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CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER

~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~

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Dear RC46 Members,

We had an excellent conference in Madrid. Thanks to all who participated and particularly to our Spanish hosts – Lorenzo Navarrete, Laura Díaz, Fernando de Yzaguirre and Isabel Fernandez Hearn. The hosts were helpful in so many, many ways!

Uppsala, Sweden in 2013. You are invited to submit an abstract for the RC46 Clinical Sociology session at the upcoming meeting of the Institute for International Sociology (IIS) in Uppsala, Sweden (June 9-10, 2013). Gwyn Øverland, a member of our executive board and the newly-appointed coordinator of our regional representatives, and I submitted a proposal to hold a clinical sociology session at the IIS meeting in June. It was accepted. (Details about the session are included in this newsletter.) **By return email, please contact me at jan.fritz@uc.edu and Gwyn at gwyn.overland@sshf.no if you would like to give a presentation at our clinical sociology session. The names of all participants in the session must be submitted to the IIS in the first few days of May. If you are interested in participating in this session, we need to hear from you immediately.**

Yokohama, Japan in 2014. In this newsletter, Tina Uys, our vice president for programs, provides the titles and descriptions of our RC46 sessions for our 2014 meeting in Yokohama. Please make sure you go to the ISA website (when it opens for abstracts) and submit an abstract for one or two of the sessions. (Please remember that your name can't appear on the program more than twice. Please also remember that the deadline for abstract submission is much earlier than you might expect for a 2014 meeting.) In addition to the sessions listed, we have organized (and had accepted) an ISA integrative session (with two national associations and a TG) that will be held at some point during a morning of the conference. (The program for that session had to be part of the application and so we will not be inviting abstracts for that session.) We also have co-sponsored a TG 03 session on human rights and clinical sociology. That is being announced as a regular session and you are free to apply to give a presentation in that session.

Statutes. Because the ISA is asking all RCs to put certain items in their statutes, we are revising our RC46 statutes. Thank you for your comments on the draft. In the next few weeks you will be receiving our final draft for your approval.

Summer Course. A course in clinical sociology will be offered in Madrid this summer. Look for details in Gwyn's news as coordinator of the regional representatives.

I look forward to seeing some of you in Uppsala and all of you in Yokohama!

Jan

Jan Marie Fritz

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Invitation to Participate in the IIS Conference

At the Madrid meeting in March, Gwyn Overland announced a call for sessions sent out by the International Institute of Sociology (IIS). (IIS was founded by Durkheim in 1893). IIS will hold its 41st World Congress in Uppsala, Sweden, June 9-10 2013, on the occasion of IIS's 120th anniversary. The RC46 Executive Board was interested in sending a proposal for an RC46 session and so a proposal was submitted by Jan Marie Fritz and Gwyn and it has been approved by IIS.

The session borrows the name and theme of the Madrid conference: **Clinical Sociology: Improving Lives and Communities through Analysis and Intervention.** The session is described as follows:

Clinical sociology is a creative, humanistic and multidisciplinary specialization that seeks to improve the quality of people's lives. Clinical sociologists assess situations and prevent, avoid, reduce and/or eliminate problems through a combination of analysis and rights-based intervention.

Clinical sociology is as old as the field of sociology, and its roots are found in many parts of the world. The specialization is often traced back to the fourteenth-century work of the Arab scholar and statesperson Abd-al-Rahman ibn Khaldun (1332-1406). Auguste Comte, Emile Durkheim and Karl Marx are among those frequently mentioned as precursors to the field. If one focuses on the use of the words clinical sociology, the specialization has its longest history in the United States. There were speeches, reports, courses and articles that focused on or mentioned clinical sociology beginning in the late 1920s and early 1930s

The International Sociological Association's (ISA) Research Committee (RC46) on Clinical Sociology, established in 1982, has members in 28 countries. RC46 is grateful for this opportunity to arrange a session for the IIS World Congress.

