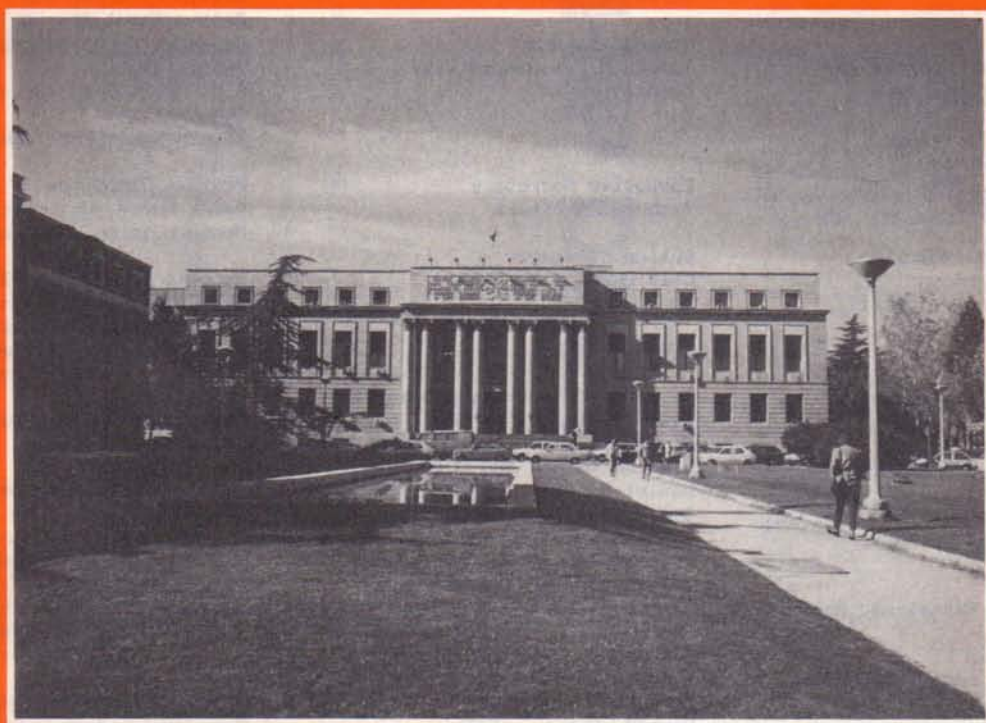


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A LETTER FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

I have now been involved in the ISA for nearly twenty years. The reasons for this are bound up in a wealth of experiences like this sample: possessing an address book with more foreign than domestic entries, receiving honorary Yoruba sonship for my children, discussing cybernetics at the bottom of a Polish salt mine, having had Sterling refused as non-convertible, getting several articles a week from members I have never met and repeatedly failing to spin wool in a Tibetan Refugee camp. Why mention all this personalia? Because if and when there is no great chasm between life and sociology then their relationship is on roughly the right lines. There must always be an interface between them for a sociology which distances itself from living becomes lifeless: worse it is deadening for we then work to prop-up tottering theories and methods instead of them working for us. Correspondingly society is the inescapable framework of every action and to live without any discursive understanding of its constraining and facilitating pressures paralyses effective actions by delusion of untrammelled freedom. The ISA comes into its own at this intersection.

The Association is a strong force for the internationalization of experience. Personal contacts and scholarly exchanges within it have two highly desirable effects - anti-parochialism and anti-imperialism. Contact with colleagues whose working environment focuses their thinking (however sophisticated its theoretical terms) on fundamental problems of famine, discrimination, injustice, repression and scarcity is the best antidote to the degenerate luxury of Modernism: namely the corroding beliefs of a well-fed imagination that our subject matter is merely an infinity of underdetermined self-made conceptions and that our calling is no higher than to talk and talk about talk.

On the other hand international exchange is the constructive corrective for delusions of grandeur amongst those who over-hastily claim universality for their particularistic perspectives. Yet learning from approaches grounded in other cultures is never an endorsement of relativism, never a matter of 'going native' several times over, never an ultimate in sociological tourism. What is constructive is that our theories confront the unexpected and must then be recast or cast off, our positions have to deal with

the unprecedented or go under, and our concepts are stretched or stand revealed as provincial pretenders. Taken together these affects of internationalization promote Sociology for One World, which to me personally could stand as the academic charter of the ISA.

Exceptionally important in this mission is that the ISA enjoys autonomy: we are free to be ourselves. Unlike many national organizations of sociologists we are not a professional association but an association of professionals. Our vested interests are not in bargaining or accrediting and far from being defensive or protective or exclusive our every interest lies in reaching out to the 100,000 or more professional sociologists worldwide, who themselves are the tip of an ice-berg of postgraduates, young researchers and students. Again unlike many national associations and research institutes the ISA is comparatively immune to governmental intervention, political interference and administrative direction, but given this autonomy the other face of privilege is responsibility. It means we must set our own standards - of academic quality, mutual respect, unrestricted exchange and fast learning. We also set our own agendas and plan our own research programmes and can do so without hidden curricula, the mobilization of bias or communication distorted by dependency. Since no-one knows these wily devils better than we do, nobody should be quicker than us at casting them out of our own community.

If sociology is rapidly becoming the main mode of discourse about ways of living - in all parts of the world and with relevance to all other disciplines - then the development of the boldest, broadest and best quality discourse is something that we can bring about ourselves, in advance of national governments and societies and not at their behest or on their terms. Nevertheless the Sociology for One World which the ISA can promote through its internationalism and autonomy will only be worth having if our organization fundamentally respects human dignity in its dealings and if our discipline universally acknowledges the 'principle of humanity' in its theorizing.

The structural conditions are propitious but it is what we as agents do with them over the next years which will determine how forcefully the ISA can withstand multifarious pressures for sociological degeneration and how vital a force it can be for sociological elaboration.

Margaret Archer
University of Warwick, Easter 1987

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FROM THE SECRETARIAT

This is the first Bulletin to reach you out from the new Secretariat in Madrid. We have to apologize for the delay in producing this issue caused by the numerous problems connected with the organization of new offices in Madrid. Although the actual relocation of the Secretariat from Amsterdam to Madrid went relatively smoothly, inevitably there have been practical difficulties to overcome in establishing new routines, despite our warm welcome here. The personnel of the Secretariat who is striving to make the offices fully operational as soon as possible, would like to request your patience with any inconvenience this situation might have caused.

The personnel of the Secretariat consists of two permanent employees: Izabela Barlinska, Executive Secretary, and Luis Moreno, Business Manager. In the first difficult transition months they have been assisted by Sergio Contreras Villa.

Izabela Barlinska, Executive Secretary, has been cooperating with the ISA since 1978 when she helped during the IX World Congress of Sociology in Uppsala and then became an assistant to Magdalena Sokolowska, Vice-President (1978-82) of the ISA, at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. In 1982 she worked at the ISA Secretariat in Montreal helping in the preparations for the X World Congress of Sociology in Mexico City, and in the years 1983-1986 she worked as a Deputy Executive Secretary in the ISA Secretariat in Amsterdam. Izabela obtained an AM in English language and literature from the University of Warsaw in 1978.

Sergio Contreras Villa is also well known to the ISA members. He joined the ISA Secretariat in Montreal in 1981-1982 when after finishing his studies at the Catholic University of Santiago (Chile), he was selected for a training project designed by then ISA Executive Secretary, Kurt Jonassohn. In 1985-86 he helped at the ISA Secretariat in Amsterdam in preparations for the XI World Congress of Sociology and in November 1986 he moved to Madrid to take care of practicalities



In the background: Luis Moreno

In the front: Sergio Contreras and Izabela Barlinska

indispensable for functioning of the ISA in Spain. Sergio is now leaving us to return to Chile. We thank him for his past services to the ISA and wish him all the best in the future.

Luis Moreno was appointed in January 1987 from a great number of applicants to hold the post of a Business Manager. Luis is responsible for membership administration and general financial matters of the ISA. Luis is a graduate of the School of Journalism in Madrid and a licenciado in Mass Communication from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid. In the years 1983-86 he studied at the University of Edinburgh (UK) where he obtained a Ph.D. presenting his dissertation on political decentralisation and regional policies in Scotland and Catalonia. His research and publications focus on the issues of ethnic nationalism, minority nations and federalism. Among his past activities, Luis likes to mention his commitment (1974-79) to a self-managed publishing company of journals, magazines and books.

The Secretariat is hosted by the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), the Spanish Council for Scientific Research. The CSIC was established in 1939 replacing the Board for Further Study and Scientific Research, set up in 1907, and the National Foundation for Scientific Research, created in 1931. The CSIC is an autonomous unit of the Ministry of Education and Sciences, with its own legal status and its own assets. It is the largest multidisciplinary research body in Spain and among its functions are the planning and pursuit of scientific activity, thus contributing to the development of national priorities in science and technology. The CSIC plays an important role in the dissemination of scientific information and documentation throughout the country. It collaborates in the training of research personnel and acts as a channel for a large proportion of the country's international scientific cooperation.

Everyday life of the Secretariat is regularly punctuated by the international visits that are always interesting to us. During the past few months the following visited us: Orlando Albornoz (Venezuela) President of the Research Committee on Sociology of Education; Daniel Bertaux (France) of the ISA Executive Committee and President of Research Committee on Biography and Society; Tom Bottomore (England) who was the ISA Executive Secretary (1952-59) and the President (1974-1978), and is now President of the Research Committee on History of Sociology; Maria Carrilho (Portugal) of the ISA Publications Committee and Board member of the Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolutions; Jacques Coenen-Huther (Switzerland) of the ISA Publications Committee; John Gavin (England) Sales Manager of SAGE Publications Ltd.; Elizabeth Jelin (Argentina) of the ISA Executive Committee; Manfred Kuechler (USA) of the Research Coordinating Committee and President of the Research Committee on Logic and Methodology in Sociology, who helped us to set-up the Secretariat computer system; Derek Phillips (The Netherlands) of the Institute of Sociology, University of Amsterdam.

In cooperation with the Colegio Nacional de Doctores y Licenciados en Ciencias Politicas y Sociologia and Faculty of Political Sciences and Sociology of the Universidad Complutense in Madrid, we have organized public lectures of Daniel Bertaux, Tom Bottomore and Derek Phillips.

The Secretariat has also enjoyed several visits of our Spanish colleagues and frequent working meetings with Salvador Giner (University of Barcelona) an Executive Committee Delegate to the Secretariat. We hope that it is taken for granted that all members passing through Madrid are welcome to visit our new premises.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the new (1986-1990) Executive Committee, Publications Committee, Membership and Finance Committee, and the Research Coordinating Committee, took place in Fontevraud (France) on March 2 through 6, 1987. The meetings were hosted by the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and we would like to thank its Director Jacques Lautman for this generous invitation.

During the Publications Committee meetings, chaired by Artur Meier, the reports on Current Sociology (James Beckford, Editor), International Sociology (Martin Albrow, Editor) and Sage Studies in International Sociology (Wilfried Dumon, Editor) were presented. T.K. Dommen (India) was appointed associate editor of International Sociology. See the inlay pages of this Bulletin for the content of forthcoming issues of the two journals.

The change of editorial policy of the SSIS, prepared by the Series' ex-editor Céline Saint-Pierre, present editor Wilfried Dumon and Stephen Barr from Sage Publications, was approved. Apart from the traditional way of selecting manuscripts resulting from the World Congress sessions, Research Committees are invited to submit proposals for publishing books covering their field of competence.

