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2022 has been a busy and eventful year. As countries have emerged from two years of Covid-19 induced lockdowns, many are revisiting how we live, meet and work. In March 2022 when Russia invaded Ukraine we had multiple conversations about a letter of support for those impacted by the war, the fall out from massive displacement, the nature of territorial expansion, the protection of sovereignty, the ways in which alliances work, and always the impact of war on yet another young generation.

In a few conversations amongst ourselves in RC34 I made the point that there are multiple conflicts currently in progress globally, many of which Wikipedia lists as having had in excess of 1,000 deaths in the past year (except for #9). These are some of the conflicts:

1. Afghanistan, South Asia (Islamic State–Taliban conflict, Panjshir conflict)
2. Allied Democratic Forces insurgency in Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda
3. Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger and Chad
4. Central African Republic Civil War
5. Colombian conflict in South America, also affecting Venezuela
6. Darfur, Sudan
7. Ethiopia, Africa (the Tigray War, 2020–2022 Ethiopian–Sudanese clashes)
8. Islamic State insurgency in Iraq
9. Israel-Palestine conflict
10. Ituri conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa
11. Kivu conflict in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda and Burundi
12. Mali War
13. The insurgency in the Maghreb, Africa, affecting Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Niger, Tunisia, Togo, Benin and Ivory Coast
14. Mexican drug war
15. Myanmar, Southeast Asia (Kachin, Karen, Rohingya, Rachine state)
16. Russo-Ukrainian War, Europe (war in Donbas, Russian invasion of Ukraine)

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17. Somali Civil War in Africa, also affecting Kenya
18. Syrian Civil War (inter-rebel conflict, Syrian–Turkish border clashes, Rojava conflict, Rojava–Islamist conflict, Daraa insurgency)
19. Yemeni Crisis (civil war, Al-Qaeda insurgency, Houthi–Saudi Arabian conflict, Saudi Arabian–led intervention in Yemen)
20. The Cabo Delgado militant Islamist insurgency in Mozambique

The key takeaway from this list, is that only 1 or two are in the Global North, 5 or 6 are in the Global South more generally, with most in Africa.

As a RC34 President from the Global South, I have made it a feature of my term of office to ensure we rethink some of our taken for granted assumptions around universalising the experiences of the North as all of our experiences. While we can stand in solidarity with those who are harmed by war, we don't all agree about what our critique is. We must ask questions about sovereignty as much as we do about empire-building; about why global attention and resources are brought to bear on conflicts in the Global North rather than on conflicts that rage in the Global South or in countries on the periphery. One news outlet captured this well when they said “Russia and Ukraine are civilised and European, not African or long-standing conflicts like Afghanistan or Iraq? We cannot see European lives as more valuable than others!

As we head towards Melbourne 2023, the conference asks us to interrogate *Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies*. Specifically, it asks that we address, through our research and reflection, questions concerning the global rise of authoritarianism, as well as populism, xenophobia, racism, and extreme nationalism. Beneath much of these issues lie the old age questions of empire, enslavement and exclusion.

In the past month as the world has mourned the death of one of the worlds longest reigning monarchs, there is also renewed debate about apology, reparations and restitution for colonialism, the meaning of “a commonwealth”, republicanism and sovereignty, and the tension between popular loved and respected figures and the unjust systems that thrived during their watch.

I look forward to your submission for our conference next year – please remember the closing date is 30 September 2022, and to many renewed friendships and of course intellectual debates with implications for our fragile world and young people.

Warm regards
Sharlene

President RC34

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RESURGENT AUTHORITARIANISM

The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies

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The global rise of authoritarianism, as well as populism, xenophobia, and racism, makes our task as sociologists more crucial than ever. This dilemma is assisted by the gradual symbolic thickening of public culture through combinations of extreme nationalist and religious fervor.

What is the best way to analyze global resurgent authoritarianism? In addition to dealing with the scars of the colonial era, a postcolonial approach should be supplemented with another approach; we need to find ways to diagnose and resist this resurgence. This approach should take into account how authoritarianism affects not only our societies, but also our knowledge production. The self-centered and unspoken have become more important than the told and argued. We are concerned not only with the hard authoritarianism that heralds the brutalization of society and politics, but also the soft authoritarianism that often thrives in the shadow of neoliberalism, as the state moves deftly in the open or in secret to devise modes of governance that shore up its power against popular discontent.

