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COCTA News

Dear members and friends of COCTA,

as always, I would first like to welcome our new members! On behalf of the board, I invite all members to participate in our activities and to make any proposals for conferences or other academic proceedings in the field of conceptual analysis.

This issue of *COCTA News* focuses on our main event next year, our conference at the **XVIII ISA World Congress** in **Yokohama, Japan, 13-19 July 2014**. Our Call for Papers was very successful. We received many submissions of high-quality. Submissions, however, were distributed rather unevenly and we had to rearrange our sessions accordingly. You will find an overview over our adjusted Yokohama program and the (preliminary) details for the individual sessions below.

We trust that you will find our program as exciting as we do and look forward to everyone's participation in order to bring it to life. Below, you will find all information on the event including the most important webpage links as well.

Please note that in order to be included in the program the participants (presenters, chairs, discussants etc.) need to pay **registration** fees by **April 1, 2014**. If not registered, names will not appear in the Program Book or in the Abstract Book.

In case of a co-authored paper, at least one author needs to pay the registration fee by the early registration deadline April 1, 2014 in order for a paper to be included in the program. Other co-authors must pay the registration fee if they wish to attend the conference.

Please also note the details for **grants** applications which must be made by **January 31, 2014** by the participants directly to the RC Program Coordinator. For more details, see below.

Further, as usual at World Congresses, ISA RC 35 will hold **elections** for the next board at our business meeting in Yokohama. On behalf of the current board, I invite you all to send me your nominations. Please consult Art. III of our statutes (below) on the details of the nomination and election procedures.

Finally, you will find a report on our participation at the 41th **IIS World Congress** which took place in **Uppsala**, Sweden, 9-10 June 2013. We are grateful Gilles Verpraet and Craig Browne for organizing the session and preparing the report.

In closing, as usual, I would like to ask you to spread the word on COCTA and let your colleagues know that everyone interested in our current and future activities is cordially invited to participate. Do not hesitate to present your ideas in case you would like to propose or organize a COCTA conference or session. We are looking forward to be meeting you (again) rather sooner than later!

On behalf of the board, cordially yours,

David Strecker

General Information

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

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

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

The **general congress timetable** is here:

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

For **registration** see:

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

For information on **accommodation** consult:

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

Information on **grants** is provided here:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/guidelines-for-grant-application-submission.htm>

Presenters of papers, session chairs, organizers: Please observe the **registration deadline**: Registration has to be completed until **April 1, 2014, 24:00 GMT**. We are very much looking forward to your input!

Rules for all presenters Participants may be listed **no more than twice** in the Program. This includes all types of participation – except being listed as Program Coordinator or Session Organizer. Program Coordinators and Session Organizers can organize a maximum of two sessions where their names will be additionally listed in the program. A “participant” is anyone listed as an author, co-author, plenary speaker, roundtable presenter, poster presenter, panelist, critic, discussant, session (co)chair, or any similar substantive role in the program. A participant cannot present and chair in the same session. In order to be included in the program the participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.) need to pay **registration** fees by April 1, 2014.

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

Session Overview

for the 2014 COCTA (ISA RC35) Interim Conference
at the XVIII ISA World Congress,
Yokohama, Japan, 13-19 July, 2014

Integrative Session:

The Global South and Postcolonial Perspectives in International Sociology

Session 1:

Citizenship, Cosmopolitan Recognition and Democratic Imaginaries

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Business Meeting

Integrative Session

The Global South and Postcolonial Perspectives in International Sociology

RC35 in cooperation with RC08 (History of Sociology) & WG02 (Historical and Comparative Sociology)

Session Organizers:

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Session Coordinator & Chair:

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Speakers:

Gurminder K. Bhambra, University of Warwick, UK

Manuela Boatca, Free University of Berlin, Germany

Sujata Patel, University of Hyderabad, India

The ISA is the bearer of a great prospect for sociology: becoming a genuinely international field of knowledge. A powerful contemporary change is the emergence of postcolonial and southern perspectives. Sociology's history is being re-thought; the economy of knowledge centred on Europe and North America is being analyzed; more complex international flows of ideas are being traced.

