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In Memoriam of Henry Teune
† April 12, 2011

We sorely miss our colleague and friend Henry Teune, who passed away on April 12, 2011 at the age of 75 after battling cancer for a number of years.

Henry Teune was one of the founding members of COCTA, which originated from the legendary ad-hoc open meeting at the 1970 IPSA World Congress in Munich and, in due course, became the influential first RC of IPSA, our Political Science cousin.

In 1975 Henry co-edited COCTA's first major publication, *The Tower of Babel*, together with the RC's other founding members Giovanni Sartori and Fred Riggs. He remained an active member throughout the years up to the 2010 ISA World Congress in Gothenburg and served as COCTA's President between 1998 and 2002.

An esteemed international scholar, whose *The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry* (with Adam Przeworski) is considered a modern classic, Henry was busy in scholarly associations like ISA, IPSA and the International Studies Association (the other ISA), whose President he was in 1981-1982, while always remaining loyal to his home university: He was just completing his 50th year in the Political Science Department at the University of Pennsylvania.

The devoted academic teacher and outstanding scholar of comparative studies on local-global relations, especially concerning democratic values and practice, will be remembered. Yet, we mourn the loss of a warm and gracious friend. Rest in Peace, Henry.

COCTA News

Dear members and friends of COCTA,

not all news are good news: It is with great sorrow that we report the death of Henry Teune, who passed away in April 2011, about three years after Fred Riggs. Henry's public memorial took place on October 5, 2011.

Our previous newsletter dates back much too long. On behalf of the board, I beg your pardon for the delay. A number of communications have been sent by email in between, but some of you might not yet be aware of the multiple activities that have been going on and are underway. This extensive issue covers the upcoming 2012 ISA Forum in Buenos Aires, a draft proposal for new ISA RC35 Statutes, information on the 2014 ISA World Congress in Yokohama as well as on our participation at the 2012 IIS World Congress in Delhi, and on an invitation to contribute to ISA's online publication *Sociopedia*.

Yet, before turning to those issues, as usual, it is my great pleasure to welcome our new members! On behalf of the board I invite all members to participate in our activities and to make any proposals for conferences or other academic proceedings in the field of conceptual analysis. Do not hesitate to get in touch about any plans and to raise any concerns you might have!

The Second **ISA Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires**, Argentina, **1-4 August 2012** is about to commence and I trust you will find our RC programme interesting, rich, and in line with our tradition of offering panels reflective of our committee's members' broad and diverse interests in the field of conceptual analysis. The following pages provide some general information as well as an overview and the details of our sessions which result from a very successful call for sessions and subsequent calls for papers. Due to the large number of quality proposals submitted, our request to ISA for two extra sessions was successful.

In case you are not aware, please note that ISA supports its RCs to assign travel and registration **grants** for World Congresses and Fora. Please watch the Webpage for the upcoming World Congress for the respective information or do get in touch. We did not receive many applications for such grants for Buenos Aires (and, hence, were spared to make difficult decisions). This time, our travel grant of \$450 went to Daniela Sant' Ana who also received a registration grant together with Claudio Costa Pinheiro.

Please note that we are having our **Business Meeting** on Thursday, **August 2, at 4:15-5:45 p.m.** Our communal RC dinner will presumably take place afterwards, but please await further information by email. At the meeting, as usual, we will discuss our future plans, especially with regard to Yokohama 2014. In addition, this time, we will also discuss and **vote** on the draft for new ISA RC 35 **Statutes** which you will find below. ISA screened all RC Statutes over the last year or so, and after a lengthy process and plenty of work done, ISA recently approved of the draft. The Board proposes that we pass these statutes at the upcoming business meeting and hopes for broad approval. We urge **all of you to take a close look** at the draft as soon as possible. Please do get in touch in case of any issues you would like to raise for consideration at the business meeting!

Details for the upcoming **XVIII ISA World Congress**, taking place in **Yokohama, Japan, 13-19 July 2014** have just been announced and you will find them below. Please note that we have to submit our final list of sessions to ISA by March 1, 2013. The call for papers for the selected sessions will take place between March 31 and September 30, 2013. Hence, RC35 will have a **call for sessions** very soon and it might already have to close on January 31, 2013. If you already have any ideas or plans for organizing a COCTA session at the next World Congress, do not hesitate to get in touch!

This issue of *COCTA News* further reports on our activities at the 40th **IIS World Congress** in **Delhi, India, 16-19 February 2012** and passes on to you ISA's invitation to contribute to its online publication **Sociopedia**. Please consider this publication opportunity.