This session invites papers analysing situations for possible intervention and/or analyzing actual interventions at all levels of focus (individual through global). We particularly welcome papers that address problems facing individuals and communities during globalization, times of dramatic change and periods of conflict.

Uppsala is a lovely old university town with a rushing river and a famous library, the Carolina Rediviva, where Foucault discovered the 17th century French manuscripts which were used as sources for his histories. For details about the conference, please see the conference website at www.iisoc.org/iis2013

All RC members are cordially invited to IMMEDIATELY submit presentation titles and brief abstracts directly to both Jan at jan.fritz@uc.edu and Gwyn at gwyn.overland@sshf.no Presentations are welcome on any topic connected to clinical sociology. Because of the IIS deadline, we need to finalize the session as soon as possible and certainly no later than the first few days in May.

News from Vice President Tina Uys about the Yokohama Program

CALL FOR PAPERS – for the ISA World Congress, July 13-19 2014 in Yokohama, Japan.

We submitted a list of proposed sessions to the ISA that will form the Call for Papers for RC46. **From June 3, 2013 to September 30, 2013 any ISA member can submit an abstract on-line indicating the particular session she or he feels would be the best fit for her/his paper.** (The numbering of the sessions on the ISA website in June might be different than listed below.)

It is important to keep in mind that this list of sessions will not necessarily be the final list of sessions that will appear in the programme for Yokohama. The final programme will depend on the number of abstracts of good quality that we receive for each of the sessions. Some proposed sessions might not receive any abstracts or very few and some might receive too many for one session. The list of sessions will then have to be redesigned to accommodate this. Titles of all sessions will be reviewed and adjusted (if needed) to match the topics of papers in the session. Once this has been achieved, chairs/session organisers will be appointed on the basis of consultation.

It is important to keep in mind that if any person is the chair of a session, she or he cannot present a paper in that session. This is an ISA rule and not something we can control or influence. Also, please remember that each person's name can only appear on the programme twice - as author, co-author, discussant, plenary speaker, session (co-)chair, critic, roundtable presenter, and/or poster presenter. (This is another ISA rule.) Only members of our RC can present a paper in one of our sessions. (The co-sponsored session mentioned below is an exception.) If we accept an abstract from someone who is not a member of RC46 for one of our sessions, this person will be requested to become a member to qualify for inclusion in the final programme.

All participants MUST register for the World Congress by the early registration deadline of April 1, 2014 in order for their names to appear in the Program Book or in the Abstracts Book. Failure to do so will automatically result in being deleted from the programme.

Language(s) of RC46 presentations: **Presentations may be made in English, French or Spanish** (the official languages of the ISA for academic matters), and the title and abstract of the paper should be in the intended official language of presentation. While we will (unfortunately) be unable to provide formal simultaneous or sequential translation, RC46 usually attempts to come up with more informal measures to facilitate communication across language lines for the

three official languages. **Presenters should also consider facilitating understanding by providing translated outlines. Google Translate is very helpful here.**

I would like to thank the members of the RC46 Programme Committee: Viviana Arbelo, Nicole Aubert, Jan Fritz, Yuji Noguchi, Harry Perlstadt, Emma Porio, Mitsui Sayo and Mariam Seedat Khan - as well as all the participants who attended the Madrid programme committee meeting and submitted descriptions of sessions - for their assistance. **I am sure that we are going to have a very successful congress in Yokohama.**

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AND SESSIONS:

RC46 Clinical Sociology Program at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology

Programme Coordinators: Tina Uys tuys@uj.ac.za and Jan Marie Fritz jan.fritz@uc.edu

Abstracts can be submitted in English, Spanish or French for any of the sessions listed below.

Session 1: History of Clinical Sociology in Countries and Regions: Descriptions and/or Comparisons

This session will examine the history of clinical sociology in selected countries and regions. Various topics may be covered including the following: case studies of countries or regions; histories of clinical sociology organizations; biographies of individual clinical sociologists; histories of subfields in clinical sociology (e.g., health, community development); and comparisons of developments in clinical sociology in selected countries and regions.