"Postcolonial sociology" is not a new specialization: it is a shift that affects all fields of sociology. Postcolonial perspectives are currently being explored in sociological theory, the sociologies of disability, education, gender and modernization, the history of sociology, and more.

This session responds to this moment in the ISA's history, providing a forum to link postcolonial perspectives emerging in different areas of the ISA's work. The session will allow researchers to compare changes in their own fields, and discuss the implications for world sociology.

Speakers will be asked to respond to a set of questions posed by the participating ISA units. Through the contact persons, units will be asked to propose issues about postcolonial and southern perspectives for discussion at the session. These will be redacted by the contact persons and the coordinator, and given (well in advance) to the speakers.

The session is intended to be interactive. The Chairperson will pose questions to the speakers, based on the agreed agenda, and invite debate as well as direct statements. In the second half of the session, contributions (time-limited) from the floor will be invited, involving exchange with speakers on the panel. At the end of the session, the speakers will offer short closing statements.

With this format, we cannot list 'themes' individually for speakers. Possible themes are: innovations within specific fields of sociology; postcolonial curricula for teaching sociology; new audiences across the majority world; relations between sociology and indigenous knowledge.

Session 1

Citizenship, Cosmopolitan Recognition and Democratic Imaginaries

Session Organizers:

Craig Browne, University of Sydney, Australia, craig.browne@sydney.edu.au
Gilles Verpraet, CNRS/Université Paris Ouest, France, verp@ehess.fr

Presentations:

The Democratic Public and the Process of Experience: Towards a Pragmatist Theory of Recognition

Sebastian BANDELIN, University of Marburg, Germany

Cultural Structure and its Restriction of Struggles over Recognition

Veronika FRANTOVA, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Beyond Bourdieu: Dialogic Modernity and Social Change

Marta SOLER, University of Barcelona, Spain
Esther OLIVER, University of Barcelona, Spain

Constitutional Imaginaries and Democracy in the Post-National Era

Paul BLOKKER, Università degli Studi di Trento, Italy

Bersih and Street Protest: National Consciousness and Social-Political Change in Malaysia

Lee Ken TEO, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Siew Mun NGE, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia
Pooi Yin LEONG, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia

Session 2

Giving and Reciprocity

Session Organizer:

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Chair:

Karen Lumsden, Loughborough University, United Kingdom

Presentations:

Defining the Gift

Dave ELDER-VASS, Loughborough University, United Kingdom

Gift Giving and Generosity: A Multidisciplinary Perspective

Aafke Elisabeth KOMTER, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

On The In/Compatibility of Giving and Exchange

Olli PYYHTINEN, University of Turku, Finland

Contractual Gift-Giving as a Functional Hybrid: The Case of Gift-for-Sex Exchanges in Russia

Christopher SWADER, National Research University - Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

Session 3

The Business of Giving

Session Organizer:

Dave Elder-Vass, Loughborough University, UK, d.elder-vass@lboro.ac.uk

Presentations:

Everyday Morality and Moral Concerns and their Implications for Charitable Giving in the UK

Balihar SANGHERA, University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom

Foundations of Global Giving

Wesley LONGHOFER, Emory University, Atlanta, USA

Building the Case for CSR: Four Decades of Philippine Corporate Discourse on the Role of Business in Social Development

Erwin RAFAEL, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

Embeddedness in Action: The Socio-Cultural Institution of Gift Giving as a Resource in Consumer Markets

Asaf DARR, University of Haifa, Israel

The Elite Potlatch: Gifts, Girls, and Distinction among the Global VIP

Ashley MEARS, Boston University, USA

Session 4

'Individuality' Revisited: A Concept between Cultural and Epistemological Perspectives I

Session Organizers:

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Hisashi Nasu, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, hnasu@waseda.jp

Presentations:

The Fate of the Occidental Individual

Hans-Georg SOEFFNER, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen, Germany