In closing, as usual, I would like to ask you to spread the word on COCTA and let your colleagues know that everyone interested in our current and future activities is cordially invited to participate. Do not hesitate to present your ideas in case you would like to propose or organize a COCTA conference or session. See you soon in Buenos Aires (or, if you cannot make it, hopefully not long after)!

On behalf of the board, cordially yours,

David Strecker

Upcoming
General Information

on the
Second ISA Forum of Sociology “Social Justice and Democratization”
Buenos Aires, Argentina
August 1-4, 2012

The **congress website** with all information concerning the congress is:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/>

For useful **practical information** (airport transfer, safety instructions, visa requirements, public transportation etc.) see here:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/practical-information.htm>

The **general congress timetable** is here:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/forum-2012-timetable.htm>

The **congress programme** can be found here:

<http://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2012/webprogram/programs.html>

And the complete **COCTA (RC35) programme** is online here:

<http://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2012/webprogram/Symposium36.html>

The main congress **venue**: is: University of Buenos Aires, Faculty of Economics, Avenida Córdoba 2122. All **COCTA** sessions are scheduled to take place at the **Faculty of Economics, New Building, Room 443**.

For the congress venues see:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/venues.htm>

And for the rooms at the main congress venue see:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/rooms.htm>

PowerPoint is supposed to be available. However, ISA advises all presenters to bring a hardcopy of their presentations as a back-up plan.

For any questions concerning your presentation and the **organization of your specific session**, please contact the organizer of that session. All details are given below.

COCTA (ISA RC35) Conference
at the
Second ISA Forum of Sociology
1-4 August 2012, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Programme Overview

Session 1: *Community: A Key Sociological Concept*
Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Session 2: *Epistemological Challenges Presented by the Experience of Modernity in Non-Western Contexts 1*
Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Session 3: *Subjectivity, Symbolic Power and Social Justice*
Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

Session 4: *Power and Slavery*
Thursday, August 2, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Session 5: *Epistemological Challenges Presented by the Experience of Modernity in Non-Western Contexts 2*
Thursday, August 2, 2012: 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

Session 6: *Postcolonialism and Decoloniality: A Dialogue*
Thursday, August 2, 2012: 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

Session 7: *RC35 Business Meeting*
Thursday, August 2, 2012: 04:15 PM - 05:45 PM

Session 8: *Global Modernity. Sociology Facing the Post-Western Age*
Friday, August 3, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Session 9: *Democracy and Democratisation*
Friday, August 3, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Session 10: *Time and Society*
Friday, August 3, 2012: 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

Session 11: *Decentering Sociology: Reconceptualizations for a Global Era*
Saturday, August 4, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Session 12: *Critical Theories: A Dialogue between Europe and Latin America*
Saturday, August 4, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Venue:

University of Buenos Aires, Faculty of Economics, New Building, Room 443, Avenida Córdoba 2122

see: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/venues.htm>

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Session 1: Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Community: A Key Sociological Concept

Session Organizers:

Pablo de Marinis, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Alejandro Bialakowsky, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Chairs:

Victoria Haidar, CONICET, Argentina

Ana Lucía Grondona, University of Buenos Aires Argentina

Presenters:

Daniel Alvaro, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

El concepto moderno de comunidad

Paulina Perla Aronson, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

La complementariedad entre comunidad y sociedad según Weber

Pablo de Marinis, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Alejandro Bialakowsky, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Notes for a sociological theory of community (Analyzing the dimensions of an endless discussion)

Gabriel Liceaga, Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Argentina

La "comunidad" como categoría de interpretación de las luchas por el territorio en la Argentina contemporánea

Mariano Sasin, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

The community of society: Some notes on the ubiquity of the notion of community in the theory of society of Niklas Luhmann (distributed paper)

Session 2: Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Epistemological Challenges Presented by the Experience of Modernity in Non-Western Contexts 1

Session Organizer:
Sergio Tavolaro, University of Brasília, Brazil

Chair:
Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, Mexico

Presenters:
Josué Silva, UNICAMP, Brazil
Critical note on citizenship in Brazil

Emil Albert Sobottka, National Council of Technological and Scientific
Development, Brazil

Maria Eduarda Ota, Pontifical Catholic University at Porto Alegre, Brazil

Joao Carlos Bassani, Pontifical Catholic University at Porto Alegre, Brazil

*From the individual feelings of injustice to the collective struggles: Challenges to
the theory of recognition*