Session 2: Courses, Programmes, Certification and Accreditation in Clinical Sociology

Presentations for this session could examine the development of selected courses in clinical sociology and/or the certification/licensure possibilities for clinical sociologists in selected countries. In addition, selected programmes in clinical sociology could be analysed (for instance, in terms of their development, coverage, desirability and effectiveness). There also could be analyses of certification or program accreditation efforts.

Session 3: Epistemology, Theories, Research Methods and/or Research Ethics in Clinical Sociology

Although much sociological research and intervention is about program or policy development, clinical sociologists also have epistemological, theoretical, methodological and ethical considerations in designing and gaining approval for their work. Abstracts are welcome about any of these issues.

The presentations might be about, for instance the different experiences in clinical sociology research and intervention in different countries; the basic criteria for a typical or ideal clinical sociology practice; or the way ethical dilemmas have been or could be addressed. Among epistemological issues, presentations may connect contemplative knowledge and practices with our discipline at theoretical, empirical and professional levels. Contemplative practices come

mainly from religious and spiritual backgrounds (contemplative knowledge). Contemplative knowledge challenges disciplines about what should be considered as the self and experience, recognizing the body and sensations as part of knowledge construction.

Session 4: Clinical Sociology, Health and Social Policy

Presentations are invited that deal with important human needs and desires such as food; shelter; a sustainable and safe environment; the promotion of health; the treatment of illness; inclusion; education; training; labour; adoption; abortion; and social security. Abstracts are welcome about clinical sociological analysis and/or intervention in the health care sector in areas including health care delivery, health planning, health education, health care organizations and professions, and health policy. We particularly are interested in the analysis of social policies (e.g., guidelines, principles, legislation, mandates, and treaties) that have been put in place to meet human needs and learning about actual practices and change initiatives in relation to social policies.

Session 5: Clinical Sociology Analysis and/or Intervention in Work or Educational Settings

Presentations are invited that deal with work and/or educational settings. Social scientists currently interested in the specialized area of work/labour in different capacities are encouraged to participate. Work takes on many forms in varied locations. The work context could be, for instance, an office building, a foreign country, a sidewalk or a ship at sea. Work intersects at multiple levels in diverse societies; these intersections include but are not limited to gender, race, class, ethnicity and nationality. Both clinical sociology and education seek to improve the quality of life for all learners - both abled and differently abled learners. Presentations are encouraged from those working in the field of education.

Session 6: Clinical Sociology and Community Intervention

This session focuses on the analysis and interventions that clinical sociologists engage in to improve the quality of life in communities, whether communities are defined as geographic areas or places; relationships; or as an expression of collective political power. Presentations are welcome which discuss the ways in which individuals, community organisations and institutions help to address community issues, such as through improved service delivery; increased home ownership; increasing neighbourhood spirit; transportation initiatives, promotion of health and wellness; prevention of crime and improved climate. We also are interested in presentations that analyse the causes of disadvantage (e.g., economic, education, political, racial, ethnic and/or gender causes) in communities and the need (as well as how) to mobilize people, power and other resources to effect social change and development in such communities.

Session 7: Clinical Sociology, Cultural Diversity and Immigration/ Sociologie Clinique, diversité culturelle et immigration

Migrations, in all countries, international immigration or internal migrations inside a country constitute a major social phenomenon. In the cities, at school, in the workplace, in health services, in the political public sphere, diversity is the word. How can we build a society based on an inclusive social democracy, a true citizenship that addresses the dialectical tension between universal rights and duties and “otherness”, the basic differences expressed through languages, values, beliefs, life habits, gender relationships? Presentations are welcome on all kinds of cultural diversity and immigration/migration issues.