"Individuality" as a Moral Expression in Japan

Chihaya KUSAYANAGI, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Contextualizing "Individuality": Searching for a More Flexible Definition

Wataru KURIHARA, Waseda University, Japan

Session 5

'Individuality' Revisited: A Concept between Cultural and Epistemological Perspectives II

Session Organizers:

Jochen Dreher, University of Konstanz, Germany, jochen.dreher@uni-konstanz.de
Hisashi Nasu, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, hnasu@waseda.jp

Presentations:

Producing Individuality: How Occupational Trajectories Are Embedded in Educational Practices

Lisa-Marian SCHMIDT, Alice Salomon Hochschule, Berlin, Germany

Situational Approach to "Individuality" from the Perspective of Frame Analysis

Tadafumi KIMURA, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan

El Concepto De Individualización En La Socsociología Clásica y Contermporánea y Su Aplicabilidad En México

Gina ZABLUDOVSKY, UNAM, Mexico

Construction and Constitution of Individuality – a Parallel Action between Social Science and Phenomenology

Jochen DREHER, University of Konstanz, Germany

Session 6

Power and Violence Revisited: Understanding the Theoretical Significance of Challenges to Western Modernity

Session Organizers:

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Presentations:

Modernities in Tension: Power, Violence, Sovereignties

John RUNDELL, University of Melbourne, Australia

How Market Economy Did Away with Violence: A Liberal Story and the Ugly Truth of Contemporary Slavery

David STRECKER, University of Jena, Germany

'Must the Subaltern Fight?: Resistance and the Art of Forming Your Masters'

Noel PARKER, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Clarification and Visual Representation of Concept of Power

Norio NAKA, Toyo Eiwa University, Yokohama, Japan

Session 7

Renegotiating Modernity: Imaginaries, Projects and Critiques

Session Organizers:

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

Experiences of Modernity and the Modernity of Experience

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

Genealogía Del Pensamiento Crítico

Rogelio SALAZAR DE LEÓN, USAC, Guatemala

*Unthinking Hierarchy: Articulation and Coloniality in Post-Apartheid South Africa
Offside Modernities*

Gennaro ASCIONE, University of Naples l'Orientale, Naples, Italy

*Modernidades Múltiples: La Experiencia Tapatía De La Modernidad Del Fin De
Siglo*

Héctor Raúl SOLÍS GADEA, Universidad de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico

Karla PLANTER PEREZ, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico

Session 8

Time and Society I

Session Organizers:

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

Presentations:

The Temporality of the Good Life: Resonance as a Key-Concept in Critical Theory

Hartmut ROSA, University of Jena, Germany

Toward a Sociological Understanding of Evolutionary Time in Human Development

Osmo KIVINEN, University of Turku, Finland

Tero PIIROINEN, University of Turku, Finland

Biological Time, Social Time: For a Recognition of the Concept of "Biosociological Time"

Laurence CHARTON, Urbanisation Culture Societe, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique, Montreal, Canada

Session 9

Time and Society II

Session Organizers:

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

Presentations:

Modern Times: How Organizational Time Structures Influence in Society

Uli MEYER, Technical University of Berlin, Germany
Cristina BESIO, Technical University of Berlin, Germany

Waiting – an Often Neglected Social Phenomenon

Andreas GOETTLICH, University of Konstanz, Germany

Aligning Social Presents and Calculated Futures: Pragmatist Conceptions of Time and the Creation of Social Realities through Numerical Predictions

Cornelius SCHUBERT, University of Siegen, Germany

Times of Innovation – Innovation of Times

René JOHN, Institut für Sozialinnovation, Berlin, Germany

Session 10

Semantics of the Concept of Community: Different Traditions and Cultural Backgrounds

Session Organizers:

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Pablo de Marinis, University of Buenos Aires/CONICET, Argentina,
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Presentations:

The Concept of Nation in Max Weber: Back to Gemeinschaft?