Dimas Floriani, Universidade Federal do Paraná, Brazil

*Actores, racionalidades y redes de significación en un cuadro de modernidades
y culturas múltiples*

Daniela Sant' Ana, Federal University of Parana, Brazil

José Edmilson de Souza-Lima, FAE - Centro Universitário Franciscano do
Paraná, Brazil

Dimas Floriani, Universidade Federal do Paraná, Brazil

*Limits of the new social movements theory to comprehend the
environmentalism of the poor: A brief thematic overlook*

Session 3: Wednesday, August 1, 2012: 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

Subjectivity, Symbolic Power and Social Justice

Session Organizers:

Jochen Dreher, University of Konstanz, Germany

Hermilio Santos, Pontifícia Universidade do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Daniela Lopez, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Chair:

Daniela Lopez, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Presenters:

Thomas S. Eberle, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Social justice and the implications of actors' subjective perspectives

Hisashi Nasu, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

An alternative way to inquire into social justice

Nikita Kharlamov, Clark University, USA & Higher School of Economics, Russia

Hybrid subjectivity and understanding of social action: on the phenomenology of ambivalence

Jochen Dreher, University of Konstanz, Germany

Subjectivity, relevance and the constitution of social justice

Session 4: Thursday, August 2, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Power and Slavery

Session Organizers:

David Strecker, University of Jena, Germany

IPSA Research Committee on Political Power (RC36)

Chair:

Craig Browne, University of Sydney, Australia

Presenters:

Claudia Martinez Mullen, Rhodes University, South Africa

Neo-liberal structural powers within the workplace: Workers or slaves?

David Strecker, University of Jena, Germany

"Power and violence are opposites": Reflections on a self-delusion of political thought in light of slavery

André Drumond, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

Monarchy and slavery in the political thought of Castro Alves

Session 5: Thursday, August 2, 2012: 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

**Epistemological Challenges Presented by the Experience of
Modernity in Non-Western Contexts 2**

Session Organizer:
Sergio Tavolaro, University of Brasília, Brazil

Chair:
Sergio Tavolaro, University of Brasília, Brazil

Presenters:
Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Challenges of Global Modernity

Raewyn Connell, University of Sydney, Australia
Nour Dados, University of Sydney, Australia
Theories of market society on a world scale

Sergio Costa, Free University of Berlin, Germany
Which sociology? Exploring “non-western” interferences

Cláudio Costa Pinheiro, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Brazil
Unimagined modernities: Rabindranath Tagore’s posthumous writings and other forms of Brazilian post-colonial imagination regarding India

Session 6: Thursday, August 2, 2012: 02:30 PM - 04:00 PM

Postcolonialism and Decoloniality: A Dialogue

Session Organizer:

Gurminder K. Bhambra, University of Warwick, UK

Chair:

John Holmwood, University of Nottingham, UK

Presenters:

Gurminder K. Bhambra, University of Warwick, UK

Postcolonialism and decoloniality: A dialogue

Sujata Patel, University of Hyderabad, India

Beyond coloniality: Towards diverse epistemic positions

Saurabh Dube, El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico

Makeovers of modernity

Manuela Boatca, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

What's in a name? Postcolonialism and decoloniality as difference within sameness

Ishita Banerjee, El Colegio de México, Mexico

Through subaltern frames: Postcolonial and decolonial knowledges

Session 7: Thursday, August 2, 2012: 04:15 PM - 05:45 PM

RC35 Business Meeting

Session Organizer:

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

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Session 8: Friday, August 3, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Global Modernity: Sociology Facing the Post-Western Age

Session Organizer:

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Chair:

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Presenters:

Boris Holzer, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Productive misunderstandings: Global modernity and non-western rationalities

Sergio Tavolaro, University of Brasília, Brazil

Lilia Tavolaro, University of Brasília, Brazil

Citizenship in contemporary Brazil: A “deviant modernity”?

