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I ISA Forum 2025

Information regarding the 2025 ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco is now available. The theme is “Understanding Justice in the Anthropocene”. You can find further details here: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025>

The online session proposal submission system will open from **May 2 to July 1st, 2024 (24:00h UTC/GMT)**. No further sessions can be added after that deadline.

Leading the program coordination for RC56 will be Paddy Dolan and Fabio Santos. RC56 welcomes proposals on any theme and of any sub-fields of relevance for historical sociologists. Proposals by underrepresented groups and cross-country teams are encouraged.

II Social Media

Our social media platforms are:

Twitter/X: [@RC56HistSoc](#)

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III New Research Project

Migrant arrival contexts in transregional comparison. Local figurations and differing collective histories of Assyrians/Arameans in Germany and Jordan

Principal investigator: Dr. Johannes Becker

Research funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG, BE 7494/1-1)

Duration of the project: 2023-2026

Project description:

This comparative project investigates the development of we-images, mutual disregard or conflicts between migrants of a higher “social age” and newcomers of the same ethno-religious grouping. Taking the example of Assyrian/Aramean migrants it compares their histories of settling/settlement and their incorporation in local figurations with “old-established” and other migrant groupings. It also explores the consequences of renewed influx of members of the same grouping in the same local arrival contexts. The project puts a focus on the significance of differing collective histories, collective memories and nationalities of migrants already present and those moving in.

The analysis of two local arrival contexts of Assyrians/Arameans in Eastern Westphalia (Germany) and in Amman (Jordan) is representative of figurations of migrant groupings which are influenced to this day by processes of state-building and violent conflicts in the Middle East. In roughly the past two decades Assyrian/Aramean migrants from Iraq and Syria have moved to Eastern Westphalia and Amman. However, in both contexts there is a long-established community of migrants who have considered themselves as Assyrians/Arameans for decades – in Germany mainly from Turkey, in Amman mainly Arabic-speaking.

The focus of the project is on the following questions:

- In the light of complex local figurations and options of belonging, to what extent do the members of the local grouping of Assyrians/Arameans develop we-images which are connected to the formation of a local “community”?
- To what extent does a renewed influx of migrants with differing collective histories lead to transformations of we-images and of everyday life, to internal differentiation and conflicts?

These two central aspects – complex local figurations and differing collective histories – are connected. They show which role similar and different historical perspectives play in processes of (not) getting together, and how this leads to changes in figurations with members of further migrant or old-established groupings. The methodological approach, a combination of sociological biographical research and figuration sociology, sharpens our view of the socio-historical dimensions of the topic and avoids an atomistic focus on one grouping. By examining the definition, size and composition of migrant groupings in their dynamics, the project makes an important conceptual contribution to processes of social boundary-making and to the analysis of internal differentiations in migrant groupings using a comparative approach.

Key words: sociological biographical research, migration sociology, figuration sociology, transregional comparison

IV Upcoming events

Workshop “[Fugitive Histories and Migrant Knowledge in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)” at the University of California, Irvine

Conveners: Kevan Aguilar, Amy Kerner, Fabio Santos, and Chelsea Schields

WELCOME

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

PANEL 1

10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

ENTANGLED MOBILITIES AND INEQUALITIES

Chair: Felix Jean-Louis

Agustina Carrizo de Reimann: *Conocimientos Intercoloniales. Moving Stories of Cuban Deportation to Fernando Poo (1860-1900)*

Owen MacDonald: “They Just Bleat Like Goats”: *Black Caribbean Labor Migration and the Brazilian State in the Alto do Bode Neighborhood of Porto Velho, 1907-1942*

Rudolph Ng: *Chinese Migration to Latin America Reconsidered: The Case of Nicaragua, 1875-1979*

BREAK

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH

PANEL 2

1:15 – 3:30 p.m.

ECOLOGIES OF FUGITIVITY

Chair: David Colmenares

Manoel Rendeiro Neto: *Fugitivity Needs Wetlands to Plant: Insurgent Ecologies of Amazonian Marronages (1777-1840)*

Catherine Peters: *In the Dragon’s Mouth: Chinese Fishing Fugitivity in Early Nineteenth-Century Trinidad*

Ernesto Bassi: *Fugitive Color, Fugitive Knowledge, Fugitive Prosperity: Brazilwood and the Elusive Wealth of Colonial Santa Marta*

BREAK

3:30 – 4 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

PANEL 3

4:00 – 6:15 p.m.