Eduardo WEISZ, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Construction and Constitution of Community – Epistemological and Cultural Comparative Reflections

Jochen DREHER, University of Konstanz, Germany

Modernity as Tragedy: Adam Ferguson on the Decline of Community

Veith SELK, University of Hamburg, Germany

Comparison and Topicality of Three Classical European Concepts of Community

Melanie WENZEL, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

Community and/or/versus Gemeinschaft? About the Emerging Problems by the Translation of a Concept from 'Central' to 'Peripheral' Cultural Spaces: The Case of the Sociological Work of Gino Germani

Pablo DE MARINIS, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires, CONICET, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Alejandro BIALAKOWSKY, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Distributed Papers:

Diamonds and Rust: Leopoldo Zea and the Community Spirit

Andrés KOZEL, CONICET, Buenos Aires, Argentina

El Concepto De Comunidad: Teoría Sociológica, Historia Conceptual e Historia Intelectual

Daniel ALVARO, CONICET/IIGG-UBA/Paris 8, Argentina

Mariano SASIN, IIGG-UBA, Argentina

Victoria HAIDAR, CONICET/UNL, Argentina

Juan Ignacio TROVERO, IIGG-UBA, Argentina

Eugenia FRAGA, IIGG-UBA, Argentina

The Gemeinschaft at the Dawn of Argentinian Sociology: The Contributions of A. Poviña and F. Ayala

Fermin ALVAREZ RUIZ, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Emiliano TORTEROLA, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Ana Lucía GRONDONA, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Session 11

Sociological Inquiries into the Concept of 'Crisis'

Session Organizer:

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Presentations:

Historically Determined Apocalypse: The Struggle of Accents in a Time Born of Crisis

Colin CREMIN, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Debating Alternative Conventions and Defying False Friends: The Concept of Crisis in the Rational Choice Theory of Institutions and Historical Social Change

Hanno SCHOLTZ, University of Konstanz, Germany; University of Fribourg, Switzerland

The Critique of Crisis

Rodrigo CORDERO, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile

Session 12

Technology and Society: How Culture-Bound are Sociological Concepts?

Session Organizers:

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Dieter Neubert, University of Bayreuth, Germany, dieter.neubert@uni-bayreuth.de

Presentations:

Science and Technology Studies, Africa and the Long Shadow of Unspoken Assumptions

Elísio MACAMO, University of Basel, Switzerland

Actor-Network-Theory and its Applicability in the "Global" South

Rene UMLAUF, University of Bayreuth, Germany
Stefan HÖHNE, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

Privacy, Surveillance and Security: The Profiling of Socio-Political 'Adversaries' Across Cultures

Jeremy GOULD, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Magic in Social and Natural Worlds: Planting New and More Colorful Technologies in South Africa

James MERRON, University of Basel, Switzerland

Introducing Technologies in Africa: Between Appropriation and the Challenge of a Trojan Horse

Dieter NEUBERT, University of Bayreuth, Germany

Session 13

The Concept of Society: National, Global, or None?

Session Organizer:

Boris Holzer, University of Bielefeld, Germany, boris.holzer@uni-bielefeld.de

Presentations:

The Whole of Society and Society as a Whole

Roar HAGEN, The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway

The National Society as a World-Societal Model

Tobias WERRON, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Christian HILGERT, University of Bielefeld, Germany

The World Society between the “Social” and the “Political”: How Can Sociology Observe the Politics of Global Distinctions?

Pablo HOLMES CHAVES, University of Brasilia, Brazil

Communities, Networks, Swarms: Internet-Collectivities as Supplements for the Notion of Society?

Elke WAGNER, University of Mainz, Germany

The Function and Uses of Society

Boris HOLZER, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Session 14

ISA RC35 Business Meeting

The agenda will follow in due course.

Past Events

ISA RC35 Session

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41st IIS World Congress

**“Sociology in Its Global Contexts: International Institute of Sociology at 120”
Uppsala, Sweden
9-10 June 2013**

COCTA has held sessions regularly at the World Congresses of the International Institute of Sociology. For this year's congress in Uppsala, Sweden Craig Browne and Gilles Verpraet organized the below session which took place on Monday, June 10, 11:30 – 13:00, and involved approximately 15 participants in the discussions which will be continued at their session in Yokohama (see above).

