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Message from the RC48 President



Dear RC48 colleagues and friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the twenty-first issue of Grassroots. This edition once again reflects the intellectual vitality, geographical diversity and strong sense of community that characterise the Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change.

As we share news of our members' publications, projects, achievements and academic activities, I would especially like to invite you to begin preparing for one of the most important events in our collective calendar: the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology, which will take place in Gwangju, South Korea, from 4 to 10 July 2027, under the theme 'Global Sociology in Turbulent Times'.

This theme speaks directly to the concerns at the heart of RC48. We are living through a period marked by armed conflict, democratic erosion, deepening inequalities, forced displacement, climate emergency, technological transformation and growing political polarisation. At the same time, communities, social movements and civil society organisations across the world continue to develop new languages of resistance, solidarity, care and political imagination. They challenge exclusion, demand recognition and rights, defend democratic institutions and propose alternative futures.

The World Congress will provide an essential space in which to examine these turbulent transformations sociologically and collectively. For RC48, it will also be an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of social movement scholarship for understanding not only protest and mobilisation, but also the broader processes through which societies respond to crisis, contest power and construct possibilities for social change.

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I therefore warmly encourage all our members to participate actively in the Congress. Please consider submitting your research to one of the RC48 sessions, organising or contributing to collective discussions, and sharing information about the Congress with colleagues, research networks and students. We particularly welcome contributions that broaden the geographical, epistemological and methodological horizons of social movement studies, including work grounded in the Global South and in contexts that remain insufficiently represented in international sociological debates.

I would also like to extend a special invitation to doctoral researchers, early-career scholars and colleagues attending an ISA World Congress for the first time. RC48 is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive intellectual community in which emerging researchers can present their work, receive constructive feedback and develop lasting international collaborations. Your voices, experiences and perspectives are indispensable to the future of our field.

Participation in Gwangju will be about much more than presenting individual papers. It will allow us to renew existing relationships, build new networks and reflect together on the future direction of RC48. As the current Board's term approaches its conclusion in 2027, the Congress will also be an important moment for our committee's democratic life and for imagining the next stage of our collective work.

I recognise that international participation can involve significant financial, administrative and personal challenges, particularly for students, precariously employed scholars and colleagues travelling from the Global South. I encourage members to begin exploring institutional and external funding opportunities as early as possible and to remain attentive to any information regarding grants, registration support or travel assistance circulated by the ISA and RC48. We will make every effort to share relevant opportunities through our newsletter, mailing list, website and social media channels.

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Gwangju is an especially meaningful setting for a Congress concerned with sociology in turbulent times. The city's history of democratic mobilisation and collective struggle reminds us that social movements are not peripheral to social transformation. They are central to the defence of dignity, justice, memory and democracy. Meeting there will offer our community a powerful opportunity to consider how sociological knowledge can remain publicly engaged, globally connected and responsive to the challenges of our time.

I hope that many of you will join us in Gwangju in July 2027 and help make the RC48 programme intellectually ambitious, inclusive and memorable. The strength of our Research Committee lies in the participation of its members, and the World Congress offers us a unique occasion to learn from one another and reaffirm our shared commitment to understanding collective action and contributing to meaningful social change.

In the meantime, I invite you to enjoy this new issue of Grassroots and to continue sending us news of your publications, events, projects and achievements. Thank you to our newsletter editors, Board members and all contributors whose work sustains this important space of communication and exchange.

With my warmest regards,
Camilo Tamayo Gomez
President, RC48

About RC48

The Research Committee on Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change (RC48) is part of the International Sociological Association (ISA). It was founded as a Working Group in 1992, under the presidency of Prof. Bert Klandermans. In 1994, it was recognised as an ISA Research Committee.

The objective of RC48 is to foster intellectual, academic and scholarly exchanges between researchers of broadly defined social movements, collective action and social change. The RC48 is currently based at the Collective Identity Research Centre (Department of Sociology 2, University of the Basque Country, Spain).

The ISA was founded in 1949 under the auspices of UNESCO. With more than 5,000 members coming from 167 countries, the ISA is currently the most important international professional association in the field of sociology. Its goal is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world and to represent sociologists everywhere, regardless of their school of thought, scientific approaches or ideological opinion.

The ongoing scientific activities of the ISA are decentralised into 55 Research Committees (RC), 3 Working Groups (WG) and 5 Thematic Groups (TG), each dealing with a well-recognised speciality in sociology. These groups bring together scholars who wish to pursue comparative research on a transnational basis and they constitute basic networks of scientific research, intellectual debate and professional exchange. Although they must fulfil certain minimum requirements, RCs have complete autonomy to operate. Each RC's governing body is the Board, formed by a President, a Secretary, and a variable number of board members. RC48 participates in the organisation of both the ISA World Congresses, celebrated every 4 years since 1950 (Zurich), and the ISA Forums of Sociology, also celebrated every 4 years since 2008 (Barcelona).

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In contrast to the ISA World Congress, which has a more professional and academic character, the forum's original purpose was to establish an open dialogue with colleagues doing sociology in public institutions, social movements, and civil society organisations. This means that every two years, we are involved in the organisation of a worldwide event. In between ISA World Congresses and forums, our committee organises smaller scientific meetings called RC48 international conferences. These meetings tend to be more narrowly focused than other ISA events and, on average, they gather between 30 and 60 scholars. Consequently, colleagues can make longer presentations, and we can hold deeper and more enriching debates.