KNOWLEDGES AND SOCIETIES IN MOVEMENT

Chair: Luis Sánchez-López

Juliana Strevi: *The Poetics and Politics of Fugitivity: Quilombo Onto-Epistemologies*

Carlos Cruz: *Recovering the Historical Collective Identity of the “Indigenous-Proletariat”: A magonista History of the Present*

Rachel Newman: *The Migrations of a Purépecha Knowledge Professional: Pablo Velásquez Gallardo and Anthropological Mobilities in Greater Mexico*

DINNER

7:15 – 9:15 p.m.

DINNER

[Solstice Restaurant](#)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

PANEL 4

10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

RESISTANT CARTOGRAPHIES OF MOBILITY

Chair: Isabel Richter

Jeffrey Kahn: *Wayward Networks: Haitian Maritime Economies of the Northern Caribbean*

Tathagato Ganguly: *Marronage, Territoriality and Mobility: Some tentative reflections from Esmeraldas, Ecuador*

BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LUNCH

PANEL 5

12:30 – 2:45 p.m.

ARTS AND AFFECTS AS ARCHIVES OF BELONGING

Chair: Abigail Lapin Dardashti

Grace Aneiza Ali: *The Ones Who Are Left: Art and Migration in the Guyanese Diaspora*

Maurice Rafael Magaña: *Multimodal Archives and Multi-sited Presence: Cultural Production, Intergenerational Activism, and Belonging in Diasporic Communities*

Carolin Loysa: *Fugitive phoenecianism: (auto)ethnographic inquiries between Mexico and Lebanon*

BREAK

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

CLOSING DISCUSSION

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

FUTURE STEPS, CONCLUDING REMARKS

V Call for Papers

Encyclopedia of the Anthropocene – Pluriversal perspectives

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to submit a call for contributions to the timely project of an ***Encyclopedia of the Anthropocene – Pluriversal perspectives***, published by the international publisher Springer-Nature, which aims both to provide an accurate and informed overview of the current situation and to offer analytical and/or prospective perspectives. We are delighted that Springer-Nature has agreed to publish this encyclopedia in the prestigious "Major Reference Work" series. They have a global network whereby many universities and higher education institutions purchase the entire programme of the publishing company and offer it to students, colleagues and professors. Besides, Springer provides a contribution management platform (Meteor) and a dedicated contact person (Saskia Ellis).

This major English-language project is led by Nathanaël Wallenhorst and Christoph Wulf, with the cooperation of several associate editors, depending on the theme, including ourselves for the **Energy** section.

To this end, **we are looking for contributions that give full visibility to areas, issues and authors from the South on the question of energy**. The main instructions are as follows:

Scope of the encyclopedia.

The Anthropocene is a conceptual tool at the crossroads of several disciplinary fields: (1) geology and stratigraphy, of course; (2) Earth system sciences; (3) but also all the different disciplinary fields of the humanities and social sciences, all of which are now proposing their conceptualisation of the Anthropocene. The proposed Encyclopedia of a pluriversal Anthropocene (i.e. multi-diverse) articulates the biogeophysical knowledge of the Anthropocene as well as the socio-political knowledge. It is understood that in the conception of the Anthropocene that structures this Encyclopedia of a pluriversal Anthropocene, we give primacy to the paradigm of rupture that gives meaning to current biogeophysical research on the Anthropocene (i.e. that tomorrow is not an extension of today, given the possibility of crossing a tipping point) and to the paradigm of pluriversality, referring to the cohabitation of worlds.

Contribution level

Our aim is to publish a work of tertiary literature, which provides summarized information derived from primary or secondary sources, not an original article. As such it contains digested knowledge in an easily accessible format. Please do not use this article as an opportunity to publish (exclusively) your own scientific work (primary literature). Rather, the current state of literature should be summarized including also possible review articles. As in any other scientific article, proper references are needed to the original

articles or review articles. Content therefore consists of established information in a particular field, directly related to energy issues.

In a nutshell, the guiding principles of the Encyclopedia are as follows:

1. The Encyclopaedia is oriented towards issues of sustainability and diversity, both local and global.
2. It aims to be: diachronic/current/synchronic.
3. The central elements are a well-founded assessment of the current situation, the identification of problems and possible future scenarios.

You'll find more detailed guidelines and practical information in the attached document.

If you are interested in contributing to this project, please send us a brief proposal including (i) a short title (subject / object of study), (ii) a short summary of your thoughts, (iii) a few lines specifying your disciplinary framework, your academic affiliations and possibly your publications on the subject, at adziebowski@unistra.fr and phamman@unistra.fr. Contributions on global Suds are particularly welcome.

Many thanks for your attention. We look forward to hearing from you **by June 10 at the latest**, so that we can smoothly organize the content of the section. If your proposal is accepted, you will be contacted without delay with further information on the next steps.

Best regards,
Aude Dziebowski & Philippe Hamman

VI Recent publications

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