A special interest of our Congress is how to disaggregate the Western, but also sociological, assumption of secularism as inherent in modern society and at the same time analytically dissociate the state from religion. While this separation is still a crucial pathway toward democracy and citizenship, the process needs to be problematized. We particularly look forward to discussing the promising avenues of inquiry within sociology and related disciplines about what have been termed 'post-secular societies' and 'multiple secularities'.

Thus the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology will focus on how sociologists worldwide can (and do) contribute to the understanding of the resurgent authoritarianism and analyze the new entanglements of religions, politics, and economies. It will also focus on how sociologists engage (physically and critically) in the formidable social movements we are witnessing today in different parts of the world and in a renascent civil society.

The XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia, June 25-July 1, 2023 will be in a hybrid format. While we strongly advise and encourage everyone to come to Melbourne and enjoy in-person participation in the Congress, on-line presentations will also be possible. Oral sessions will be a mix of in-person and virtual presenters, based on the presenters preference.

For further details see: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/melbourne-2023/deadlines-2023>

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The International Sociological Association (ISA) call for abstracts for our hybrid World Congress 25 June - 1 July 2023 in Melbourne is now open. The theme is *Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies*, and will focus on how sociologists worldwide can (and do) contribute to the understanding of the resurgent authoritarianism and analyze the new entanglements of religions, politics, and economies. It will also focus on how sociologists engage (physically and critically) in the formidable social movements we are witnessing today in different parts of the world and in a renascent civil society.

Research Committee (RC34) Sociology of Youth has a large number of open sessions under which you can submit an abstract for consideration (some of them joint sessions) and the Call for Abstracts lasts from 1 July - 30 September 2022.

You can see all the **RC34 Sociology of Youth** sessions here: <http://www.rc34youth.org/rc34-at-the-xx-isa-world-congress-of-sociology/>

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There are 3 weeks left to submit your abstracts to sessions organized by the Research Committees, Working and Thematic Groups.

Don't leave it for the last moment! Abstract submission closes on September 30, 2022 24:00 GMT

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Call for papers

Special joint session RC31 & RC34 on *Youth mobilities*

ISA Session: Conceptualising Transnational Youth Mobilities and Transitions amidst Social Challenges

Youth people aged between 18 - 30 represent the most mobile cohort across the globe. RC 31 (Migration) and RC 34 (Youth) are hosting a special joint session which invites papers that examine transnational youth mobilities and transitions amidst the social challenges of our contemporary world. Drawing on this year's ISA Congress theme, we examine a range of issues including if and how the global rise of authoritarianism, populism, xenophobia and racism impacts young people's mobility decisions and trajectories. What are the similarities and differences in the experiences of young people on the move from the global north and the global south? How has the recent pandemic impacted their mobility aspirations and pathways? How does mobility shape new possibilities for adulthood in a changing world? In exploring these and other questions, we welcome papers that feature the methodological and conceptual developments needed to better understand this generation making a life on the move.

This is a special invited session and does not appear on the ISA Congress sessions page. Abstract submissions via email welcome. If you would like to submit an abstract, please email your abstract directly to the session organisers by 28th September 2022. Abstracts are to be no more than 300 words. Please also include title, up to 4 keywords, author/s & institution/s, and email contact details.

To submit an abstract or for further details, please contact:

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A SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY LIFE: CHANGE AND DIVERSITY IN INTIMATE RELATIONS, 2ND EDITION

Deborah Chambers, Pablo Gracia

Polity, 2021 (ISBN: 9781509541355 – 9781509541362)

Family relations are undergoing dramatic changes globally and locally. At the same time, certain features of family life endure. This popular book, now in a fully updated second edition, presents a comprehensive assessment of recent research on 'family', parenting, childhood and interpersonal ties.