RC48 Social media and website information

RC48 Website



It is our pleasure to announce that **RC48 now has a website!** The website serves as a hub for information on our committee's activities, publications, and events. We invite you all to explore it at https://isarc48.com

As RC48 we want to be connected to the professional world. That is why **RC48 now has an account on LinkedIn**. Follow us Ωhere!

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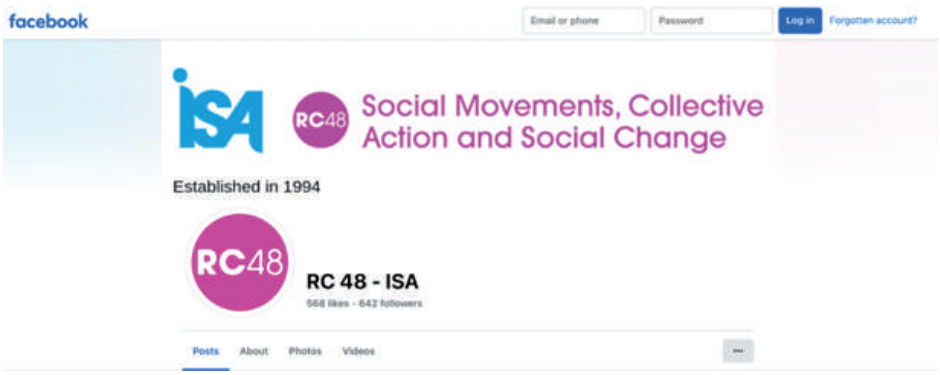
We have also created a YouTube channel, where you can find videos related to our committee's research, seminars, and events. Subscribe to stay updated and access valuable RC48 content.

Connect with us on BlueSky! **Follow RC48's new BlueSky account:** https://bsky.app/profile/rc48-isa.bsky.social for real-time updates, news, and engaging discussions within the field of social movements, collective action, and social change [Note: we will no longer will be updating our Twitter/X account for obvious reasons!]

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RC48 Interviews

RC48 interview series is back!

This is a platform where our committee expands its boundaries of dialogue with scholars and activists from around the world about their approaches to social mobilisation, collective action, and social change.

In this second conversation, Yvan Ysmael Yonaha, our Online Communications Manager, has invited **Dr. John Andrew Evangelista** to discuss their work in the Philippines.

Yvan: Welcome Dr. Evangelista and thank you so much for agreeing to participate in this interview. I invited you for this interview to hopefully jumpstart a conversation between your work on queer movements in the Philippines and similar movements across the world. Can we begin with your academic background and current affiliations as a form of introduction?

John Andrew: I am currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of the Philippines Diliman. My undergraduate training at the University of the Philippines Baguio is in the intersections of sociology, anthropology, and political science. My focused training in sociology began when I worked towards my master's degree at the University of the Philippines Diliman and towards my doctoral degree at The University of Hong Kong. My work generally utilizes queer and decolonial perspectives to understand the relationship between gender, sexuality, modernity, nationalism, resistance, and social movements.

Yvan: Thanks for that. Your more recent work is on nationalism and queerness in the Philippines centered on the concept of homonationalism. Can you expound for us what homonationalism is and how it is situated in the Philippines?

John Andrew: Against the backdrop of the War on Terror, queer scholars detected a shift in the ways the Western world deals with queerness. From being condemned to death during the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s, queerness was, to use Jasbir Puar's description in the book "Terrorist Assemblages", folded into the US nationalist and imperialist agenda, amid their shift towards constructing the Islamic world as the enemy of Western civilization. In simple words, queer scholars critically use the term homonationalism to expose the discourses through which the West brags about their supposed achievements in queer rights to reify its ascendancy over its constructed imagery of Islam, thus further justifying its interventionist policies. These Western achievements, however, to use Lisa Duggan's conception in essay "The New Homonormativity", constitutes a neoliberal notion of sexual politics where queerness is tolerated so long as it is privatized in spaces of domesticity and consumption, thus furthering the neoliberal project of decimating democratic and public structures of welfare. In this conception, homonationalism is treated as a neoliberal and imperial discourse. In my work, I wanted to show that homonational aspirations can be articulated with content and for purposes that differ or even defy neoliberal and imperial impulses. And I find those possibilities in Southern conditions like the Philippines because, while queer movements in the South find themselves imbricated in imperial and neoliberal politics, there exists in these conditions nationalist sentiments that are anti-colonial and anti-capitalist. As such, Southern conditions should animate a reconception of homonationalism that accounts for its imperial and neoliberal forms as much as for its radical forms that ground queer discourses in broader social justice struggles. I think illustrating these multiple possibilities of homonationalism should be part of the critical exposé of the insidiously imperial and neoliberal forms it takes in the global metropoles.

Yvan: It is to be expected that any form of resistance will encounter some counter-resistance. What kind of resistance

are experienced by queer rights activists and how are they able to navigate this?