Rosa Reicher, University of Heidelberg, Germany

The role of globalization in cultural industries: The case of commemoration

María Aurora Romero, CIECS-CONICET-UNC, Argentina

Juan Pablo Gonnet, CIECS-CONICET-UNC, Argentina

Foucault y la sociología clásica: Un diálogo en tensión a partir del suicidio durkheimiano

Session 9: Friday, August 3, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Democracy and Democratisation

Session Organizer:

Craig Browne, University of Sydney, Australia

Chair:

David Strecker, University of Jena, Germany

Presenters:

Gilles Verpraet, SOPHIAPOL, CNRS, France

Three levels of democracy : Polis, nation, transnational solidarities

Lara Ferreira, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

Maria Fernanda Salcedo Repoles, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

Representation and equality in contemporary theories of democracy

Craig Browne, University of Sydney, Australia

Democratic revolution: Politicising the social or socialising the political

Session 10: Friday, August 3, 2012: 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM

Time and Society

Session Organizers:

Hartmut Rosa, University of Jena, Germany

Time and Society, <http://tas.sagepub.com/>

Chair:

Robert Hassan, University of Melbourne, Australia

Presenters:

Carmen Leccardi, University of Milan-Biococca, Italy

Changing time experience, changing memory: An inter-generational perspective

Georg Mueller, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

The Arab spring: A re-synchronization of socio-political clocks?

Andreas Goettlich, University of Konstanz, Germany

The »idealization of the interchangeability of phases of life«

Hartmut Rosa, University of Jena, Germany

Social time and the problem of desynchronization

Session 11: Saturday, August 4, 2012: 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Decentering Sociology: Reconceptualizations for a Global Era

Session Organizer:

Boris Holzer, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Chair:

Boris Holzer, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Presenters:

Simone Brito, Universidade Federal da Paraíba, Brazil

Against a new transcendental monster: Poor Elias in Brazil and the dilemmas of figurational sociology

Fernando Santana, Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Brazil

Traditional sociability as modernity: Critical reflections on some conceptions of "traditional" sociability in Brazil

Vinicius Forte, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil

Marina Mesquita, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil

Caio Prado júnior, marxism and coloniality of knowledge

Emiliano Gambarotta, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina

Bourdieu y lo simbólico: Mecanismos de (re)producción de la dominación y la posibilidad de su subversión (distributed paper)

Session 12: Saturday, August 4, 2012: 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Critical Theories: A Dialogue between Europe and Latin America

Session Organizer:

Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, Mexico

Chair:

Hartmut Rosa, University of Jena, Germany

Presenters:

Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, Mexico

Critical theories in Latin America

Héctor Raúl Solís Gadea, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico

José María Pérez Gay: A bridge between German critical thinking and Mexico

José Manuel Romero Cuevas, Universidad de Alcalá, Spain

Ignacio Ellacuría: A critical theory from Latin America

Emiliano Gambarotta, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina

Para una teoría crítica reflexiva: Una práctica de lectura de la dialéctica negativa de Th. W. Adorno a partir de la sociología reflexiva de P. Bourdieu

ISA RC35 Statutes

Draft Proposal for the 2012 Business Meeting

PREAMBULUM

The Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis (COCTA) promotes discussion of and research on conceptual and terminological issues within the social sciences. COCTA developed out of an Open Meeting at the 1970 World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) and was initiated by Fred Riggs and Giovanni Sartori with the aim of providing a forum for the clarification of basic social science concepts. COCTA was recognized in 1976 as IPSA RC01 (now active as 'Concepts and Methods'), in 1978 as RC35 of the International Sociological Association (ISA), and has at times also been institutionally represented within the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and the American Political Science Association (APSA). Today, as ISA RC35, COCTA continues to provide a lively forum for the discussion of social science concepts. COCTA advances academic exchange in the field of conceptual analysis specifically by participating at ISA congresses, organizing conferences, promoting publications and maintaining a newsletter.

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES

The Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis (COCTA) is a Research Committee within the International Sociological Association (ISA) aimed at promoting discussion of and research on conceptual and terminological issues within the social sciences.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Members shall either be regular members or affiliated members. Regular members shall be individuals or institutions in good standing within the ISA. Affiliated members shall be individuals or institutions interested in the activities of this Research Committee, who are not members of the ISA. All regular and affiliated members of this Research Committee shall be entitled to participate in the discussions about organizational matters at the General Business Meetings which are to be held at least once every four years and to vote as individual members according to the principle "one member, one vote", meaning that one institution also has one vote. All regular and affiliated members shall be entitled to participate in the scientific activities of the Research Committee and to receive its newsletter free of charge. All regular and affiliated members of the committee shall be obliged to uphold the Research Committee's present Statutes and to adhere to the stipulations of the present Statutes, to conscientiously fulfill the tasks entrusted to them by the General Business Meeting or other bodies of the Research Committee, and to pay their fee for the respective period (i.e. 4 years). This fee shall be fixed by the Board of the Research Committee at each General Business Meeting for both individual members and organizations. The respective amounts to be paid shall be specified in the By-Laws to the present Statutes.

