

International Sociological Association  
RC 20  
*Comparative Sociology*

July 2014 Newsletter

*Strasbourg: 10 July, 2014*

*Dear colleagues,*

*The present newsletter will reach you a little bit late. This is due to the fact that, as you know, we recently organised nominations/elections to the board and I wanted to have the final results before sending it.*

*In the name of all RC 20 members, I would like to thank sincerely Professor Masamichi Sasaki (Japan) and Professor Fredrik Engelstad (Norway), respectively Vice-President and member of the board, for their dedication to RC 20 activities. The two of them are about to retire and they have decided to step down from the board. We wish them all the best.*

*Many of us are about to fly to Japan for the World Congress and you will find the final programme of our sessions hereunder.*

*I hope to see many of you there and I wish everyone a great summer.*

*Jean-Pascal Daloz  
RC 20 Chair*

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**XVIII World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama (13-19 July 2014)**

**Final programme**

The full version may be found at:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2014/webprogram/start.html>

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

10:30 AM-12:20 PM

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**The Rise of Top Incomes: Comparative Perspectives**

**Session Organizer:** David WEAKLIEM

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**The Comparative Sociology of Examinations Part II**

**Session Organizers:** Fumiya ONAKA and Shinichi AIZAWA

**Chair:** Morikazu USHIOGI

5:30 PM-7:20 PM

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**Current Research in Comparative Sociology. Part I**

**Session Organizer:** Hanno SCHOLTZ

7:30 PM-8:50 PM

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**Expatriates: Comparative Perspectives**

**Session Organizer:** Jean-Pascal DALOZ

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Thursday, July 17, 2014

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**Rethinking Comparison in a Global Age: Methodological Issues**

**Session Organizers:** Vincenzo CICCHELLI and Sylvie OCTOBRE

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**Comparative Sociology: Present Status and Future Directions**

**Session Organizer:** Masamichi SASAKI

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**Current Research in Comparative Sociology. Part II**

**Session Organizer:** Frederick C. TURNER

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**Current Research in Comparative Sociology Part III**

**Session Organizer:** Jean-Pascal DALOZ

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Friday, July 18, 2014

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**Changing Global Values. Part I**

**Session Organizers:** Marita CARBALLO and Frederick C. TURNER

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**Changing Global Values. Part II**

**Session Organizers:** Marita CARBALLO and Frederick C. TURNER

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**RC20 Business Meeting**

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**Rethinking Social Distinction? Panel Session**

**Session Organizer:** Jean-Pascal DALOZ

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Saturday, July 19, 2014

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**Trust: Comparative Perspectives. Part I**

**Session Organizer:** Masamichi SASAKI

10:30 AM-12:20 PM

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## **Trust: Comparative Perspectives. Part II**

**Session Organizer:** Masamichi SASAKI

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## **The Comparative Sociology of Examinations Part I**

**Session Organizers:** Fumiya ONAKA and Shinichi AIZAWA

**Chair:** Masako, Ema WATANABE

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### **Agenda of the Business Meeting**

1. Report on RC activities (August 2010-June 2014)
2. Financial report
3. Report on the June/July 2014 elections
4. Request for a merger of RC 20 and WG 02
5. Plans for the 2014-2018 period

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### **June/July 2014 Elections**

One of our members, Professor Fumiya Onaka, was designated as electoral officer in accordance with the RC 20 statutes (revised in 2012) and has been in charge of the whole process. We sincerely thank him.

Two of our board members, Prof. Masamichi Sasaki and Prof. Fredrik Engelstad, had informed us that they wanted to step down.

The other members still willing to serve for the 2014-18 period, nominations to fulfil two positions as board members were called. All regular and affiliated members of RC 20 were entitled to nominate candidates for the board.

It was suggested that Prof. Jean-Pascal Daloz (France) should continue to serve as President, Dr Hanno Scholtz (Germany and Switzerland) as Executive Secretary and Prof. Frederick Turner (USA) as the new Vice-President (in replacement of Prof. Sasaki).

RC 20 members were however reminded that if they wanted to nominate other candidates for these positions they were of course free to do so.

Although the deadline for nominations was extended until July 5, only one admissible nomination for the election to the board (Professor Stephen Vertigans, Head of the School of Applied Social Sciences, Robert Gordon University, UK) was received. It therefore appeared that it was not necessary to take a ballot. The ratification of Professor Vertigans's admission to the board

will be handled during the RC Business meeting in Yokohama.

For your information, the other members of the board are currently: Marita Carballo (Argentina), Anne Krogstad (Norway), Robert van Krieken (Australia) and David Weakliem (USA).

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## Conference announcement :

# History as Sociology, Sociology as History

On **27 August 2014**, the School of Sociology, University College Dublin, will host a one-day conference on the theme of 'History as Sociology, Sociology as History'.

Participants include Peter Burke (Cambridge), Michael Mann (UCLA), Dennis Smith (Loughborough) and – to be confirmed – Maria Lúcia Pallares Burke (Cambridge), as well as Stephen Mennell, Siniša Malešević, Steve Loyal, Seán L'Estrange and Andreas Hess of UCD.

There is no conference fee, and all are welcome. Further information from:  
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## Provisional programme

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| 10.15       | Registration and coffee   |
| 10.55       | Steve Loyal: Conference Opening   |
| 11.00       | Michael Mann: 'How Societies Evolved'<br>Response by Dennis Smith and discussion  |
| 12.00       | Peter Burke: 'Comparison in History'<br>Response by Andreas Hess and discussion   |
| 13.00–14.00 | Lunch   |
| 14.00       | Stephen Mennell: 'Sociogenesis and Psychogenesis: Norbert Elias's<br>Historical Social Psychology as a Research Tradition in Comparative<br>Historical Sociology'<br>Response by Steve Loyal and discussion |
| 15.00–15.20 | Tea break   |
| 15.20       | Sinisa Malešević: 'The End of War and Historical Sociology'<br>3:50 – 4:20 – Response by Seán L'Estrange and discussion   |
| 16.20       | Steve Loyal: Closing Remarks  |