Les migrations dans tous les pays, que ce soient l’immigration internationale ou les migrations internes dans un pays constituent un phénomène social majeur. Dans les villes, à l’école, dans les milieux de travail, dans la sphère publique, la diversité est la règle. Comment construire une société fondée sur une démocratie sociale, une citoyenneté qui se définit dans une tension dialectique entre des droits et devoirs universels et « l’altérité », sur des différences fondamentales de langues, de valeurs, de croyances, d’habitudes de vie, de relations de genre ? Les présentations sont les bienvenus sur tous les types de diversité culturelle et les questions d’immigration/migration.

Session 8: Destructive Social Experiences and/or Dependencies

This session looks at extremely difficult social experiences such as bullying; war; mafia and gang control; and harmful cultural practices. It also covers emotional and behavioural dependencies such as addiction to drugs, alcohol, work, food, sex or gambling. The session also can discuss co-dependency (people may form or maintain relationships that are one-sided, emotionally destructive and/or physically abusive). Papers are invited that analyse one or more phenomena in a single locality or make comparisons of various kinds (e.g., by geographic setting, different kinds of experiences) and/or discuss attempts to intervene.

Session 9: Clinical and Critical analysis of New Public Management/ Analyse critique et clinique de la Nouvelle gestion publique

The New Public Management had become a reference model in public institutions and the states. Are the basic paradigms of this management conception (utilitarianism, positivism, functionalism, objectivism) compatible with the ones in clinical sociology? Managerial “reforms” planned or imposed in business firms, public services or institutions produce an increase of a deep workers’ ill being (psychosocial risks for health), expressed through stress, burn out, professional exhaustion, depression, moral harassment, suicide. What are the answers, theoretical or practical, that can be given, in clinical sociology, to address this social phenomenon?

Le New management public s’est imposé comme référence et comme modèle dans la gestion publique des institutions et des États. Les paradigmes qui fondent cette conception de la gestion

(utilitarisme, positivisme, fonctionnalisme, objectivistes) sont-ils compatibles avec les paradigmes de la sociologie clinique ? Les « réformes » managériales voulues ou imposées des entreprises, des services publics et des institutions engendrent une montée d'un mal être profond des travailleurs (risques psychosociaux) qui se traduit par des symptômes comme le stress, le burn out, l'épuisement professionnel, la dépression, le harcèlement, le suicide. Quelles réponses, théoriques, méthodologiques et pratiques, la sociologie clinique peut-elle apporter face à ce phénomène social global ?

Session 10: Clinical Sociology and Inclusiveness

One of the basic values of clinical sociology is inclusivity. This session invites presentations focusing on gender; race; ethnicity; physical and mental challenges; sexuality; class; age; religion and/or other considerations that must be taken into account when putting inclusive initiatives in place. The papers may focus on the barriers or the ways in which barriers have been, are being or could be overcome.

Session 11: Violence and Suffering in the Workplace/ Violence et souffrance dans les milieux de travail

In a context of globalization, increasing complexity and constant reorganizations, the relationship to work has become uncertain and chaotic. The transition from industrial capitalism to financial capitalism was accompanied by a transformation of modes of corporate governance. The need to improve productivity to satisfy the rate of return required by "financial markets" has put businesses in a headlong rush. The reorganization has become the norm. Inside the enterprise, the way of functioning is based on the search for immediate efficacy, in a temporal context dominated by immediacy and continual acceleration. With the triumph of managerial ideology, the quest for a meaningful work and the recognition of the person's contribution in management are strikingly absent. These are the consequences in terms of individual and collective suffering that will be discussed during this session. Attempts to cope with this 'economic violence' will also be studied

Session 12: Clinical Sociology and Social Change /Sociologie clinique et changement social

The Social change perspective is a traditional basic issue in Clinical Sociology, anchored from the beginning on a dialectical relationship between theory and practice. Through different research and practice experiences, we are to examine how and to what extent social change is produced. Different models and strategies are first to be distinguished, for example the planning of change, based on problem solving and pragmatic principles or more interpretive and symbolic interaction models, or more radical change models. We also will evaluate what is changed: people (attitudes, political consciousness, ways of thinking), collectives and power relationships (in organizations and institutions), and/or structural dimensions (rules, governance models, policies). What do we change, actually?

