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COCTA News

Dear members and friends of COCTA,

as always, yet for the last time on behalf of the current board, in opening I welcome the new members to our RC and invite all 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 about to commence, our conference at the **XVIII ISA World Congress in Yokohama, Japan, 13-19 July 2014**. Below, you will find an overview of our splendid Yokohama program and the details to the individual sessions.

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

In our previous newsletter we invited applications to congress registration **grants**. Unfortunately, ISA did not provide any travel grants this time, but I am very happy to announce that we were able to provide all applicants with a registration grant: Alejandro Bialakowsky, Marcos Gonzalez, Oliver Kozlarek and Erwin Rafael. In addition, ISA provided a Programme Coordinator registration grant to our RC.

All our RC **Sessions** will take place in **Booth 68** between Monday and Thursday. The Integrative Session we are co-organizing is set for Friday in room 502. The academic meetings on Monday include two sessions co-hosted by the journal *Time & Society* which will be followed by a **Reception** to which all RC members are warmly invited.

Everyone interested in our RC is also cordially invited to participate in our **Business Meeting** which will be held directly afterwards, i.e. on the first congress day, Monday, July 14, at 19:30. We look forward to lively discussions on future activities and will hold **Board Elections** with nominations from the floor.

It has become an RC tradition to have a **Communal Dinner** following the administrative proceedings, and we will continue our series of these memorable events in Yokohama. Thanks to our local RC member Sachiko Takita-Ishii, we have made a reservation for Yokohama Sukizuki (<http://www.y-sukizuki.com/top.html>), close to Sakuragicho JR station in Yokohama's bar & pub area Noge and in walking distance from the congress venue, for Monday, July 14, at 21:00. Some more pictures and a map to the restaurant here: <http://r.gnavi.co.jp/g419000/>. And even a video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHZjp69eSXA&feature=youtu.be>.

Rounding off this issue are our Statutes, the details on the Board that has served since Gothenburg 2010 and a Publication Announcement by our longstanding, outgoing president Volker H. Schmidt for his book on Global Modernity, the ideas to which many of us have discussed at COCTA sessions over the previous years.

Looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, our sessions on Monday and after, to lively and stimulating discussion and a thought-provoking as well as joyful time! See you soon!

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 **program book** can be downloaded here:

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

For **practical information** consult:

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

The **general congress timetable** is here:

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

Technical information for presenters

All session rooms are equipped with a computer, LCD projector, screen, microphone, and pointer. It is recommended that presenters bring their own thumb drives so that they can easily load their presentations onto a single computer to save time between presentations. In the case of Mac users, if they want to use their own Mac, they need to bring a connector.

We recommend you to bring either PowerPoint or Adobe PDF presentation files in a USB memory compatible with Microsoft Windows OS. The expected format of the presentation file is Microsoft Windows PowerPoint version 2003, 2007 or 2010. Speakers can also use their own computers for presentation. The session room computers will not have internet access or sound connection.

If a presentation includes ANIMATION, it is recommended to use your own computer.

Speakers are requested to upload their presentations to the session room computer, or to connect their own computer to the on-site projector, not later than during the break proceeding a session. Speakers will operate the slides themselves.

Note to those who bring their own computer:

- Please make sure that the PC has D-Sub 15 pin mini terminal for monitor output. Some compact PCs require another connector; in this case, please bring your own connector.
- Please bring your own battery charger adapter.

Internet Access

Wireless Internet access is provided in the all Foyer of the Convention Complex and in the ISA 2014 Café situated in the Exhibition Hall B&C. The Business Centers located in the Exhibition Hall, 2nd floor, and in the Conference Center provide a paid connection to Internet and computers (PC).

Session Overview

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

Session 1: Monday, July 14, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68
Technology and Society: How Culture-Bound are Sociological Concepts?