John Andrew: I am not the first to observe the forms of counter-resistance to queer rights in the Philippines. Many scholars have already pointed out how dominant forms of religious nationalism motivate powerful churches to mobilize their ranks and resources to block queer rights legislation. In the literature, the concept used in the broader global South is political homophobia, which consists of discourses that treat queerness as a foreign threat to the moral fabric of the nation. And, with the use of decolonial approaches, scholars and activists alike understand this opposition not as an inevitable result of the intrinsic civilizational traits of Southern societies. In many instances, such conservative politics is historically traceable to Western colonization. In the Philippines, for instance, Spanish and American occupation established Christianity as a powerful political force, thus constituting the grounds for contemporary forms of political homophobia. Perhaps my significant contribution in the discussion is to foreground not just opposition but cooptation of queerness. In postcolonial Philippine politics where power operates through patrimonialism and violent coercion, queerness is co-opted and instrumentalized to reify power arrangements. I call it patronage homonationalism because personal loyalty to politicians becomes the standard to admit queer subjects into the nation. Under this sexual politics, queer subjects deemed radical are heavily surveilled and repressed through different forms of physical and symbolic violence. And so, I argue that we must not only be attentive to opposition to but cooptation of queerness to reify elite democratic rule in postcolonial conditions. To describe how Filipino/a/x queer rights activists navigate this terrain, I borrow James Scott's notion of "weapons of the weak" and Martin Manalansan's "queer as mess". In general, queer weapons of the weak are practices that activists utilize to appropriate the social script of the same power structures they seek to transform. For instance, to appear less radical in the face of political elites, activists deploy

amiable lobbying techniques with the recognition of patronage logic of the existing political system. To confront dominant churches, they also deploy the language of morality when narrating queer suffering to expose dominant religions while also using their same moral logic. These practices, of course, do not mean they merely seek to reproduce religious nationalism and elite democracy. The intent is to pass legislation that will universalize and nationalize queer rights and welfare, hence, contributing to the selective distribution of state resources under patronage politics and religious nationalism. These practices constitute queer weapons of the weak because they utilize the same normative script activists seek to transform.

Yvan: In one of your articles, you argued about the role emotions take in deliberative practices in LGBTQIA+ movements. Can you elaborate on this?

John Andrew: Again, I am not the first to point out that emotions and affect play critical roles in deliberative democracy. A long line of scholarship has insisted that, for deliberation to be resonant and meaningful, it has to integrate emotions into the discussions. This, of course, defies earlier notions of deliberation rooted in very narrow notions of rationality. To be clear, deliberative scholars do not treat emotions and affect as irrational. In fact, emotions and affect are proven, time and again, as cognitive processes themselves vital to human communication. My humble contribution in this field is to insist that if emotions and affect are to be taken seriously in deliberative theorizing, then the queer movements around the world must not merely play as case studies of deliberation. Rather, they have to be treated as grounds of rewriting the normative rules of deliberation. For instance, in the Philippines, many conservative politicians and adversaries discount queer rights as mere "feelings", arguing that emotions should have no place in public deliberation. To counter this, activists do not shred the emotions of their demands but rather insist that feelings are vital elements of humanity. This argument does not merely insist on queer rights but it has the potential to

contribute in the rewriting of deliberative theories by taking emotions more seriously as a vantage point from which to deliberate and debate.

Yvan: How could our understanding of LGBTQIA+ movements in the Philippines aid in our understanding of other movements around the world?

John Andrew: With the understanding that queer liberation is a long battle especially in the Philippines, many Filipino/a/x activists model their demands not only after supposed successes in the West. More radically, they model their demands after progressive movements in the Global South. During my conversation with them, Cuba stood out to me as an example because it demonstrated the possibility of legislating marriage equality outside the paradigm of capitalism. In decolonial scholarship, this modelling could be understood as South-to-South inter-referencing. Using Travis Kong's conception in the book "Sexuality and the Rise of China", inter-referencing refers to citational practices that decenter the West and recenter the South as the vantage point of theorizing. In my own work, I argue that these practices of referencing decenters homonational aspirations from the West by foregrounding the possibility of queer liberation in the South; a possibility that imperial homonationalism denies. In this case, the Philippine queer rights movements, like many of those in the South, is a vital ground to understand the radical potential of South-to-South conversations. And this, I think, is transferable to other movements such as those around labor rights, climate justice, women's rights, disability justice, among others. The lesson, I think, is simple: we have to define and struggle for social justice through ongoing and deeper conversations among those who bear the brunt of what bell hooks, time and again, describes as "imperialist white supremacist capitalist patriarchy". After all, as Audre Lorde constantly reminds us, liberation resides in community because left alone, individuals only develop superficial weapons to combat her oppression.

Yvan: Can you share with us any future plans?

John Andrew: I am still at the stage of maximizing the dissemination of my work in queerness and nationalism. My plan is to develop my doctoral thesis into a book. I also plan to write methodological reflections to chart pathways towards queering the epistemology of the social sciences; that is, how to make our research practices open to the multiple and fluid possibilities in the field. In terms of next research projects, I plan to venture into the intersection of queerness and ecological justice. In fact, I started a research project with my graduate class on ethnography. The project is centered on constructing the queer ecology of the beach. We are currently developing initial insights that hopefully will contribute to a more sustained project on queerness, modernity, and ecological justice.

Yvan: Thank you very much.

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Information about the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology [July 4–10, 2027, Gwangju, South Korea]



The XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology will take place as a fully in-person event from 4 to 10 July 2027 in Gwangju, a city marked by South Koreans' historic struggle for democracy. The Congress theme "Global Sociology in Turbulent Times" calls attention to the experiences of those most affected by crises and to their role in the production of knowledge. Sociologists working in contexts of war, genocide, extreme inequality, or environmental devastation linked to extractivist capitalism demonstrate that sociology remains not only possible but essential under such difficult conditions. They remind us that societies are shaped not only by crises, but also by resistance, creativity, and the pursuit of alternatives.