Le changement social est une dimension traditionnelle de base en sociologie clinique, ancrée depuis le début sur une perspective des rapports dialectiques entre théorie et pratique. A partir de différentes expériences de recherche et d'intervention, il convient d'étudier comment et jusqu'à quel point un changement social se produit. Nous devons d'abord distinguer différents modèles de changement, comme celui du Changement planifié, fondé sur les principes du Pragmatisme et sur le modèle de résolution de problème, ou ceux fondés sur des modèles Interprétatifs ou d'interactionnisme symbolique, ou d'autre plus radicaux. Il faut ensuite d'apprécier ce qui est changé : les personnes (attitudes, conscience politique, façons de penser), les collectifs et les relations de pouvoir (dans les organisations et les institutions), des dimensions structurelles (règles, modèles de gouvernance, politiques). Que changeons-nous, finalement?

Session 13: Sociology and Social Work: Past, Present and Future

This session will look at the history, development and concerns of the two fields in selected countries. Papers are invited about a range of topics including the similarities and differences in the two fields in terms of theories, research methods and/or practices; emergent trends; teaching and/or internship issues; occupational hazards and challenges facing practitioners; the influence of the two fields on social policy; professionalization efforts; opportunities and collaborations. Also of particular interest is the relationship between the two fields over time.

Session 14: Business meeting

Co-sponsored Session by TG03 Human Rights and RC46 Clinical Sociology

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Human Rights and Clinical Sociology

Human rights encompass political, economic, social, group, cultural, democratic and environmental rights. Clinical sociology, involving both analysis and intervention (at all levels from individual through global), is a rights-based, creative and multidisciplinary specialization that seeks to improve life situations for individuals and collectivities. A rights-based approach means that clinical analysis and intervention is expected to promote and maintain at least a minimum standard of well-being to which all people ideally possess a right. This session invites presentations regarding human rights principles and documents in relation to social intervention. Presentations about human rights and social justice may focus on a variety of topics in terms of their history, policies, and/or practices.

News from Emma Porio, Vice President for Publications

Work in Progress: Compendium of Clinical Sociology Publication Titles.

The Publications Committee is collecting the titles of clinical sociology publications. The initial compendium is expected to come out in the next quarter. Initially, this will be divided by topic and by region unless you have other viable suggestions. **We would appreciate very much if you would send the titles of your publications and those of other clinical sociologists to eporio@ateneo.edu** We urge regional representatives to take particular notice of publications in your respective regions.

Publication Opportunities for Members. Olga Guzhva (guzhva.olga@gmail.com), the recipient of RC 46's 2012 award for an Outstanding Early Career in Clinical Sociology has offered to review articles on clinical sociology for possible publication in the following journals that she edits: (1) *Studies of Changing Societies* (an international, multi-disciplinary on-line journal), and (2) SOCIOIIPPOCTIP, an on-line research journal connected to sociology and social work. This arrangement was firmed up during the Madrid meeting with Tetyana Basina, who is working with Olga Guzhva. Tetyana and Mariam Seedat Khan from South Africa volunteered to become members of the Publications Committee. Both presented their very interesting work at the Madrid meeting and were welcomed to the Committee.

Send Information for the RC 46 Website. The Publications Committee would like to hear about your clinical sociology-related activities and conference/publication initiatives so that we can post them on our website (<http://rc46.dsa-ateneo.net>). Through your contributions this will become a dynamic alpha site compared to its current status as a beta site. Please send your contributions to eporio@ateneo.edu

Report from Secretary-Treasurer Harry Perlstadt

As of 1 April 2013, RC46 has 100 members. Our members are both members of the ISA and RC46. Some members have noted that it seems strange that their ISA and RC memberships do not expire at the same time. The ISA system of only having four-year memberships means that if a person did not enroll in both at the same time, the ISA and RC46 memberships will not expire during the same year.