Session 2: Monday, July 14, 2014: 15:30 – 17:20, Room: Booth 68
Time and Society I

Session 3: Monday, July 14, 2014: 17:30 – 19:20, Room: Booth 68
Time and Society II (followed by Reception)

Session 4: Monday, July 14, 2014: 19:30 – 20:50, Room: Booth 68
Business Meeting (followed by Communal Dinner)

Session 5: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 8:30 – 10:20, Room: Booth 68
Citizenship, Cosmopolitan Recognition and Democratic Imaginaries

Session 6: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68
Sociological Inquiries into the Concept of 'Crisis'

Session 7: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 15:30 – 17:20, Room: Booth 68
'Individuality' Revisited: A Concept between Cultural and Epistemological Perspectives I

Session 8: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 17:30 – 19:20, Room: Booth 68
'Individuality' Revisited: A Concept between Cultural and Epistemological Perspectives II

Session 9: Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 8:30 – 10:20, Room: Booth 68
Semantics of the Concept of Community: Different Traditions and Cultural Backgrounds

Session 10: Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68
Power and Violence Revisited: Understanding the Theoretical Significance of Challenges to Western Modernity

Session 11: Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 15:30 – 17:20, Room: Booth 68
Giving and Reciprocity

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The Business of Giving

Session 13: Thursday, July 17, 2014: 8:30 – 10:20, Room: Booth 68
The Concept of Society: National, Global, or None?

Session 14: Thursday, July 17, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68
Renegotiating Modernity: Imaginaries, Projects and Critiques

Integrative Session: Friday, July 18, 2014: 12:30 – 13:50, Room: 502
The Global South and Postcolonial Perspectives in International Sociology

Session 1: Monday, July 14, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68

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

Session Organizers:

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Chair: *Sachiko Takita-Ishii*, Yokohama City University, Japan

Presentations:

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

Dieter NEUBERT, University of Bayreuth, Germany

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

James MERRON, 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

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

Elísio MACAMO, University of Basel, Switzerland

Session 2: Monday, July 14, 2014: 15:30 – 17:20, Room: Booth 68

Time and Society I

Session Organizers:

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

Chair: *David Strecker*, University of Jena, Germany

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 3: Monday, July 14, 2014: 17:30 – 19:20, Room: Booth 68

Time and Society II

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Chair: *Hartmut Rosa*, University of Jena, Germany

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

Times of Innovation – Innovation of Times

René JOHN, Institut für Sozialinnovation, Berlin, Germany

Followed by:

Time & Society Reception

Session 4: Monday, July 14, 2014: 19:30 – 20:50, Room: Booth 68

ISA RC35 Business Meeting

Agenda:

Changes to and Approval of Agenda

Report: RC Activities, Statutes and Finances

General Discussion: Objectives, Plans, Ideas and Suggestions

Elections of the Board 2014-2018: Elections Officer, Nominations, Voting

Followed by:

RC 35 Communal Dinner (~ 21:00)

@ Yokohama Sukizuki (<http://www.y-sukizuki.com/top.html>)

Session 5: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 8:30 – 10:20, Room: Booth 68

Citizenship, Cosmopolitan Recognition and Democratic Imaginaries

Session Organizers & Chairs:

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

Beyond Bourdieu: Dialogic Modernity and Social Change

Marta SOLER, University of Barcelona, Spain

Esther OLIVER, University of Barcelona, Spain

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 6: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68

Sociological Inquiries into the Concept of ‘Crisis’

Session Organizer:

Marcos Gonzalez Hernando, University of Cambridge,
UK, marcos.gonzalez.hernando@gmail.com

Chair: *Dietmar J. Wetzel*, University of Bern, Switzerland

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

A New Crisologie after 2008? Crises and Cognitive Autonomy

Marcos GONZALES-HERNANDO, University of Cambridge, UK

Session 7: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 15:30 – 17:20, Room: Booth 68

‘Individuality’ Revisited: A Concept between Cultural and Epistemological Perspectives I

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Presentations:

"Individuality" as a Moral Expression in Japan

Chihaya KUSAYANAGI, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Producing Individuality: How Occupational Trajectories Are Embedded in Educational Practices

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

Contextualizing "Individuality": Searching for a More Flexible Definition

Wataru KURIHARA, Waseda University, Japan

Session 8: Tuesday, July 15, 2014: 17:30 – 19:20, Room: Booth 68

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

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Presentations:

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 9: Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 8:30 – 10:20, Room: Booth 68

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

Session Organizers:

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Chair: *Eugenia Fraga*, IIGG-UBA, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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:

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

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

Eugenia FRAGA, IIGG-UBA, Argentina

Mariano SASIN, IIGG-UBA, Argentina

Victoria HAIDAR, CONICET/UNL, Argentina

Juan Ignacio TROVERO, 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 10: Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68