Special discussion was devoted to the problem of soft-currency subscriptions to Current Sociology and International Sociology. On the basis of the proposal prepared by a special Working Group consisting of Velichko Dobrianov (Chairman, Bulgaria), Kalmar Kulcsar (Hungary), Jolanta Kulpinska (Poland), Artur Meier (GDR), Gennady Osipov (USSR) and Frantisek Zich (CSRR), it was approved to start a two-year trial period of selling in local currency a limited number of Current Sociology and International Sociology to the national associations of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Poland, USSR and Yugoslavia.

The Membership and Finance Committee, chaired by Wilfried Dumon, reviewed the present financial situation of the ISA which after facing a deficit of \$ 35,000 resulting from the XI World Congress of Sociology, represents a rather grim picture. A proposal for changing the dues structure of the ISA collective members was presented but it is still subject to the ISA Council approval.

A new collective member of the ISA in Category "A" was approved: Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association. We shall also welcome new collective members in Category "B" - Conseil Africain des Sociologues et Anthropologues (Université de Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire), in Category "C": Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo (Lima, Peru), Instituto de Sociología Aplicada (Madrid, Spain), Service de la Recherche de la République et Canton de Genève (Genève, Suisse), Instituto de Estudios Sociales (Montevideo, Uruguay), and in Category "E": Sociedad Española de Profesores de Sociología (Spain).

The Research Coordinating Committee chaired by Else Øyen, granted newsletter subsidies for 1987 (\$ 800 each) to the following 11 research committees: Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution, Community Research, Sociology of Education, Future Research, Regional and Urban Development, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Sport, Sociology of Migration, Logic and Methodology in Sociology, Sociology of Youth, Sociology of Art. Deadline for submitting applications for the 1988 subsidy was set for August 1st, 1988.

A change in the name of the Research Committee on Sociotechnics was approved and it has become Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice.

A kind invitation was received from the Yugoslav Sociological Association to hold the 1988 Research Council meeting in Ljubljana. A 4-day meeting will take place late on August 28-31, 1988. One day of the meeting will be devoted to administrative matters, three other days to an academic discussion on "Cross-Cultural and International Research: theory, methods, projects, organizations". Each research committee will be invited to present a paper on this topic or any other topic of interest to other research committees, and a report of activities.

XII World Congress of Sociology. Considering conflicting dates of the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association and the International Association of Economic History, it was decided to hold the XII World Congress of Sociology either in the second half of June or beginning of December 1990. By the end of 1987 a special commission consisting of the President and three Vice-Presidents will evaluate received invitations to hold the Congress and in consultation with other members of the Executive Committee, will select a site of the 1990 World Congress of Sociology.

The composition of the Program Committee chaired by Artur Meier, underwent preliminary discussions. The first meeting of the Program Committee is scheduled for February 25-28, 1988 in Rome, Italy.

Appointment of the ISA delegates to the United Nations:

UN New York: Else Øyen, Melvin Kohn (alternate)
UN Vienna: Paolo Ammassari, Max Haller (alternate)
UN Geneva: Daniel Bertaux, Jacques Coenen-Huther (alternate).

ISA OFFICERS 1986-1990

We are presenting below short information, as submitted to the Secretariat or compiled from other sources, and photos of the present officers of the ISA Executive Committee and its Sub-Committees.

PRESIDENT 1986-1990

Margaret S. ARCHER

Within the ISA she has edited Current Sociology, been President (1978-82) of the Research Committee on Sociology of Education, and Chairperson (1982-1986) of the Publications Committee, whilst serving on the Executive Committee. She completed her doctoral thesis at the London School of Economics and also studied at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris. Her books include Social Conflict and Educational Change in England and France: 1789-1848 (with M. Vaughan), C.U.P. 1971, Contemporary Europe: Class, Status and Power (Ed. with S. Giner), Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1971, and Contemporary Europe: Social Structures and Cultural Patterns (Ed. with S. Giner), Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1978; Students, University and Society (Ed.) Heinemann, 1972; Social Origins of Educational Systems, Sage, 1979; The Sociology of Educational Expansion (Ed.), Sage, 1979. Her latest book Culture and Agency: the Place of Culture in Social Theory is in press with C.U.P.

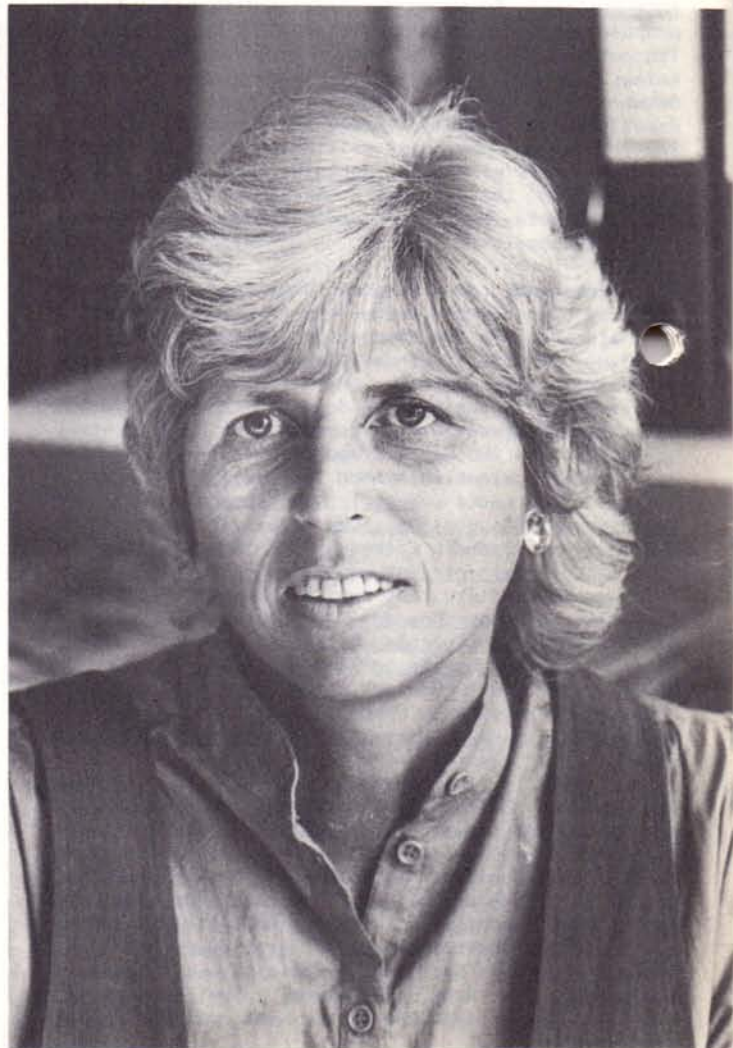
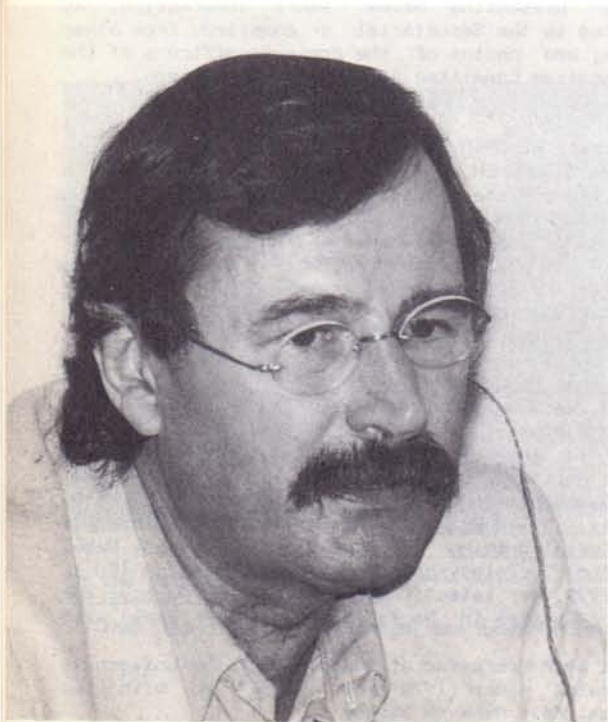
She has been Professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick since 1979 and is married with two children. Main hobby - horses.



From left to right:

Margaret Archer and Wilfried Dumon

Below: Artur Meier and Else Øyen



VICE-PRESIDENTS 1986-1990:

Wilfried DUMON

ISA Vice-President (1986-90) in charge of Membership and Finance Committee, Editor (1986-) of Sage Studies in International Sociology, Executive Committee member (1982-86), Secretary (1978-82) of the Research Committee on Family Research.

He obtained Ph.D. in political and social sciences at the Catholic University Leuven (Belgium), doctor honoris causa at the University of Uppsala (Sweden). Currently is Professor of Sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium. Editor of International Migration, author of numerous publications in the field of sociology of migration and family studies.

Artur MEIER

ISA Vice-President (1986-90) in charge of the Publications and Programme Committees; has served before on the ISA Executive Committee (1982-86), Publications Committee (1977-86), Research Committee on Sociology of Education (Vice-President 1978-86).

He has completed his education at the Humboldt University at Berlin and the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of the GDR. At present is Director and Professor at the Institute of Sociology of Humboldt University in Berlin, GDR.

Research and publication areas: sociology of education - particularly life long education and comparative education, sociological theory, sociological aspects of peace research.

Else ØYEN

ISA Vice-President (1986-90) in charge of the Research Council and Research Coordinating Committee; has served on the Executive Committee since 1982; represents (1986-90) ISA at the International Social Science Council (Unesco) and United Nations in New York.

For nine years (1978-86) she was President of the Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy.

She is Professor of Social Policy and Social Administration since 1975, author of several books and articles on sociology, social policy and comparative studies. The latest is Comparing Welfare States and their Futures (Gower 1986), which she has edited. She has held visiting professorships at the Australian National University, Canberra, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, Bielefeld, FRG.

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Member (1986-1990) of the ISA Executive and Research Coordinating Committees, Member of the Research Committee on Alienation Theory and Research.

Current position: Acting Head of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Ife, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Received her Ph.D. at the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

Area of specialization: industrial sociology, women's studies.

Martin ALBROW

Editor (1986-) of International Sociology, Member (1984-) of the ISA Publications Committee, President (1985-87) of the British Sociological Association.

He studied history at Cambridge University and sociology at the London School of Economics. He was given a Ph.D. by Cambridge University in 1973 for his work on bureaucracy and organizations. He was appointed to a Chair in Sociological Theory in

Cardiff in 1976, has headed the Sociology Department there and since 1983 been Director of the Cardiff Population Centre.

He has been Editor of Sociology 1981-84. His main publication is Bureaucracy (Macmillan, 1970) published in six languages, and articles on Max Weber, values, systems, paradigms, and British sociology.

Paolo AMMASSARI

Member (1986-1990) of the ISA Executive Committee and ISA representative to the U.N. in Vienna, Board member (1971-82) of Research Committee on Sociology of Work, Board member (1972-) and Vice-President (1982-) of the Research Committee on Social Stratification; Vice-President (1984-) of the International Institut of Sociology, Executive Committee member (1985-) of the Italian Sociological Association.

Present position: Chair Professor of Methodology of Social Research, Faculty of Statistics, and Director of School of Sociology and Social Research, University of Rome, Italy

Degrees: Doctor in Political Sciences, University of Florence, Italy, Ph.D. in Sociology and Anthropology, Michigan State University, USA

Area of research and publications: methodology, general sociology, stratification theory and social mobility.