RC46 held well-attended executive board and business meetings in Madrid. The topics that were announced/discussed at one or both meetings included: each executive board member having a specific responsibility; translation issues for members; having an RC46 session at the International Institute of Sociology conference; reports from officers and regional representatives; candidates for ISA officers and other executive board members; candidates for RC46 officers and other executive board members; RC46 awards; ISA request for RCs to revise their statutes; RC46 book project on community intervention and our next meeting in Yokohama. As you know, RC46 is in the process of revising its statutes.

News from Gwyn Øverland, Coordinator of Regional Representatives

Summer Course on Clinical Sociology (Madrid, Spain; 8-29 July 2013). The Laboratoire Paris-Diderot-VII (Sorbonne) University, the Complutense University (in Madrid) and the Clinical Sociology Commission within the Professional Association of Sociology and Political Sciences (Colegio de Politólogos y Sociólogos) are offering a summer course titled "**Clinical Sociology. New Paradigms for Social Intervention.**" Fluent Spanish is a requirement for participation. Enrollment forms can be found at http://pendientedemigracion.ucm.es/info/fgu/formacion/escuela_verano/cursos/c67.php
For further Information, write to sociologiaclinica@colpolsoc.org

Grants for the course are available (before the end of April) by contacting: **FUNDACIÓN GENERAL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID**; C/ Donoso Cortés, 63/65 (28015 Madrid, Spain) ; matriculafgucm@rect.ucm.es Tel.: 34 91 394 64 80 / 64 81; secretariadealumnos@rect.ucm.es Tel.: 34 91 3946392 / 64 10.

Sociología clínica: nuevos paradigmas para la intervención social, CURSO UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE VERANO 2013. Queremos anunciar que miembros del Laboratoire de Changement Social de l'Université Paris-Diderot (Sorbonne); del Departamento de Psicología Social de la UCM y del Colegio de Politólogos y Sociólogos y su Comisión de Sociología Clínica, hemos presentado en Madrid el curso "Sociología clínica: nuevos paradigmas para la intervención social". En dicho curso participarán dos eminencias internacionales que han desarrollado esta perspectiva en Francia durante los últimos treinta años: Vincent de Gaulejac y Jacqueline Barus-Michel, de la Universidad París-VII (Sorbonne), así como uno de los fundadores de la Psicología Social en España e introductor de la Sociología Clínica en nuestro país: José Ramón Torregrosa (Catedrático de Psicología Social de la UCM).

OBJETIVOS DEL CURSO: (1.) Dar a conocer la Sociología Clínica como perspectiva desde la que enfocar la intervención social y como salida profesional de las ciencias sociales. (2.) Mostrar los desarrollos teóricos, organizativos y de formación que se encuadran bajo la etiqueta de "sociología clínica", o "psicosociología clínica". (3.) Proporcionar las herramientas metodológicas para el ejercicio de la práctica profesional dentro del ámbito de la Sociología Clínica. (4.) Entrenar las capacidades adquiridas mediante el estudio de casos y la realización de talleres prácticos.

DURACIÓN DEL CURSO: 75 horas; FECHAS DE REALIZACIÓN: Del 8 al 26 de Julio de 2013; HORARIO: 9 a 14 horas; PRECIO DE LA MATRÍCULA: 750 Euros (ver comentarios más abajo); NÚMERO MÁXIMO DE ALUMNOS/AS: 20; PERFIL DEL ALUMNO/A: Licenciados de cualquier disciplina (preferiblemente relacionada con las ciencias sociales); estudiantes universitarios que busquen un primer acercamiento a la sociología clínica; profesionales que trabajen o hayan trabajado en el área de la sociología clínica y la intervención y el cambio social. Abierta la pre-inscripción. Para condiciones económicas especiales existen becas cuya solicitud habrá de realizarse cuanto antes. Ver apartado Nota Importante más abajo. Más información e inscripciones: http://pendientedemigracion.ucm.es/info/fgu/formacion/escuela_verano/cursos/c67.php Para más información: sociologiaclinica@colpolsoc.org