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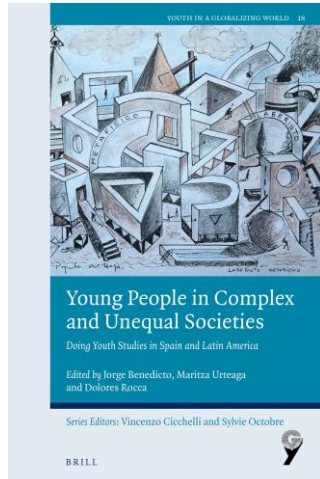
YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMPLEX AND UNEQUAL SOCIETIES. DOING YOUTH STUDIES IN SPAIN AND LATIN AMERICA

Jorge Benedicto, Maritza Urteaga, and Dolores Rocca (Eds)

Brill, 2022 – ISBN: ISBN: 978-90-04-50745-6

Youth studies in Latin America and Spain face numerous challenges. This book delves into youth experiences in the 21st century, shaped by complex and pressing issues: the surge of youth cultures and groups, visual images of youth throughout time, and fragmented youth experiences in radically unequal societies. It analyzes young people as precarious natives in global capitalism and labor uncertainty, juvenicide, feminist discourse, social networks, intimacy and sexual affection among young people in a context of growing claims of gender equality. Also included are rural and indigenous youth as political actors, the actions of young political activists within government administrations, the experience of youth migration and empowerment, and young people dealing with the digital world. How have youth studies approached these issues in Latin America and Spain? Which were the main developments and transformations in this research field over the past years? Where is it heading?

More info: <https://brill.com/view/title/57176>



Call for articles: “Youth cultures, leisure and space. Practices and representations between public and private places”

Special Issue of *International Journal of the Sociology of Leisure*

Guest editors: Carlo Genova, University of Turin, Italy; Tarja Tolonen, University of Helsinki, Finland.

Deadline for abstract submission: 31 January 2023

Public space has always been a core context for youth leisure activities and inter-peer social interaction, in particular for youth cultures. During recent decades, two main processes have shaped the present spatialisation of leisure among youth cultures: the progressive shift from public to private space, and the growing role of digital places. Both public, semi-public and private space are still lived as grounds, background and constitutive elements for the social lives of young people and their leisure activities, while digital places often cross the boundaries of these different realms. But, how are these different places currently used and represented in youth cultures? How do they interact?

During the past two years, profound and unexpected changes – caused by the Covid-19 pandemic – have occurred in the spatial dimension of youth leisure. But what effects can be observed among youth cultures?

Please find the full text of the call here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WCXTFNmY3Md_7RGm_I2NuQEbsCABXS1w/view?usp=sharing

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When I completed my PhD I wrote the foreword “I became interested in different youth cultures when I was young myself, but for some reason never lost this interest”. Having lost the right to call myself ‘young’ a while ago and being a youth researcher for 25 years, I can still say I have never lost the interest in young people. The scope of my research has slightly changed over the time, including youth cultures, - mobility, - participation and social use of media, but it has always been qualitative analyses of the meanings that young people attribute to their lives. I consider explaining young lives important, since it influences how young people are approached. At the same time it is possible to read in it future scenarios of societies more generally.

My first engagement with RC 34 was at the 16th World Congress of Sociology in Durban, South Africa. I had rather a lot of cross-national experiences by that time. Doing my PhD at the University of Helsinki I had benefited from the environment with the long tradition of youth studies. I had been included in some European research projects, several networks, joint books and visited many conferences. However, all of these were mostly European. Meeting youth researchers from all over the world and learning about their studies, really widened my perspective. I have attended all ISA conferences and forums since and being part of the RC34 community has been both inspiring as well as supportive. Since 2018 I have been one of the VP of Europe with the expertise of both Eastern- and Northern Europe.

During my career I have been temporarily affiliated to the universities and research centres in many countries including Belgium (as PhD student), San Francisco, USA (as Fulbright post-doc), Portugal, Australia, Czech, Slovenia (as visiting professor) and several times in various institutions in Finland.

My long-term position is in Tallinn University, Estonia where I have been the professor of sociology since 2007. I have been the Estonian PI of several international research projects on young people as well as organised international conferences on youth studies. I was also born in Estonia and was young there in the late eighties when the Soviet Union was already slowly collapsing and early nineties when re-independent Estonia took the neoliberal bath to a very success oriented society. Witnessing all the social changes during the early stage of my life has had a crucial impact for me to develop social scientist in general and youth researcher in particular.



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History

The ISA was founded 1948 in close cooperation with UNESCO's Research Department. As peace education and youth #s 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 #s 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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