In times of disinformation, polarisation, and distrust in science, sociology plays a vital role in fostering rigorous analyses, critical thinking and informed dialogue. In the face of climate change, war, rising inequalities, and resurgent nationalism, sociology has become an indispensable tool for living together on a finite planet.

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Geoffrey Pleyers
President of the International Sociological Association

We at RC48 would like to invite you to take part in the upcoming XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology. Further information here: https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress

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Call for papers
Digital Government for a Digitally Inclusive Society
Mini-track Digital Government Track
Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences

Rationale

Aligned with the HICSS Digital Government Track theme, "Digital Government for a Better Society," this mini-track centers on how digital government can promote inclusion and equity in the digital age, alongside challenges and pitfalls. By investigating how digital innovations, data governance, and civic participation intersect with issues of access, trust, and justice, this mini-track contributes directly to the understanding of how digital government can serve as both a driver and a reflection of societal well-being.

Governments at all levels are leveraging digital technologies to transform their engagement with citizens, businesses, and other stakeholders. Through social media, mobile applications, artificial intelligence, and other forms of digital solutions, digital government is reshaping public services (e.g., efficiency, accessibility), policymaking (e.g., data-driven, digitally-ready), government operations (e.g., infrastructure management, emergency response), and citizen engagement (e.g., transparency, crowdsourcing, mobilization).

As digital government initiatives expand and deepen, it is

essential to critically examine not only the opportunities and barriers they create for citizens to connect with government, but also broader ethical concerns, diverse citizen responses, and the societal impacts of digital government innovations. Governments must ensure that digital pathways for service provision and engagement are accessible, user-friendly, secure, and inclusive for all citizens.

However, the public digital agenda is often hindered by significant disparities in access to digital government infrastructure, information, and services, as well as the ability to benefit from that access. Both can exacerbate existing social divides. While the number of citizens who can fully participate in an information society and benefit from it is increasing, many are left without the means or skills to do so. These divides must be addressed by the government to ensure opportunities for citizen engagement with government and associated resources and services.

These divides also create different forms of citizen action and social organization that remain important platforms for civic and socio-political engagement. Various forms of response, including resistance, skepticism, and criticism, have emerged among citizens, civil society organizations, and other actors. These responses may stem from concerns about privacy, surveillance, exclusion, algorithmic bias, or the erosion of traditional forms of civic participation. Understanding these responses and their dynamics is crucial for developing more inclusive, responsive, and accountable digital government practices.

Topics

This mini-track invites authors to explore opportunities,

challenges, and paths that lead from digital government to a digitally inclusive society. We welcome contributions, including but not limited to the following topics:

- Supporting digital efforts to engage unserved or underserved populations.
- The role of digital literacy in the use or non-use of online government services.

- Digital inclusion capabilities and strategies of the civil society actors.

- Digital government access for people with perceptual, motor, or cognitive disabilities.

- Government role in the development and adoption of digital accessibility standards.

- The role of community-based organizations or anchor institutions (e.g., public libraries, non-government organizations) in fostering digital engagement.

- Development and/or implementation of statutes, regulations, or policies related to digital engagement.

- Developments in case law and policy related to digital engagement.

- Trends in comparative or international law related to digital inclusion.

- Trust in institutions vs. the use of digital government by diverse populations.

- The impact of digitalized voting on citizen involvement in elections.

- Testing digital government services with diverse user populations.

- Understanding barriers to digital public service adoption.

- Involving diverse populations in the development of digital government services.

- Forms and rationales of non-adoption of digital government, e.g., privacy activism, anti-surveillance movements, digital exclusion protests.

- Critical perspectives on the impacts of digital government on social inclusion.

- Alternative models and grassroots approaches to digital engagement.

- Case studies of failed or contested digital government initiatives for social inclusion.

- The role of advocacy, activism, and civil society in shaping digital government policies and practices for social inclusion.

- Analysis of algorithmic bias, surveillance, and data (in)justice in digital government.

- Comparative studies of digital government for social inclusion across countries, regions, cultures, and political or administrative systems.

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Important dates

15.06.2026 submission deadline
17.08.2026 decision notification
04.09.2026 resubmission deadline for conditional acceptance
10.09.2026 decision notification for conditional acceptance
22.09.2026 final manuscript submission deadline
01.10.2026 author registration deadline

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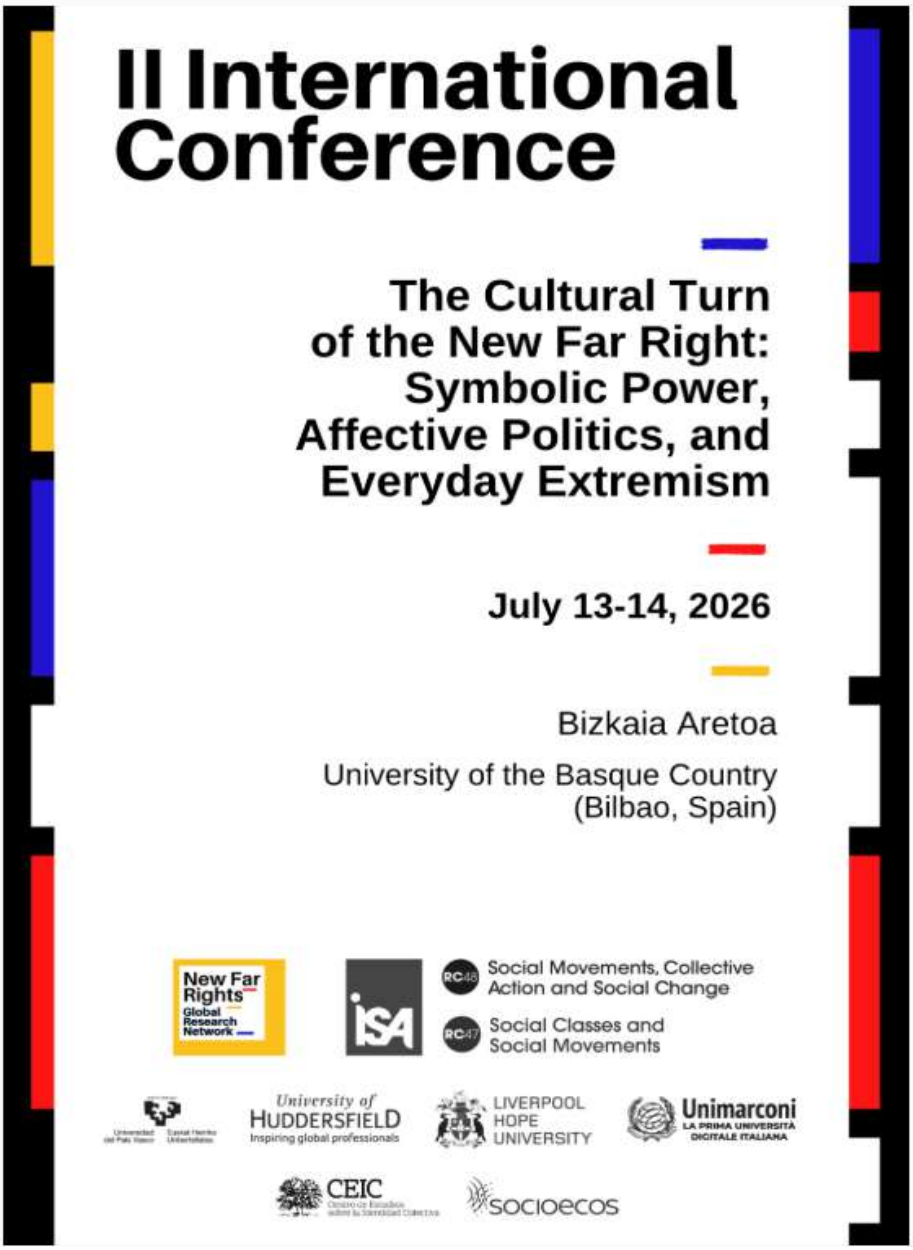
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Second RC48 Summer School Retreat
'Necropolitics, Migration, Social Justice and Memory'
August 27, 28, and 29, 2026
Playas de Tijuana, Tijuana, México

We invite postgraduate students, early-career researchers, activists, and practitioners from across the social sciences, humanities, and related fields to submit proposals for presentations or workshops addressing the central theme 'Necropolitics, Migration, Social Justice and Memory'. We welcome conceptual, methodological, and empirical contributions that examine the intersections of necropolitics, migration, social justice, memory, violence, borders, rights, social movements, and collective resistance from global and comparative perspectives. Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Transborder necropolitics: state violence, sovereignty, and border control.

- Migration and crimigration: the criminalisation of irregular mobility and its humanitarian consequences.

- Organised crime, kidnapping, and state complicity.

- Enforced disappearances and grassroots search movements. Investigative journalism under threat: ethics, safety, and resistance.

- Drug policy, harm reduction, and the militarisation of health.

-Economies of the border: informality, trade, and illicit flows.

- Art, culture, and resistance: memory-making and border imaginaries.

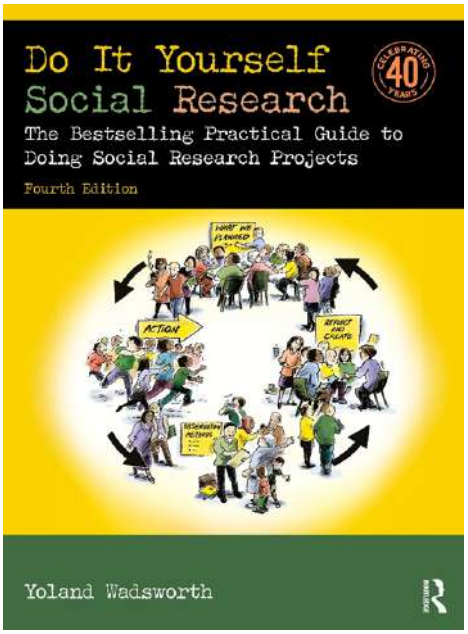
- Social movements, transnational activism, and cross-border solidarities.

Submissions are encouraged from PhD students and early-career researchers. Each submission should include a 350-word abstract outlining the research topic, methodology, and relevance to the summer school retreat theme, as well as a short bio of no more than 150 words detailing the author's academic background and areas of expertise. Please submit your application to c.a.tamayogomez@hud.ac.uk, hrivassanchez@athabascau.ca and camila.poncelara@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 15, 2026, with notifications of acceptance to be sent out by Monday, March 30, 2026. 18

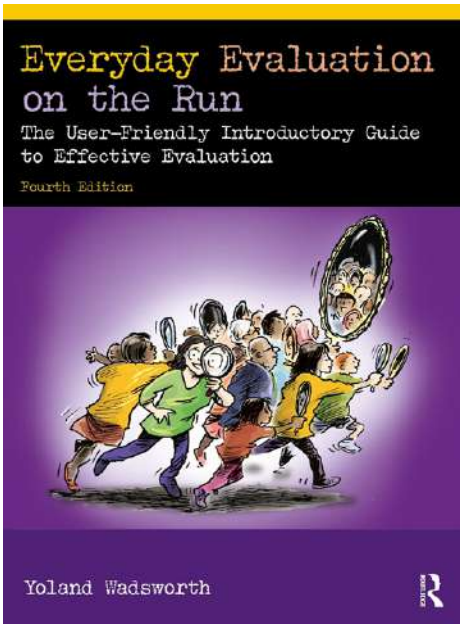
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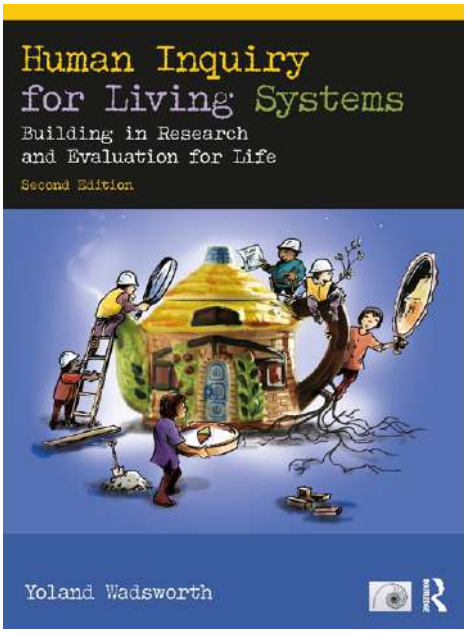
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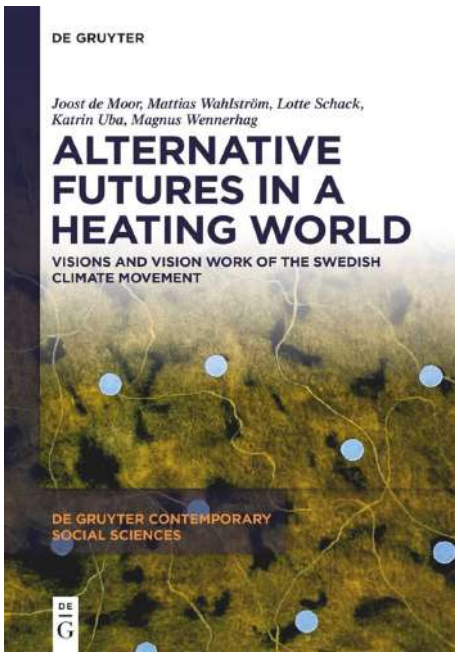
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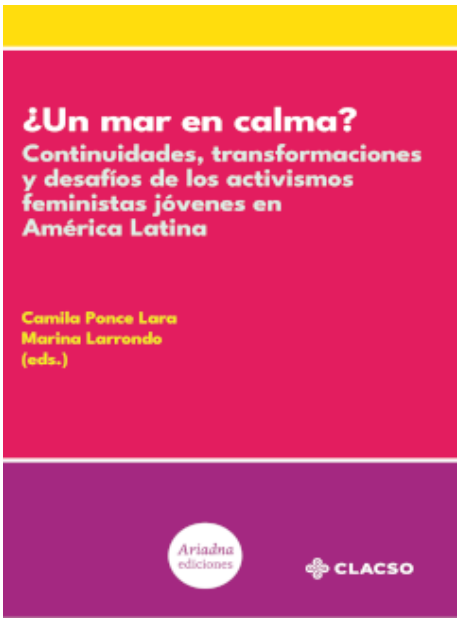
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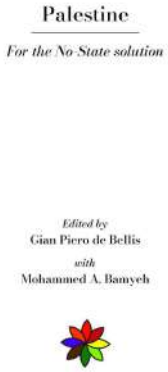
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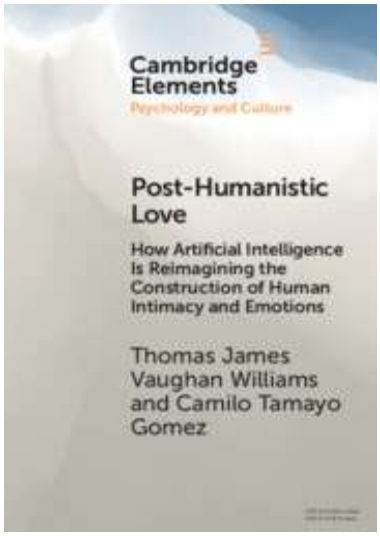
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Ariel Salleh (2025) Paper 'The Meta-Industrial Class', panel on Degrowth Imaginaries, Concrete Utopias, and Prefigurative Politics, with Carlos Tornel and Annie James, 11th International DeGrowth Conference, University of Oslo, Blindern, June.

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Ariel Salleh (2025) Book launch 'Pour Une Politique Ecofeministe" with Jeanne Burgart-Goutal, Wildproject Bookstore, Marseille, May.

Ariel Salleh (2025) In Conversation on 'Ecofeminism and Ecocentrism' with Marina Sportelli', coordinated by Mathieu Renault, Philosophy Department, Maison de la Research, University of Toulouse, May.

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Ariel Salleh (2025) In Conversation on 'Pour Une Politique Ecofeministe' with Genevieve Pruvost, coordinated by Fabrice Flipo, Utopia Meeting Centre, Paris, May.

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Media Appearances

Ariel Salleh (2025) (Webinar) The Transformation of Industrial Policy, Institute for Policy Studies and the Global Working Group Beyond Development, coordinated by John Feffer, Washington, Zoom, July.

Shiene KIRIYA (TV Program), "Would Their Voice Reach: A secret film of Shinjuku West Exit Underground Plaza in 1969" by NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) / ten-ten film & media, November 26, 2022

Achievements, awards and other accomplishments or activities

Nicolás Gutiérrez Rojas
University of the Basque Country
- Renewal of pre-doctoral funding for non-doctoral Research Staff Training
-Economic support form Basque Government "Egon Labur" for a Research Stay in Maynooth University Ireland

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Shiene Kiriya
Sociology, Socio-cultural Studies, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, University of Tokyo
-2025-2028, Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS KAKENHI)
-March 2026, Best Lecture Award on "Introduction to Urban Studies" at the Saitama University
-March 2025, Travel Grant for the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology by Japan Sociological Society
-February 2025, Registration Grant for the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, International Sociological Association / Research Committee 48 27
-Successful Defense of Doctoral Thesis: "The "Plaza Phenomenon" of Cities: Transforming Urban Spaces by Urban Strangers"

Mohammed Bamyeh
University of Pittsburgh
- Kuwait prize in social sciences
https://www.pittwire.pitt.edu/accolades-honors/2026/04/30/bamyeh-kuwait-prize

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Updates from other ISA sister groups

The TG02-Conflict Transformations and Peacebuilding has begun its journey at the ISA and has published its first newsletter: '**Grounded Peace**'. In it, they detail their progress towards building a strong network of academics around the world committed to peace and social transformation.

We invite you to read their latest publication, find out about the events in which the group has participated, and encourage you to join this initiative, which has been warmly welcomed within the ISA.

Find all the details here:
https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/thematic-groups/tg02-conflict-transformations-and-peacebuilding

Webinar - International Solidarity, Labour Movements and the Struggle for Palestine, part of the ongoing lecture series organised by RC47 (International Sociological Association – Social Classes and Social Movements).

The webinar took place on Wednesday, **20 May 2026**.

This session brought together academics researching social movements, labour struggles and political repression to reflect on the dynamics of international solidarity in relation to Palestine and beyond. The discussion focused in particular on labour movements and workers' mobilisations, whilst also providing a space for broader reflections on solidarity, repression and political struggle.

The seminar featured two presentations, followed by an open discussion:

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* **Donatella della Porta & Marco Antonelli** on port workers' mobilisations for peace, with a focus on Genoa and comparative Mediterranean cases

* **Salim Vally** on the intersections between education, activism, and global solidarity, drawing from the South African context

Jobs & Fellowships

Wiko Early Career Call

Deadline: Tuesday 1 September 2026
Each academic year the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin offers several 10-month fellowships for outstanding early career scholars in the humanities and social sciences.

Applicants should possess a doctorate granted no more than five years before the fellowship begins. Selection will be based on the applicant's academic qualifications, including publications commensurate with the applicant's discipline and career stage, and a research project that the applicant intends to pursue during the fellowship. Applications from early career scholars from all nations and all disciplines in the social sciences and humanities are welcome. Although scholarly communication at the Institute takes place in English and all Fellows are expected to be able to discuss their own work and that of others in that language, applications may also be submitted in German and French. The deadline for applications for the academic year 2027/2028 is September 1, 2026 (23:59 CEST); applicants will be notified by December 1, 2026. Further information on the application procedure:
https://www.wiko-berlin.de/en/becoming-a-fellow/wiko-early-career-calls/early-career-call-humanities-and-social-sciences

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Tenure-track Faculty Position in Sociology of Work - Université Laval, Québec

Deadline: 23-10-2026

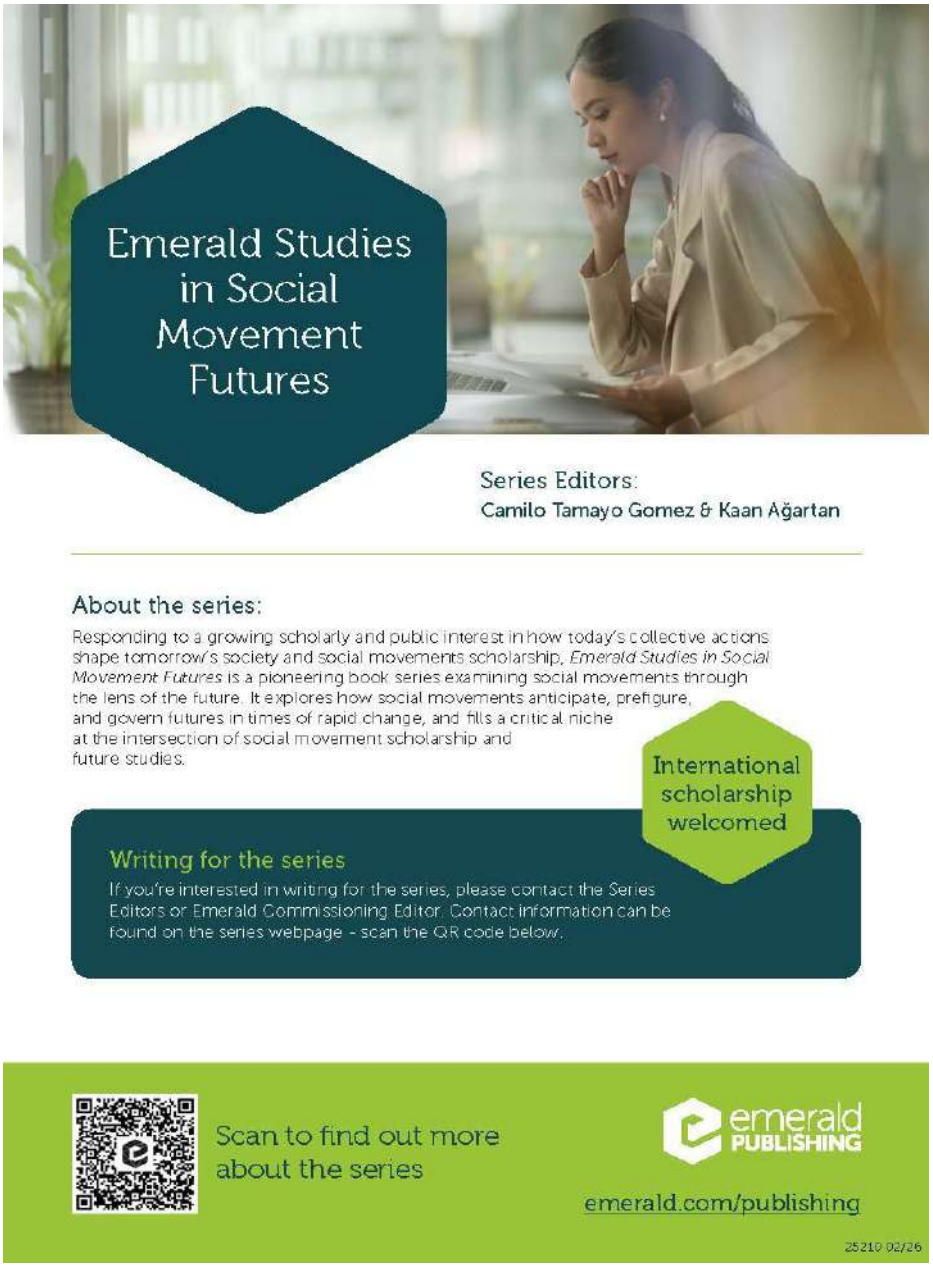
The Department of Sociology announces the opening of a regular faculty position in the sociology of work.
The successful candidate will be required to:

- Teach classes in the sociology of work at all three cycles;
- Conduct research in the sociology of work.

The successful candidate for the position will be hired as a regular professor at Université Laval as of the date of his/her hiring. More information:

https://www.rh.ulaval.ca/emplois-disponibles/corps-professoral/professeures-et-professeurs/HCM/10937 30

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Shiene Kiriya / PhD (in 2025) and a Master's (in 2022) in Sociology at the University of Tokyo.

In metropolis, on some occasions like the famous Shibuya Crossing on every halloween day, a large crowd of people gather in a space without any certain organizer or plan, transforming the roadway for auto traffic into the “plaza”: place for pedestrians to stay and commingle. I have conceptualized these kinds of event as “plaza phenomenon” where a gathering of urban strangers drastically change the use or function of urban space. My masters and doctoral theses have analyzed the sociological mechanism of the plaza phenomena in postwar Tokyo, focusing on the urban strangers such as passersby or hecklers.

So far I have been interested in these historical events:

1. The antiwar demonstrations around the National Diet Building and Ginza shopping district in 1960 Anpo Struggles against the US-Japan Security Treaty (Shiene KIRIYA, 2024, "Participation in Urban Protests as a Street Gathering: Bystanders and Urban Space in the 1960 Anpo Protests," Japanese Sociological Review 75(1): 38-55.)

2. The street discussions, folk singalongs, and handmade magazine market in Shinjuku West Exit Underground Plaza in the late 1960s (Shiene KIRIYA, 2024, "The Formation of the Publicness of Urban Space through Interaction among Passersby: Discussion Sessions in Shinjuku West Exit Underground Plaza," Annals of Japan Association for Urban Sociology 42: 111-127.)

3. The youth performers in Harajuku Pedestrian Zone around 1980 (Shiene KIRIYA, 2025, "Potential Transformation of Urban Commercial Space: Dancing in Harajuku Pedestrian Zone," Annual Review of Sociology 38: 71-82.)

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I am also researching how people use urban public spaces and transform their functions, especially focusing on the designers and managers of urban space in contemporary cities around the globe.

In the Social Experiment on the Pedestrianization of Ueno Hirokoji Boulevard 2025, I was entrusted by the Ueno Committee of Area Management with the observation study on the visitors' activities. I examined how visitors created their own activities in the pedestrianized street (Presentation at the Ueno Committee of Area Management, January 28, 2026).

I am also interested in urban graffiti, interpreting it as a form of spatial communication/interaction among anonymous writers and anonymous passersby (Shiene KIRIYA, 2026, "The Methodological Review of Urban Graffiti Studies: Its previous achievements and future possibilities," Tsukuba Journal of Sociology, 51: 15-29).

Debbani Bhattacharya / Project Associate, Indian Institute of Management Indore

I am a research and policy professional with a Ph.D. from IIT Kanpur, combining academic rigor with practical skills in qualitative research, stakeholder engagement, and program evaluation. My experience spans analyzing identity-based movements, designing and facilitating gender sensitization workshops, conducting investigations on workplace harassment, and reporting for institutional improvement.

I excel at translating complex research into actionable insights for organizations, overseeing projects, and presenting findings to diverse audiences. I am open to roles in research & consulting firms, NGOs, CSR programs, policy think tanks, and international development.

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