NOTA IMPORTANTE: Incluimos más abajo información que facilita la Universidad Complutense, por medio de su Fundación General, sobre becas y descuentos para el alumnado

*de los programas que en el seno de la UCM se realizan. La Universidad -UCM- está aplicando "en estos momentos" un 30% de descuento. Entonces el curso se queda en 525 euros. Al parecer, también hay unos descuentos del 50% (375 euros) para alumnos matriculados y trabajadores de la UCM. La gestión de estas becas y descuentos deberá realizarse directamente con la Universidad Complutense, en los contactos que abajo se detallan, a la mayor brevedad posible. FUNDACIÓN GENERAL DE LA UCM; C/ Donoso Cortés, [63-65. 28015](#) Madrid; matriculafguem@rect.ucm.es Tf.: 91 394 64 80 / 64 81; [smailto: secretariadealumnos@rect.ucm.es](mailto:secretariadealumnos@rect.ucm.es) Tf.: 91 3946392 / 64 10; [Link de información del curso de Sociología Clínica:](#)
http://pendientedemigracion.ucm.es/info/fgu/formacion/escuela_verano/cursos/c67.php*

Announcements from and for Members

Phil Robinette (USA) recently became a member of the Board of Trustees at Vanguard University (California). He also is vice president of the Presidential Search Committee at Vanguard and on the Board's Academic Life Committee. He still teaches a Lifestyles Class on Sundays. (probinette@vanguard.edu)

Gwynth Overland (Norway) (gwyn.overland@sshf.no) is chairing the scientific committee for the 18th Nordic conference (in Bergen, 18-20 April) for therapists and care-givers working with traumatized refugees. The conference traditionally touches on and explores many aspects of work with traumatized refugees, both children and adults. Conference topics include: treatment methods; interventions and instruments; preventative and resilience-promoting work; reception of refugees; religion and culture; as well as law and human rights issues (see www.rvts.no).

From Isabel Fernandez Hearn (isa_fdez_hearn@yahoo.es): On April 2, the third Clinical Sociology Seminar was held at the Complutense University, Faculty of Sociology, Psychosociology Department. It was directed by Professor Jose Ramon Torregrosa with other professors and was attended by 20 members of the clinical sociology group - ten students and ten professionals. The participants in the seminar discussed the ISA RC46 conference that had been held in Madrid and various issues regarding professional intervention by clinical sociologists. The next seminar is scheduled for May 21st. The first and second seminars were held on December 18, 2012 and January 29, 2013.

Jan Marie Fritz (USA) has an introductory article about clinical sociology that has been translated in Italian and appears on a new clinical sociology website established by Gianluca Piscitelli and Everardo Minardi. The website address is <http://www.flows.tv/store/search/all/serie/Sociologia+Clinica?channel=48>

Rosemary Barberet (USA) (rbarberet@jjay.cuny.edu) is the ISA's UN representative who will be attending the April 22-26 meeting in Vienna, Austria of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

The Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS) is issuing a call for sessions and papers for its October 3-5, 2013 conference in beautiful Portland, Oregon (US). The theme, "Change the Process; Change the Outcome; Change the World! Real World Sociology for the 21st Century," highlights AACS's commitment to encouraging the use of sociological practice to effect beneficial social change. All sorts of presentations, from the traditional to the

experimental, are invited. Don't be afraid to be creative! The **deadline for this call is May 15th**. Please visit the AACS website at: <http://www.aacsnet.net> for all conference-related information, including the submission form. You may reserve your room at the conference hotel, the Doubletree by Hilton Portland, using the AACS group reservations link: <http://tinyurl.com/AACS-Doubletree-Portland> or by calling the hotel directly at [1-503-281-6111](tel:1-503-281-6111) and using the code "AACS." This year's conference program organizer is AACS Vice President, Sandra Jones. Please direct all program inquiries and submissions to her at jonessa@rowan.edu

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