

# Activities Report for 2014 – 2017

## ISA Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups

Please submit to ISA Secretariat by 28 February 2018 by e-mail [isa@isa-sociology.org](mailto:isa@isa-sociology.org)

### 1. Name of the Research Committee / Working Group /Thematic Group:

ISA Research Committee 34 – Sociology of Youth

### 2. Names of the current

President: Dr Ani Wierenga  
Secretary: Prof Howard Williamson

### 3. Date of the next Board elections

July 2018

### 4. Delegate and Alternate to ISA Research Council Meetings at the ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, July 2018 (*Observers in the case of WGs and TGs*)

Delegate: Dr Ani Wierenga

Alternate: Prof Howard Williamson

### 5. Affiliated members

N<sup>o</sup> of affiliated /associate members, who belong to the RC/WG/TG, but do **not** belong to the ISA; if possible summarise geographical distribution of your affiliated / associate members.

None - to our knowledge

See also notes on ISA+RC membership and demographics, at item 15.

### 6. Past Activities Fall 2014 – December 2017

Brief report and state how many RC members participated in each conference (participation can include both paper presentation and attendance.)Do not include programs.

| Event   | No. ISA members | No. non-members |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Global Youth Futures: Perspectives and Prospects ESA RN30 mid-term conference, January 2017, in Ericeira (near Lisbon) Portugal, in | c.10            | 40              |

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| association with ISA rc34<br><a href="http://www.rc34youth.org/global-youth-futures-perspectives-and-prospects/">http://www.rc34youth.org/global-youth-futures-perspectives-and-prospects/</a>  |    |     |
| Youth, Change and Social Agency, Bethlehem, Palestine, April 2017 (University of Bethlehem). Organised by the University of Bethlehem in collaboration with ISA rc34 and ISA rc43 (social movements)<br><a href="http://www.rc34youth.org/youth-change-and-social-agency/">http://www.rc34youth.org/youth-change-and-social-agency/</a>   | 8  | 60  |
| Juvenile responses to the crisis: Social and political innovation, cooperation and collective actions Fuenlabrada, Madrid, November 2017. Co-organized by the Spanish Research Network on Youth and Society, the Center "Reina Sofia" for Adolescence and Youth, the Latin American Research Committee on Youth and Childhood (CLACSO), and rc34.<br><a href="http://juventudysociedad.net/activities/memoria-de-las-ii-jornadas-sobre-estudios-de-juventud/">http://juventudysociedad.net/activities/memoria-de-las-ii-jornadas-sobre-estudios-de-juventud/</a><br><a href="http://juventudysociedad.net/jornadas/">http://juventudysociedad.net/jornadas/</a> | 10 | 140 |
| Life Skills and Well-being of Children and Youth in the Digital World, Lucknow, India February 2018. Organised by the Indian Life Skills Association in collaboration with ISA rc34 and rc53<br><a href="https://ialseconference2018.org/">https://ialseconference2018.org/</a>   | 10 | 190 |

## 7. Finances [1.7.14 2.1.18] all sums in Euros

i) Affiliation fees from ISA members / ☒ Non-members: 0

ii) ISA grant: 770.00 (@30.3.2015)

iii) Others (please specify): Bank interest 0.15

Expenditure Travel grants; bank fees; website 1844.35

| Income €       | Expenditure €                    |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| b/f<br>7674.42 |                                  |
| 770.15         |                                  |
| TOTAL 8444.57  | 1844.35<br>c/f<br><b>6600.22</b> |

## Notes on Finances:

- Expenditure included €1067 for travel grants to two members in Category C countries.
- For the second instalment of activity grants, our proposal is that (€770 / US\$949 of) the activity grant allocated to RC34 in 2015 would support four applicant non-members to participate in the 2018 program, prioritising first Category C and student applicants.
- Membership fees do not appear to have yet been transferred to RC34 during this reporting period.

## 8. Awards granted by your RC *List regular awards granted by your RC.*

## 9. Grants allocated by your RC *List grants offered by your RC: on regular basis or for a specific conference/event.* (Excluding grants provided by the ISA for Forum and World Congress)

Website (and newsletter see below) costs: 429.35€

## 10. Special activities for Junior Sociologists *List of activities designed by your RC to encourage junior sociologists participation.*

None

## 11. Newsletters in 2014 -2017

Please provide details when and in what form Newsletters have been published (at least two per year- printed or electronic or posted on a website). Have copies been sent immediately to members and the ISA Secretariat?

2014-01-27: issue 1/2014

2014-05-03: issue 2/2014

2015-05-08: issue 1/2015

2015-12-21: issue 2/2015

2016-06-21: issue 1/2016

2016-12-31: issue 2/2016

2017-07-22: issue 1/2017

2017-12-30: issue 2/2017

Format: PDF

ISA-RC34 has a specific newsletter called "IBYR International Bulletin on Youth Research", with two issues per year. Copies are sent to the members via a specific mailing list

([rc34@liste.unisa.it](mailto:rc34@liste.unisa.it)), as well as uploaded on the ISA RC 34 website:

<http://www.rc34youth.org/newsletter/>

Up to now copies have been sent to members, but not to the ISA Secretariat. From next issue, copies will also be sent to the ISA Secretariat.

