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## IBYR

*IBYR is the official newsletter of RC34 "Sociology of youth" of the International Sociological Association*

Dear RC34 Members,

Our first editorial as the newly elected board of RC34 comes to you in the form of a conversation between Dan, our new president, and Andreas, our new newsletter editor. We are trying to gently feel our way into our mandate, so this format might continue, or we might try something else! You might have noticed that we are currently updating the website. It will be back online in a few weeks from now. Until then, we hope you can enjoy the first days of spring or the last days of summer, depending on where you are!

**Dan:** Obviously, it was wonderful to see a good showing from youth sociology at the World Congress, which I had the pleasure and honour of co-hosting it in Melbourne. I was hopeful and excited to see that there was a really good turnout and people making the trip out from different parts of the world, despite the many challenges we had of running the Congress just after a global pandemic, with people taking a risk in coming all the way out to what for many is the other side of the world. So it was particularly wonderful that so many people from so many different places did.

**Andreas:** One aspect that really impressed me, and made me very happy, is how well the hybrid format worked. I caught a cold on the way over and spent part of the Congress in bed, joining sessions digitally, from my Airbnb – together with colleagues from Cuba, Palestine, Estonia, Argentina, and many other places.

**Dan:** What a variety – Cuba, Palestine, Estonia, Argentina, and the Airbnb from across the road ;)

**Andreas:** Almost all the time, connections were stable, and it was easy to follow the presentations and discussions. A big compliment to everyone working on the digital aspects of the Congress!

**Dan:** The same is true for the contents of the sessions: we once again covered youth sociology from so many different theoretical, methodological, geographical, philosophical perspectives – a huge thank you and a large compliment to our Programme Committee, Ada Freytes Frey, Ilaria Pitti, Howard Williamson and Sharlene Swartz, our former President, who we owe so much gratitude!



**Dan:** It almost felt like a kind of a phoenix-like rise from the pandemic as a RC, even though we managed to maintain connections and remain strong despite the pandemic, especially thanks to the outgoing Board. It's a compliment to their work that the Congress worked so well for our RC, and that we were able to fill almost all positions on the Board before and during the Congress. Especially after these past few years, to be able to fill all the positions on our board is wonderful and it's great to welcome the new team, who will take over the running for the upcoming forum and next Congress.

**Andreas:** Yes indeed! And it is exciting to be a part of that, to be honest! Though something I have been thinking about is the generational change in our Board, with Howard stepping down after decades as our esteemed Secretary. Do you remember the first time you met?

**Dan:** I do! my first engagement with the ISA was as a PhD student. I was accepted to one of the PhD laboratories of the ISA, where I got to meet a small bunch of other PhD students, I think there were seven of us from all over the world. They call it a laboratory, but it's a workshop of a number of days, and that was in Moscow, where we were hosted by a group of wonderful Russian sociologists. And not long after that at all, within a few months, I attended my first event, which was the first ISA Forum in 2008 in Barcelona in Spain. So I was a nervous PhD student, doing my first international presentation. I remember being in my hostel in Barcelona, practicing my presentation over and over again. You know, instead of getting out on Las Ramblas and checking out the scenery, I was practicing about a dozen times or so because I was nervous and I wanted to do a good job. And after my presentation, someone comes up and says, wonderful, you've done a really amazing job. Welcome to RC34. Oh, and you had a typo on your eighth slide. And that was the wonderful Howard Williamson.

**Andreas:** Noooo way!

**Dan:** Oh yes! It was much warmer than it might read on paper. But he also was so welcoming because he made sure there was that social program that kept strong all the way up to the Melbourne event, where I feel we are well represented in the cafes and pubs and bars in whichever city we visit as any RC. And I think that's a much a mark of the strength and welcoming nature of the RC than how many papers we have.

**Andreas:** My milestone Forum was the 2012 edition in Vienna, where I decided to accept sociology as my professional home over the other potential options. I studied mathematics and ended up in youth sociology by virtue of life, and Lynne Chisholm and indeed Howard Williamson. I just love the community that we have managed to build, with a profound sense of curiosity and professional courtesy.

**Dan:** Yeah, it's a generous community! A really intellectually curious, but generous community. And it was particularly great to see how quickly our community of scholars has picked up on the effects of the pandemic on young people, despite the effects the pandemic had on themselves. The quality of understanding for the sharp issues of our times as they affect young people's lives was really profound, and I enjoyed that immensely.

**Andreas:** One last question: Looking forward to the forum in Morocco and the Congress in South Korea, what is one thing you would like to see in these?

**Dan:** I would like to see the RC find a way to build some supports for our first visitors and for PhD students and early career members beyond the social program. Outside the program itself, workshops on shared methodological interests, career questions, something for our members beyond what we've done so far.