Stephen BARR

Acquisition editor for sociology at the London offices of Sage Publications. Since the beginning of 1987 is responsible for the production of two ISA publications Current Sociology and Sage Studies in International Sociology.

He has worked in publishing since graduating from the University of Oxford with a degree in modern history. After working for a year at Europa Publications in London, he spent four years in the social science department at Cambridge University Press, dealing with a wide range of publications in politics and history as well as sociology and anthropology. He subsequently moved to a new publishing enterprise in Britain, the Open University Press, where he developed lists in sociology and social policy. He joined Sage in 1986.

Daniel BERTAUX

Member (1986-1990) of the ISA Executive and Research Coordinating Committees, ISA representative to the U.N. in Geneva, Founder (1984) and President (1986-) of the Research Committee on Biography and Society; Executive Committee member of the Société Française de Sociologie.

He studied at the Ecole Polytechnique (Aeronautics Engineer), University of California at Berkeley (Master of Science), Université de Sorbonne (Licence de sociologie).

Current position: Research Director at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Centre d'Etude des Mouvements Sociaux, Paris, France.

Areas of specialization and publications: social mobility (sociological theories, quantitative and qualitative empirical research), qualitative methodology (life histories, family histories), artisan class of food production in France (case of bakers), student movements in the 60's in France and other countries, theory of anthropology.

James BECKFORD

Member of the ISA Publications Committee, Editor (1980-87) of Current Sociology, Past President (1982-86) of the Research Committee on Sociology of Religion.

He obtained his Ph.D. in 1972, D. Litt in 1986; is senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Durham.

His main publications include The Trumpet of



Top: Daniel Bertaux, Simi A. Afonja

Middle: Maria Carrilho, Paolo Ammassari

Below (clockwise): James Beckford, Velichko Dobrianov

Jacques Dofny, Jacques Coenen-Huther

Kurt Jonassohn and Martin Albrow



Prophecy, Cult Controversies, and New Religious Movements and Rapid Social Change.

Maria CARRILHO

Member (1986-90) of the ISA Publications Committee, Board member (1986-) of Current Sociology, Board member (1986-) of the Research Committee on Armed Forces and Conflict Resolutions, Vice-President of the Portuguese Sociological Association. She completed her academic training in Italy, France and Portugal. At present is Professor of Political Sociology at the Lisbon University, Portugal. She is the author of several sociological articles and books; main publication: Armed Forces and Political Change in Portugal in the XXth century (Lisboa, Imprensa Nacional, 1985). Her research is now focused on democratic consolidation and the role of the military.

Leo P. CHALL

Editor of Sociological Abstracts (sponsored by the ISA), Social Planning/Policy and Development Abstracts, Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts.

He has been cooperating with the ISA for several years; has published, among others, special ISA World Congresses' editions of Sociological Abstracts. Since 1986 a full member of the ISA Publications Committee.

Jacques COENEN-HUTHER

Member (1986-1990) of the ISA Publications Committee, Associate Editor (1986-) of International Sociology. After studying social work and sociology, he graduated and obtained his doctorate from the Brussels Free University where he still is an Associate Member of the Institute of Sociology. He worked for the Dutch Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Recreation and Social Welfare in the Hague, in the UN-sponsored European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research in Vienna, for the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, and spent one year in a kibbutz of Western Galilee. Currently is Research Fellow and Lecturer at the University of Geneva. He also teaches at Lausanne Polytechnic.

He is the author of Le fonctionnalisme en sociologie: et après? (Brussels, Editions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 1984).

Velichko DOBRIANOV

Member (1986-1990) of the ISA Publications Committee, Board member (1982-) of Current Sociology. Graduated in philosophy from the Moscow State University; at present is Director of the Institute of Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and Head of the Department of History of Sociology at the same Institute; he is also Director of the International Varna Sociological School. Areas of research and publications: theory and history of sociology, social indicators, way and quality of life, sociology of technology. Member of the Editorial Board, then Editor (1974-78), of Sociologicheski Problemi.

Jacques DOFNY

Member of the ISA since 1953, has held several posts: Member (1978-82) of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Publications Committee, Vice-President 1982-1986, ISA representative (1986-90) to the International Social Science Council. He studied in Louvain (Belgium) and Paris where at the Université de Sorbonne obtained Ph.D. in Sociology. At present is Professor of Sociology at the Sociology Department, University of Montreal (Canada). Author of numerous books and articles in the field of sociology of work, social classes and trade unions, socialism and problems of nationalism, racial

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Member (1981-1990) of the ISA Publications Committee, Board Member (1977-) of Sage Studies in International Sociology, President (1972-82) of the Research Committee on Social Practice and Social Transformation.

Is head of the Punta de Lanza Foundation, an independent action research organization in Bogotá. He is former dean of sociology at the National University of Colombia. He is the author of Subversion and Social Change in Colombia (1969), Révolutions inachevées en Amérique Latine (1972), Historia de la cuestión agraria en Colombia (1975), Historia doble de la Costa: Mompos y Loba (I) and El Presidente Nieto (II) (1979-81). He is holder of the Bruno Kreisky Award (1981).

Salvador GINER

Member (1983-90) of the ISA Executive Committee and its Delegate to the ISA Secretariat in Madrid; Member of the ISA Publications Committee (1986-90), Associate Editor (1986-) of International Sociology, Vice-President of the Federation of Spanish Sociological Associations.

He completed his studies at the University of Barcelona (Ph.D. in Law) and at the University of Chicago (M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology). At present is Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Barcelona. Author of various studies and books on European social structures - especially Mediterranean societies, and on sociological theory.

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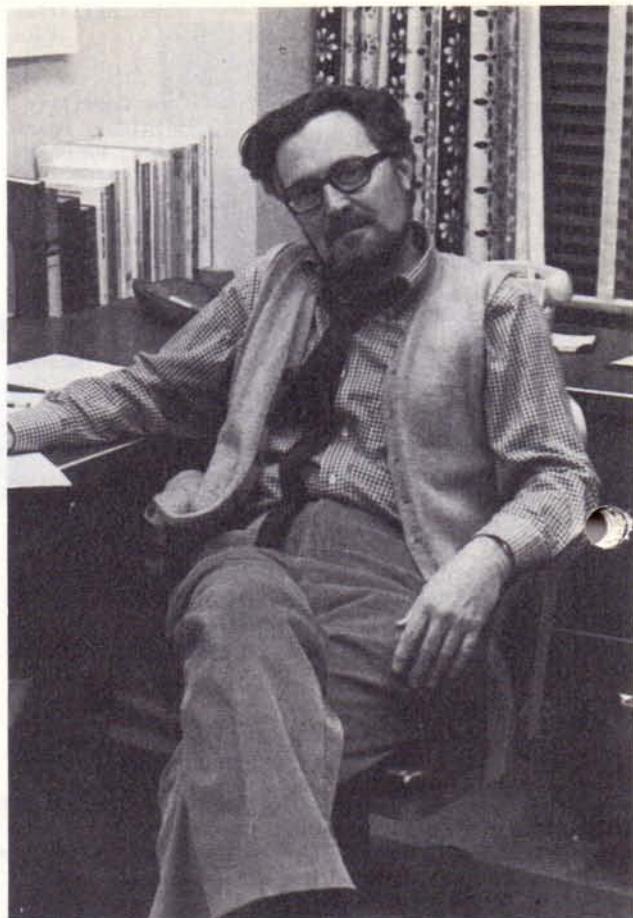
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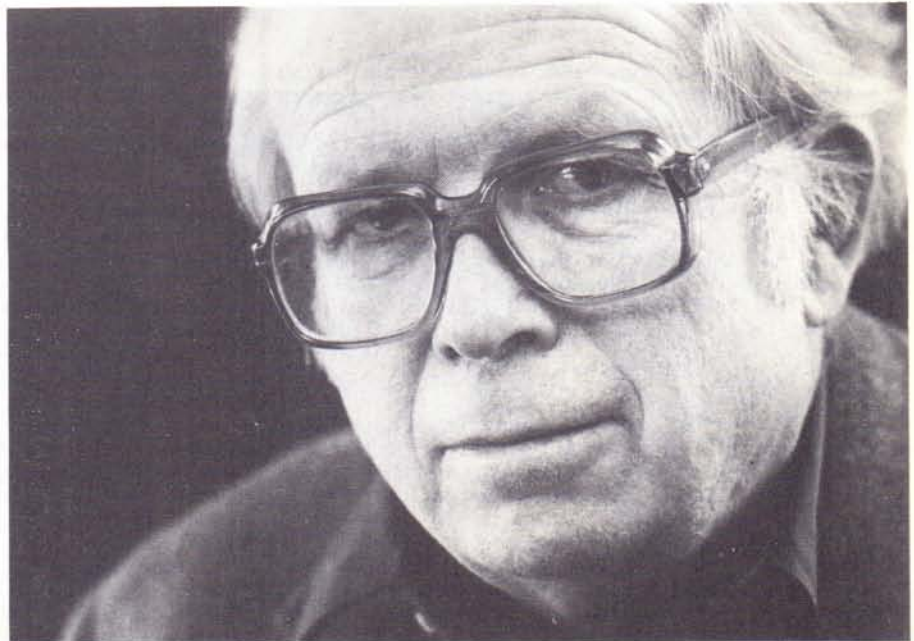
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THE XI WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY: AN EVALUATION

by T.K. Oommen, Secretary-General of the Indian National Organizing Committee

On the whole the evaluation of the Congress is very positive both in terms of its academic standard and organizational efficiency. Let us hear a ten percent sample of foreign delegates who responded.

- "Frankly, on the basis of our only other World Congress of Sociology held in a developing country (the last held in Mexico City) I expected considerable confusion and disorganization. Instead, I found our New Delhi meetings very well organized, most pleasant and productive". An American delegate.
- "I enjoy this opportunity to thank the INOC for the very stimulating and pleasant stay we had in your country. The 'New Delhi Year' will be remembered of by a great many sociologists." A French delegate.
- "In every respect, I consider the Congress as highly successful both from an academic and organizational point of view." A delegate from Turkey.
- "The organization of the Congress was ... perfect". An Australian delegate.
- "The organization of such a Congress is a thankless, difficult and important job that the host take on, and I am grateful that some people continue to volunteer for the task. Those of us who went to India will never forget it." A delegate from Canada.
- "I was most pleased by almost every aspect of my brief experience in India, and greatly impressed by the unflinching courtesy of many individuals who tried so hard to make our visit both pleasant and memorable." An American delegate.
- "... A Congress which appeared to attract nothing but positive comments." A British delegate.
- "This is one of the best ever." An Indian settled in Canada.

A great effort was made to produce a more detailed better grounded assessment of the ISA Congress as a whole. This short report is based on 'data' collected from two sources: evaluations sent to the Secretary-General of the Indian National Organizing Committee (INOC) of the XI World Congress of Sociology by foreign delegates and the comments made at the special session on the XI World Congress on the occasion of XVIII Indian Sociological Conference in May 1987.

The request for a short evaluation of their sessions (totalling around 500) was sent to all the session organizers of Symposia, Research Committees (RCs), Working and Ad-Hoc Groups. However, only about 90 session organizers responded; eighty of them are non-Indians and the remaining Indians. Notwithstanding the specifications in terms of length (one double-space typed page) and content (academic and organizational) of evaluation, the responses belong to a wide variety.