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

Session Organizers:

John Rundell, University of Melbourne, Australia, johnfr@unimelb.edu.au

David Strecker, University of Jena, Germany, David.Strecker@uni-jena.de

Chair: *Manuela Boatca*, Free University Berlin, Germany

Presentations:

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

David STRECKER, University of Jena, Germany

The Law of Power and the Power of Law: Cultural Rights, Afro-Descendants and Struggles for Land in Latin America

Sergio COSTA, Free University Berlin, Germany

Clarification and Visual Representation of the Concept of Power

Norio NAKA, Toyo Eiwa University, Yokohama, Japan

Session 11: Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 15:30 – 17:20, Room: Booth 68

Giving and Reciprocity

Session Organizer:

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

Chair: *Asaf Darr*, University of Haifa, Israel

Presentations:

Defining the Gift

Dave ELDER-VASS, Loughborough University, United Kingdom

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

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

Ashley MEARS, Boston University, USA

Session 12: Wednesday, July 16, 2014: 17:30 – 19:20, Room: Booth 68

The Business of Giving

Session Organizer:

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

Chair: *Ashley Mears*, Boston University, USA

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

Session 13: Thursday, July 17, 2014: 8:30 – 10:20, Room: Booth 68

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

Session Organizer:

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

Chair: *Vera Linke*, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Presentations:

The Function and Uses of Society

Boris HOLZER, University of Bielefeld, Germany

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

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

Elke WAGNER, University of Mainz, Germany

Session 14: Thursday, July 17, 2014: 10:30 – 12:20, Room: Booth 68

Renegotiating Modernity: Imaginaries, Projects and Critiques

Session Organizers:

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Chair: *Gurminder K. Bhambra*, University of Warwick, UK

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

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

Integrative Session: Friday, July 18, 2014: 12:30 – 13:50, Room: 502

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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WG 02: Manuela Boatca, Free University of Berlin, Germany, mboatca@zedat.fu-berlin.de

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.

Global Modernity

A Conceptual Sketch

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This study introduces and systematizes the concept of global modernity as a paradigm for the analysis of the contemporary era. Building on Parson's distinction between social, cultural, personal and organismic systems, it presents a four-dimensional scheme that aims to identify modernity's key structural components. Each dimension is explored in turn, highlighting different aspects of the modern condition. While focusing on universal features, the scheme leaves ample room for capturing cross-regional diversity. The book's key argument is that we have entered a new phase of global, polycentric modernity which brings to a close several centuries of Western world domination and gives rise to a new world order.

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Endorsement:

"One of the most rewarding books I've read in years, Global Modernity. A Conceptual Sketch offers a tour de force that can stand as a benchmark for future discussions of the subject. Its ideas are original and authoritative, well-formulated, and wondrously usable. The author treats major contributors to the debate on modernity deftly, respectfully, and creatively – thereby manifesting a kind of civilized inquiry that is regrettably rare in academic discourse. Overall, I find Volker Schmidt's book to be one of the very few statements in general sociological theory today worthy engaging with seriously."
- Donald N. Levine, Peter B. Ritzma Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University of Chicago, USA

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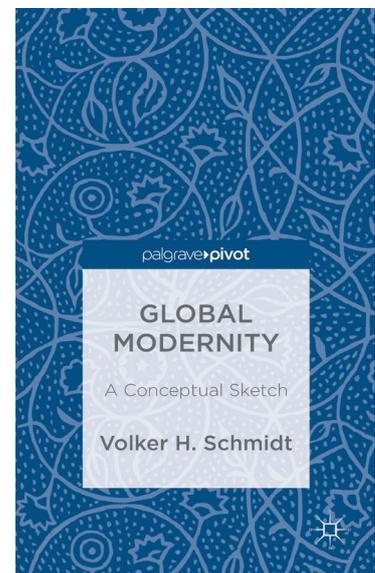
Author:

Volker H. Schmidt is associate professor of sociology at the National University of Singapore. He was formerly a Kennedy Memorial Fellow at Harvard University, USA, and he has held several fellowships at the University of Münster, Germany. Most recently, he was a Fellow at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Bielefeld, Germany.

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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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