By-Laws

Membership Fee

The membership fees are fixed as follows: US-\$10 for a period of four years irrespective of type of membership.

ARTICLE II: GOVERNING BODIES

The Research Committee is governed by a Steering Board consisting of a President, a Secretary, and at least three other Board members. The Secretary shall serve as the Research Committee's Treasurer, unless this role has been specifically assigned to another Board member at elections. The Steering Board is elected for a term of four years, and its members are re-eligible. The President shall not serve more than three consecutive terms. If vacancies arise in the period between elections, the President may fill them by appointment in accordance with the ISA Statutes. In case of the death, incapacitation, resignation, or other inability of the incumbent to carry out the responsibilities of the office of the President, the Research Committee's Secretary or one of the other Board members, identified by the Board, will assume the responsibilities of the President of the Board. Each member of the Board must at all times be a member in good standing of the ISA in accordance with the ISA Statutes, and a member in good standing of the Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis. Each member of the Steering Board has one vote. The Board may establish ad hoc committees for administering specific functions.

ARTICLE III: ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

The Steering Board of the Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis is elected according to the following procedures: All regular and affiliated members of this Research Committee have the right to nominate candidates for its Board. Nominated candidates shall be regular members of the Research Committee. Regular members may nominate themselves. Nominated candidates shall confirm their preparedness to accept the respective position on the Board in case they are elected and to remain a regular member in good standing for the duration of their mandate. Nominations and the respective confirmations of preparedness shall be collected by an Elections Officer. The Research Committee's Secretary shall serve as Elections Officer, unless this role has been specifically assigned otherwise. Elections are held either at General Business Meetings or by mail or email, as determined by the Board. The Secretary shall inform all members of the Research Committee about the next election at least twenty weeks before the election day.

In case of elections held at a General Business Meeting, all members of the Research Committee are entitled to request a list of the nominated candidates at any time up to ten weeks before the elections from the Elections Officer. The Elections Officer shall send a list of all the candidates nominated and prepared to accept a position on the Board if elected to all members of the Research Committee at least one week before the General Business Meeting. Further candidates may be nominated at the General Business Meeting. The size of the Board to be elected for the next term of four years as well as the function and designation of the offices to be filled in addition to the President and the Secretary are determined by the General Business Meeting prior to the election.

In case of elections held by mail or email, the Elections Officer shall send a list of all potential nominees for the next elections (all regular members of the Research

Committee) to all the members of the Committee at least twenty weeks before the election day. The Elections Officer shall prepare a ballot listing all nominated candidates along with the respective positions on the Board. The ballot shall be sent to all regular and affiliated members of the Research Committee by mail or email at least ten weeks before the election day. Regular and affiliated members shall send their ballot by mail or email to the Elections Officer.

ARTICLE IV: RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES

The Board shall provide a newsletter or equivalent to the membership at least twice annually. The Board shall take responsibility for the organization of the Research Committee's sessions at ISA World Congresses and for organizing at least one mid-term conference. The President designates the Research Committee's Delegate and Alternate to the Research Council. The Secretary shall organize the General Business Meetings and the meetings of the Board in co-operation with the President, assist the President in organizing the work of the Board and in observing the fulfillment of its decisions, serve as Newsletter Editor in case no other Board member has been entrusted with this duty, oversee the collection of the membership fees and other incomes, prepare the financial report to the Board to be accepted by the General Business Meeting, and realize the financial relations between the Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis and the ISA. The Treasurer must be discharged of his/her financial responsibilities by the General Business Meeting.

ARTICLE V: FINAL REGULATIONS

Proposal for amendments to the Statutes or By-Laws may be made by any member of the Board, or by any five members in good standing of the Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis. Amendments may be voted on either at General Business Meetings or by mail or email.

In case of amendments to be voted on at General Business Meetings, such a proposal must be received by the Board at least twenty weeks before the day of the General Business Meeting at the next ISA World Congress. The proposal will be circulated among all members of the Research Committee, together with an explanation of its rationale, at least ten weeks before the day of the General Business Meeting at the next ISA World Congress. The Board will be entitled to propose amendments, to be circulated at least ten weeks before the day of the General Business Meeting at the next ISA World Congress. The proposed amendments will be put to the consideration of the General Business Meeting, and adopted if approved by a three-quarters majority of the attendant Research Committee members.