Some of the reports run into several pages (the longest being 18 pages) while some others are just a few lines; some of the RCs have sent a consolidated report of all their sessions while others have despatched reports on specific sessions; some of the session organizers have just reproduced the details available in the programme book while others have provided an extended report on their complete activities; some have commented only on organizational matters while others have confined their evaluation to the academic content. Only a few

evaluations fall in line with the intended size, format and content. Therefore, it is not possible to arrive at a comprehensive and satisfactory evaluation of the Congress, through these responses. However, the broad trend of evaluation is clearly discernable.

Foreign Delegates' Evaluation

An important pre-requisite for the successful convening of a World Congress is adequate and efficient communication to all parts of the world. Notwithstanding the existence of established communication channels, the Bulletins of International Sociological Association and the publications of national associations affiliated to ISA, it seems that information about the Congress has not reached all the prospective delegates. An indirect measure of this is the extremely limited responses from potential paperwriters even by the closing date set for this purpose, September 1985, by ISA. Much of the responses to write papers came through the session organizers' informal communications. This in turn had its predictable consequence; the paper writers were largely drawn from the network of session organizers with a disproportionate representation from his/her country, nationality, region, 'ethnic' collectivity or professional-ideological background. The Programme Committee of ISA, it was suggested by several commentators, should give considerable thought to improve the dissemination of information in time to the widest possible constituency so that the paper writers are drawn from a more representative background.

Quite a few session organizers were upset as the majority of the paper writers in their sessions (in one case, none) did not finally attend the Congress despite their serious intention. Therefore, some of the sessions were cancelled, some others got combined and still others were overly thin in terms of paper presentations. While a minuscule number of those who dropped out at the last moment did so due to personal reasons, the overwhelming majority of absentees were those who could not raise adequate financial assistance or those who did not receive the promised help, even that of ISA, in time. Understandably, the majority of absentees were from the Third World countries, particularly from Latin America and Africa, given the magnitude of expenses they had to incur in coming to distant New Delhi. It is instructive to recall here that the delegates from Africa and Latin America were only 40 and 45 respectively. Even the Asian delegates (excluding Indian delegates) numbered only 90.

On the other hand, several session organizers have accepted/admitted a large number of papers, sometimes as many as 12, for a three-hour session. This happened due to a variety of factors. The two most frequently mentioned reasons are, ensuring representation to various categories and facilitating the funding of individual delegates as most institutions insist on presentation of research papers as a pre-requisite to extend financial help. The cluttering of sessions with too many papers resulted in three basic difficulties: uneven quality of papers, inadequate time for paper presenters and choking of serious discussion. Many session organizers feel that the optimum number for a three-hour session should be five carefully written papers.

The fact that the delegates were drawn from a wide variety of linguistic backgrounds did adversely affect smooth communication within sessions. Several session organizers feel that arrangement for simultaneous interpretation to and providing written summary in some of the widely spoken languages would enormously improve the situation.

An observation in regard to the experience relating to the reproduction of research papers may be in order here. An announcement in ISA Bulletin did

create some communication gap and therefore all the paper writers did not submit the prescribed two copies of their papers to INOC in time. However, copies of all the papers submitted to INOC were reproduced and made available to those delegates, on a moderate price and a large number of participants availed of this facility.

As for the physical aspects of the Congress organization two negative comments were frequently made. First, the dispersal of the Congress venue into three sites has created difficulties in ensuring the presence of delegates at the relevant site at the expected time inspite of the availability of free and efficient transportation between the sites. Further, the rooms at on of the sites were not air-conditioned which created some understandable annoyance particularly on the part of delegates from Europe and North America, given the humid climate of New Delhi in August. Second, some of the rooms assigned to RCs were not big enough to accommodate comfortably all the enthusiastic participants in some of the popular sessions.

I would like to note here two positive comments, in fact frequently referred to as special and/or very successful features of the New Delhi Congress. First, the medical service provided by the INOC. Second, the efficient dissemination of information through the Daily Bulletin of the Congress regarding a variety of matters.

The most frequent negative comment related to the difficulties experienced in obtaining visas. However, most commentators are acutely aware of the sheer helplessness of INOC in this context and highly appreciative of the efforts made by it in this regard.

The Indian Response.

The total number of Indian delegates were 1050; of this 50% were Life Members of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS), which stood at 1100 at the time of the Congress; around 100 were research scholars including volunteers and the rest were non-members of ISS, of which quite a few were drawn from cognate disciplines such as anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, history, geography, education and social work. The large Indian attendance in the XI World Congress is to be viewed against the background of two pieces of information: (1) The attendance for ISS Conferences ranges only between 200 and 300, and (2) The number of Indian delegates for the previous World Congresses varied between a mere five to fifty.

From all accounts delegates came from all the states of India; from small colleges, small towns, even remote corners. It is no exaggeration to suggest that communication regarding the Congress penetrated into all parts of the country. This was achieved through the following devices. First, dissemination of information through (a) specially prepared World Congress brochures (b) advertisements about the Congress in as many as 15 social science journals, (c) several press conferences by the INOC. Second, drastic reduction in the registration fee for Indian delegates, the INOC taking the responsibility of raising funds on their behalf. Third, providing financial assistance for travel, boarding and lodging to every Indian delegate who requested it. Fourth, liaising with Vice-Chancellors of Universities, Directors of Research Institutes and Principals of Colleges so that submitting a research paper was not made mandatory by them for extending financial assistance to the intending delegates from their organizations.

The ISA received 1253 abstracts of research papers, a 13% increase over the X Congress. Although

400 Indian delegates presented papers in the XI Congress only 250 submitted abstracts of their papers. And, only about 100 could submit the abstracts in time to ISA. (This clearly points to the gap in communication, I have referred to earlier, in regard to Congress information). Sixty Indians worked as chairpersons, discussants and/or rapporteurs. Notwithstanding this substantial "Indian presence" in the Congress it was generally observed that the Indian delegates' participation was circumscribed in terms of "Indian issues", or at best, the Third World problems. It was felt that the Indian sociologists should liberate themselves from this 'academic insulation'. In contrast, there was widespread appreciation of the general theoretical models and conceptual refinements proposed by Latin American scholars, which were perceived as powerful and relevant. India's contribution was not commensurate with her size and complex social reality it was felt. This academic discontent, it is hoped, will give a fillip to sociological creativity in India.

About one hundred non-resident Indians came delegates to the Congress. This was of special interest and importance to Indian delegates as most of the 'ethnic Indians' working in foreign countries did work and/or continue to take interest in areas of vital importance and relevance for building a 'sociology for India'. However, an overwhelming majority (70%) of them came from North America - USA (39%) and Canada (31%), with United Kingdom coming third but accounting for a mere 8%.

I may mention two special features of the XI World Congress here. First, the dozen or so pre- and post-congress workshops which were held in different parts of India. This provided the foreign delegates with an opportunity to combine pleasure trips with academic work. For Indians it provided an opportunity to get some flavour of the World Congress, if they could not make it to New Delhi. Second, two bilateral colloquia were organized in New Delhi: Indo-Brazilian and Indo-Bulgarian, which provided an unique opportunity to the scholars from these countries to interact and identify possible areas of mutual interest and co-operation.

An objective evaluation necessarily involves unfolding both negative and positive aspects. Congress did come in for a few negative comments from Indian delegates. The prominent among these are the following. First, several senior and/or prominent sociologists have not participated in the Congress. Their presence would have further enhanced the quality of participation. Second, the Congress seem to have inculcated a 'five star' culture among Indian academe, as it was held in posh hotels. Indian sociologists should guard themselves against this contagion. Third, the Congress witnessed the largest assembly of sociologists from India in the history of ISS. This opportunity should have been exploited for explicitly promoting sociology in India. As of now there is no evidence of stronger institutional linkage being forged between ISA and ISS, inspite of the XI World Congress of Sociology.

A tremendous awareness about ISA as the world-body of sociologists has crystallized particularly among the younger scholars in India. A large number of them, I understand, are already being involved in the ISA network through research committees, its special and abiding feature as a professional organization. This, it is hoped will ensure continuity in interaction and exchange among Indian and foreign scholars thereby operating as a mechanism of gradual induction of the former into the ISA, indeed a longterm investment both for the young Indian scholars and the ISA. On the other hand, the multiplicity of research committees and the acute

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specialization they represent seem to have a 'boomerang effect'. The themes of at least some of the research committees are clearly not relevant for India and the danger of the younger scholars getting trapped in the 'fads and foibles' of these specialisms cannot be ruled out, some commentators felt.

Finally, the XI World Congress acted as a general stimulant for sociology in India. Over 200 sociologists enrolled as life members of ISS to take advantage of the concessional registration fee for this category. Sociology as a discipline and sociologists as social scientists gained substantial visibility and respectability among the lay public, the state bureaucracy, the politicians and most importantly, among fellow social scientists. Partly this was facilitated through and manifested in the substantial mass-media coverage the World Congress secured. I have an uncanny suspicion that even those from the ancestral abodes and natural habitats of sociology came to shed some of their stereotypes about sociologists and sociology in Asia. In India, experience gained through the Congress seem to be pushing Indian sociology out-ward, to begin with to develop an all-Asian perspective.

T.K. Dommen, Secretary General
of the XI World Congress of Sociology

**PAPERS FROM THE XII WORLD CONGRESS OF
SOCIOLOGY, NEW DELHI 1986**

Scholars interested in obtaining copies of Congress papers (as listed in ISA Bulletin 42) are requested to write to:

Dr George Mathew, Director
Institute of Social Sciences, 110029 New Delhi
B-7/18 Safdarjung Enclave, India

Correction to the List of Papers of the XII World Congress of Sociology published in ISA Bulletin 42: The paper no. 382 "Migration and Settlement in the Territorios Nacionales in Colombia" was written by Giancarlo Corsetti, Massimo Tommasoli and Maura Viezzou. The Institute of Social Sciences apologizes for erroneous listing of this paper.

STEIN ROKKAN PRIZE IN COMPARATIVE RESEARCH

The International Social Science Council, in conjunction with the Conjunto Universitario Candido Mendes (Rio de Janeiro) announces that the next STEIN ROKKAN PRIZE will be awarded in November 1988.

The prize is intended to reward an original contribution in comparative social science research by a scholar under forty years of age on 31st December 1988. It can be either an unpublished manuscript of book length or a printed book or collected works published after December 1985.

Four copies of manuscripts typed double space or of printed works should be delivered to the International Social Science Council before 15 March 1988, together with a formal letter of application with evidence of the candidate's age attached. Work submitted will be evaluated by the International Social Science Council with the assistance of appropriate referee or referees.

The award will be made at the ISSC General Assembly

meeting in November 1988. Its decision is final and not subject to appeal or revision.

The Prize is US \$ 2,000; it may be divided between two or more applicants, should it be found difficult to adjudicate between equally valuable works submitted.

For further enquiries, please write to:

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REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Compiled by Sergio Contreras Villa from the Research Committees' newsletters and reports.

RC 01

ARMED FORCES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Report submitted by Jürgen Kuhlmann, Executive Secretary

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Meetings

Interim meetings of the RC were held in October 1983 and 1985 in Chicago both following the close of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS) conferences.