# XX ISA World Congress of Sociology



**Resurgent Authoritarianism:**  
*Sociology of New Entanglements of  
Religions, Politics, and Economies*

Melbourne, Australia | June 25-July 1, 2023  
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre  
[www.isa-sociology.org](http://www.isa-sociology.org)



**24 sessions organised  
by our own RC34**

**5 joint sessions with RC34  
as leading organizer**

**RC34 also participated in  
5 joint sessions organised  
by other RCs**

**132 papers have been  
presented in our sessions**

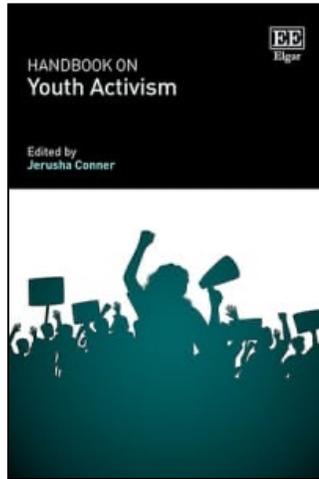
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CONTRIBUTORS!**

## Overall Congress statistics

	Number	Female	Male	Prefer not to say	Students
In-Person	3028	1678	1310	40	615
Virtual	1673	960	695	18	517
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4701</b>	<b>2638</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1132</b>



**Sociology  
of Youth**



### HANDBOOK ON YOUTH ACTIVISM

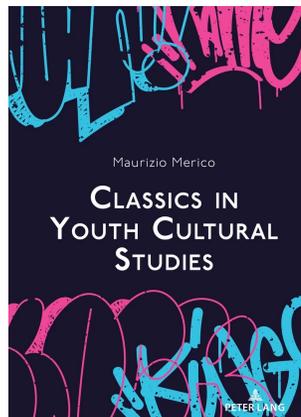
Jerusha Conner

Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024 - ISBN: 9781803923215

*Bringing together eminent scholars, rising academic stars and youth activists, this Handbook provides a unique and essential insight into the power of youth activism today. Jerusha Conner brings together contributors from the global north and south who explore youth activism through a range of multidisciplinary methods including systematic literature reviews, ethnographic studies, photo-voice exhibits and first-hand narrative accounts. Chapters cover the nature of youth activism in different geopolitical contexts, the invisible labour of youth activism, and the effects of youth activism on youth, their institutions, and societies. Presenting findings from cutting-edge research, this Handbook highlights how youth activists are sparking important conversations about what is right and what must change in their institutions, nation-states, and the world in order to secure a just and viable future for themselves and others.*

*An authoritative analysis of the field, this Handbook will be an invaluable resource for academics, students and researchers specialising in politics and public policy, sociology and social policy, education policy and the sociology of youth and childhood. It will also be of interest to youth activists and their allies to better understand, assess, and improve their movements' efficacy.*

For more information, please visit: <https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollbook/book/9781803923222/9781803923222.xml>



### CLASSICS IN YOUTH CULTURAL STUDIES

Maurizio Merico

Peter Lang, 2023 - ISBN: 9783631894859

*The book contributes to retracing the elaboration of the corpus of theoretical and methodological approaches, themes and perspectives of analysis from which contemporary research on youth cultures originates. From the privileged vantage point of sociology, the book revisits landmark moments in research on youth cultures: the analytical pathway developed by the Chicago School of Sociology on young people living in the urban mosaic; the background, contents and (in)actuality of Karl Mannheim's perspective on generations; the broad debate around the distinctive features of "youth culture" looping back around to Talcott Parsons; the analysis on youth, dissent and counterculture developed by Goodman, Roszak and Keniston; the research on youth subcultures carried out by the CCCS at Birmingham University.*

For more information, please visit: <https://www.peterlang.com/document/1297238>

## CURRENT SOCIOLOGY » NEW EDITORS » CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

**Current Sociology, the official quarterly journal of the *International Sociological Association*, and one of the oldest and most widely cited sociology journals in the world, is currently looking for new editors.**

*The current Editors of Current Sociology, Karim Murji and Sarah Neal, will complete their term of service at the end of June 2024. The ISA is now seeking expressions of interest for this position. The new editor (or editors) will take on responsibilities from July 2024. The term of office is three years, with the possibility of renewal (for two years, plus a further two years). Below is further information on the journal, the tasks associated with the editorship, and instructions on how to submit your expression of interest.*

*Current Sociology, an official journal of the International Sociological Association, is one of the world's most widely cited sociology journals. Published five times a year in English, with abstracts in Spanish and French, Current Sociology is fully peer-reviewed. It publishes original research and innovative critical commentary on current debates within sociology as a developing discipline and on the contribution that sociologists can make to understanding and influencing issues arising in a globalizing world. In recent years, there have also been occasional special 'themed sub-sections' and 'dialogues' within the regular issues. The journal welcomes papers by sociologists from all over the world.*

*The editor(s) should have a vision of the kinds of themes and debates that reflect the dynamic developments of the ISA and contribute to the advancement of sociology. The main responsibility is managing the receipt and review process, with the help of an Editorial Board made up of well-known sociologists from different continents, and compiling the issues of Current Sociology.*