## 12. Social media ☒ Please provide link of RC

- i) Website: <http://www.rc34youth.org/>
- ii) Facebook: none
- iii) Twitter: <https://twitter.com/rc34youth>
- iv) Other, mailing list: [rc34@liste.unisa.it](mailto:rc34@liste.unisa.it)

## 13. Publications ☒ *List any other relevant RC publications not of its individual members - including special journals or special issues of a journal.*

The following publications came out of sessions and dialogue within the rc34 network:

Dwyer, T., Zen, E.J., Weller, W., Jiu, S. and Guo, K. (eds) ( ), *Jovens universitários em um mundo em transformação*, Ipea: Social Sciences Academic Press (China)

Dwyer, T. Gorshov, M., Modi, I., Li, C. and Mapadimeng, M. (eds) (2018), *Handbook of the Sociology of Youth in BRICS Countries*, World Scientific

Farrugia, D., & Wood, B. E. (2017). Editorial: Youth and Spatiality: Towards interdisciplinarity in youth studies. *Young*, 25(3), 209-218. doi:10.1177/1103308817712036

Feixa, C., Leccardi, C. and Nilan, P. (eds) (2016) *Youth, space and time: Agoras and chronotopes in the global city*. The Hague & New York: Brill.

*Italian Journal of Sociology of Education - Vol. 7, NO. 1 (February, 2015)* Youth Work, Non-Formal Education and Youth Participation, Guest editors: Daniele Morciano, Fausta Scardigno, Maurizio Merico <http://ijse.padovauniversitypress.it/issue/7/1>

## 13. Feedback to ISA: What services do you expect from ISA, including ones not presently offered?

We appreciate the work of the Secretariat. In particular, with so much going on it is remarkable the speed with which emails are answered thank you.

Thanks in particular for the rapid notifications of new and re-subscribing members this supports the RC to welcome them.

For ISA consideration, please see notes / requests at item 7 in this report.

## 14. Reflection and Membership Updates

Over four hundred abstracts were submitted for the youth program and joint sessions in Toronto 2018, and this is an indicator that youth studies is a growing and increasingly networked field. It is good to see members from new areas, and particularly the growth in our MENA activity.

In the ISA World Forum and World Congress events, the contributions of participants continue to signal some of the cross-national issues of our times. For example in the 2016 Vienna ISA World Forum in Vienna, the largest number of applications converged on sessions about:

- Uncertainty and Precarity in Youth Employment:
- Young Skilled Migrants: Hopes and Struggles in New Global Trends
- Muslim Youth, Contemporary Challenges and Future Prospects

In Toronto the big issues are characterised by

- Gender and Safety
- The way social change shapes young peoples transitions
- Possibilities for youth action and agency in a changing world

As seen here: a sociology for our time will address the big issues of our time. The imperative for sharing knowledge and understanding across national boundaries, political and language barriers has been clear in ISA and RC34 from its post-war start, and in the twenty first century the need for organisations which will take carriage of such a mission becomes even clearer.

### RC34 Demographics

As at 20/2/18 we have 165 members in 48 countries:

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| North America                                   | 14                  |
| Latin America                                   | 21                  |
| Sub-Saharan Africa                              | 12 (9 South Africa) |
| Mediterranean, North Africa<br>and Central Asia | 6                   |
| Europe (inc. Russia)                            | 63                  |
| Asia  | 33                  |
| Australia and NZ                                | 16                  |

Largest members: 10+ Australia, Italy, Japan, UK.

Larger members: 6-9 Canada, Brazil, Argentina, South Africa, India, Finland.

Notable decline in membership from China.

**Appendix**, overleaf, includes activity reports prepared by RC34 Regional Vice Presidents.

## **Research Committee 34 Activity Report 2014 – 2018 for Europe**

### **Vice-Presidents for Europe: Maurice Devlin and Natalia Waechter**

Following ideas from the RC34 four-year plan, the European activities focused on organizing and implementing conferences, thereby also cooperating with further academic organisations. Most important to mention is the collaboration with the RN30 (Research Network on Youth and Generation) from the European Sociological Association. The previous RC34 four-year plan (2010-2014) led to an improvement in relationships between the two networks/committees after years of distance and lack of cooperation.

### **3rd Maynooth International Youth Studies Conference**

This progress was consolidated in 2015 when for the first time there was an international youth studies conference that was billed as being jointly in association with both RC34 and RN30. The conference was organized by Maurice Devlin and the Centre for Youth Research and Development at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. It was attended not only by international youth researchers and local youth workers and students, but also by twenty social work students who came with Natalia Waechter from the University of Graz, Austria. As such it was also a productive collaboration between the two RC34 Vice-Presidents for Europe.

3rd Maynooth International Youth Studies Conference “Youth on the Move” in association with the International Sociological Association (RC34) and European Sociological Association (RN30)  
National University of Ireland, Maynooth, June 23-24, 2015  
No. ISA RC members: approx. 20  
No. non-members: approx. 140

### **ESA RN 30 Mid-term Conference 2017, in association with ISA RC 34**

The cooperation between RC34 and RN34 bore further fruit in January 2017, when RN30s “mid-term conference” in Ericeira, Portugal was officially labelled “in association with ISA RC34” and brought together youth studies scholars from both ESA and ISA. RN30 mid-term conferences are deliberately designed as relatively small events in non-urban locations, allowing for greater contact and interaction between participants, meaning that there will hopefully be enhanced collaboration and cooperation in future.

ESA RN 30 “Youth and Generation” Mid-term Conference 2017, in association with ISA RC 34 “Sociology of Youth” : “Global Youth Futures: Perspectives and Prospects.”  
In Ericeira, Portugal, from January 15-17, 2017  
No. ISA RC members: approx. 10  
No. non-members: approx. 70

### **Third ISA Forum Vienna 2016**

Finally, the Third ISA Forum convened in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016 on the theme “The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World.” Being the local host, Natalia Waechter organized informal meetings and connected to the Austrian Ministry of Families and Youth who was always interested and supportive of international youth research and well aware of RC34. The “Youth Competence Centre” of the Ministry organized the event “Future directions in international youth work and youth research”, bringing together actors from youth politics and scholars in youth studies from different organisations (above all RC34 and the Spanish-speaking youth research community).

Third ISA Forum: "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World."

University of Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016

No. of RC34 sessions: 17

No. ISA RC members: approx. 120

No. non-members: approx. 120

"Future directions in international youth work and youth research", Side-session of the Third ISA Forum

Federal Ministry of Families and Youth, Vienna, Austria, 13 July 2016

No. ISA RC members: approx. 10

No. non-members: approx. 20

## Research Committee 34 Activity Report from Asia

**Vice-Presidents for Asia are Vinod Chandra and Clarence Batan**

A Report on the International Conference on RC34 / RC53 partnered activity:

**"Life Skills and Well-being of Children and Youth in the Digital World"**

An International Conference of Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE) on Life Skills and Well-being of Children and Youth in Digital World in support with Research Committee of Sociology of Youth RC34 and Research Committee of Sociology of Childhood RC53, ISA was jointly organized by Sri Jai Narain Post Graduate College Lucknow and Circle for Child and Youth Research Cooperation in India (CCYRCI) during 9-11 February 2018 in Lucknow, INDIA.

Three day Conference was attended by scholars and researchers of Youth and Childhood studies from twelve countries US, Denmark, UK, Australia, South Africa, The Netherlands, Germany, Brazil, UAE, Philippines, Sri Lanka and twenty one states of India. Dr Ani Wierenga, Prof Maurice Devlin, Jayanathan Govender and Kiran Odhav are some of the RC 34 members who have actively participated in the Conference.

Out of total 234 submitted abstracts, 170 abstracts were accepted for oral presentation in nineteen technical sessions. Eight Panel discussions and two symposiums were organized during the Conference in which eminent researchers and established scholars were invited to present their views. The Conference was organized in two symposiums, eight panel discussions in which 56 invited speakers have presented their views. In Nineteen technical sessions, total 142 scholars have presented their papers in these technical sessions.

The Conference was inaugurated on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 by Dr A K Dubey, Secretary of Government of India in the Department of Youth Affairs. Prof S P Singh, the Vice Chancellor of Lucknow University was the Guest of Honour. Prof Hanne Warming of Roskilde University Denmark have presented her key-note address while Dr Vinod Chandra has introduced the theme of the Conference. Sri V N Misra has presided the Function. Prof S D Sharma, Principal of the College welcomed the guest. From the RC34 Board, Dr Ani Wierenga and Prof Maurice Devlin provided inputs and chaired sessions, including chairing a symposium on Youth in BRICS Countries.

The Valedictory session was held in the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and Prof Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice-Chancellor of Sambalpur University, Odisha has delivered his valedictory address. Sri V N Misra, President of the Management Committee of Sri JNPG College was the Chief Guest. Prof S D Sharma welcomed the guests and Dr Vinod Chandra has presented his report. At the end of the function Mr Anshumali Sharma has presented the formal vote of thanks to all the guests and participants.

A Cultural evening was organized by Ms Aparna Tiwari and her team. The Indian Classical and Folk dances were performed by Ms Shambhavi Tiwari, Pallavi Sharma and Vijay Laxmi. Songs

were sung by Dr Durgesh Upadhaya of AMITY University Lucknow and many other artists. The evening was enjoyed by all the participants who have joined in the dance at the end of the function. It was followed by the dinner.