For the New Delhi World Congress Charles Moskos organized nine academic sessions; about 35 papers were presented. Very lively, partly controversial debates covered a far range of themes like:

- New directions in military sociology
- The military and the state
- Youth motivation and military service
- Soldiers and their families: current issues and directions of change
- Sociological aspects of war and militarism
- Trends in military organization
- Development and arms race: a third world dilemma
- Conscientious objection

Most of the papers presented during the Congress will be published and distributed to the RC members.

Anton Bebler plans a volume on "Youth Motivation to Join the Armed Forces". As the Sozialwissenschaft-

liches Institut der Bundeswehr (SOWI) has its own printing facilities, it probably will publish a separate volume on "military families".

The next business meeting will take place in October 1987 on the occasion of the IUS meeting in Chicago (USA).

The mid-term conference between the XI and XII World Congresses will be organized in Munich (FRG) most probably in August/September 1988. Topics of the conference will be discussed during the 1987 business meeting.

Membership

At present the Committee has a membership of 220 colleagues coming from 40 countries. A recapitulation of the membership is on the way in order to drop inactive members from the mailing list and to improve the financial situation of the Committee.

During the business meeting at the New Delhi World Congress it was decided "that the dues for a four year period shall be at least US\$ 10 and at the most US\$ 50. The amount will be left to each colleague's own estimation." The following is recommended:

Students

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| - of first and second world countries | US\$ 25 |
| - of third world countries | US\$ 10 |
| <u>Established academics</u> | |
| - of first and second world countries | US\$ 50 |
| - of third world countries | US\$ 25 |

Activities

Latin American Studies Group

A second regional group of the RC has been formed in May 1985. The chairman is Augusto Varas (Chile), and Fernando Bustamante (Ecuador) is secretary. Other members of the executive committee are: José Luis Pineyro (Mexico), Juan Rial (Uruguay), Gustavo Adolfo Druetta (Argentina), Felipe Agüero (Chile), Eliezer Rizzo de Oliveira (Brazil) and Isaac Sandoval (Bolivia).

The LA Studies Group has already had its first conference, and is making progress to construct a theoretical scheme that will focus studies of armed forces and society in Latin America. Please direct any correspondence to:

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(FLACSO)
Casilla 313 Correo Central, Santiago, Chile.

Comité de Investigación Fuerzas Armadas y Sociedad (CIFAS) has been formed in conjunction with the Federation of Spanish Sociological Associations (FASEE). For further information, contact its Secretary:

Anselmo Santos López
CIFAS, Santiago Bernabéu 12
28036 Madrid, Spain.

Giuseppe Caforio and Piero del Negro held the scientific responsibility and the organization of an interdisciplinary conference "On Military Profession: Sociology and History" in Lucca (Italy) from October 10 to October 12, 1986.

Papers from this conference can be obtained from Dr. Giuseppe Caforio, Via Galdi 9, 56017 S. Giuliano (Pisa), Italy.

Newsletter

The RC 01-Newsletter will be published at least twice a year. Its first issue was published in January 1987 (13 pages). Members are requested to take an active part in the production and distribution of the Newsletter, informing about which conferences or regional meetings are taking place, which articles or books are published, or which themes or topics are

being studied.

— RC 02
— ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Report submitted by Alberto Martinelli, Chairperson

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Congress activities

At the New Delhi XI World Congress of Sociology the Research Committee held six scientific sessions on the origins and consequences of development strategies, international and financial institutions and socioeconomic policy, the relations between the state and the private sector (part I and II), entrepreneurship and economic elites (part I and II), transnational corporations and technology transfers and informal economies, with 34 invited papers and 12 official discussants.

The average number of participants was one hundred and the quality of the discussion was generally very good. A high interest in socio-economic studies was shown by the participants and by the numerous participants which attended the sessions on socio-economic subjects.

Meetings

The 3rd mid-term conference will be held in the Fall of 1988. Several topics were suggested, among which:

- economic theory and sociological theory: paradigms, concepts and methods;
- the international economy and contemporary cultures;
- the sociology of industrial policies;
- economic elites.

Everybody interested is invited to suggest other possible topics to the Executive Committee, which will make the final decision.

Cooperation

It was decided that all members of the Network for the Advancement of Socio-Economics should be strongly invited to join the Research Committee and that any possible form of cooperation with them should be encouraged with regard to meetings, publications, exchange of informations, etc.

— RC 04
— SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

From the Newsletter No.9

Future Meetings

A Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean "The State, Formation and Effect of Educational Policies: A Sociological View" (El Estado y la formulación y efecto de las políticas educativas: una visión sociológica) Caracas November 24-26, 1987.

This Conference, organized by the Research Committee, is co-sponsored by the Universidad Central de Venezuela, the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas, the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, the Consejo Regional de Educación Superior para América Latina y el Caribe (CRESALC), the Asociación Venezolana de Sociología, the Venezuelan Ministry of Education and the Fundación Polar.

The following ten round-tables will be organized, where the papers and contributions of all participants will be presented. The titles and organizers in charge are as follows:

1. La formulación de políticas educativas en las sociedades no capitalistas de América Latina y el Caribe (Formation of educational policies in the non-capitalist societies in Latin America and the Caribbean): Alirio Martínez.
2. Educación superior y formulación de políticas educativas (University education and formation of educational policies): José F. Silvio Pomenta.
3. Investigación científica y formulación de políticas educativas (Scientific research and formation of educational policies): Hebbe Vessuri.
4. La formulación de políticas educativas en el sector privado (Formation of educational policies in the private sector): Gabriela Bronfermajer.
5. La reforma del estado y la formulación de políticas educativas (Reform of the State and the formation of educational policies): Orlando Albornoz.
6. El proceso de democratización en la formulación de políticas educativas (Democratization of the formation of educational policies): Amneris Tovar.
7. Planificación y financiamiento de las políticas educativas (The planning and financing of educational policies): Juan Carlos Navarro.
8. Los actores del proceso educativo y las políticas de formación docente (Actors of the educational process and teaching personnel training policies): Eduardo Medina Rubio.
9. Alternativas y opciones no tradicionales en la formulación de políticas educativas (Non-traditional alternatives and options in the formation of educational policies): Arnaldo Esté & Fabio Chacón.
10. No title indicated yet: Ramón Piñango.

For further information, please write to:
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A mid-term meeting of the Research Committee will be held in Madrid (Spain) 23-25 August 1988. The program coordinators are O. Albornoz and Jaap Dronkers, and its title is 'Education and Development Revisited: A Sociological Perspective'.

A regional meeting of the Committee will take place in Bombay in 1988, while in 1989 another one will be organized in Budapest.

Membership and Fees

All members of the Committee have to pay US\$ 5 annually. In order to avoid costs and troubles one can best pay US\$ 20 for 4 years 1987-1990 to the dollar account no. 3244.32666

c/o Jaap Dronkers
Rabobank 'Haarlem'

Florapark 2, 2012 HX Haarlem, The Netherlands

or by sending a cheque but then please add US\$ 2 for banking costs, to the Secretary-Treasurer, Jaap Dronkers (Department of Sociology, Tilburg

University, P.O.Box 90153, 5000 LE Tilburg, The Netherlands). All who cannot pay for whatever reason but want to be members, are requested to contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

An updated 1987 mailing list of the Committee includes 221 members.

Publications

Newsletter is edited by Jaap Dronkers, secretary-treasurer of the Committee. The Newsletter will be published each Spring and Autumn, and will continue to incorporate two new sections: an overview of the contents of journals and annuals relevant for sociology of education, and reports on the sociology of education of countries, sub-regions or regions. Any member having suggestions or contributions on these or other topics is welcomed to submit them to the editor: Jaap Dronkers, Dept of Sociology, Tilburg University, P.O.Box 90153, 5000 LE Tilburg, The Netherlands.

RC 06

FAMILY RESEARCH

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Meetings

August 20-24, 1984. The Research Committee held its XX International Seminar "Social Change and Family Policies" organized by Don Edgar at the Institute of Family Studies in Melbourne, Australia. More than 200 participants from all over the world attended the meeting, representing various disciplines. Papers have been published in five volumes by the Institute of Family Studies, 766 Elisabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia.

June 8-13, 1986, the Committee held its XXI International Seminar in Jerusalem, organized by Lea Shamgar-Handelman at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, on the topic of "Alternative Patterns of Family Life in Modern Societies." The last part of the seminar included a stay at a kibbutz. The presentations will be published in 1987.

At the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi, August 18-22, 1986, the CFR had eight lively and well attended sessions, organized by Stella Quah, National University of Singapore, of which one was a business meeting, and a memorial session for the deceased Honorary President Reuben Hill.

The Committee has scheduled the XXII International Seminar in Munich, September 1987, to be organized by Hans Bertram (Deutsches Jugendinstitut, Freidabstr. 30, 8000 München 90, FRG) on the topic "Family and Youth". The Research Committee on Sociology of Youth will take part in this meeting.

The XXIII International Seminar on the topic of family and kinship will be held in May 1988, organized by Laszlo Cseh-Szombathy at the Academy of Sciences in Budapest (Hungary).

Newsletter

The Committee publishes its newsletter, the CFR Gazette, two or three issues per year (ISSN 0280 6746).

Membership

At present, the CFR has more than 380 paying members.

RC 09

SOCIAL PRACTICE AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Report submitted by Ellen B. Hill, Secretary

A mail ballot for a new board that became necessary because of the insufficient number of members attending the business meeting in New Delhi during the last World Congress, has not as yet been completed.

Accordingly, the present board is composed as follows:

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RC 10

PARTICIPATION, WORKERS' CONTROL AND SELF-MANAGEMENT

Election of the new Executive Board

(Report submitted by Cornelis J. Lammers, Chair)

Early February '87 the mail ballots with the names of the seventeen candidates nominated for one of the 10 positions on the Executive Board of the Research Committee were sent to 51 members in good standing. 35 members made use of their voting rights and here are the results (name of the candidate, number of votes received): György Széll (FRG): 32, Chris Cornforth (UK): 22, Ake Sandberg (Sweden): 22, Bill Ford (Australia): 20, Menachem Rosner (Israel): 20, Litsa Nicolau-Smokovitis (Greece): 19, Chintamani Lakshmana (India): 18, Raymond Russell (USA): 17, Ai-Yun Hing (Malaysia): 14, Diva Laaksonen (Finland): 12, Dusko Sekulic (Yugoslavia): 12.

Two candidates received 12 votes and therefore qualify for the tenth position in the Executive Board. A solution is expected to be found during the next Board meeting in Boston, August 1987.

Workshop at Hyderabad (India), December 1988

(Report submitted by C. Lakshmana and R.C. Sarikwal, officers of the Indian Committee of RC 10).

A mid-term workshop of RC 10 will be organised on 28-30 December, 1988 at Hyderabad, India. The theme of the workshop will be "Experiments and Experiences of Workers' Participation for Effective Industrial Democracy". All members of RC 10 interested to participate and contribute a paper on any aspect of the theme of the workshop, are welcomed to contact:

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Chairman Indian Organising Committee for RC 10
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RC 11

SOCIOLOGY OF AGING

From the Newsletter Winter '87

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Membership

While the mailing list as of July 1986, included several hundred persons, only seventy-one persons paid dues for 1986. Members are reminded that dues are US\$ 5.00 a year, or US\$ 20.00 for the four years between Congresses.

Publications

Two newsletters a year have been published by the Research Committee since 1982.

