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Ciudad Bolívar, Bogotá, Colombia. Image, Kristine Stiphany.

A note from the RC43 Co-Presidents

Dear RC43 Members,

We are excited to share some updates with you!

New RC43 Board

We are thrilled to introduce new 2024-2027 RC43 board members, including Co-Presidents [Greta Werner](#) (The University of Sydney, Australia) and [Helena Cermeño](#) (University of Kassel, Germany); Secretary [Paulina Neisch](#) (City University of Hong Kong); Treasurer [Laura Goh](#) (The University of Sydney, Australia); and [Kristine Stiphany](#) (University at Buffalo / State University of New York, United States) as Communication and Outreach Director.

We are dedicated to strengthening RC43 and fostering its vibrant community in collaboration with the amazing scholars on the existing RC43 board: Can Cui (East China Normal University, China), Mercedes DiVirgilio (Universidad de Buenos Aires CONICET, Argentina), Margaret Haderer (TUWien, Austria), Youqin Huang (University at Albany, SUNY, United States), Alan Morris (University of Technology Sydney, Australia), and Sophie Nemoz (University of Franche-Comté, France). We are also privileged to have Flavio A. M. de Souza (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil), our Past President, as an invaluable member of the board.

2025 Conference

Preparations for the [5th ISA Forum of Sociology](#), which will take place in **Rabat, Morocco**, from July 6-11, 2025, are already well underway! The call for abstracts has been very successful, with 134 submissions received! Program coordinators and session organizers are finalizing an engaging program, which will include 21 sessions, networking opportunities, our business meeting (where we hope to see many of you), and the keynote address.

Our **keynote speaker**, [Miguel Ángel Martínez](#), Professor of Housing and Urban Sociology at the IBF (Institute for Housing and Urban Research), Uppsala University (Sweden), who will address Contemporary Struggles for Housing Justice. This promises to be a highlight of the Forum!

Social Media

In preparation for the Forum, we have also been revitalizing RC43's communication channels. We recently launched a LinkedIn page to help members stay connected—be sure to follow us and share your news by tagging us. Additionally, we are updating our website and bringing back the RC43 newsletter. If you have news or updates to share, we invite you to use the Google form linked below.

General Members Meeting on Zoom

Join us Thursday, January 30 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) on Zoom for the General Members Meeting. Open to all RC43 members, and those who register in the coming weeks, the General Meeting offers an opportunity to reconnect as a community, share important updates, and finalize proposed amendments to RC43's statutes. The revised document will be presented for discussion and a collective vote, ensuring all members have a voice in shaping the organization's future. We strongly encourage all members to participate—this is a meaningful chance to engage, collaborate, and contribute to the collective vision for the future of RC43. **Look for a reminder a week prior to the event.**

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to connecting with you online in January and at the Forum in Rabat!

Warm regards,

Helena Cermeño & Greta Werner
RC43 Co-Presidents

Renew or join RC43!

If your work explores the intersection of social sciences and the built environment, RC43 may serve as a valuable professional network. Membership offers opportunities to connect with like-minded researchers, exchange ideas, and contribute to advancing scholarship and practice in these dynamic fields.

Membership Types and Benefits

RC43 offers several ways to be involved:

- **Regular members** register through the ISA account portal and pay membership fees to both RC43 and ISA. They enjoy the full range of benefits, including eligibility for ISA and RC43 grants, voting rights at RC43 Business Meetings and elections, and the chance to stand for election as Officers or Board Members.
- **Members of other ISA Research Committees** may add a RC43 membership for 10-20 euros to expand engagement with the sociological community.

All members receive RC43 news, updates, and publications, as well as discounted publications when available.

[ISA - RC43 Membership](#)

RC43 Only Affiliated members pay fees only to RC43, and their registration is managed directly by RC43. While they can access RC43 grants (for RC43-only events) and vote at Business Meetings, they cannot stand for election as Officers or Board Members. Please note that the registration system for affiliated members is currently being updated. We therefore recommend registering as a regular member to access to all opportunities.

[RC43 Only Membership](#)

Call for Contributions: Spring 2025 RC43 Insights

We invite you to contribute to the Spring 2025 edition of **RC43 Insights**, our newsletter showcasing the latest activities, research, and developments in the sociology of the built environment. Share your work and help us highlight the vibrant contributions of our community.

Here's what we're looking for:

- Research highlights
- Upcoming events or conferences
- Publications
- Community initiatives
- Other relevant updates

[Submit RC43 Insights Contributions here](#)

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