In case of amendments to be voted on by mail or email, such a proposal must be received by the Board at least one year before the vote. The proposal will be circulated among all Research Committee members, together with an explanation of its rationale, at least six months before the vote. The Board will be entitled to propose amendments, to be circulated at least two months before the vote. The proposed amendments are adopted if approved by a two-thirds majority of all Research Committee members in good standing.

Upcoming
General Information

on the
XVIII ISA World Congress
“Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology”
Yokohama, Japan
13-19 July 2014

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<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/timetable.htm>

For information on general **deadlines** see:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/deadlines.htm>

RC35 has been allocated **14 session slots**, more than at any other ISA any of us can remember. This includes the slot for our Business Meeting as well as Joint Meetings (sessions organized in cooperation with one further RC/WG/TG), but not Integrative Sessions, which involve at least 3 Research Committees, 3 National Associations or a combination of the two. Please note that we have to submit our final list of sessions to ISA by March 1, 2013. The call for papers for the selected sessions will take place between March 31 and September 30, 2013. Hence, RC35 will have a **call for sessions** very soon and it might already have to close on January 31, 2013. If you already have any ideas or plans for organizing a COCTA session at the next World Congress, do not hesitate to get in touch!

Applications for **grants** must be made by January 31, 2014 by the participants directly to the RC programme coordinator. One can apply for a grant to only one RC/WG/TG. The ISA Secretariat will advise the RC/WG/TG if someone has applied to/been recommended by/ more than one group for the various types of grants. It is recommended to avoid repetition of the same persons who received grants for a previous conference. Grants will be paid by the ISA directly to the selected individuals. Two categories of grants have been established for active participants in the RC/WG/TG programmes. **Registration grants** for individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference), who play an active role in the conference programme either as programme coordinator, session organiser/chair or paper-giver. **Travel/accommodation grants** for individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference) resident in countries listed in economies B or C who play an active role in the conference programme either as programme coordinator, session organiser/chair, panellist, discussant and/or paper-giver. COCTA may allocate \$750 as grants.

Past Events

ISA RC35 Sessions

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40th IIS World Congress

“After Western Hegemony: Social Science and Its Publics”

Delhi, India

16-19 February 2012

COCTA has organized one session regularly at World Congresses of the International Institute of Sociology lately. For this year's congress in Delhi we were able to receive two slots and both were very successful. Turnout peaked at approximately 30 participants at each session, and discussions were lively and stimulating. Many of you were present, but for those who were unable to be there, please see below for some detailed information on the congress and our sessions.

The **congress website** is:

<http://www.scasss.uu.se/iis/iis2012/index.htm>

The complete **programme book** can be found here:

http://www.scasss.uu.se/iis/iis2012/programme_book.pdf

The final programme of the two **COCTA sessions** was:

Rethinking Slavery After Western Hegemony

Friday, 17 February, 14:50-16:20

Session Convener & Chair: David Strecker, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena

Unfree Labour in India: Looking at Diversity and Change in a Structural Context

Wendy Olsen, University of Manchester, UK

Global Inequalities Unbound: Transnational Processes and Transregional Entanglements

Manuela Boatca, Free University Berlin, Germany

*Can We Make Sense of the Distinction between Free and Unfree Labour?
Contemporary Slavery and the Free Market*

David Strecker, University of Jena, Germany

Slavery and the Division of Labourers

William F. Stafford Jr., University of Delhi, India

and:

Global Modernity: The New World Historical Constellation and its Implications for Sociology

Saturday, 18 February, 14:50-16:20

Session Convener & Chair: Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore

Normative Global Modernity

Thomas Gutmann, University of Münster, Germany

Global Modernity from a Viewpoint of Cultural Sociology: China within East Asia and Related with Global Context

Kenichi Kawasaki, Komazawa University, Tokyo, Japan

Sociology and the Current Great Transformation

Elisa P. Reis, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Global Modernity: Empirical Realities and Discursive Transformations in the Post-Western Age

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore

Sociopedia

Invitation to contribute to ISA's online publication

ISA invites its members to contribute to its online publication *Sociopedia*. All information on the publication can be found here:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/sociopedia-isa/>

Sociopedia.isa is an online database with 'state-of-the-art' review articles in social sciences. It guarantees users that the reviews are up-to-date and will be updated on a regular basis. Each entry has a discussion section to supplement it.

Information on the structure of entries:

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