Anne-Marie Guillemard's book Old Age and the Welfare State published in the ISA book series Sage Studies in International Sociology (SSIS vol. 28, Sage 1983) is one of the better selling books currently published by Sage.

Future Meetings

The Research Committee is organizing an inter-congress meeting hosted by the Centre on Aging, University of Manitoba. The meeting will be devoted to the theme "Health and Health Care in an Aging World", and will take place August 12-14, 1987. Suggested topics include:

- Social support, health and well-being
- Decision-making and the use of the formal and informal care services
- Cross-cultural perspectives on health
- Health care and the Third World
- Institutionalization
- Methodological issues in health research
- Refugees in industrialized countries
- Formal health care and enforced dependency

RC 12

SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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Consultative Member:

J.S. Gandhi (India)

Meetings

August 27-31, 1985, Aix-en-Provence (France). Five plenary sessions were held on the main theme of the meeting: "The Scientific Foundations of the Sociology of Law". Each afternoon was devoted to the following workshops: (1) family, women, young people; (2) labour and economy; (3) justice and psychiatry; (4) the legal sociologists facing systems and legal systems; (5) legal professions; (6) indicators for a comparison of legal cultures; (7) dictionary of the key-words of sociology of law and legal theory; (8) research in progress; (9) legal anthropology.

August 18-22, 1986, New Delhi (India). At the World Congress of Sociology various sessions were organized on: oppressive social and legal systems; legal profession; research in progress; international inquiry into the development of sociology of law. A special post-congress seminar on Law and Social Change took place at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

RC 13

SOCIOLOGY OF LEISURE

From Newsletter, vol. XIII, No.2

Elections of the new Board 1986-1990

A mail ballot to elect a new board took place in the first three months of 1987. The results are as follow:

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Future Meetings:

The Committee cooperates with the World Association for Free Time and for Human and Social Well-being in organizing its World Congress on "Leisure: Challenge for Human and Social Well-being" scheduled for Brussels, October 22-24, 1987. Members of the Committee will give presentations and will function as vice-chairs of various sessions. Moreover, the Committee will have a separate meeting. Additional information can be obtained from WFT,

Twaalfmaandenstr. 9, B-2000 Antwerpen, Belgium.

The world meeting of the World Leisure and Recreation Association will be held in May 1988, at Lake Louise, near Calgary, in Canada. The Committee will actively participate in the meeting.

Publications

The Spring 1987 issue of "Loisir et Société" is the Committee's "New Delhi issue", edited by Stan Parker and Teus J. Kamphorst.

RC 17

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Future Meeting

A Conference on "Critical Analysis of Organizational Theories" of the Research Committee will take place in Wassenaar, The Netherlands, July 19-21, 1987.

Papers will explore similarities and differences in the underlying assumptions as well as in the empirical predictions of various theoretical models.

Organizers:

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RC 18

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

As a result of a mail ballot of the membership, Peter Flora has been elected to succeed Erik Allardt as Chairman of the Committee. His address is:

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RC 19

POVERTY, SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY

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RC 21
SOCIOLOGY OF URBAN AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

From the Newsletter, March 87

Board News

The Committee Board held an informal meeting in London on January 10, 1987, where the following issues were discussed: membership and finances, forthcoming conferences, newsletter and publications from New Delhi.

The Board is glad to announce that Mario Lungo Uclés (Costa Rica) has accepted an invitation to join the Board.

Membership

Since August 1986 an important number of new members have joined the Committee, and at present total membership stands at 110 members. Membership entitles to: a) access to the membership register, giving addresses and research interests of Research Committee members; b) early information on conferences and other events, publications, etc.; c) reduced rate subscription to International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR); d) travel grants: a small amount of money is available to assist members in attending conferences organized by the Committee.

Membership applications must be submitted to the secretary, C.G. Pickvance, Urban & Regional Studies Unit, Univ of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7NF, U.K.

Membership Fees:

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Meetings

Maria Ciechocinska, from the Institute of Geography of the Polish Academy of Sciences, organized an International Workshop on "Planning for Economic Growth and Economic Regeneration: The Role of a National Strategy". The conference was held in Warsaw and Radziejowice, May 21-23, 1987.

An International Conference on "Technology, Restructuring, and Urban-Regional Development" took place on June 25-30, 1987 at the Inter-University Centre of Postgraduate Studies, in Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia). The conference was organized by Manuel Castells, Zdravko Mlinar, and Enzo Mingione.

The program included the following sessions:

- The Theoretical and Methodological Challenges of High Technology and Current Socio-Spatial Changes.
- The Impact of High Technologies on Space and Society: A Comparative Perspective
- Technological Innovation and Economic Restructuring the Urban Social Stratification Impact
- Transportation, Communication and Spatial Transformation
- Local, Regional and Central Impacts of Technological Change
- Alternative Social Policies and Territorial

- Planning to Confront the New Socio/Spatial Realities
- Alternative Scenarios for the Urban and Regional Realities of the Near Future
- Household, Technology and Urban Space

20-23 September 1987: Chris Pickvance is organizing the Sixth Urban Change and Conflict Conference, to be held at the University of Kent, Canterbury, U.K.. Papers will be grouped into four broad themes: the economic context of urban and regional development, the local impact of economic restructuring, emerging socio-spatial divisions and groupings, the state and beyond. For further information, please contact C.G. Pickvance (see the address above).

Publications

The Newsletter will be published regularly, twice a year, during the 1986-90 term under the editorship, first, of John Walton (Dept of Sociology, Univ of California-Davis, CA 95616, USA) and, next, of Jeff Henderson (1988-90). The first issue of 1987 (March) inaugurated two new features: research in progress with a description of John Friedmann's new study and plans for a research network focused on urban grassroots movements in Latin America, and a special report on Tatyana I. Zaslavskaya's efforts to strengthen sociology in the USSR.

Current publication proposals are for books on Eastern Europe (Andrusz, Harloe, Szelenyi, eds.), State Restructuring (Pickvance, Preteceille, eds.) and Spanish language contributions (Schteingart, ed.). The papers on ecology of poverty will be published either as a book or a special issue of IJURR (Valladares, Rév, Panjwani, eds.). A possibility of combining the papers on economic restructuring with those from the Dubrovnik conference on the same subject has been discussed.

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SOCIAL ECOLOGY

Report submitted by John Kasarda, General Secretary

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Meetings

Committee members actively participated in the Dubrovnik Conference, June 1987, organized by RC 21 (see information above).

Planning is underway to convene a working seminar in May 1988 in the FRG on "Information, Technology, and the New Meaning of Space". The seminar will try to encompass a variety of questions on this topic of

major importance both to traditional and more contemporary models of "urban" ecology. Organizers: J. Friedrichs (University of Hamburg), Bernd Hamm (University of Trier) and Erwin Scheuch (University of Cologne).

Plans are also being made by Raimondo Strassoldo to organize a social ecology meeting on environmental movements and related topics in late 1988 or early 1989. The tentative site of the meeting is the University of Udine (Italy). Those with interest or suggestions are invited to contact R. Strassoldo (see address above).

Publications

Two volumes under the general title The Metropolis Area edited by Mattei Dogan and John D. Kasarda, were derived from the Conference held in Barcelona in 1985 on "Giant Cities of the World and the Future Problems and Policies". The main objective of the conference was to assess how huge urban agglomerations confront the functions stemming from their development and to develop forward-looking solutions to emerging problems. Volume I A World of Giant Cities, assesses urban dynamics within Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Southeast Asia, China, and India. Volume II Megacities presents case studies of major cities within four industrially advanced nations and within six developing nations: New York City, London, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Shanghai, Delhi, Cairo, and Lagos. Copies may be ordered through Sage Publications, Inc., 211 West Hillcrest Drive, Newbury Park, CA 91320, USA.

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_____ SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Report by Charles D. Kaplan, Secretary-Treasurer

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The Change of Name: Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice

On the request of the Committee, the ISA Executive Committee approved the change of its name into "Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice". This change opens the way for at least three groups to join the Committee: the section on sociological practice of the ASA, the clinical sociology association and the association for applied social research. President of the Sociological Practice Association, Elizabeth Clark, and its two members Alexander Boros and Jan Fritz - all of them members of the ISA Working Group on "Clinical Sociology", have joined the RC and its Board.

Future Meeting

An intermediate conference is planned for 1988, at the Leiden Institute for Social Policy Research, University of Leiden (The Netherlands). An important task of the conference will be to prepare the participation of the Committee at the XII World Congress of Sociology.

_____ RC 27
_____ SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT

Future Meeting

A Symposium organized by the Committee will take place in Jyväskylä (Finland), August 18-21, 1987, in conjunction with the Jyväskylä Congress "Movement and Sport in Women's Life". The main theme of the Committee's Symposium will be "Sport, Gender and Culture". For further information contact Alan J. Ingham, Department of HPER, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056, USA.

_____ RC 28
_____ SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

From the February '87 Newsletter

Meetings

A meeting on "Social Inequality and the Labour Market" took place in Nürnberg (FRG), on 22-25 April 1987. Organizers of the meeting were Henrik Kreutz and Manfred Kaiser from the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at the Social Science Institute of the Friedrich Alexander University in Nürnberg. The agenda included the following topics:

- Labour Market and Mobility: mobility processes into, out of, and between positions of the labour market
- Status Mobility: upgrading and downgrading in different countries ("net effects" of mobility processes stimulated by the labour market)
- Mobility and Unemployment: special mobility patterns, mobility and job creation programmes, advantages and disadvantages of mobility-processes, compensation effects
- Industrial Sectors, Firms, Firm Structure and Mobility
- Social Inequality and Aspects of Qualification (Training): responsibility, competence, abilities, skills, success, etc.
- Labour Market Changes in the Life Course, of Groups and Collectives (individual, collective; aggregated

mobility processes)

- Simulation of Mobility Processes Connected with Labour Market Processes

August 12-15, 1987: Michael Hout is organizing a meeting at the University of California at Berkeley, USA. The following session topics have been proposed:

- Occupations and Stratification: Comparative Analyses; Historical Studies; Contemporary Studies in Europe; Contemporary Studies in North America and Australia; Contemporary Studies in Asia, Africa, and Latin America; Work Histories;
- Education and Stratification: Causes of Education; Effects of Education;
- Income and Stratification;
- Race, Ethnicity, Religion, and Stratification;
- Politics and Stratification.

Membership

Membership dues US \$40 shall be sent to the Secretary, Robert Erikson, either by cheque issued for the ISA/Stratification Committee, Swedish Institute for Social Research, University of Stockholm, S-106 91 Stockholm, Sweden, or direct money transfer to the account number 5201-00 85191 with the Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken in Stockholm.

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SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

From the December '86 Newsletter (No.24)

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Meetings

André Normandeau (Centre International de Criminologie Comparée, Université de Montréal, C.P. 6128, Succ."A", Montréal, P.Qué. H3C 3J7, Canada) and Louise Shelley (School of Justice, American University, Washington, D.C., USA) are organizing a meeting in Montreal, either before or after the meeting of the American Society of Criminology scheduled for November 1987. The suggested theme is "Privatization of Police Function in Different Parts of the World".

The Committee is planning a meeting on "Crime, Drugs, and Social Control" in collaboration with the Hong Kong Criminology Society and the Department of Sociology of the University of Hong Kong. Harold Travers (Dept of Sociology, Univ of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Rd, Hong Kong) is the organizer of this event scheduled for 12-14 July 1988.