History and Statements of citizenship : Between Social Cohesion and Cultural Exchanges

Session Organizers:

Craig Browne, University of Sydney, Australia, craig.browne@sydney.edu.au

Gilles Verpraet, CNRS/Université Paris Ouest, France, verp@ehess.fr

The session was based on the initial questions: Historical and genealogical approaches combining the statements of citizenship and the statements of cosmopolitanisms can be heuristic; clarify the socio-cultural configurations between state democratization and the extension of cultural exchanges. The authors of reference may be examined between historical periods, so to specify the tense relations between empire and cosmopolitanism, between nation state consolidation and nationalism, between open citizenship and cosmopolitanism. The new dimensions of democratization can be assessed on historical and sociological bases.

Presentations:

Between Nation and State: An Examination of Citizenship Tests in the United Kingdom

Elizabeth Young, University of Michigan, USA

Republican Citizenship – Global, National, or Local One?

Rafał Wierchosławski, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

Cosmopolitanism and Citizenship: A Framework between Belonging and Learning

Gilles Verpraet, CNRS/Université Paris Ouest, France

Susana Penalva, Conicet, University san Martin, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Abstracts:

Between Nation and State: An Examination of Citizenship Tests in the United Kingdom

Elizabeth Young, University of Michigan, USA

In order to address these questions, Elisabeth Young (Michigan University) examines the case of the United Kingdom, which instituted its citizenship test in 2004 and subsequently revised it in 2007 and 2013. She focuses on the British case due to the multiple-levels of identity: constituent English, Northern Irish, Scottish, and Welsh identities and the composite British national identity. She discusses intensively the developing tensions in the test materials, specifically history sections; over how immigrants should relate to these multiple identities with an increasing emphasis on the primacy of British identity. Her paper concludes that in the most recent revision of the British citizenship material there is an almost paradoxical tension over the role of the immigrant and would-be citizen as both a threat to and a sustainer of British national identity in the face of increasing English, Northern Irish, Scottish, and Welsh affinities.

Republican Citizenship: Global, National, or Local One?

Rafał Wierchosławski, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

Rafał Wierchosławski reframes David Miller's question: "What kind of political community do we need to have, if republican politics and republican values are to flourish?" (Miller 2008). He discusses the republican identity along with the national and subnational one, considering different theses of political philosophy: on the basis of the European republican citizenship (Habermas 1996), on the place of citizenship in the super-trans-national-state (Zielonka 2006), whether the power holders 'track the common recognizable interests' of those affected (Pettit 1997), on what level the power holders can be placed – on a local/regional, national/post-national, supranational or even global one (Bohman, 2007, Pettit 2010). The author proceeds to provide some plausible elucidations of the questions mentioned above and to consider in what sense we may still claim the primacy of a local ("*Lebenswelt*") dimension of republican citizenship against its upper levels in a way that does not exclude its global and cosmopolitan dimension.

Cosmopolitanism and Citizenship: A Framework between Belonging and Learning

Gilles Verpraet, CNRS/Université Paris Ouest, France

Susana Penalva, Conicet, University san Martin, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Cosmopolitanism and citizenship set up two dimensions of recognition. Citizenship is concerned with the political recognition (Rousseau et al.), with formal equality, arguing the combination between rights and duties (Marshall). The cosmopolitanism thematic is related with the cultural recognitions, beyond the limitations of exclusive citizenship (Kant, Beck, Delanty). The case studies come of school debates and reforms in France, on the construction of social policies and welfare institutions in Argentina

ISA RC35 Statutes

Approved at the 2012 Business Meeting

PREAMBULUM

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

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES

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

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

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

By-Laws

Membership Fee

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

ARTICLE II: GOVERNING BODIES

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

ARTICLE III: ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE V: FINAL REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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