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EDITORIAL



Ani Wierenga

Dear RC34 Members, Colleagues and Friends

This will be my last IBYR Editorial note to you, ending a four year term as President of RC34. It feels like a lot has happened in that time.

We have a long way to go, however, beginning from our Executive Board's priorities for a stronger global representation in the knowledge-sharing, I am proud of what we have achieved in this time.

By reviewing the RC34 programs since 2000, it is possible to see the ways in which this research community is incrementally moving towards a stronger representation of its global base. This evidence is visible in the origins of speakers in sessions, to leaders of sessions co-organising across borders, to the increased breadth and global focus of the new conversations which RC34 hosts. We may never have a magic 'Babel Fish' or a way to truly span the gaps in language, or cultural understanding, and we face the perennial structural challenges of the unequal resources which support people to be present, to speak and to be heard at all. There is a much stronger presence (e.g. in numbers at events) from the global North, and recurring patterns like this shape what is seen and understood more broadly in youth studies. However, but it only takes the commentary from colleagues in the global South and developing contexts, and the evidence of increased partnering across nations in publications from

this group, to nudge me into realisation that RC34 is a community of practice that is supporting many scholars to become more strategically connected and globally focussed in their own powerful work. Our Organisational Secretary, Howard Williamson has explained in earlier letters that the formal promise of membership is not much, particularly for those who pay A rate subscriptions: a few emails really, and a bi-annual event. However, my point is that like most (all?) things in life, the magic is in the human connections, the conversations, the personal networks that follow events like this, and in the trust built over time. I am highlighting here a collective trust too: cultures that build on listening and respect; established theoretical and empirical dialogues which support new scholarship; and a culture of generous collegial presence built over 40 years. In the last four years we've seen some losses of founding members and as I have noted elsewhere, it is important to remember the legacy of members present and members past. As scholars we are standing on the shoulders of giants when we advance our work now.

Toronto is almost upon us. Without counting the joint sessions, our RC34 program has 143 inputs from across 41 countries. We play host to some exciting new publications – present and incubating – that span international borders, and shift the lens again towards a more global focus. I look forward to the conversations, and it will be wonderful to see so many of you in action.

For young people and youth research, and for your contributions to the shared work of this scholarship, thank you, wherever you are.

Ani Wierenga
Outgoing RC 34 President

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15-21 July 2018, Toronto (Canada)

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all RC34 delegates attending the World Congress in Toronto. You will find Toronto to be a welcoming, diverse city that is easy to get around. The conference venue is in the heart of it all. In your spare time you could take a short walk to catch a play (<https://www.mirvish.com/shows>) or a baseball game (the Toronto Blue Jays are playing home games everyday from July 20 through July 25: <https://www.mlb.com/bluejays/schedule/>).

The ISA also has some general tourism recommendations (<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/toronto-2018/tourism/>) along with several tours (http://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/files/toronto_tours_12.04.17.pdf).

Toronto also has an amazing number of excellent restaurants serving cuisine from around the world, so be sure to plan some meals in various parts of the city, with its 140 neighbourhoods. And, of course, there are lots of watering holes, especially near the conference venue, so let's start with the Loose Moose (<https://theloosemoose.ca/l/>) on Monday evening after the opening RC34 sessions, which will end at 19:20.

See you there!

Cheers, Jim Côté





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RC34 Sociology of Youth

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Youth on the Move: Alter-Activism & Post-2011 Movements

Sociology of Youth in North America

Presidential Session

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Amplifying Silenced Voices and Revealing Invisible Populations: Methodological Challenges

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Youth Belonging and Citizenship in 'Globalised Ethnoscapes'

Youth in the Global South: Divergences, Absences, Universalities

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Youth, Gender and Belonging

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Youth in a Globalizing World

Youth and Nationalism in a Globalized World

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Global and Local Dynamics of Youth Transition and Participation

SIDELINES

YOUNG PEOPLE, WELL-BEING, RESILIENCE AND ENTERPRISE: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR THE ANTHROPOCENE

On the 'sidelines' @ XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities

Toronto, Canada, July 15-21, 2018

Conversation conveners:

Professor Peter Kelly, RMIT – University, Australia

Professor Peter Kraftl, The University of Birmingham, UK

Read more: <http://www.rc34youth.org/young-people-well-being-resilience-and-enterprise-critical-perspectives-for-the-anthropocene/>



IALSE

International Conference on “LIFE SKILLS AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE DIGITAL WORLD”

February 9-11, 2018 – Lucknow (India)

“The Lucknow conference brought home vividly the global scale of the challenges and opportunities that digital transformations present for young people and for societies in general. It also confirmed the value of exchange and interaction between sociologists, policy-makers and practitioners”

(Prof. Maurice Devlin, VP for Europe Member of RC34 Executive Board)

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 days 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, Dr Jayanathan Govender and Dr Kiran Odhav were some of the RC 34 members who actively participated in the Conference.