David B. Rottman (Dept. Sociology, Univ. Connecticut, Box U-68, 344 Mansfield Road, Storrs, CT 06268, USA) is responsible for a conference on "Sentencing Policies in 'Middle Range' Countries" to be held in Dublin (Ireland), August 1989.

Publications

A volume Social Control and Justice: Inside or Outside the Law, containing papers from the Jerusalem Conference (March/April 1985) was published in the Fall 1986. Orders should be addressed to Leslie Sebba, Institute of Criminology, Fac. of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem 91905, Israel.

The volume on Youth Crime, Social Control and Prevention: Theoretical Perspectives and Policy Implications. Studies from Nine Different Countries can be obtained from Manfred Brusten (see address above). Price: US\$ 9.50.

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SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

From the Newsletter, February '87

Board 1986-1990

Elections took place at the business meeting during the New Delhi World Congress (August, 1986). The new board is as follows:

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Jolanta Kulpinska was nominated Honorary President of the Committee on Sociology of Work for all her work serving three terms as President (1974-78, 1978-82, 1982-86).

The board has a mandate to add a 9th member to the Board from a third world country.

Membership and fees

The membership fee is fixed at DM 40,- for a 4 y period (1987-1990). Life membership is fixed at DM 100. There is no possibility for a yearly membership. The fee must be sent to the Secretary, at one of these two accounts:

Account No. 1474246

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Publications

A book will be published resulting from various sessions of the Committee held at the New Delhi Congress. Provisional title is: "Technology and Approaches to Theories of Work". The convenors of each session are requested to send papers for publication to Wolfgang Littek and Albert Mok.

Reports and announcements for the Newsletter should be sent to Albert Mok or Wolfgang Littek.

Announcements of upcoming meetings, short reports on research activities, and information on publications of members will be included in future issues of the Newsletter.

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SOCIOLOGY OF MIGRATION

From the Newsletter, December '86

Membership

Presently the membership is about 140 members. The membership fee is US\$ 20, for the four year inter-congress period. Members are entitled to a 20% discount on the subscription to International Migration Review, which publishes also the RC Newsletter. Payments shall be made to Ursula Mehrländer, Research Committee on Migration, Kto-Nr.: 102 736 3100, Bank für Gemeinwirtschaft, 5300 Bonn 1, FRG. Members living in countries with non-convertible currency are kindly requested to contact the Secretary-Treasurer, Ursula Mehrländer (c/o Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Godesberger Alle 149, 5300 Bonn 2, FRG).

Publications

Catherine Withol de Wenden-Didier (127, rue Jeanne D'Arc, 75013 Paris, France) has accepted to act as a coordinating editor for the RC Newsletter. All members are requested to send news and/or information they would like to have published in the Newsletter. Regional editors or correspondents for different areas of the world have been established.

RC 33

LOGIC AND METHODOLOGY IN SOCIOLOGY

From the Committee's Newsletter (in "Bulletin de methodologie sociologique", No. 13 Janvier 1987)

Membership

Dues for the entire 1987-1990 period are US\$ 10 or FF 70. Payments in US dollars should be made by sending a cheque drawn on a US bank to Manfred Kuechler, Department of Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2011, USA. Payments in French Francs can be made either by sending a cheque drawn on a French bank to Karl M. van Meter (LISH-CNRS, 54 Bd. Raspail, 75006 Paris, France) or by transferring FF 70 to the French postal giro account no. 23.279.80 U, Paris.

Colleagues experiencing currency transfer problems, are requested to the President, Manfred Kuechler, or the Secretary, Karl M. van Meter.

Meetings

Kenneth D. Bailey (Dept of Sociology, Univ of California, Los Angeles, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024, USA) is organizing the Committee's session at the 1987 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 17-21, 1987. The main theme of the session is "Logic and Methodology: Continuity and Change".

Members of the Committee are invited to participate in the European Symposium on "Operationalization and Research Strategy" to be organized in May 1988 by the Research Group on Conceptualization and Research Design of the Netherlands Organization for Methodological Research in the Social Sciences. The aim of the Symposium is to discuss problems of conceptualization, operationalization, and measurement within the context of general research strategy. Inquiries should be addressed to: Dr. Joop J. Hox, Prinsengracht 227, 1015 DT Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH

From the International Bulletin for Youth Research (IBYR) 1/87

Membership

Applications for membership and participation in the Committee should be sent to the President, Jürgen Hartmann (Department of Sociology, Uppsala

University, Box 513, 75120 Uppsala, Sweden) and/or to the Secretary, Michail Stefanov (Institute of Youth Studies, P.O.Box 25, 1126 Sofia, Bulgaria).

Advisory Board

It was decided at the business meetings held in New Delhi to create an Advisory Board including the most prominent scholars and researchers on youth. Candidates to the Advisory Board will be proposed by all Committee's members. Final composition of this Board will be approved by RC 34 officers.

Meetings

The Committee has been involved in the organization of a large conference of Scandinavian youth researchers scheduled for Oslo (Norway) in January 1987, bringing together about 200 researchers to discuss and decide on future co-operation in research networks and through coordinating facilities as e.g. common libraries, newsletters and shared inter-nordic research.

On the invitation of the Bulgarian Institute for Youth Research a conference on "Youth and Technology" was organized in Varna, May 1987, to establish basis for a comparative study on the relation between young people and social structures created by modern technologies especially by micro-electronics and new communication systems. Jürgen Hartmann will explore the possibility to organize a mid-term conference devoted to the same issue in the second half of 1988. A working meeting of the Board took place on the occasion of this Conference.

On 14-16 September 1987 an international seminar on "Family and Young People: Changing Patterns of Relationships and Life-Styles between Parents and Young People", co-sponsored by the Research Committee on "Family Research" and Research Committee on "Sociology of Youth", will take place in Freising, near Munich (FRG). It is organized by the German Youth Institute and will be conducted by Hans Bertram.

Contributions are expected on: changes in the relationships between parents and young people as the result of historical circumstances, individual processes of maturing, and development processes linked to specific age groups in the last 20 years; perspectives of the development of relationships between parents and young people at the individual, family and social levels of social change. Contributions and registrations to the meeting should be sent to Hans Bertram, Deutsches Jugendinstitut, Freibadstr. 30, 8000 München 90, FRG.

There is a proposal from the Czechoslovak Sociological Association to organize in May'88 in cooperation with Karlova University, the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences and the Czechoslovak Demographic Society, a Research Committee conference on "Youth at the Start of the Third Millenium: Problems and Prospects".

Regional Libraries

During the business meeting held in New Delhi it was decided to pursue the project of creating further regional libraries on youth. The experience of the first such library, Varna International Youth Library in Bulgaria, should be used for widening libraries' network in other regions. Varna Library will remain an international library for Eastern European region. Its address is: International Youth Library of Research Committee on Sociology of Youth, Research Laboratory on Youth, 37 Ernst Thälmann Str, 8000 Varna, Bulgaria

Publications

The Committee's Bulletin (IBYR) is being distributed to some 400 researchers around the world.

The 3rd working document of the international research project "Integration of Youth into Society" was edited by Jürgen Hartmann and Sylvia Trnka. The volume Democratic Youth Participation in Society - A Concept Revised contains a report of the research meeting in Budapest (Hungary) June 1985. The book was published in Uppsala (1986), and can be obtained from the Institute of Sociology, Uppsala University, Box 513, S-751 20 Uppsala, Sweden, or from the European Welfare Training and Research Centre, Berggasse 17, A-1090 Vienna, Austria. The price is US\$ 6.00.

It is planned to publish in 1987 a volume of contributions presented during the New Delhi Congress. Contributors who would like to change or edit their papers should contact Mikail Stefanov at the Bulgarian Institute for Youth Studies, POB 25, 1126 Sofia, Bulgaria.

Sybilie Hübner-Funk, Vice-President for Western Europe, was invited by the Revue Internationale de Sociologie to be a guest editor of an issue on the problems of youth and invited members of the Committee to participate with their contributions either on theoretical topics or based on results of empirical projects.

RC 35
COMMITTEE ON CONCEPTUAL AND
TERMINOLOGICAL ANALYSIS - COCTA

From COCTA News, February '87

Meetings

From June 16-20, 1986, a conference on ethnicity was held in Tallinn, Estonian S.S.R. (USSR), under the aegis of the Vienna Centre of the ISSC. Local support was provided by the Institute of Ethnography of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, while the Estonian Institute of History hosted the meeting. Yu.V. Bromley, Director of the Institute of Ethnography, and Ernest Gellner, Cambridge University, co-ordinated the conference.

Ten COCTA panels organized by Alberto Marradi were held at the New Delhi Congress, and two of them paid special attention to INTERCOCTA project. Fred Riggs presented a special report on a pilot glossary at the business meeting of Research Committee on Ethnic, Race and Minority Relations.

The Indian Council for Social Science Research sponsored a Round Table on "Indigenous Concepts and Terms in the Social Sciences" held in Jaipur (India), August 24-26, 1986, at the Institute of Development Studies of the University of Jaipur. D.D. Narula, Director of the IDS, was the local host and Iqbal Narain, member-Secretary of the ICSSR, arranged for the necessary sponsorship and support.

New Themes

- Human Rights

Zourab Guelekva, INTERCOCTA liaison officer in UNESCO, reported on a proposal that came from the Institute for State and Law of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. It calls for an INTERCOCTA glossary on concepts and terms used in research on human rights. UNESCO encourages to start preliminary work in this area.

- Development Studies

The development studies glossary which is being prepared by Lourdes Yero at CENDES, Caracas (Venezuela) raises not only problems involved in the further progress and utilization of this material, but also in planning for the concurrent preparation of a parallel English-language version.

- Way of Life

Another possible theme for a new INTERCOCTA glossary also comes from the USSR, this time from the Institute of Ethnography in the Academy of Sciences. Yu.V. Bromley has proposed that, as a natural sequel to work on ethnicity, it would be desirable to launch a project on concepts and terms needed in research on the (Soviet) "way of life". Participants in the Jaipur Round Table expressed interest in the idea to cover diverse "ways" of life, but the long-term viability of this proposal depends on finding suitable international contexts in which it can be supported. Meanwhile, with UNESCO support, the Institute of Ethnography will be encouraged to launch preliminary studies of the theme.

- Other themes

Among other themes for future INTERCOCTA projects that were proposed in India and Paris are "peace", "human and social ecology", and "values". Several colleagues suggested that a more dynamic heading to replace "peace" would be "peacemaking and conflict resolution".

RC 37
SOCIOLOGY OF ART

From Newsletter 12, Summer 1987

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The annual RC 37 conference will be held at the State University of New York at Albany (NY, USA) from October 26 through October 18, 1987. The theme of the meeting will be Art and the Public.

On October 30 through November 1, 1987, in the State University College at Purchase (NY, USA) a meeting of sociologists and political scientists will be organized under the theme Social Theory, Politics and the Arts. The dates of the two meetings were coordinated so that everyone interested can attend both conferences.

Membership dues

Members	\$ 10
Members from Third World	\$ 3
Student Members	\$ 3

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SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTERS

Information provided by Joanne M. Nigg, Secretary

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REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

WG CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY

From "Clinical Sociology News Notes" (Summer, 1987)

The ISA Executive Committee granted this group with the status of Working Group during its meetings at the XI World Congress of Sociology (August 1986, New Delhi).

Clinical Sociology meetings took place at the 1982 ISA World Congress of Sociology (Mexico City, August 1982), the 1984 cooperative conference in Dallas, Texas (USA) and during the 1986 ISA World Congress of Sociology (New Delhi, August 1986).

In New Delhi, the Ad Hoc Group on Clinical Sociology held four sessions: Methodology and Clinical Sociology, Clinical Sociology and Mental Health, Studies in Clinical Sociology and an Open Discussion on Clinical Sociology as a Specific Approach. Participants came from many countries including Brazil, Canada, China, India, The Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United States.

At the New Delhi meetings, the following Board was appointed:

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Defining the Field

Clinical sociology is sociological intervention. It may be defined as the application of a sociological perspective to the analysis and design of intervention for change at any level of social organization. The role of the clinical sociologist can be at one or more levels of focus -from individual to international- and requires ability not only to recognize the various levels but to move between them for analysis and intervention.

"Sociological practice", the broad, umbrella concept, includes the two approaches to practice: clinical sociology and applied sociology. Perhaps the simplest distinction between the two approaches is that the applied sociologist is usually a research specialist (e.g., program evaluator, needs assessment or social impact specialist) and the clinical sociologist is a change agent or interventionist. Many clinical sociologists, depending on their level of training, also have the skills of an applied sociologist and use qualitative and/or quantitative research skills in assessment and evaluation in their intervention work.

Those interested in the activities of the Working Group, and/or in sending information referred to clinical activities, please contact the Secretary and Newsletter editor: Jan Fritz (9039 Sligo Creek Parkway #315, Silver Spring, MD 20901, USA).

WG RATIONAL CHOICE

From the Report of Activities 1984-1986

The ISA Executive Committee granted this group with the status of a Working Group by the end of 1986. The recognition of this active body of the ISA reflects both the newly conceded importance of the concept of "resources" in sociology, and the growing number of scholars working in the perspective of "methodological individualism". Their work in an area which has traditionally been conceptualized by economists with a sociological spirit will undoubtedly benefit the discipline.

Two main points have been stressed by the new Working Group: (1) all social sciences can and should have a common explanatory basis: a common theory of action, or, a common model of man. No matter how diverse the topics may be, this will allow the generation of theories that transcend the traditional boundaries between "schools"; (2) although social and cultural differences have received ample attention, they have not been sufficiently analyzed in the context of choice and scarcity, namely as resources, similar to the way resources are treated in economics. The methodology of social network analysis, in particular, is a powerful tool to study the importance of these resources.

The very concept of "resources" refers to a model of man rarely encountered in traditional sociology. Conversely, the importance of "social" and "cultural" aspects was not easily recognized outside sociology due to the assumptions of unbridled rationality in microeconomics and some branches of political science. In short, rational choice explanations emerged thanks to converging developments in various social sciences. But although meaningful links can be established between hitherto unrelated fields, much work will have to be done before general theories can be generated.

In the period 1983-1986 various international meetings to stimulate the development and the use of rational choice models took place. Among these initiatives, the following should be mentioned:

- October 1983: a two day conference on "New Contract Theories and their Relevance for Sociology" was held in the FRG, with participants coming also from The Netherlands and the USA.

The conference papers have been published in 1986 by Westdeutscher Verlag: Gerechtigkeit, Diskurs oder Markt?, L. Kern & H.-P. Müller, eds.

- April 1984: a meeting organized by the Public Choice Society was held in Phenix, Arizona (USA). Several members of the group on Rational Choice participated in the sessions.

- Giessen (FRG) 1984: a four day symposium on "Relating Micro and Macro Levels in Sociological Theory" was jointly organized by the theoretical sociology sections of the American and the German Sociological Association. Participants came from France, FRG, The Netherlands, and USA. A significant number of papers were dedicated to rational choice explanations and the structural-individualistic approach in sociology. The results of the symposium will be published in 1987 by the University of California Press.

- March 1985: a conference on "Paradoxical Effects of Social Behavior" was held in Vienna (Austria), organized by a working group on Mathematical Sociology. Many papers were presented by members of the group on Rational Choice. These papers have been published in 1986 by Physica-Verlag, Heidelberg/Wien: Paradoxical Effects of Social Behavior: Essays in Honor of Anatol Rapoport, A. Diekmann & P. Mitter, eds.

- A series of preparatory meetings has been held in Europe for organizing a (mainly European) network of social scientists doing research on "Inequalities in Social and Cultural Resources". Scholars from France, FRG, The Netherlands, and UK have taken the initiative, most of them members of the group on Rational Choice.

- August 1986: the ad-hoc group on "Rational Choice: the Structural-Individualistic Approach in Sociology" held five sessions at the XI World Congress of Sociology. At these sessions 23 papers were presented and actively discussed.

Future Activities

- An international conference on "The Emergence, Maintenance, and Effects of Social Institutions", to be held Fall 1987 in FRG
Organizers: Michael Hechter, Karl-Dieter Opp, Reinhard Wippler

- A workshop to establish an international network of Rational Choice social scientists.

- A workshop to apply the methodology of social network analysis within the context of rational choice models.

- A workshop to establish a research group working on the integration of explanatory (theoretical) models and data models, such as the application of LISREL and GLIM to the data analysis for rational choice models.

- A workshop to discuss various models of rational choice, especially those which accommodate framing and symbolic competence.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GROUP ON TIME BUDGETS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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The origins of this group are to be found in a "Multinational Comparative Time Budget Research", supported by the European Centre for Coordination of Research and Documentation in Social Sciences in Vienna, between 1967 and 1970. This international research cooperation would not have come about without the dynamic personality of the deceased Alexander Szalai (Hungary).

The persons present at the final Vienna meeting in January 1970, agreed to continue the existence of the group, now under the name "Research Group on Time Budgets and Social Activities". Peter Feldheim was nominated chairman of the group, and Claude Javeau joined as secretary (both officers from Belgium).

The first reunion of the newly established group took place during the VII World Congress of Sociology in Varna (Bulgaria) in 1970 and was followed by regular meetings in subsequent years:

1972: Brussels (Belgium), 1973: Berlin (GDR), 1974: Toronto (Canada), 1975: Laxenburg (Austria), 1978: Uppsala (Sweden), 1980: Sofia (Bulgaria), 1982: Mexico City (Mexico), 1984: Helsinki (Finland)
1986: New Delhi (India)

William Michelson (Canada) was elected chairman at the Toronto meeting in 1974 and has served until the meeting in Uppsala in 1978. At that time it was decided to strengthen the leadership by electing two chairmen: Edmund Wnuk-Lipinski (Poland) and Dagfinn Aas (Norway). They were in turn replaced at the meeting in Helsinki in 1984 by Iiris Niemi (Finland) and Rudolph Andorka (Hungary).

At present the group consists of about 150 members from 26 countries from all continents. Andrew S. Harvey (Canada) has served as secretary for the group since 1978 and is responsible for sending out, at irregular intervals, the newsletter appropriately called "Its About Time".

The group has also tried to function as a center for documentation and information. The first attempt at was made in 1970-74 by Feldheim and Javeau who have gathered a great deal of literature on studies of time use at the Sociological Institute at the Université Libre de Bruxelles. As the secretariat moved to Halifax in 1978, this work has been continued at the Institute for Public Affairs at Dalhousie University. Collecting data sets and preparation of these for secondary analysis have also been tried. The group, however, has never had the financial basis for carrying out these projects on any greater scale.

Two publications of papers presented at the meetings held by the group are still available: It's About Time, Zahari Staikov, ed., Sofia, 1982. It contains papers from both the Uppsala and the Sofia meeting.

Time Use Studies: Dimensions and Applications, Dagfinn Aas, ed., Central Statistical Office, Finland. Selection of papers from the Helsinki meeting in 1984.

In Memoriam: Albert Bernard Cherns (1921-1987)

We heard with deep sorrow about the death of Professor Dr. Albert B. Cherns. The Research Committee on Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice loses with his premature death not only its president and a devoted member, but also a distinguished social scientist whose contribution to the theory of the utilization of social sciences had a considerable impact on the recognition of the importance of this sadly neglected area. Albert B. Cherns was not only among the first authors to promote the idea of sociotechnics as a discipline with an elaborated methodology of practical action, but he also organized in Loughborough (United Kingdom) the pioneering international conference on sociotechnics in 1973. His colleagues in the Committee will always be indebted to him.

Albert B. Cherns, a graduate in Psychology from Cambridge, was a distinguished social scientist. He held a series of research posts before occupying senior positions in government social science administration. In 1966 he returned to university life as Professor of Social Sciences and Head of the Department of Social Sciences at Loughborough University.

Among his publications are the recently published Quality of Working Life and the Kibbutz Experience (ed), Using the Social Sciences, Quality of Working Life (with L.E. Davis), Sociotechnics (ed.), Social Sciences and Government (with Sinclair and Jenkins). He also published numerous articles on the organization and utilization of social science research, and on the social psychology and sociology of work in organizations.

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TO ALL COLLECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ISA

Following our tradition (see ISA Bulletin 36, Autumn 1984) we would like to publish in the Autumn 1987 issue of the ISA Bulletin reports on your activities, organizational structure, aims, research projects, publications, and any other information you may like to share with the readership of the Bulletin.

Kindly send your material (photographs are most welcomed as well!) to the ISA Secretariat in Madrid before October 15th, 1987. Thank you for your cooperation!

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

August 31 - September 4, 1987
3rd International Meeting of the ISA
Ad Hoc Group on Sociocybernetics and Systems Theory
Place: University of California, L.A., USA
Objectives: To demonstrate the efficacy of systems theory in social research and to develop theoretical and methodological aspects

of the systems approach
Information: Kenneth D. Bailey
Department of Sociology
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September 16-20, 1987
Annual Conference of the ISA Ad Hoc Group on Housing and the Built Environment
Place: University of Hamburg, FRG
Information: Jürgen Friedrichs
Inst Sociology, University of Hamburg
Sedanstrasse 19, 2000 Hamburg 13, FRG

September 29 - October 1, 1987
International Congress on Terminology and Knowledge Engineering
Place: Trier, FRG
Organizers: International Information Centre for Terminology (INFOTERM), Association for Terminology and Knowledge Transfer
Objectives: To promote international cooperation in the field of research and development, to create a forum where science and industry can meet, and to demonstrate to potential users the relevance and capabilities of new technologies emerging when the achievements of terminology science and computer science are combined

October 14-17, 1987
IX Biennial Canadian Ethnic Studies Association Conference
Place: Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada)
Main Theme: Cultural Diversity and Nation-Making
Sub-themes: Nation making initiatives and responses; government policies; issues of class and economic equality; racism and human rights; gender issues; practices and structures of intolerance; indigenous peoples; immigrant and subsequent generation experiences; language and cultural preservation in educational institutions; and community research
Information: Gorsebrook Research Institute
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

November 16-20, 1987
XIV Assembly of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO)
Organizers: CLACSO, Joaquim Nabuco Foundation (Recife, Brazil), Institute for Social Research at the J.N. Foundation
Place: Recife, Brazil
Theme: 20 Years of CLACSO: Social Sciences & Society - Defies for the Future
Round Tables: Poverty; Rural Problems; Ecology & Social Organization; Culture; Democracy; Development and new Economic Policies; Women and Crisis

July 24-31, 1988
XII International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences
Place: Zagreb, Yugoslavia
Information: 12th ICAES
Mose Pijade 158, P.O. Box 291
41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia

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