 Biography and Society of the International Sociological Association, aims to promote dialogue between social scientists from around the world about the epistemological and methodological issues that frame the biographical perspective and the challenges imposed on this approach by the multiple social realities in the 21st century.

In this sense, the questions that frame this session refer to how to think about the social problems of the 21st century from a biographical perspective, how this perspective can make a contribution to understanding the globalized reality we are going

through, what are the biographical techniques that can best respond to these challenges, what emerging trends emerge from their contemporary uses, and how can they be used in a globalized world?

In response to these questions, in this session we hope to receive papers that raise epistemological and methodological discussions related to: the horizons and challenges of the biographical approach in epistemological and methodological terms in a globalized world, the different uses of traditional or new techniques for biographical studies (interviews, letters, biograms, photographs, documentaries, calendars, drawings, etc.), and the possible epistemic and methodological dialogues linked to the interdisciplinarity of the use of biographies for social analysis, etc.

Submissions may be in english, portuguese and spanish, and will be managed through the submission platform to table/Committee 8. Please clarify in the summary that you attach, after the title and author/a, that it is a contribution for this special committee.

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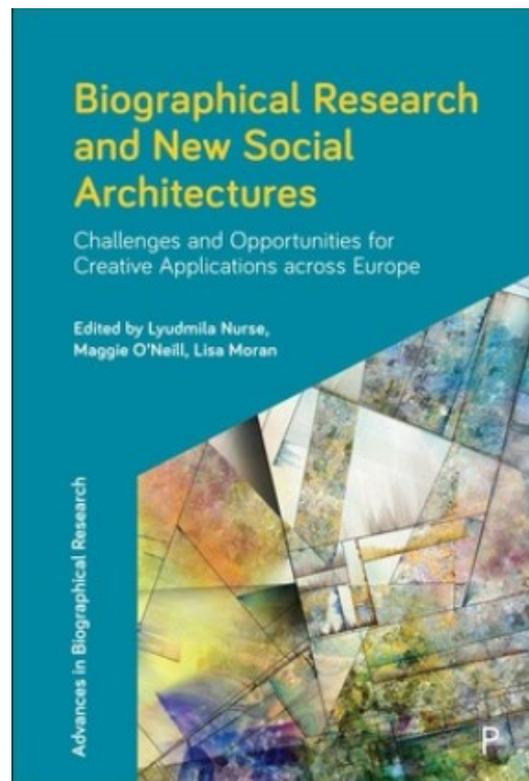
Advances in Biographical Research, Policy Press, 2024

<https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/biographical-research-and-new-social-architectures>

What are the building blocks of the new societal architectures after COVID-19? What are the evolving lifestyle patterns, social connections and relationality, and what can biographical research bring to explore these unprecedented societal circumstances? This first book in the new series Advances in Biographical Research focuses on the place of biographical research in analysing and shaping social futures characterised by physical distancing and isolation, social fragmentation, trauma and vulnerability, including breaks in biographical trajectories. Written by experienced and early career researchers, it demonstrates how biographical research responds to new societal architectures: theoretically and empirically.

And here is a reminder of the link to the book series

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Affectivity, embodied knowledge and reflexivity in creative biographical research on migration in the Mediterranean context

Gianluca Gatta, Monica Massari and Simona Miceli

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This study expands and systematizes the framework of 'creative biographical research' within migration studies, as presented by the authors at the ISA conferences in Melbourne (2023) and Budapest (2024). Through the analysis of the unexpected complexity and ambivalence of the outcomes of three workshops held in Italy involving migrants, refugees, and social workers, this article addresses the potential of a method that combines biographical tools, participatory strategies, and creative and art-based techniques. When strengthened by a reflexive sensibility conceived as an embedded, embodied, and relational practice, this methodology may prove crucial in enhancing our critical exploration of events within specific research contexts and in promoting more rigorous data collection and ethical presence in our research sites.

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Impressions on a Philosophical Journey

Mercedes Krause

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Sara Ahmed uses the concept of "impression" to avoid making analytical distinctions between bodily sensation, emotion, and thought, as if they could be "experienced" as distinct realms of human 'experience' (2004: 6). On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Alfred Schütz Social Science Archive Konstanz, this article draws on the idea of impressions to reflect, in the first person, on my experience as a visiting scholar at the Archive more than 10 years ago. I explore how this experience affected me as a young woman sociologist and an outsider in phenomenology, and what marks or traces this experience has left upon me as a researcher. As I conclude in the article: "Strictly speaking, my visit lasted only one semester. However, it turned out to be an intellectual turning point in my career, expanding my horizon of meaning in directions that I continue to explore even today. It was, no doubt, a deeply inspiring biographical event for which I will always be profoundly grateful."

Comparing small gatherings in their urban contexts. An interpretive approach to a socio-spatial arena

Johannes Becker

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This article introduces small gatherings as a socio-spatial arena that enables a comparative perspective on the basis of detailed empirical research. Small gatherings allow for an analysis of sociality in the city which can be combined with the analysis of its concrete spatiality and intersecting socio-historical processes. The challenge of doing research on small gatherings lies in the fact that they are fuzzy and may, or may not, traverse established urban scales. This will be exemplified by the characterization of two types of small gatherings, represented by cases in Amman and in East Jerusalem – small gatherings of friends and small gatherings of neighbors. They share superficial similarities, but the analysis reveals their varying relations to the neighborhood and the city.

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