Out of total 234 submitted abstracts, 170 abstracts were accepted for oral presentation in nineteen technical sessions. The Conference organized two symposiums, and eight panel discussions in which 56 invited speakers presented their views. In nineteen technical sessions, total 142 scholars have presented their papers in these technical sessions. 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 dinner.

Dr Vinod Chandra, Member of RC34, VP for Asia, and Conference Organiser
(Summarised from a full report prepared for the ISA)

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26th ANNUAL WORKSHOP: YOUTH TRANSITIONS IN CHALLENGING TIMES

September, 5-8, 2018 - Mannheim, Germany

The 26th annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth (TIY) will take place in Mannheim, Germany, from 5 to 8 September 2018. The workshop will be hosted by the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung, MZES), University of Mannheim.

Recent societal changes, including unprecedented waves of migration, globalisation, digitalisation and structural reforms in the aftermath of the economic and financial crisis have brought about new types of risks and fragilities, dangers of social fragmentation, and raising inequalities. These developments have significantly affected young people's chances of attaining vocational training and higher education, entering the labour market, establishing an independent household, founding a family, and being integrated into key social and economic institutions in general.

It is not only that youths increasingly experience initial difficulties with the labour market entry and key demographic transitions in many countries, concerns are also voiced that these challenges might have detrimental effects on youth's long-term employment prospects, their family patterns, (mental) health and social participation. In many European countries, experiences with young people who are not in education, employment or training raise questions about risks of social disintegration, with various consequences at both the individual and the societal level.

Research on youth transitions has been vibrant in recent decades, and we know much about youth labour market situation and school-to-work transitions as well as about the main factors influencing these phenomena both at the micro and at the macro level. At the micro-level, research no longer focuses only on human capital and signalling perspectives, emphasizing the role of education and vocational training, but also on the role of cognitive and non-cognitive skills, social contacts, cultural capital, personality traits and employers' (discriminatory) behaviour. Furthermore, a paradigm shift is underway from regarding the school-to-work transition as a straight-line, unidirectional process towards analysing intervening, parallel and recursive events within the education systems, vocational training and labour markets. Demographic research has also added important insights about young people's household, partnership and family formation, but the linkages between structural and demographic transition processes should still be further explored. Additional research is needed to better understand the effects of school-to-work transitions on time use, living conditions, poverty, health, and well-being. At the macro level, the major focus has been on the role of education and training systems as well as labour markets in shaping school-to-work transitions. New impulses can be gained from the focus on consequences of digitalisation and robotisation, specific policy interventions and reforms. In light of the European refugee crisis, it remains an open question whether existing immigration policies and integration practices are suitable for ensuring labour market and social integration of newcomers.

Local organisers: Irena Kogan, Tobias Roth and Markus Weißmann

Conference website: <http://www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de/tiy2018>

TIY network: <http://www.socsci.ru.nl/~maartenw/tiy/index.htm>

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research: <http://www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de/d7/en>

CONFERENCES

YOUTH FUTURES: CONNECTION AND MOBILITY IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

November, 15-16, 2018 - Alfred Deakin Institute

The Alfred Deakin Institute's flagship conference for 2018 will explore the increasingly interlinked, complex and uncertain world that young people across the Asia-Pacific live in.

This conference seeks to address the temporal and spatial dimensions of youth mobilities and connections, bringing into conversation questions of migration, un/moorings, transitions, pathways, stagnation, aspiration, futurity, and hope, with those of (digital and social) networks, aspirations, solidarities, cultures, communities, participation, belonging, and social and civic lives.

Hosted by the Alfred Deakin Institute, and animated by its engagement in problem-oriented research into social issues associated with globalising processes, the conference's underlying thematic context is the Institute's core focus on citizenship and globalisation. It aims to explore these issues for young people as they navigate new and old pathways through the life-course, establish and disrupt forms of connection across multiplicity and differences, and put down roots/stay on the move in a globalised world. It seeks to share and build knowledge at the multidisciplinary interfaces of youth/childhood/media/migration/mobility studies.

Location: Deakin Downtown - Tower 2, Level 12, 727 Collins Street - Docklands

Registration: Registrations to attend the Youth Futures Conference will open later in the year, please [fill out this form](#) if you wish to be notified when registrations open.

Contact details: [Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation](#)

GMSSI



The International Sociological Association has undertaken the development of the Global Mapping of Sociologists for Social Inclusion (GMSSI) to create the global database of sociologists.

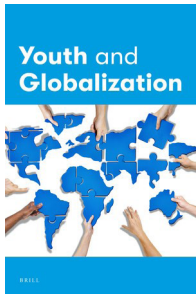
GMSSI aims to identify, connect, and enable global collaborations in sociology, and support sociologists who encounter multiple barriers, economic and political, which impede participation in global exchanges.

GMSSI aims to increase the visibility of sociologists and their knowledge production and also be an important resource for sustained interaction with the media on a range of issues.

Your participation is important to the success of GMSSI in building this global sociological community.

To start: Go to <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/gmssi/callforparticipants.cgi> where we briefly explain what the site is about and where we offer a link to sign in or sign up

NEW JOURNAL



Youth and Globalization is an academic forum for discussion and exchanges, a space for intellectual creativity on all questions relating to youth in a globalizing world. Its aim is to provide an innovative understanding of youth studies in a global context based on multiscale (both local and global), multilevel (economic, political, social), transnational, and multidisciplinary approaches.

Drawing on both theoretical and empirical research, and in addition to and as a complement of the Brill book series Youth in a Globalizing World (<http://www.brill.com/products/series/youth-globalizing-world>), the journal explores how young people relate to globality and its outcomes.

Young people both are affected by and are the actors of the globalization of everyday life. Mobility (travel, migration, education), multicultural backgrounds, relations to educational and job markets, demands for leisure recognition, transformation of families and of childhood and youth, and the proliferation and development of youth cultures are among the changing factors that Youth and Globalization investigates

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Read more: <https://brill.com/search?q1=Youth+and+Globalization&searchBtn=>

You are kindly invited to the

YOGO reception

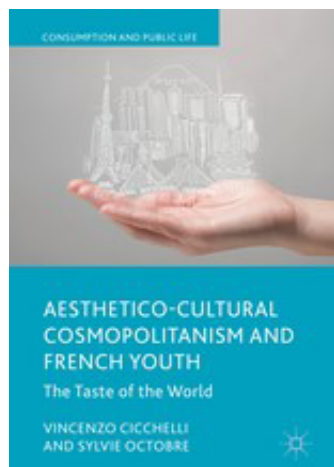
19 July - 7:30-8:30pm

Intercontinental Toronto Centre

(225 Front St W, Toronto, ON), Sapphire & Turquoise – Azure Private Dining Room)



BOOKS



AESTHETICO-CULTURAL COSMOPOLITANISM AND FRENCH YOUTH THE TASTE OF THE WORLD

Vincenzo Cicchelli & Sylvie Octobre

Palgrave Macmillan, 2018 - ISBN 978-3-319-66311-1

By examining cultural consumption, tastes and imaginaries as a means of relating to the world, this book describes the effects of globalization on young people from an aesthetic and cultural perspective. It employs the concept of aesthetico-cultural cosmopolitanism to analyse the emergence of an aesthetic openness to alterity as a new generational “good taste”. Aesthetico-Cultural Cosmopolitanism and French Youth critically examines the consumption of cultural products and imaginaries that provide genuine insight into social change, particularly in regards to young people, who play the largest role in cultural circulation. This book will be of interest to students and academics across a wide range of readers, including cultural theorists, and students engaged in debates on cultural consumption, the globalization of culture and transnational aesthetic codes.

MAKING SPACE FOR YOUTH IN CONTEMPORARY ITALY

Barbara Giovanna Bello and Valentina Cuzzocrea (Eds)

Special issue of “*Journal of Modern Italian Studies*” (23/1, 2018)

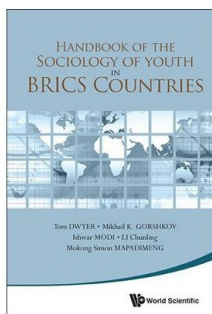
When it comes to youth, can we talk about an Italian case? How is the national societal landscape changing in relation to the factors that put youth in hard conditions? Are existing categories useful for studying the specific conditions of young people in contemporary Italy? How are young people in Italy coping with increasing diversity in terms of social and economic status, opportunities, support from the family of origin – among other factors – and how are they taking these as new challenges? It is vital to identify common grounds for and patterns in the plethora of social conditions faced by Italian youth, and to do so through investigation of the cultures and lifestyles that they embody and the choices they make, which in turn constitute a trait of Italian culture. In fact, considering the conditions of today’s Italian youth as a barometer for the future

of Italian society, their ability to cope with structural conditions determines how the country will be able to reproduce itself in the years to come. In this sense, a focus on young people is crucial to all those who want to obtain an in-depth and well-grounded understanding of contemporary Italy.

The special issue ‘Making Space for Youth in Contemporary Italy’ responds to the need to stimulate discussion on these themes. Based on an open call for papers, we departed from an attempt to deconstruct misrepresentations of Italian youth and stimulate an articulated international scholarly debate taking in perspectives from sociology, but also cultural studies, social policy, demography and literature, and interlinking scholarly work done within and outside of Italy.



BOOKS



HANDBOOK OF THE SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH IN BRICS COUNTRIES

Tom Dwyer, Mikhail K Gorshkov, Ishwar Modi, Chunling Li, Mokong Simon Mapadimeng (Eds)
World Scientific, 2018 - ISBN: 978-981-3148-38-3 (hardcover) -ISBN: 978-981-3148-40-6 (ebook)

Youth are, by definition, the future. This book brings initial analyses to bear on youth in the five BRICS countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, which are home to nearly half of the world's youth. Very little is known about these youth outside of their own countries since the mainstream views on "youth" and "youth culture" are derived from the available literature on youth in the industrialized West, which is home to a small part of the world's youth. This book aims to help fill in this gap.

The handbook examines the state of youth, their past, present and permits the development of insights about future. The BRICS countries have all engaged in development processes and some remarkable improvements in young people's lives over recent decades are documented. However, the chapters also show that these gains can be undermined by instabilities, poor decisions and external factors in those countries.

BETWEEN CULTURES AND TRANSITIONS: GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN YOUTH STUDIES

Special issue of *"AG. About Gender"*

Vol. 7, n. 13 (2018)

This issue aims to reflect about the struggle "traditionally" faced by the gender perspective for being integrated within the frame of Youth Studies. In the last decades, the latter branch of studies has tended to split between two main "twin tracks", focusing on the one side on youth cultural forms, and on the patterns of transition to adulthood on the other.

Therefore, the challenge spread through the call for papers we launched was to apply the gender perspective as a way of considering both the individual agency and its structural contexts in order to overcome the epistemological and methodological rigidity in the Youth field. We conceived the call seeking to collect articles able to tackle this challenge. As editors, we made specific reference to the work of Furlong, Woodman and Wyn, as a possible attempt

of reconciliation of the twin tracks through the application of the analytical perspective of "social generation". Drawing from the conceptualization of generations introduced by Mannheim, this approach indeed concerns the ways and the meanings through which the age-based experience of the world is determined by social conditions. Also referring to the gender-based dynamics, therefore, in our opinion that of the social generation seemed to be a perspective worth to be explored, in order to carry out analyses that can take into account the structural frame and, at the same time, the dialogical and subjective dimensions which produce (or hinder) change in gender order.



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MULTICULTURAL YOUTH AUSTRALIA CENSUS 2017 INFOGRAPHIC REPORT

Wyn, J., Khan, R., & Dadvand, B.

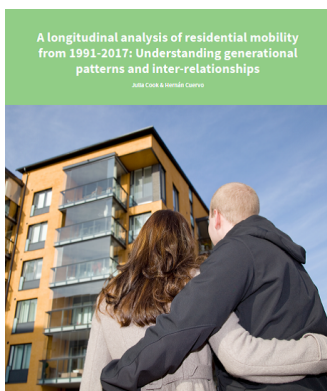
Youth Research Centre, 2018

Multicultural Youth Australia Census is the first nation-wide study of Australia's multicultural youth. It provides a comprehensive account of how young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds are faring in different spheres of life.

The Census is a collaboration between the University of Melbourne and eight community organisations and government agencies including the Centre for Multicultural Youth.

1920 young people aged 15-25 from refugee and migrant backgrounds took part in the Census which was conducted in September-October 2017.

The participants were from 91 different countries. More than three-quarters (77%) were born overseas, 18% were Australian born with at least one parent born overseas and 5% were Australian born with both parents born in Australia.



A LONGITUDINAL ANALYSIS OF RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY FROM 1991-2017: UNDERSTANDING GENERATIONAL PATTERNS AND INTER-RELATIONSHIPS

Cook, J., & Cuervo, H.

Youth Research Centre, 2018 – ISBN 9780734054326

This report provides an overview of the residential mobility patterns of participants in cohort 1 of the Life Patterns study over the period spanning 1991 to 2017. It focuses on those who remain in the study in 2017, using data collected over the preceding 26 years to trace their places of residence over this period. The term 'residential mobility' refers to changes or movements in individuals' primary place of residence. It therefore captures a specific type of mobility; it is concerned with the experience of moving house or relocating to a new suburb or town, rather than with, for instance, temporary overseas travel or international migratory movements.





BOOKS

OXFORD HANDBOOK OF GLOBAL SOUTH YOUTH STUDIES

Ninety percent of the world's youth live in Africa, Latin America and the developing countries of Asia. Despite this, the field of Youth Studies, like many other academic domains, is dominated by the knowledge economy of the global North especially WENA (Western Europe, North America and Australia), with its associated universities, disciplines, theories, journals and conferences. While Northern Youth Studies' theory and research provides insights into the lives of Southern youth, it contains assumptions and generalisations that are contextually incongruent with Southern youth's life-worlds. To address these geo-political imbalances, this handbook turns the gaze of Youth Studies onto youth living in the global South and the theories and practices needed to address their lives. It is hoped that the handbook will function as an intervention to re-orient Youth Studies as a whole. In other words, the handbook will ask what do Southern theorists have to contribute to the study of youth in the Global South, and how might these ideas contribute to Global Youth Studies?

The volume editors: Sharlene Swartz, Adam Cooper, Clarence Batan and Rosa-Maria Camarena

... papers

*Societies***Special Issue “YOUNG PEOPLE, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY ACROSS THE GLOBE”**

Guest Editor: Howard Williamson (University of South Wales)

Youth studies, youth policy and youth work are on the move. Youth studies are being reworked and reformulated to strengthen perspectives from the ‘global south’ and to diminish the ascendancy of European, North American and Australian perspectives that have classically prevailed, as if to speak for the world. Youth policy, whatever that means, is at least on the map, with proponents arguing for more transversal and integrated policy responses to the issues facing young people, from technological change to the prevention of violent extremism. Youth work, in many parts of the world, has come in from the shadows to become – as a key vehicle for experiential and non-formal learning – a complement to formal education.

Much of this, however, hovers above the deep complexities and contradictions of young people’s lives as they play out and unfold within the shifting sands that frame the cultures and geographies of their communities and the changing economic and political winds within their societies.

Societies is calling for papers for a special edition that interrogates how young lives are ‘playing out’ and ‘working out’ – domestically, economically, politically and culturally – in different parts of the world.

Deadline for manuscript submissions: 30 September 2018

Read more: <http://www.rc34youth.org/special-issue-young-people-risk-and-opportunity-across-the-globe/>

A personal note by..

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It was my experience working directly with young people that drew me into both sociology and youth studies. The energy that propels me has not changed: being disturbed that decision makers and media will talk about young people's problems, individual problems, service-based solutions, when it is clear that the patterns we see need to be part of much bigger conversations about social change, addressing inequalities, human agency and human dignity, and the webs of life that support this. A lifetime of applied research with practice communities and policy makers, both in Australia and internationally, has continued to draw me deeper into asking questions about the types of futures we are creating.

I write this while heading into a UNESCO technical meeting about the Future of Education for Sustainable Development. Again I am struck by a number of things at once: the joys and responsibilities of being in research and charged with making sense and discerning clarity from what people share; the privilege and stretch of listening well; the challenges of interpreting, marrying any of these human inputs with the practicalities of governmental policy making, and the questions about what acting on insights effectively might mean in practice.

When I first came across the ISA and RC34 I was an early career researcher. I am grateful for this network, which has provided a sense of home and hope, as well as an invaluable shared legacy of conceptual framing that supports new thinking. Spanning now 200 members and 50 nations, and with all the national and local specificity of scholarly inputs, I love that RC34 still provides a forum for conversations which create greater understanding across borders. Many of our activities do allow for a deeper interrogation of inequalities, social change, and the types of futures we are creating. A stretch goal is – today more than ever – for sociology to speak in terms that render individual problems as public issues. There is a lot to do, but the company is good.

A personal note by..

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I have been involved in youth research since the beginning of my academic career. At the beginning my interest was mainly focused on the theoretical approaches to youth studies, to which my PhD dissertation was devoted. Since then, I have been involved in several researches and projects at local, national and European level, having the chance of broadening my interests and to explore issues such as the representations of youth, youth participation and citizenship, youth policies, the transition to adulthood, young people's values, future orientations, consumption and leisure.

In the last years, I moved my attention mainly toward issues relating to young people's education, paying also attention to non-formal education and youth work, which are among the main focuses of my current teaching and research activities as Associate professor at the University of Salerno, in Italy.

I knew the ISA-RC34 "Sociology of Youth" in 2005, when Raffaele Rauty and Carmen Leccardi organised in Salerno a conference under the auspice of it. In that occasion, I had the chance to meet colleagues as Helena Helve, Gunilla Holm, Syika Kovacheva, Ola Stafseng, Johanna Wyn and Lynne Chisholm. The night of the conference, in front of a pizza and while Ola Stafseng was offering yet another bottle of wine, Lynne invited me to join the RC34, as I did shortly after. I will be always affectionately indebted to Lynne: not only for introducing me in such an inspiring group and in other important projects, but also for having always spurred me, in our discussions, to work having the international dimension as horizon and without renouncing to the intellectual tension that studying young people carries on.

The first ISA conference I attended was at the 1st World Forum of Sociology, in 2008 in Barcelona, when I presented a paper on Karl Mannheim. And four years ago, Helena Helve kindly nominated me as IBYR editor. At the beginning I was really worried for the new task, but I have been supported by two great fellow travellers – the President Ani Wierenga and the Organisation Secretary Howard Williamson. I do hope that members have appreciated my contribution. On my part, I certainly had the chance to keep in contact with so many colleagues around the world, thus defining a new and larger personal geography of youth studies.

Now, with the support of the colleagues and friend with whom I have been working in the last four years, I expressed my willingness to serve as IBYR editor for a new mandate. I do hope that this time I'll have the chance to offer to the RC34 community not only my enthusiasm, but also the experience I have got so far.

RC34 Executive

Dear RC34 Members,

Voting is open in the RC34 Elections for the ISA RC34 Executive Board 2018-22.

Confirmed nominations for positions on the Executive Board 2018-2022: <http://www.rc34youth.org/nominations-and-elections-for-rc34-executive-board-2018-2022/>

Candidates' credentials and bio-notes: <http://www.rc34youth.org/elections-for-rc34-executive-board-2018-2022/>

Voting form: [Elections for ISA rc34 Executive Board 2018-2022](#).

Please remember that the positions on the Executive Board 2018-2022 for which voting is open are:

President (1 position, 1 vote): Ana Miranda / Sharlene Swartz

Vice President – Europe (2 positions, 2 votes): Airi-Alina Allaste / Sarah Pickard / Ilaria Pitti

Vice President – Middle East and North Africa (1 position, 1 vote): Ali Taj Mazinani / Abeer Musleh

Members in good standing should email the names of those they wish to vote for prior to the World Congress in July 2018. Please complete the voting form attached and email it to howard.williamson@southwales.ac.uk. The deadline for voting is Friday, 6th July.

The composition of the Executive Board, including any additional appointments made by the incoming President, will be announced by the Organisational Secretary/Election Officer at the rc34 Business Meeting in Toronto (Tuesday, 17th July 2018 @ 1930).

Howard Williamson (Organisational Secretary/Election Officer – ISA Research Committee 34)

Ani Wierenga (President – ISA Research Committee 34)

Toronto Hashtag

Please share your news, comments, info about the RC34 sessions and activities at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Toronto with our twitter account [@rc34youth](#) and using the hashtag: [#rc34toronto](#)



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Aim and Structure

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.

The Committee is constituted by associational principles of individual membership, formal statutes, and a General Meeting every fourth year at the World Congresses, at which a new Executive Board is elected to oversee the RC between the Congresses. The work of RC34 is built on regional Vice- Presidencies managing local RC34 activities and networking in their respective areas of the world, along with 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.

History of ISA RC34 “Sociology of Youth”

The International Sociological Association (ISA) was founded 1948 in close cooperation with UNESCO’s Research Department. As peace, education and youth issues were in the forefront of the post war, sociopolitical legacy of this foundation, many of the first officers of ISA were also youth sociologists. In 1975, the Research Committee for the Sociology of Youth (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 organizations aiming at conflict resolution, peace and the development of civic society. It is also the policy of RC34 to invite colleagues from other disciplines as well as practitioners in the youth fields to become members, and to serve as a global, interdisciplinary network and meeting place for youth issues in general.

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