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## Conference theme

### Tension, Trust and Transformation

What is the value in thousands of social scientists gathering in one location to discuss their work? What value accrues from a large international conference and what is lost without it? Since pandemic restrictions were implemented in the last few years, we have become more familiar with on-line meetings and seminars, with the 15th conference being held online and widely regarded as highly successful. Indeed, it is probable that many forms of work, especially that of academic research, will henceforth use online facilities to a much greater extent than in previous times when the technological capacity may have existed but the psychological mind-set to fully engage with the world of online, work may not have. However, it may also be fair to say that in-person meetings are also now being re-evaluated for their intrinsic value. We always suspected that there was equal value in interactions outside the conference seminar room and now, it is widely accepted that the physicality of a conference cannot be substituted by a screen call i.e. while online work may have resulted in greater efficiencies related to less travel and higher frequency of meetings, it has also inhibited the depth of communication that exists when working in-person with others. During face-to-face conferences, the dynamic within the seminar room, walking around book fairs and the continuation of discussions over coffee, lunch and evening meals are human activities which cannot be substituted.

The COVID-19 pandemic, while acutely felt the world over, was but another driver of inequality, which added to increasing geo-political tensions across the world. Societal challenges were manifold before the pandemic and are not likely to disappear. Arguably, the ways in which societies across the world have dealt with COVID-19 and other challenges has been in some ways correlated with regionally specific longer range socio-cultural traditions. No country has been immune to the tensions of societal limitations on working and family life, not least in the form of travel restrictions. Similarly, there is manifest variability in the trust that people have in scientists and policy makers responsible for dealing with COVID-19. Sociological work is fundamental for dealing with societal challenges, and sociological conferences are the engines driving the ideas which can address these challenges.

The title of the theme for the 16th conference: "Tension, Trust and Transformation", seeks to capture the experiences of recent times, crises and global challenges, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change debates and activism, inequalities and violence, persisting levels of populism and the politics of instability. At the same time, it raises sociological concerns about perennial and new problems to assert the potential for sociological work to have a transformative societal impact in different social spheres.

What do the social sciences have to offer a world going through a persistent pandemic, increasing concern about the acceleration of climate change, a noticeable retreat from democracy and a crisis due to war in Europe?

We know that the heterogeneity of sociology in terms of both theory and methods is at the core of its strength. Given any aspect of society, there are likely to be a wide range of perspectives, each of which have established literatures, case studies, endemic findings, and critiques of other perspectives. Theoretical frameworks span micro social relations to macro analyses of institutional structures. Methodologies help us to understand phenomena in terms of the actor's understandings and their lived context, through to statistical representations and models, making space for subjectivist as well as more objectivist scientific approaches. This multiplicity of possibilities means that sociology has always, well before the push for multidisciplinary, had the potential to throw light upon causes and consequences of inequalities in a variety of ways unhindered by a narrower approach. Debate and disagreement, discussion and discourse, hypotheses and evidence are at the heart of the discipline, and the 16th ESA conference will be the prime forum to showcase our work, argue for different positions, hone methodologies and arguments against opposing perspectives, as well as to joint networking.

### **Tension**

Societies are riddled with tensions. Forms of nationalism are in the ascendancy where borders are being strengthened, cultural differences are being used to promote political ends, and forms of authoritarianism are taking hold. The consequences of political, cultural, historical and economic tensions are felt in harsh terms when conflict between nations escalates. There are, nonetheless, some familiar tensions in terms of the persistent inequalities of class, gender, ethnicity, intersectionality, as well as political and economic tension between rich and poor countries, and in many cases also between different areas of the same country. To these, we can add more recent tensions related to sexualities, gender, transgender, gender-based violence, climate change and the expansion of digital society such as the ways in which social media is used to leverage anger and negativity.

### **Trust**

Trust in institutions and key individuals such as scientists and politicians can be seen as being closely associated with stable and robust systems. The trajectories of trust in government, media, science, business and criminal justice ebb and flow but the rising tide of populism, the growing presence of movements founded on conspiracy theories, and the increasing difficulty with which democratic societies face the process of governing, suggest that there is a crisis of trust. A paradox for sociology is that it must remain at the critical edge of discourse to identify institutional and systemic failures and yet it must also be involved in finding solutions to wicked problems through in-depth analysis of the individual's practices and understandings, and thereby contribute to the building and maintenance of trust.

### **Transformation**

For those engaged with funded research and evaluations of research and publications, the need to demonstrate impact has been a growing requirement over the years. For some this has been a distraction from undertaking pure

research but for many it has been a welcome exercise in refocusing research to maximise its transformational potential. The theoretical and methodological diversity of sociology and its importance to all cognate social science disciplines renders it productive at many levels from campaigning activists to policy makers, from ethnographic to (inter)national studies, incorporating subjective and objective perspectives, and through exploratory and explanatory frameworks. The desire to make a difference, to have an impact, to transform society for the better is widespread among sociological projects.

The 16th ESA Conference will be a place to tackle tensions and trust and to discuss alternatives for social transformation.





## Welcome messages

### The ESA President's Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> ESA Conference

Between the ESA's decision to hold the ESA Conference in Porto in 2021 and today, we have faced difficult times in Europe and the world. By then, the pandemic fears were still ongoing, even though we were overcoming them collectively through science-provided solutions. Several wars hit different latitudes, and a climate of uncertainty progressively intensified. The ESA proved to be a vibrant association facing all these challenges by organising the biggest in-person conference, including around 4.000 registered participants. The conference is structured by almost 900 sessions where research and thought-provoking debates will keep us very busy for four days.

We see growing tensions based on the spread of authoritarian ideas and regimes, on the political instrumentalisation of social and cultural differences frequently expressed in speeches of hate towards minority groups. These tensions have been escalating into the form of horrendous wars costing the lives of civilians and innocent people. From these tensions, we can also testify how old forms of social inequality continue and as new forms emerge. Sociologists and other social scientists participating in the ESA Porto Conference will contribute to diagnosing and scientifically understanding these tensions. Only if we produce knowledge on societal tensions and share it collectively, can we foresee processes of social transformation. Through sociological imagination, robust theoretical approaches and methodological tools, sociologists contribute to transforming societies and improving the lives of individuals. At this conference, sociologists will discuss their work's impact on societies. (Re)building trust configures a bridge we need to establish between tackling tension and imagining transformation. We know how several political, economic and social dynamics threaten trust between social actors and institutions. Among these, the lack of trust in scientists and policymakers is problematic. Sociological research and international scientific conferences such as the ESA Porto Conference are key to addressing all these challenges and creating opportunities for transformation.

The ESA Porto Conference programme is composed of three Plenary Sessions, nineteen Semi-Plenary Sessions and twelve Midday Special Sessions, organised by the ESA Past Presidents, the Executive Committee, members of the Councils of Research Networks and National Associations, the Local Organising Committee and collective projects such as the International Sociological Committee for the Digital Era where the ESA has been working alongside with the International Sociological Association, the Association of French-Speaking Sociologists and the Arab Council for the Social Sciences.

Michael Burawoy and Anália Torres, two renowned scholars, will open the conference while tackling the topic of tension. At Plenary 2, we will hear the first African black man – Jason Arday – acting as keynote speaker at an ESA central conference, sharing the stage with Chantelle Lewis and Nira Yuval Davis, also distinguished scholars. Trust has been at the centre of their research, and they will share exciting ideas on how societies can (re)build trust when this seems a difficult goal to achieve. Michael Biggs and Jana Hainsworth, highly recognised for their

expertise, will contribute to the Closing Plenary Session, bringing new lines to the transformation discussion. Sociology and social sciences build solutions based on solid knowledge that can design transformative scenarios and new dynamics for social life. These three plenary sessions will give overarching insights into the conference's main topic. The ESA Executive Committee wanted to bring a diverse group of highly skilled scholars and promote debate with conference delegates at different academic career stages. In line with the work done by this team, we desire the ESA Conference to be an intergenerational space for collective thinking and joint networking.

The Semi-Plenary 1, "Building Open Science Together: Transformative Concepts and Practices", is in line with the ESA's Executive Committee priority to make a big step towards open access to knowledge by partnering with the MIT Press to turn its two journals utterly accessible to any citizen as of from January 2025. This discussion requires researchers and scholars to be involved because access to science is a matter of social justice, and pursuing open access is the only way to overcome inequalities in terms of accessing research data but also in what concerns opportunities for publication to all researchers, regardless of where they are based, their gender, ethnicity, age, etc. In order to reinforce the impact of sociological research, we shall build together creative pathways and debate creative ideas and practices to build open science models.

Conference delegates can also attend a wide range of Semi-Plenary Sessions, as the one celebrating the ESA 30th Anniversary and others addressing topics such as the transformative role of culture and education, the challenges of digital capitalism, migrant and refugee children, youth mobility, environmental governance and energy transition, harassment in institutions, critical sexuality and gender studies, public sociology, far-right wing populism, European citizenship and identity, academic freedom, homelessness, teaching social theory, among others.

The Midday Special Sessions will be an opportunity to debate on topics of interest for sociology, including how the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (of which the ESA is an active member) has been working on reshaping the Science and Technology narrative to include research done in the different fields of Social Sciences and Humanities namely at the level of the European Union strategic funding.

Creative ideas and bridges between research projects often emerge from informal moments of encountering. The social and cultural programme of the 16<sup>th</sup> ESA Conference is comprised of exciting opportunities to learn more about research experiences and the importance of collective efforts to make sociology and the ESA stronger.

This year, the ESA is celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The Executive Committee and the LOC prepared a special celebration right after the Opening Session by organising a Sociological Speed Dating with the ESA Past Presidents in the beautiful venue of Palácio de Cristal / Super Bock Arena. Do not miss it! There will also be several sociological walks guided by local researchers where Porto can be discovered through the eyes and words of those sociologists studying the city.

The dinner and party will take place at the historic venue of Alfândega, the city's Customhouse built in the 19th Century and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. There will be indoor and outdoor activities by the Douro River, including a concert and music played by local DJs. The closing will occur at Casa da Música, a building designed by Rem Koolhaas and built for the Porto European Capital of Culture occasion. The beautiful Suggia Room will offer the perfect scenario for the last words of this event as well as to launch new ideas for future ESA activities.

Organising this conference with the different teams has been an exciting journey. I want to thank all the members of the ESA Executive Committee for bringing constant dedication and collegiality to this project. My special greetings to the members of the Conference Committee: Gary Pollock and Teresa Sorde (Co-Chairs), Kaja Gadowska, Tiziana Nazio, Maria Carmela Agodi and Bernadette Brereton. Thanks also to Cristina Santos, Kresimir Zazar and Loukia-Maria Fratsea for directing the pre-conference's Summer School. On behalf of the ESA, special thanks to the Portuguese Sociological Association and the LOC Chair, Paulo Peixoto, for coordinating the six Portuguese Universities Consortium leading the organisation locally. The event counted on the precious support from the ESA Office in the person of Roger Vandenbos, ESA Executive Secretary, Sandra Pinheiro, Conference Assistant and Manuel Garcia-Ruiz, Communications Manager. The conference interns, Afonso Castro, Tomás Nery and Carolina Ribeiro were also essential to this giant project.

The ESA Conference will certainly be a place for inspiring debate and exciting encounters, especially now that we haven't had the opportunity to meet and work in person for almost five years. Together, we will contribute to making sociology more present and powerful than ever on the European horizon. May your ideas flourish and develop in Porto. I wish you a great conference!

Lígia Ferro

President of the ESA



President of the ESA 2021-24

**Lígia Ferro**

## The Chairs' Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> ESA Conference

We have the great pleasure of welcoming you to the 16th ESA conference in Porto. As long-time members of the ESA, we have both been closely involved in the previous two conferences having chaired the Local Organising Committees of Manchester 2019 and Barcelona 2021. While the ESA conference is generally every two years, it has been three years since our last one as we did not want to hold our conference to take place in the same year as the ISA which had already decided to move its biennial conference to 2023 because of COVID-19. This means that the ESA and the ISA will continue to have their main conferences in alternate years.

Porto is an ideal city to host the ESA. It has excellent venues, is well-connected and has a strong sociological community in the city and region. It is also a beautiful city with a rich history, a pleasant climate, and an enormous amount to see and do.

The large conference events will take place in stunning buildings: the Super Bock Arena - 70 years old and yet it still looks futuristic will host the opening ceremony, the heart of Porto's historical commerce, the Customs House (Alfândega) on the bank of the Douro is where the conference dinner and party will be held, and the innovative Casa da Música is the location of plenary presentations. The bulk of the scientific sessions will take place in a compact conference campus spanning the Faculties of Architecture, Science as well as Arts and Humanities. You can see that the conference promises to be of interest both scientifically and culturally.

Although sociology was officially banned during the dictatorship we know that it is impossible for legislation to stop people's thinking. Since 1974, sociology has flourished in Portugal such that it is home to internationally renowned centres of excellence. The 16th conference will benefit from sociologists across the Porto region and beyond in planning the programme and the logistics of the conference itself.

The theme of the 16th conference, "Tensions, Trust and Transformation", seeks to reflect on contemporary problems and the importance of understanding today's societies, but also on the potential for sociology to seek solutions. The full conference abstract emphasises the importance of in-person meetings and dialogic exchanges as a way of progressing our work. The core of the conference, as ever, are the many fora where sociologists from PhD student to renowned professor present to the broader community. In these troubled times, social science takes its place firmly alongside other disciplines being instrumental in addressing fundamental inequalities such as are highlighted in the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These inequalities need to be studied at various levels, with diverse methodologies and in terms of both micro and macro impacts. The inherent flexibility of the core of sociological theory and methods therefore means that there is likely to be lively debate with competing perspectives and hopefully a mutual respect for alternative positions.

Many have been working hard in the planning of the Porto conference. It is fortuitous that the current President of the ESA is based in Porto as Ligia Ferro continues to be a powerhouse in driving forwards the best interests of the Association. We benefit enormously from her local connections and presence. Members of the Paris ESA office and the Porto team including the Local Organising Committee, led by Professor Paulo Peixoto are working on all the practical requirements from developing the scientific programme to ensuring that lunches will be distributed as required. As ever, we will also have a team of dedicated volunteers who will work throughout the conference ensuring that things go smoothly. Special mention to Sandra Pinheiro, the main 16th conference organiser also based in Porto, who has quickly mastered the different systems and processes of the ESA conference and has undertaken her large volume of work with efficiency, an eye for detail and a smile.

We hope that you have a productive and enjoyable conference.

Co-Chair of the Conference

**Gary Pollock**



Co-Chair of the Conference

**Teresa Sordé**



## The LOC Chair's Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> ESA Conference

Dear colleagues,

The Portuguese Sociological Association warmly welcomes you to the ESA 16 Conference in the beautiful city of Porto!

We are delighted to host this gathering of brilliant minds from the field of sociology in a city renowned for its rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes.

Porto is a special city, known for its unique blend of tradition and modernity. As you explore its charming streets, you'll discover a place that has inspired countless stories and innovations. Portugal, too, is a country of contrasts and challenges, offering a fascinating backdrop for our discussions and reflections.

This event is made possible through the collaboration of a consortium of esteemed universities: University of Aveiro, University of Beira Interior, University of Coimbra, University of Minho, University of Porto, and University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro. Their commitment to academic excellence and sociological inquiry has been instrumental in organizing this conference.

As the Chair of the conference, I would also like to extend a special thank you to the dedicated members of Local Organizing Committee (LOC): Amélia Augusto (University of Beira Interior), Carla Malafaia (University of Porto), Fernando Bessa Ribeiro (University of Minho), Helena Machado (University of Minho), Hermínia Gonçalves (University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro), Isabel Dias (University of Porto), João Teixeira Lopes (University of Porto), Madalena Duarte (University of Coimbra), Maria João Oliveira (University of Porto), Nuno Amaral Jerónimo (University of Beira Interior), Sílvia Silva (University of Coimbra), Telmo Caria (University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro), and Teresa Carvalho (University of Aveiro).

Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to the Local Support Team: Inês Barbosa, Beatriz Lacerda, Eduardo Silva, Leonor Medon, Ricardo Soares, Joana Mesquita, Rui Madeira (University of Porto) and Diogo Vidal (University of Aveiro) whose efforts have been invaluable in ensuring the smooth running of this event.

The organization of this event takes place at a time of particularly heightened visibility for Portuguese sociology. Currently, Portuguese sociology is internationalizing on various fronts: through the dynamics of its research centres (recognized, funded, and evaluated by the Foundation for Science and Technology), the networks and projects of researchers and teams, and the coordinating role of the Portuguese Sociological Association (APS) with its integration into the International Sociological Association (ISA) and the European Sociological Association (ESA). Notably, the ESA has twice been presided over by Portuguese women: Anália Torres (2009-11) and Lúcia Ferro (2022-24). Within the ESA, several Portuguese researchers have endeavoured to create a dialogue space on the sociologies and societies of Southern Europe, consolidated in the RN27 (ESA Research Network on Southern European Societies). APS also participates in the Network of National Sociological Associations of Southern Europe (ReSu), composed of associations from Spain, Greece, Italy, and France. In



a post-colonial configuration, significant collaborations are also being mobilized between Brazilian, Portuguese, Angolan, Mozambican, Guinean, and Cape Verdean sociology through specially created funding lines. These efforts foster comparative panoramas and intersectional discussions about the (colonial) past and (collaborative) future, revisiting and recomposing the “canon.”

We also wish to highlight the upcoming XIII APS Congress, taking place in July 2025 in the Azores Islands, under the theme: "Challenging Democracies: Risks and Uncertainties." We invite participation through the presentation of papers in Portuguese, English, French, or Spanish, either in person or remotely.

APS welcomes all sociologists to this significant event and hopes that you have an enriching and enjoyable experience. May this conference be a platform for fruitful exchanges, groundbreaking ideas, and the forging of new collaborations.

We look forward to the insightful dialogues and the shared knowledge that will emerge from this gathering. Welcome to Porto, and let's make this conference a memorable and impactful one!

Warm regards,

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee,

Paulo Peixoto



Chair of the Local Organising Committee

**Paulo Peixoto**

## The Rector of Porto University's Welcome to the 16th ESA Conference

It is with great pleasure and honour that I extend a warm welcome to all participants of the 16th European Sociological Association Conference, hosted by the University of Porto. This event marks a significant milestone for our institution and our city, as we bring together around 4,000 esteemed sociologists, researchers, and practitioners from across Europe and beyond to engage in critical dialogue and exchange of ideas.

The city of Porto, with its rich cultural heritage, vibrant academic community, and scenic landscapes, provides a perfect backdrop for such a prestigious gathering. Our university, renowned for its academic excellence and commitment to fostering intellectual growth, is proud to be the main host of this conference. We are dedicated to creating an environment that encourages thoughtful discussion, rigorous debate, and innovative thinking.

The recent years have underscored the importance of sociological inquiry as we navigate through unprecedented global challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and rising social inequalities. These events have intensified the existing tensions within our societies and tested the trust in our institutions. At the same time, they have highlighted the potential for transformative action grounded in sociological research.

The theme of this year's conference, "Tension, Trust and Transformation", aptly captures the complexities and nuances of our current socio-political landscape. As we explore these dimensions, we acknowledge the profound role of sociology in not only understanding but also addressing these challenges. This conference is an opportunity to delve into how sociological perspectives can illuminate pathways to a more equitable and resilient future.

The diverse conference venues, encompassing the facilities of the University of Porto as well as some of the city's most renowned halls, will host a variety of sessions, workshops, and social events designed to foster collaboration and networking. We believe that the physical presence and face-to-face interactions at this conference will facilitate deeper connections and more meaningful exchanges that are often limited in virtual formats.

I would like to express my gratitude to the organisers, the European Sociological Association, and all contributors who have worked tirelessly to make this event possible. In particular, I would like to extend a special thanks to Professor Lígia Ferro, President of the European Sociological Association, and a distinguished faculty member and researcher at our own Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Her leadership and dedication have been instrumental in bringing this conference to fruition.

As you immerse yourselves in the intellectual richness of this conference, I encourage you to also take the time to explore the city of Porto. From its historic Ribeira district and the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge to the serene Douro River and the renowned port wine cellars; Porto offers a unique blend of tradition and modernity that I hope will inspire and delight you.



Once again, welcome to the University of Porto and to the 16th European Sociological Association Conference. May your time here be intellectually stimulating, professionally rewarding, and personally enriching.

*António de Sousa Pereira*

*Rector of the University of Porto*



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Jannick Demanet, Ghent University, Belgium

### **RN11 Sociology of Emotions**

Coordinators:

Yvonne Albrecht, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

Nina Margies, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

Natàlia Cantó Milà, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain

Cécile Vermot, Supbiotech Paris – ICM

Rotem Leshem, Tel Aviv University

### **RN12 - Environment and Society**

Coordinators:

Audronė Telešienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania

Çiğdem Adem, Ankara Rivers Study Group, Turkey

### **RN13 - Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives**

Coordinators:

Jacques-Antoine Gauthier, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Katarzyna Suwada, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland

### **RN14 - Gender relations in the labour market and the welfare state**

Coordinators:

Orly Benjamin, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Paula Koskinen Sandberg, Aalto University, Finland

### **RN15 - Global, Transnational and Cosmopolitan Sociology**

Coordinators:

Marjaana Rautalin, University of Helsinki, Finland

Peter Holley, University of Helsinki, Finland

### **RN16 - Sociology of Health and Medicine**

Coordinators:

Guido Giarelli, University 'Magna Græcia', Italy

Sandra Racionero-Plaza, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

### **RN17 - Work, Employment and Industrial Relations**

Coordinators:

Valeria Pulignano, KU Leuven, Belgium

Guglielmo Meardi, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy

### **RN18 - Sociology of Communications and Media Research**

Coordinators:

Thomas Allmer, Paderborn University, Germany

Paško Bilić, Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia

Tatiana Mazali, Politecnico di Torino, Italy

### **RN19 - Sociology of Professions**

Coordinators:

Christiane Schnell, Institute of Social Research at the Goethe-University of Frankfurt, Germany

Nina Weimann-Sandig, Evangelische Hochschule Dresden, Germany

### **RN20 - Qualitative Methods**

Coordinators: Ulrike T. Kissmann, University of Kassel, Germany

Tea Torbenfeldt Bengtsson, VIVE, The Danish Center for Social Science Research, Denmark

### **RN21 - Quantitative Methods**

Coordinators:

Jochen Mayerl, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany

Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen, LUT University, Finland

### **RN22 - Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty**

Coordinators:

Maria Grazia Galantino, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Bert de Graaff, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

### **RN23 - Sexuality**

Coordinators:

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Eleanor Formby, Sheffield Hallam University, UK

### **RN24 - Science and Technology**

Coordinators:

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Heta Tarkala, University of Helsinki, Finland

### **RN25 - Social Movements**

Coordinators:

Elena Pavan, University of Trento, Italy

Mattias Wahlström, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

### **RN26 - Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare**

Coordinators:

Hannu Turba, Kassel University, Germany

Volkan Yilmaz, Ulster University, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

### **RN27 - Southern European Societies**

Coordinators:

Teresa Consoli, University of Catania, Italy

Laura Oso, University of La Coruña, Spain

### **RN28 - Society and Sports**

Coordinators:

Alessandro Porrovecchio, University of the Littoral Opal Coast, France

Enrico Michelini, TU Dortmund, Germany

### **RN29 - Social Theory**

Coordinators:

Mikael Carleheden, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Kornelia Hahn, Department of Sociology, University of Salzburg, Austria

### **RN30 - Youth and Generation**

Coordinators:

Michela Franceschelli, University College London, UK

Evelyne Baillergeau, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands and France



### **RN31 - Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism**

Coordinators:

David Seymour, University of London, UK

Karin Stoegner, University of Passau, Germany

### **RN32 - Political Sociology**

Coordinators:

Alberta Giorgi, University of Bergamo, Italy

Louisa Parks, University of Trento, Italy

### **RN33 - Women's and Gender Studies**

Coordinators:

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Ana Vidu, University of Deusto, Spain

Elzbieta Czapka, University of Gdansk, Poland

Lise Widding Isaksen, University of Bergen, Norway

### **RN34 - Sociology of Religion**

Coordinators:

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Marta Kolodziejka, University of Warsaw, Poland

### **RN35 - Sociology of Migration**

Coordinators:

Margit Fauser, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Ilenya Camozzi, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

### **RN36 - Sociology of Social Transformations: East and West**

Coordinators:

Matej Makarovič, School of Advanced Social Studies, Slovenia

Agnieszka Kolasa-Nowak, Institute of Sociology Marie Curie-Sklodowska University, Poland

### **RN37 - Urban Sociology**

Coordinators:

Gabriele Manella, University of Bologna, Italy,

Katarzyna Kajdanek, University of Wroclaw, Poland, Vice-Coordinator

## **RN38 - Space, Society and Rurality**

Coordinators:

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Maria Jesus Rivera, Public University of Navarra, Spain

## Research Streams Coordinators

### **RS01 - Institutional Ethnography**

Coordinators:

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May-Linda Magnussen, University of Agder, Norway

Órla M Murray, Durham University, UK

### **RS02 - Sociology of Celebration**

Coordinators:

Ismo Kantola, University of Turku, Department of Social Research/Sociology

Ozana Cucu-Oancea, Institute of Sociology, Romanian Academy

Sabina Hadzibulic, Stockholm University, Department of Social Work

### **RS03 - Interpretative Interactionism: sociology of Interactions and Meaning**

Coordinators:

Don Weenink, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Evelyne Baillergeau, EHESS and University of Amsterdam, Netherlands and France

René Tuma, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

### **RS04 - Social Sustainability**

Coordinators:

Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen, LUT University, Finland

Jolanta Perek-Bialas, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Konrad Turek, Tilburg University, Netherlands

### **RS05 - Active labour market policies: implementation, challenges and innovation**

Coordinators:

Gianluca Scarano, University of Turin, Italy

Lutz Gschwind, Upp University, Sweden - Department of Government

Veronika J. Knize Estrada, Institute for Employment Research, Germany - Department Basic Income Support and Activation

**RS06 - European intimate lives and reproductive choices in the face of planetary crises**

Coordinators:

Anna-Maija Castrén, University of Eastern Finland, Finland

Lynn Jamieson, University of Edinburgh, UK

**RS07 - Politics of engagement and new social pragmatism**

Coordinators:

Eeva Luhtakallio, University of Helsinki, Finland

Veikko Eranti, University of Helsinki, Finland

Anders Blok, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

**RS08 - Enacting solidarity and citizenship across social fields and scales**

Coordinators:

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Sarah Schilliger, Universität Bern, Switzerland

Helge Schwiertz, University of Hamburg

**RS09 - Representing society. Sociological cultures of publication**

Coordinators:

Oliver Berli, University of Cologne, Germany

Patrik Dahl, Cardiff University, United Kingdom

Laura Behrmann, University Wuppertal, Germany

**RS10 Producing, Contesting, and Reconfiguring Urban Sustainability**

Coordinators:

Alessandra Landi, Department of Sociology and Business Law, Università di Bologna, Italy

Emiliano Scanu, Department of Sociology, Université Laval, Canada

**RS11 - Sociology of Spatial Mobilities**

Coordinators:

Knut Petzold, Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Heiko Rüger, Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Germany

Gil Viry, University of Edinburgh, UK

**RS12 - Linking Ages - Towards a Sociological Theorizing of Age Constructions Across the Life Course**

Coordinators:

Anna Wanka, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

Philip Mizen, Aston University Birmingham, UK

Michela Franceschelli, University College London, UK

**RS13 - Emotions and Neoinstitutionalism**

Coordinators:

Helena Flam, Universität Leipzig, Germany

Nina Margies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

Åsa Wettergren, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

**RS14 - Experiencing and Representing Precariousness: Emerging Labour Configurations and Worker Agency**

Coordinators:

Annalisa Murgia, University of Milan, Italy

Renato Miguel do Carmo, ISCTE, Portugal

Joseph Choonara, University of Leicester, UK

**RS15 - Armed Forces, Conflict Resolution, and Peace Building**

Coordinators:

Kees Koonings, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands

Celso Castro, FGV CPDOC, School of Social Sciences, Brazil

**RS16 - Tensions in the Transformation of Knowledge (Cultures): Exploring Stability and Social Order in the Second Modernity**

Coordinators:

Barbara Grüning, Università di Milano-Bicocca, Italy

Paul Eisewicht Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany

Ajit Singh, Universität Bielefeld, Germany

**RS17 - Sociological Research in Portugal - Research Stream in Portuguese (abstracts and presentations to be done in Portuguese)**

Organised by the Local Organising Committee

Coordinators:

Fernando Bessa Ribeiro, University of Minho, Portugal

Helena Machado, University of Minho, Portugal

Teresa Carvalho, University of Aveiro, Portugal

**RS18 - Exploring and Consolidating New Research Strategies in the Post-COVID-19 Era**

Coordinators:

Alessandra Decataldo, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

Brunella Fiore, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

**RS19 - Rethinking Dependence: Trust and Social Hierarchies in an Era of Uncertainty**

Coordinators:

Judit Durst, UCL, Hungary

Stefania Toma, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Gergely Pulay, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

**RS20 - Maritime Sociology**

Coordinators:

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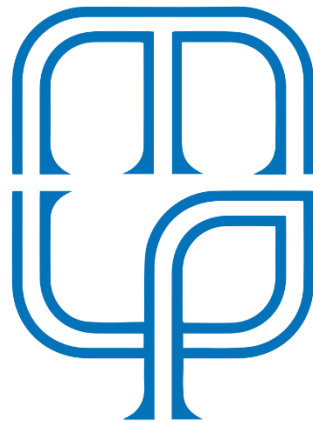
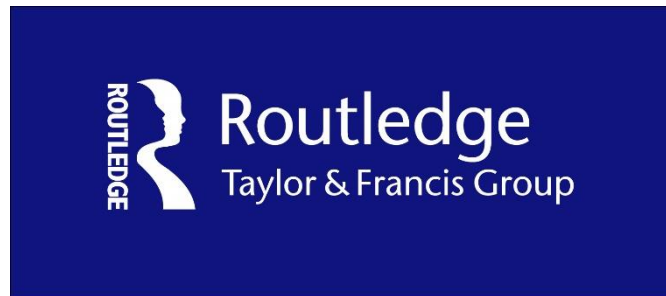
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Conference information

Venues and access

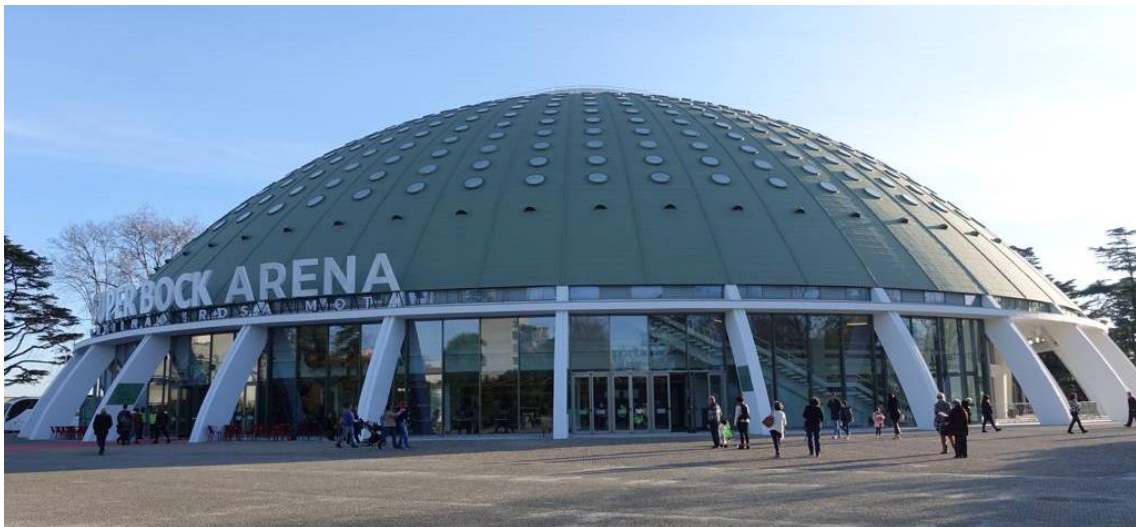
[Click here to see the venues on Google Maps](#)

Opening Ceremony and Plenary 1

### Super Bock Arena - Rosa Mota Pavilion

Jardins do Palácio de Cristal, Rua de Dom Manuel II, Porto

41°08'48.76"N 8°37'33.56"



Plenary 2 and Social Evening Events

### Alfândega do Porto

Rua Nova da Alfândega, Porto

41.1434° N, 8.6217° W



Plenary 3 and Closing Ceremony

## Casa da Música

Avenida da Boavista, Porto

41.1589° N, 8.6307° W





**Regular Sessions, Semi-Plenaries and Midday Specials**

**Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto (Venue L)**

Via Panorâmica Edgar Cardoso, Porto

41°09'03.8"N 8°37'57.3"W



**Faculty of Architecture of the University of Porto (Venue A)**

Via Panorâmica Edgar Cardoso 215, 4150-564 Porto

41°12'18.0"N 8°20'26.7"W



## Faculty of Science of the University of Porto (Venue C)

Rua Campo Alegre, s/n4169-007 Porto, Portugal

41°09'05.8"N 8°38'11.2"W



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Rua das Estrelas 143, 4150-762 Porto

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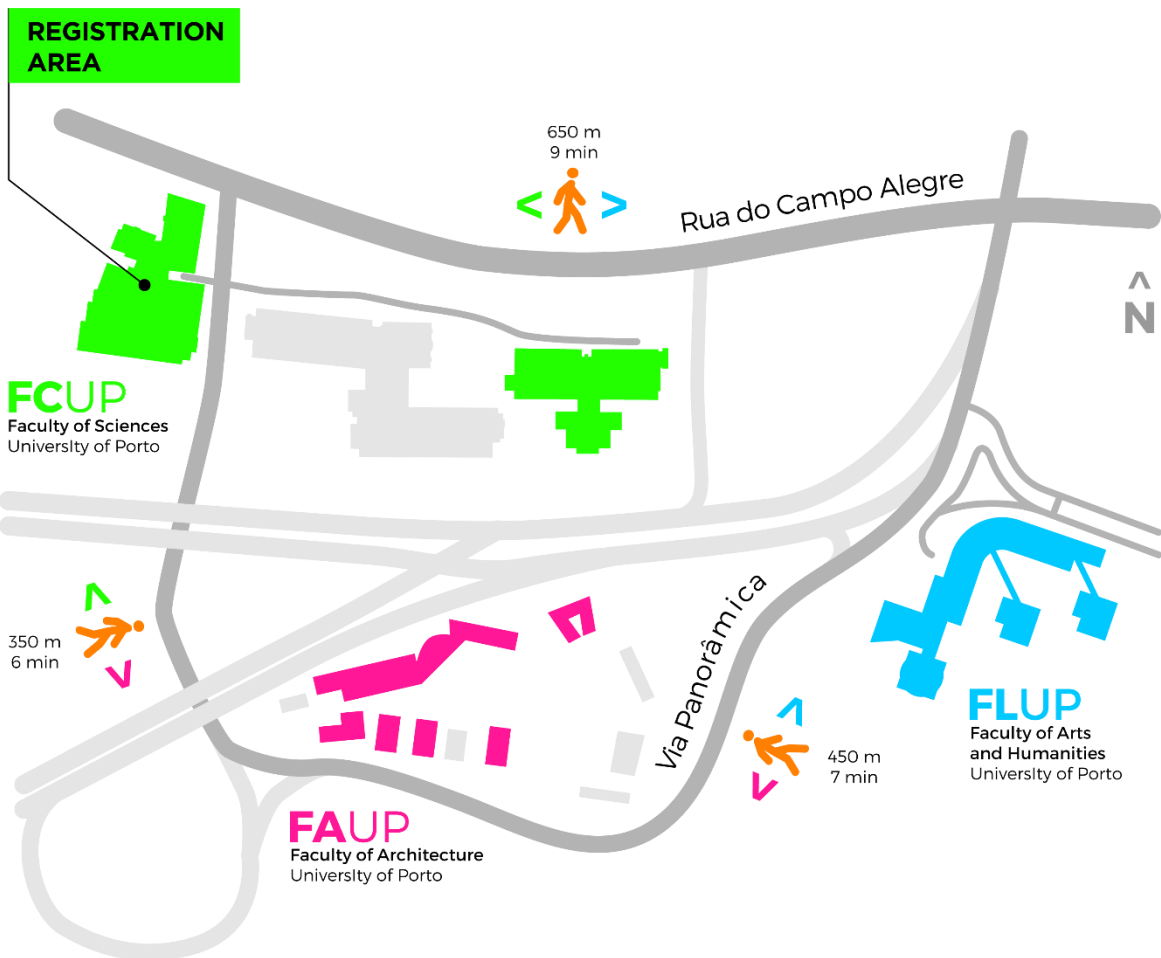


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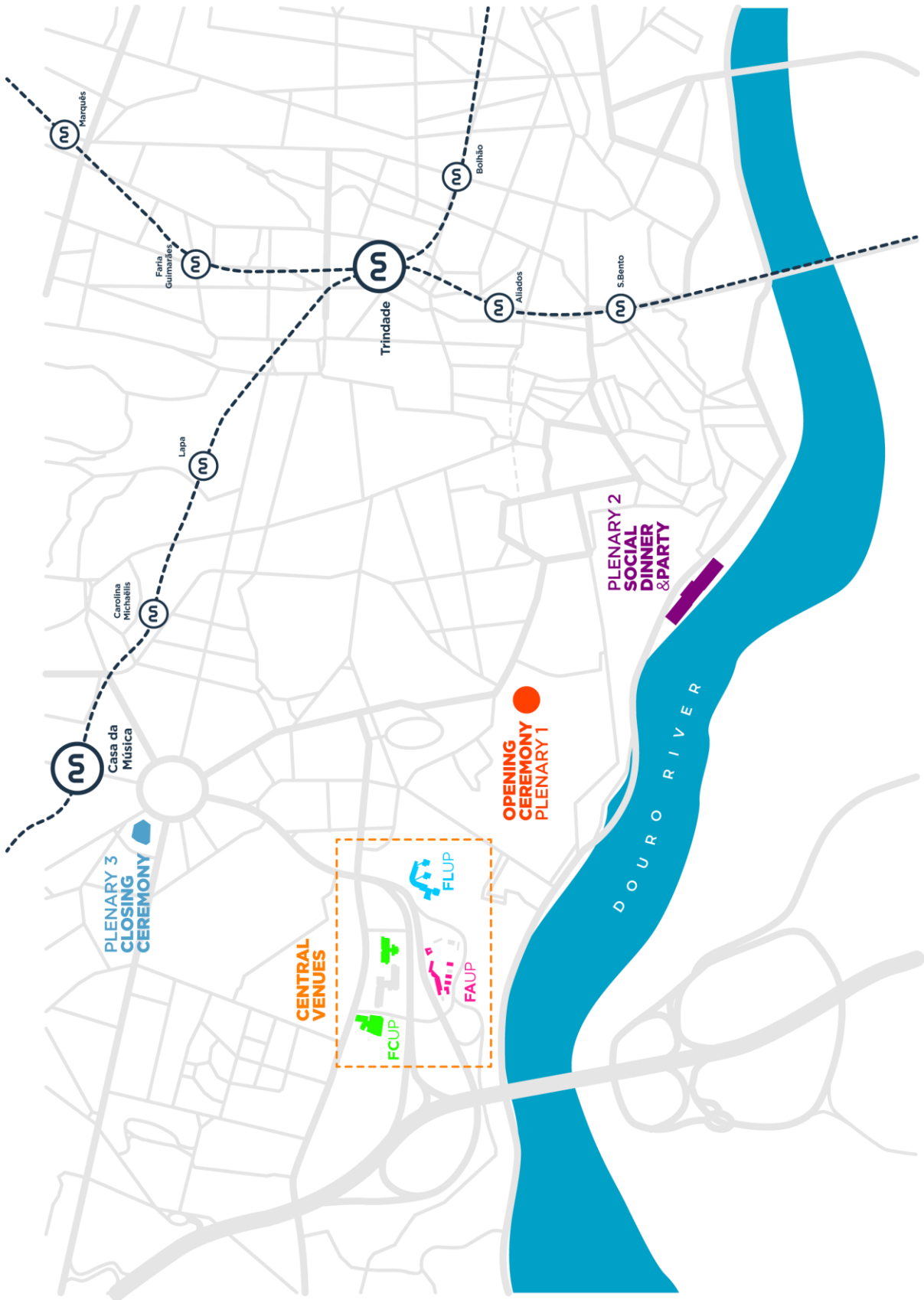
SEMI-PLENARIES

MIDDAY/EVENING SPECIALS

RNs & RSs SESSIONS







**All venues are within a walking distance from each other.**

\*The maps of the Conference's venues will be available soon!



## Registration desks

Venue C | FC4 Building's | Faculty of Science of University of Porto

Atrium | Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August-30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | Opening at 8:00, 28 Aug

The 10 registration desks will be located at the entrance of the building (FC4), at the Main Atrium:

Entering the building, you will find the registration desks turning to the **right**. Those will be scattered in the Atrium.

The publishers and editors' desks will be at the **left**.

The stairs leading to the Lunch Boxes distribution point in the Venue C (Faculty of Science), as well as one of the two Coffee Break points in the faculty, will also be at the **left**.

The registration desks will function from 8:00 until 20:00 on the 28th of August (Wednesday), from 9:00 to 18:00 on the 29th of August (Thursday) and from 9:00 to 16:00 on the 30th of August (Friday).

## Coffee breaks and lunch areas

### Coffee breaks

Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | 10:30-11:00 and 16:00-16:30

**Distribution points:** Venue L (Faculty of Arts and Humanities) - 2; Venue C (Faculty of Science) - 2; Venue A (Faculty of Architecture) - 1.

At the Venue C, the first distribution point will be at Room FC4.1.26 (in the main FC4 building) and the second will take place in the Atrium of the FC1 building. There is a connection to the building's bar, located between rooms FC1.0.03 and FC1.0.07.

At the Venue L, the coffee breaks will be displayed in the Garden and in the open-air Atrium at the intersection of Building LA, Building LB and the main building (LC).

At the Venue A, the coffee breaks will be displayed in the 'Gallery Room' on Floor 3. There is a direct connection to the garden.

Coffee breaks are available for all conference participants.

### Lunch Boxes

Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | 12:30-13:00

**Distribution points:** Venue L' Garden and FC4 Building at Venue C in room FC4.1.26.

Lunchboxes are available for those conference participants who have purchased them in advance. **Your name badge functions as voucher for your lunchbox (there are codes indicating your orders).**

The special dietary requirements lunch boxes will be distributed in the open-air Atrium at Venue L.

Further information on food and drink options will be available soon.

**There are also cafes/fast-food/restaurants close to the Venue L and the Venue C.**

## Practical information and survival kit

**Banks** | Most banks operate from 8:30 to 15:00. Some branches in the city centre operate longer opening hours. There are cash points near the conference venues and especially near Super Bock Arena – Rosa Mota Pavilion, Alfândega do Porto and Casa da Música.

**Coffee shops/café, restaurants and breweries** | Porto is filled with coffee shops and breweries you can enjoy while your attendance at the Conference.

1. Pastries/bakery and coffee shop

Confeitaria Leblon | Rua do Campo Alegre 229, 4150-169 Porto

Maria Dentada - Jardim Botânico | R. de Gonçalo Cristóvão 2, 4000-263 Porto

Negra Café Boavista | R. de 5 de Outubro 93, 4100-172 Porto

Manteigaria – Fábrica de Pastéis de Nata | R. de Alexandre Braga 24, 4000-049 Porto

2. Restaurants:

Capa Negra II | Rua do Campo Alegre 191, 4150-177 Porto

Madureira's | Rua do Campo Alegre 365, 4150-178 Porto

3. Breweries

Catraio Craft Beer Shop and Bar | R. de Cedofeita 256, 4050-174 Porto

Cervejaria Nortada | R. de Sá da Bandeira 210, 4000-427 Porto

Letraria Porto | Rua da Alegria 101, 4000-042 Porto

**Climate and weather** | In August, daytime temperature routinely is around 25°C and nighttime temperature is usually around 17°C. The UV index will be high at this time of year, especially now that we are facing climate change, so protection against skin and eye damage is needed.

**Copy shop** | There is a copy shop called “O Grilo” near the conference venues (Rua do Campo Alegre, 635, 4150-179 Porto).

**Currency** | Euro = EUR/€

**Dial code** | +351

**Electricity** | In Portugal there are two associated plug types – C and F. Portugal operates on 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

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Pharmacy: Farmácia Maia | Rua do Campo Alegre 192, 4150-168 Porto  
(near the venues of the Conference)

Hospital/Urgent care: Hospital de Santo António | Largo do Prof. Abel Salazar, 4099-001 Porto | +(351) 222 077 551

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## Post offices

Ponto CTT | Rua do Campo Alegre 254, 4150-169 Porto

Loja CTT Boavista | Praça de Mouzinho de Albuquerque 74, 4050-428 Porto

## Public transport

1. The conference buildings – Faculties of Arts and Humanities, Sciences and Architecture – are within walking distance from each other. Here are some options on how you can get there:

If you want to use the Metro do Porto, you can use any of the metro lines and climb down on the “Casa da Música” station, which is a 15-minute walking distance from the venues. You can buy the Andante ticket card (single ticket or daily) in the stations – single ticket is 1,30€.

If you want to use the Bus, you can use the STCP lines 200, 204, 207, 209, 902 and 903 and climb down on the stop “Junta de Massarelos”. The bus ticket costs 2,50€ if bought in the Bus; you can also use the “Andante” card in the bus.

2. The Plenary 1 and opening ceremony will take place in Super Bock Arena - Rosa Mota Pavilion (Jardins do Palácio de Cristal, Rua de Dom Manuel II, Porto) which is a 15-minute walking distance from the faculties.

If you want to use the Bus, you can use the STCP lines 200, 201, 207, 208, 501, 507 and 601.

3. The Plenary 2 and the social evening events will take place in Alfândega do Porto (Rua Nova da Alfândega, Porto), near the Douro River.

If you want to use the Bus, you can use the STCP lines 403 (from the faculties) and 500 (from the city centre or Matosinhos).

4. The Plenary 3 and the closing ceremony will take place in Casa da Música (Avenida da Boavista, Porto) which is a 15-minute walking distance from the faculties and near the Metro.

If you want to use the Metro do Porto, you can use any of the metro lines and climb down on the “Casa da Música” station, which is near the venue.

If you want to use the Bus, you can use the STCP lines 204, 209, 902 and 903 (from the faculties), 201, 202, 208 and 501 (from the city centre) and 203 and 502 (from Matosinhos).

**Time zone** | UTC +1 / Western European Summer Time (WEST).

**More information** | Please visit the Survival Kit page on the ESA 2024 Conference website for more information and links about the city, accommodation and cultural information. You can also follow the image presented in the next page (also available on the website).

**More information:** [Survival Kit - 16th ESA Conference](#)

## USEFUL INFORMATION

An event with the scale of ESA 16th Conference brings a large number of participants to places they may not be familiar with, and certain basic aspects might be interesting to know ahead.



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## CLIMATE

Due to the influence of the Atlantic Ocean, Portugal has a pleasant climate throughout the year. Temperatures may fall somewhat in the autumn and winter months, but the country has around 250 sunny days per year.



## LANGUAGE

Portuguese is Latin in origin and the third most spoken European language in the world. It is native for about 200 million people. In Portugal a considerable number of people can understand and communicate in other languages, such as English, French and Spanish.



## CURRENCY

The currency unit in Portugal is the euro. Foreign currency may be exchanged.

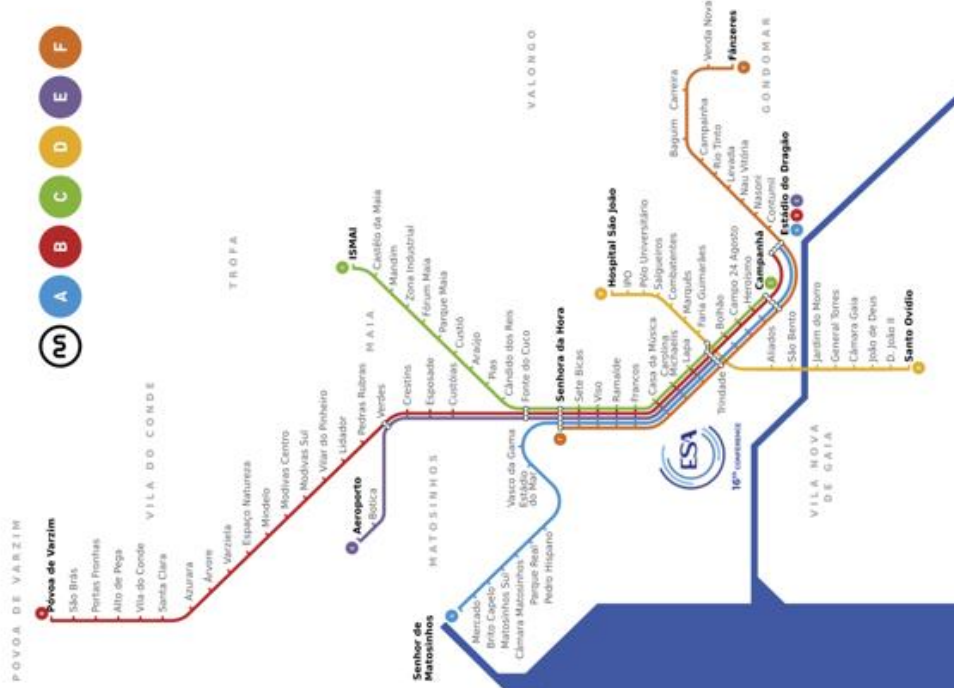


## RELIGION

Portuguese culture is greatly influenced by religion. Although Catholicism predominates, other religions are freely practised.

## PORTO SUBWAY (METRO) MAP

The closest station is **CASA DA MÚSICA** 15 min. walking distance from the Central Venues



## COVID-19

Portugal has one of the highest vaccination rates against COVID-19 and one of the lowest rates of deaths due to COVID-19 in Europe.



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## Meetings and Assemblies

### PhD Summer School

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | Faculty of Arts and Humanities

### Council of Research Networks\*

27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | 10:30 | LC.001 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

\*Only for RN (co-)coordinators

### Council of National Associations\*

27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | 10:30 | LC.2R1 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

\*Only for representatives of National Sociological Associations

### Meeting of the Past Presidents

27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | 13:30 | LC.2R1 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

### Presentation of ESA Candidates for Presidency

27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | 15:00 | LC.001 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities)

### RN Business Meetings

29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | 13:00 | Rooms on Page 168

### ESA General Assembly\*

30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 | 16:30 | Casa da Música

\*All ESA Members welcome

## PhD Summer School

25-26 August 2024

The focus is preparing and discussing an article for publication. Moreover, the Summer School will focus on career planning and development and provide peer mentoring and networking opportunities with other European doctoral students.

### Summer school participants:

Maria Madalena d'Avelar | Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal

Maria Dogia | Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Greece

Rebecca Lucy Donaldson | Newcastle University, United Kingdom

Vincent Dupont | KU Leuven, Belgium

Elif Ertem | Middle East Technical University, Turkiye

Gemma Gasseau | Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy

Lorraine Hayman | University of Galway, Ireland

Azad Heydarov | University of Wroclaw, Poland

Persefoni Kerentzi | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Stephan Liebscher | Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Jorune Linkeviciute | University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Ana Júlia França Monteiro | University of Coimbra/Centre for Social Studies, Portugal

Dragos Obreja | University of Bucharest, Romania

Jelena Jovanka Riznic | Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia

Juliette Saetre | European University Institute, Italy

Mayumi Sato | University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Simone Schneider | University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Rahat Shah | Institute of Sociology, Goethe University Frankfurt Am Main, Germany

Eduardo Silva | