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## EDITORIAL

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## ABOUT

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What a year 2019 has been! In fact, what a decade it's been! One in which young people have occupied centre stage as both actors and subjects. As actors they have arguably been the dominant force behind many of the social protests we have experienced. In the past months there have been huge and important protests in Algeria, Bolivia, Britain, Catalonia, Chile, Ecuador, France, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, South Africa and Uganda. Looking back a little further, this list grows to include Bangladesh, Chile, Egypt, Germany, India, Italy, Malaysia, Quebec, South Korea and elsewhere - on every continent, and always on matters about inequality and the future: from climate exploitation and government corruption to right wing political shifts and the enormous backlash to student tuition fees. As subjects, young people have forced us to revisit the issue of precariousness and how this generation of young lives will not have better lives than the one before, to which we have become accustomed.

All of these issues, and more, are captured in the 209 abstracts accepted (there were 9,600 received for the whole conference) for our forthcoming IV Forum of Sociology to be held in Porto Alegre 14-18 July 2020. The RC34 organising committee have worked long and hard to ensure we have a good mix of topics, have created multiple spaces for topics that have had overwhelming responses, as well as for those that did not receive large numbers of abstracts but are critical to discussions and debates. There will be calls for applications for registration grants from the ISA organising committee and we are hoping to be able to offer a few travel grants from our RC34 funds. We also urge everyone who have had papers accepted to please register by the early (and discounted!) registration deadline of 19 March 2020.

We have accepted papers as contributions to plenaries, roundtables, conventional sessions and as distributed papers. I would like to emphasise that these decisions were taken to ensure that we hear lots of voices – sometimes senior scholars have

been asked to have their papers distributed rather than read; sometimes we have put papers that might usually have been keynotes into roundtables. The key here is that being in a room together (and in a local coffee bar, restaurant or pub after formal sessions) is the really important part of our knowledge exchange endeavours. Please let me know if you need a better worded letter in order to allow you to access funds from your institution. In the opinion of the organising committee every paper accepted, no matter the format, is an academic paper that has been through rigorous peer review. Our letter will say that in no uncertain terms. If you need a visa letter please contact the Forum organisers.

The larger Forum has a great programme of Plenary, Semi-Plenary and Common Sessions, Professional Development Sessions on Publications, Teaching Sociology Sessions, and Conversations with Senior Sociologists. Confirmed speakers include Bonaventura de Sousa Santos (University of Coimbra), Rita Segato (University of Brasilia), Manuel Castells (University of Barcelona), Michael Burawoy (UC Berkeley), Ashish Kothari (India), and Maristella Svampa (CONECET, Argentina). There will be special tribute sessions to Immanuel Wallerstein, Erik Olin Wright, and Marielle Franco. In our RC34 we will focus on ensuring that senior scholars are introduced to those who are just entering the field, to rigorous debate, and also mutual support. We are committed to crossing boundaries of language and finding new ways of hearing each other and listening and speaking. The task of our generation of youth sociologists has never been as urgent and important as it currently is – with our world experiencing (and broadcasting through social media) greater levels of inequality and exclusion than we have seen before.

Best wishes for the coming decade as we move into 2020, and for the new year (a social construct if ever there was one, but which works to help us find renewed energy!) for the task that lies ahead.

Warmly

**Sharlene Swartz**  
RC 34 President (2018-2022)



## IV ISA Forum of Sociology

Porto Alegre, Brazil • July 14-18, 2020 • Events Center PUCRS



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## Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities, Intersectionality

Twenty years after the start of our century, the optimism of the Millennium has faded and the challenges we face for living together on a limited planet are even more urgent. While the expansion and the deepening of democratization was taken for granted at the turn of the Millennium, democracy has been at stake in an increasing number of countries, while its key component such as diversity and equal respect for all citizens are threatened. The hope for a global democracy able to tackle global issues such as climate change, migrations and rising inequalities have faded. It has now become clear that to face global challenges, democracy needs to be re-invented within and beyond the representative system.

The environmental crisis and climate change are now a worrying reality. How can we live together on a limited planet? Land and food have become again major objects of struggles. Environmental and socio-territorial conflicts have multiplied against extractivist industries. Who are the actors who bring innovative solutions to keep our societies thriving within the planetary boundaries? How does the global environmental crisis lead us to re-think our world and our discipline?

Inequalities have considerably increased since the turn of the Millennium. We can now count twenty-six persons who own more wealth than the poorest half of humanity. This level of inequality is a major threat to democracy and to ecology. Inequalities particularly affect marginalized populations and women in their professional, public and private lives. Intersectionality has become major theme in the ISA conferences and in our discipline over the last 20 years. Overcoming the lasting and interconnected economic, racial, colonial and gender discriminations and the violence that maintain them is another major challenge of our time. The rising consciousness of intersectionality is both a result and a trigger of the rise of subaltern actors and movements since 1992. Indigenous communities, minorities, feminists and small farmers have resisted injustice by combining practices, social struggles and alternative worldviews.

The 2020 ISA Forum will provide sociological analyses of these four global challenges paying particular attention to their interconnections and to possible solutions. We will discuss how both progressive and conservative actors and movements tackle these challenges and their conflictive perspectives. We will use this Forum to ask how our discipline has been meeting these four global challenges and it has been transformed by them. What are the contributions of the actors and epistemologies of the South? What are the new trends in global sociology that allow innovative analyses of these challenges? What are the main obstacles we face to tackle these problems? How can innovative sociological analyses contribute to grasp and to face our common problems in the Global Age?

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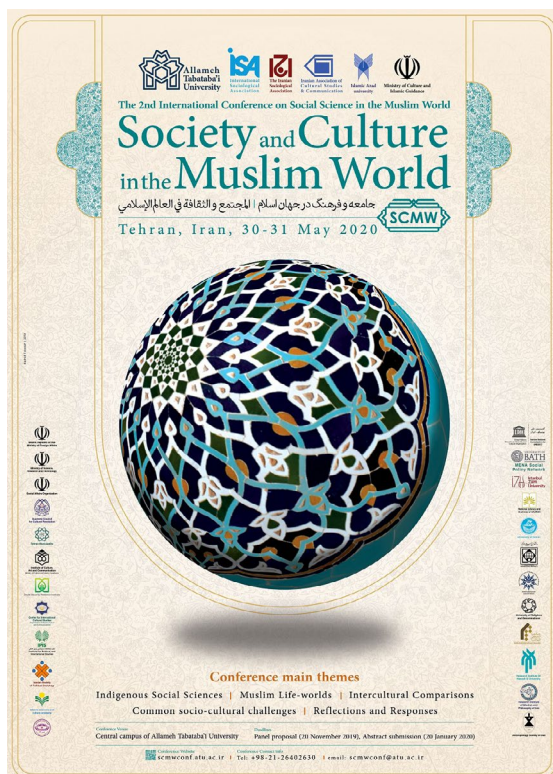
## Sessions:

- [Brasil En El Campo De Los Estudios De Juventud / Youth Studies in Brazil \(1\): Local Experiences, Problems and Approaches](#)
- [Brasil En El Campo De Los Estudios De Juventud / Youth Studies in Brazil \(2\): Local Experiences, Problems and Approaches](#)
- [Challenges of Technology on Youth Culture and Relationships](#)
- [Challenges of the 21st Century: Democracy, Environment, Inequalities and Intersectionality.](#)
- [Gender in Youth Participation: Motivations, Practises, Experiences](#)
- [Issues of Power in Youth Research](#)
- [Multi-Dimensional Mobilities and Globalizing Youth Culture: From a Viewpoint of Comparative Approaches](#)
- [Northern Theory Meets Southern Theory in Youth Sociology](#)
- [Precarious Youth \(1\): Rethinking Precariousness between Work and Everyday Life](#)
- [Precarious Youth \(2\): Coping with Precariousness between Work and Everyday Life](#)
- [Precarious Youth \(3\): Expressing Precariousness between Work and Everyday Life](#)
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- [Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean: Inequalities, Intersectionality and Social Mobilization](#)
- [Youth, Gender and Place](#)



## Second international conference on “Society and Culture in the Muslim World”

Tehran (Iran), 30-31 May 2020



It is our pleasure to inform you that RC34 will be a partner of Allameh Tabataba'i University (the largest public university specialized in humanities and social sciences in Iran) in holding the second international conference on “Society and Culture in the Muslim World” (<http://scmwconf.atu.ac.ir>) on 30-31 May 2020 in Tehran. Enjoying active partnership of a wide variety of national and international academic entities, the conference aims to provide a suitable platform for researchers from across the world interested in issues concerning Muslim societies and communities. One of the main themes of the conference concerns youth related issues and many other themes are also related to young people.

### Keynote Speakers

- *Sari Hanafi*, President of the International Sociological Association
- *Syed Farid Alatas*, Professor of Sociology at the National University of Singapore.

Travel grants: Please visit the following links: [http://scmwconf.atu.ac.ir/page\\_1205.html?lang=en](http://scmwconf.atu.ac.ir/page_1205.html?lang=en)

Related Journal: International Journal of ‘Society and Culture in the Muslim World’ (SCMW), <http://scmw.atu.ac.ir>

Past conference: International Conference on ‘Social Policy in the Islamic World’ (<http://spiw.atu.ac.ir>)

Queries: Please do not hesitate to email RC34 representative for Middle East and North Africa (Ali Akbar Tajmazinani: [tajmazinani@atu.ac.ir](mailto:tajmazinani@atu.ac.ir))

if you need any further information which could not be found in the conference website: <http://scmwconf.atu.ac.ir>





## The International Sociological Association (ISA)



1. The International Sociological Association (ISA) announces the organization of the VIII Worldwide Competition for Junior Sociologists. The winners will be invited to participate in the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, which will take place in Melbourne, Australia, in July 2022.

2. By Junior Scholars we mean people who obtained their first Master's degree (or an equivalent graduate diploma) in sociology or in a related discipline, less than 10 years prior to March 31st, 2021. In case of joint or multiple authorship, this rule applies to all authors of the submitted paper.

3. Candidates must send

- An original paper that has not been previously published anywhere.
- The paper should be no more than 6,000 words in Word format.
- An abstract (maximum 500 words) with five key words must be included in the paper.
- Notes and the bibliography should appear at the end of the text.

Papers that do not conform to these rules run the risk of being rejected.

The papers should focus on sociological issues. The phenomena examined may be social, economic, political, cultural or of any other kind, but their interpretation or analysis must show a sociological orientation (for instance, through the identification of social processes underlying the phenomena under scrutiny, critique of common sense interpretations or of well-established theories, etc.). Empirical research papers must go beyond descriptive reporting of results to broader, analytical interpretations.

Papers will be judged according to:

- perceptiveness with which issues are treated
- the adequacy of the methodology implemented and the quality of the empirical materials presented
- the consistency with which an analytic framework is used
- the originality of ideas
- the clarity of style

The winners of the previous Competitions will not be considered.

4. Papers are expected to be written in one of the official languages of the ISA (English, Spanish and French). However, papers in other languages are also admitted. Papers written in other languages will be assessed by scholars competent in these languages. Where necessary the papers of finalists will be translated into one of the official languages of the ISA.

5. An electronic file of the paper and a cover letter (in .doc or .pdf) should be e-mailed as an attachment to Dr. Ayse Saktanber at [sakta@metu.edu.tr](mailto:sakta@metu.edu.tr) by March 31st, 2021. The subject of the message should be Junior Competition 2022.



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In order to protect anonymity during the selection process, authors should not put their name on the paper itself, but the cover letter should include their family name (capital letters), first name, sex, date of birth, mother tongue, degrees, e-mail address, mailing address where they can be reached and (optionally) their present occupation. All this information should be given in one of the official languages of the ISA (English, French, or Spanish). An electronic acknowledgement of the electronic submissions will be given.

6. Initially, a Committee will consider which papers reach a sufficiently high standard to be issued with a letter of official commendation and be listed on ISA website.

Each language Jury will then preselect (by September 2021) a maximum of three papers. These finalists will receive Merit Award Certificates, a four-year membership in the ISA, and a paid registration to the XX World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia in July 2022. All authors thus preselected will also be invited to participate in a five-day seminar prior to the Congress. The ISA, however, cannot guarantee to cover costs for their travel and accommodations.

Out of the preselected finalists, the Grand Jury chaired by the ISA President Sari Hanafi will select up to five winning papers. Their authors will be offered a travel grant to participate in the World Congress. In case of multiple authorship, the subvention will have to be shared.

Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Ayse Saktanber at [sakta@metu.edu.tr](mailto:sakta@metu.edu.tr), Coordinator of the Competition.

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## KISMIF Conference 2020 - 'Keep It Simple, Make It Fast! DIY Cultures and Global Challenges'

Porto (Portugal), 8 July to 11 July 2020

### ... PAPERS

We are pleased to announce the fifth KISMIF International Conference 'Keep It Simple, Make It Fast! DIY Cultures and Global Challenges' (KISMIF Conference 2020) which will take place in Porto, Portugal, between 8 July and 11 July 2020. The submission of abstracts for this conference is open to academic researchers working in all areas of sociology, anthropology, history, cultural economics, cultural studies, geography, philosophy, urban planning, media, and cognate disciplines, such as design, illustration, popular music, cinema, visual and performing arts. This initiative follows the great success of the past four KISMIF Conferences (held in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018) and brings together an international community of researchers focusing on underground music scenes and do-it-yourself cultures.

#### [Download the full Call](#)

Seeking to respond to the desire reiterated by researchers, artists and activists present at previous KISMIF conferences, the 5th KISMIF will focus on 'DIY Cultures and Global Challenges'. The world is currently living through a maelstrom of societal challenges. In parallel to the questions of migration, populism and an upsurge in nationalism, we find growing antagonisms facilitated by austerity, displacement, racism, class tensions, economic crisis and environmental change. As such, the world is becoming an increasingly precarious place. In this context, we truly believe that DIY cultures—and the diverse processes and ways in which they work—offer real resources and forces for hope and change. As a cultural form and practice, DIY has evolved from its early history during the punk era of the 1970s to become a trans-local and innovative matrix of culture. At its core is a desire to blur boundaries, demystify processes and provide space for marginal voices and communities. For all its spiky confrontation, punk's cultural practices—its DIY ethos, networks, spaces and means of communication (records, styles, fanzines, cinema, performance, video art, design and other diverse creativities)—have facilitated and allowed for inclusivity and agency. While not neglecting or forgetting its origins, such an ethos may be brought to the fore when addressing questions of ongoing social change. Within DIY practice lies the potential to overturn existing hierarchies, to respond to many current challenges and to engage constructively with social, racial, sexual, gender, health and other differences.

In 2020, KISMIF's scientific programme will once again be accompanied by a diverse social and cultural programme, characterised by a series of artistic events, with special focus on underground music and other artistic expressions. The aim is to provide a unique experience in terms of the transglobal and inclusive DIY cultures.

More information about the KISMIF Conference: [www.kismifconference.com](http://www.kismifconference.com).





## KISMIF Summer School 2020 - 'Not Just Holidays in the Sun'

Porto (Portugal), 7 July 2020

### ...APPLICATIONS

The KISMIF Conference 2020 will be preceded by a Summer School entitled 'Not Just Holidays in the Sun' on 7 July 2020 in Rivoli Municipal Theatre of Porto. The Summer School will offer an opportunity for all interested persons, including those participating in the Conference, to attend workshops directed by specialists in their fields. Our KISMIF Summer School program entitled 'Not Just Holidays in the Sun' invites students who are interested in, or currently using, DIY cultures in their research to join us for an exciting and innovative one-day summer school program. The goal of the one-day program will be to encourage discussion and experimentation in the documentation of DIY cultures as much as it will be to encourage a new generation of DIY academics (Punk Ethnographers!) to experiment with digital cinema and performance in their research practices.

**More information about the Summer School will be progressively circulated on the KISMIF Conference website:**

[www.kismifconference.com](http://www.kismifconference.com).

*The language of the Summer School is English.*

[Download the call](#)

Important dates

**Submission of applications: From 1 October 2019 to 15 February 2020**

Notification of applications approval: 10 March 2020

Deadline for early registration: 31 March 2020

Deadline for late registration: 15 April 2020

On-site registration: 7 July 2020

Summer School: 7 July 2020

[Application Submissions](#)

For more information about KISMIF Conference:

[www.kismifconference.com](http://www.kismifconference.com)

[kismif.conference@gmail.com](mailto:kismif.conference@gmail.com)

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## ...MANUSCRIPTS

### Journal of Applied Youth Studies (JAYS)



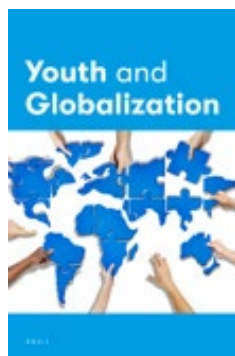
JAYS is now up and running and welcoming manuscripts:

<https://www.springer.com/journal/43151>.

JAYS is an international scholarly journal publishing across the research, policy, practice and theory spectrum on issues that concern youth and young adults. We welcome interdisciplinary original papers on issues that depict youth and young adults' lives, such as education, employment, transitions, subculture, wellbeing, family, housing, health, urban and rural, citizenship, political activism, migration, mobility, multiculturalism, justice, and digital technologies and social media.

## ...REVIEWS

### YOUTH & GLOBALIZATION



An opportunity for ISA-RC34 members to review recent publications in the field  
Brill, 2019 – Online ISSN: 2589-5745, Print only ISSN: 2589-5737

In 2019, volume one of Youth & Globalization was published. The journal is a forum scholarship focused upon questions relating to youth in a globalizing world. According to its editors-in-chief Vincenzo Cicchelli (Université Paris Descartes/CEPED) and Sylvie Octobre (Université Paris-Sorbonne/CNRS) (2019: 1), Youth & Globalization aims “to provide an innovative understanding of youth studies in a global context based on multiscale, multilevel, multisite, and multidisciplinary approaches.” As today's youth are both affected by and implicated in processes of globalization, this journal seeks to explore how young people relate to globalization and its outcomes.

Further information on this publication can be found at: <https://brill.com/view/journals/yogo/yogo-overview.xml>.

In addition to publishing scholarly articles, Youth & Globalization also published one to two book reviews per issue. We remain open to suggested monographs and edited volumes published by ISA RC34 members. Additionally, we hope that RC34 members will consider contributing reviews. As you are no doubt all aware, this is an excellent way for junior scholars to gain publications and access new publications, which are often prohibitively expensive.

If you would like to suggest a text for review or would like to contribute a review to Youth & Globalization, please contact our book review editor Peter Holley (University of Helsinki) at [peter.holley@helsinki.fi](mailto:peter.holley@helsinki.fi) with the name of the text you wish to review, the author's name(s) and the publisher's details.



### A personal note by...

#### Dan Woodman

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I am the VP for Oceania, an extraordinarily diversity but also unequal part of the world. Life for a rich young man in Melbourne, where I live, is very different to life for a poor young woman on one of our neighbouring Pacific Islands. The resources available to youth researchers also vary, but overall youth studies is vibrant in this region (I would argue we are one of the world centres of youth studies, but I may be biased!).

My own research focuses on young adulthood and generations, particularly how changes in labour market transitions and work patterns impacts on the way young adults form relationships. My work is based on an empirical study that tracks Australians through young adulthood (that I lead with Johanna Wyn and Helen Cahill, also at the University of Melbourne). Conceptually, I've aimed to develop the sociology of generations to address some of the pressing questions of contemporary youth studies. My view is that convincing sociological accounts of young people and social change should do several things: specify the way that social conditions have changed, relative to previous generations; identify the multiple ways that people respond to and shape these conditions; and show how the generation is not homogeneous but instead diverse, and unequal. My approach has been to develop the concept of generations to think about how inequalities (by class, race, gender, etc.) are being made anew in changing times. In the case of class, the decades that shaped the young adulthoods of current cohorts of young people have seen rapid changes in Australian society, with unequal effects. For navigating school and the entry to work, building a career and particularly getting into the housing market, access to family resources has become progressively more important than it was for their parents' generation when they were young.

My first ISA and first engagement with RC 34 was at the 1st World Forum of Sociology, in Barcelona in 2008. I still remember it clearly, as I was an early career scholar and nervous about my paper (as well as very excited to be in Barcelona!). The RC34 group who assembled for that meeting brought a wonderful mix of intellectual rigour (I did get some tough questions) and friendliness. I then attended every Congress and Forum except Vienna in 2016 (my daughter was born right in the middle of the conference, which I think is a good excuse for missing it!). I'm now looking forward to seeing many of you in Porto Alegre in Brazil. After that, it is Melbourne's turn. We are hosting the 20th ISA World Congress and I am heading up the Local Organising Committee. I'm looking forward to welcoming you all to my city in 2022.





## A personal note by...

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My early research interest on rural youth in India led me to introduce myself to Prof Sibylle Hübner-Funk - the RC 34 President between 1990-1994. She encouraged me to present my paper on 'Indian Youth Culture in Transition: A disillusionment' at the 13th World Congress of Sociology held in Bielefeld, Germany in 1994. In my academic journey that followed, I came into contact with Lynne Chisholm, Jürgen Hartmann, Helena Helve and Sylvia Trnka and all of them have encouraged me in the area of youth research.

My association with the ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Youth is so strong that I have served it twice as a Vice-President during 2006-2010, 2014-2018 and am now on the board for the third time. My goal is to consolidate youth and childhood research in the Asia region for which I have organized an International Conference on "Asian Youth and Childhoods 2007" in Lucknow.

Born and brought-up in Lucknow, I completed my first degree in Lucknow University and obtained my doctoral degree from Warwick University, UK as a Commonwealth Scholar. I have visited Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme (FMHS) Paris, France under the Indo-French Social Scientists Exchange Programme in 2009 and carried out a research study on 'Elite Educational Institutions in India and France'.

I started my career as a Lecturer in Sociology in 1989 in a College of Lucknow University. I have undertaken administrative responsibilities in the central University and also in the Central Government Research Institute but then I have decided to come back to my old Institution where currently, I am heading the Post Graduate Department of Sociology at Lucknow University. I am also President of the Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE), which is an all-India organization of researchers and practitioners of Life Skills education. I am actively involved in the Indian Sociological Society as convener of the research committee on Social Demography.

My key interests lie in the study of youth and children's experience of education, work transition, labour and leisure. I have published 6 books on children and youth, one of which is entitled 'Construction and Reconstruction of Indian Youth', while my latest book 'Childhood Realities: working and abused children' was published by Kalpaz Publications, Delhi in March 2016. I am also co-editor of two Journals and associated to two International Journals as an Advisory Board Member.



### INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATION (ISA) RC34 SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH



#### OBJECTIVES

The aim of RC34 is to contribute to the development of theory and practice of youth sociology and youth research on an international level, uniting professional knowledge, scientific consciousness, and social commitment of its members to work on problems and issues of youth on a local, regional, and international level.

[www.rc34youth.org](http://www.rc34youth.org)

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ISA membership registration form is available on  
<https://isa.enoah.com/Registration>  
Contact a board member - we'd be happy to hear from you!

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## ABOUT US

### History

The ISA was founded 1948 in close cooperation with UNESCO's Research Department. As peace education and youth issues were in the forefront of the postwar, socio-political legacy of this foundation, many of the first officers of ISA were also youth sociologists. But in 1975 the RC34 was established as a specialized branch of ISA.

The RC34 was from the beginning not only a network for pure academic youth research, but also committed to the original heritage of social and political responsibility. This implies standing partnership with multilateral organisations aiming at conflict resolution, peace and the development of civic society. It is also the policy of RC 34 to invite for membership and participation colleagues from other disciplines as well as practitioners in the youth fields, and then to serve as a global, interdisciplinary network and meeting place for youth issues in general.

### Structure

The Committee is built on associational principles of individual membership, formal statutes, a General Meeting every fourth year at the World Congresses, also electing a Board running the RC between the Congresses.

The work is built on regional Vice-Presidencies running their activities and networking in various areas of the world, and a Bureau taking care of the membership services and general, strategic affairs connected to the Presidency. An Advisory Board is appointed by the Board, as a body for special experiences and strategic competence in the field.

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