**Deadline:** 3 March 2024

To find out more: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/imagen/1766-call-for-editor-2023-cs-extended.pdf>

## RESEARCHING YOUTH ON THE MOVE: METHODS, ETHICS AND EMOTIONS

A special issue of *Social Sciences* (ISSN 2076-0760) as part of the section "Childhood and Youth Studies»

**Editors:** [Carles Feixa](#) (UPF) and [Nele Hansen](#) (UPF)

*The sociology of the youth and youth cultures has left its youthful stage and has entered a phase of maturity. Since the mid-20th century, the youth in general, and youth cultures as an expression of identity that goes beyond the age group, have been studied as a metaphor for social change, the condensed image of a post-industrial society in transformation. During the first quarter of the 21st century, the digital world has been incorporated as a space for cultural expression and creativity, in which young people act as the vanguard of technological, social and mental transformations that are then transferred to the whole social body. Today, new generations of researchers from different social science fields (sociology, anthropology, social psychology, communication, education, etc.) are exploring youth cultures as a privileged research laboratory, where they can listen to emerging social trends. Nevertheless, research on youth implies important methodological and ethical challenges that are comparatively less shared and discussed. The field of methodology in youth research is still in need of improvement, development and critical reflections.*

*The purpose of this Special Issue is to compile the results of recent research on youth and youth cultures, from the perspective of the "toolbox" used and reflections on research methodologies and techniques, whether qualitative, quantitative or mixed. It also will collect articles on ethics protocols and emotional involvement in fieldwork research with young people.*

**Submission deadline:** 30 September 2024

**Publication:** 2025

**Languages:** English

To find out more: [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci/special\\_issues/7Z475A2F7J](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci/special_issues/7Z475A2F7J)

## 16<sup>TH</sup> NORDIC YOUTH RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM – YOUTH IN A JUST AND FAIR WORLD

June 12–14, 2024 » Tampere, Finland » [nyris2024.fi](https://nyris2024.fi)

*Young people around the globe are growing up amidst a plethora of socio-ecological crises. Their lives and futures are marked by climate change, wars, security concerns, social unrest and pandemics. This situation worries many young people. At the same time they are left with a feeling that their worries are ignored or that they are not heard equally to older generations. From the perspective of young people's experiences, it is imperative to ask how the older generations can ensure that the world will be safe for both the contemporary young people and future generations. The questions of a just and fair world are not only matters of political decision-making and participation but concern young people's daily lives, social relations, transitions to adulthood, youth cultures and spaces, institutions governing young lives and intergenerational interaction in general.*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> JOURNAL OF YOUTH STUDIES CONFERENCE – STOP THE CLOCK

September 3–5, 2024 » Belfast, Northern Ireland » [ulster.ac.uk/conference/journal-of-youth-studies](https://ulster.ac.uk/conference/journal-of-youth-studies)

*In a period of rapid social change and political and economic turbulence, the conference provides the opportunity to 'stop the clock' and make sense of what is going on for young people now - and to consider prospects for the future. The conference promises both international scholarly debates and exchange in critical youth studies and opportunities to immerse in the rich political and cultural life of the city. Participants will be able to engage with research papers, community tours, reflective discussion and networking opportunities with academics and practitioners interested in youth and young adulthood.*

## SAVE THE DATES

### V ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY

July 7–11, 2025 » Rabat, Morocco » [isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025](https://isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025)

### XXI ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY

July 4–10, 2027 » Gwangju, South Korea » [isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/gwangju-2027](https://isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/gwangju-2027)

## NEWS FROM THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STUDY

**Principal Investigators: Jeylan T. Mortimer, University of Minnesota**

*The Youth Development Study (YDS) addresses many topics of interest to sociologists, social psychologists, developmental psychologists, criminologists, and life course scholars. Data from the 20th survey of YDS G2 participants, and the 4th survey of G3 participants is now available at the ICPSR (Inter-university Center for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan), along with prior data from the study, at <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/ICPSR/studies/24881>.*

*The Youth Development Study (YDS) was initiated in 1988 as a school-based study of adolescent children and their parents to examine the consequences of formative experiences in adolescence for mental health, value formation, educational achievement, and multiple facets of behavioral adjustment. Particular attention was directed to the impacts of early work experiences, parent-child and peer relationships, and experiences in school. As the study continued, the focus shifted to the transition to adulthood, adult development, intergenerational mobility and, most recently, mid-life adjustment and health. This comprehensive longitudinal study encompasses three generations: a cohort studied from adolescence to mid-life (G2, 1988-2019), their parents (G1, 1988, 1991), and their adolescent children (G3, 2009-2011, 2020). Data from three generations in the same families enable study of intergenerational relationships and differences in the experience of adolescence and transition to adulthood across parent and child cohorts.*

**For Data Files, Usage Report, and Publications:**

<https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/ICPSR/studies/24881/datadocumentation>

**For Data Archive Codebook:**

<http://yds.soc.umn.edu>

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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 #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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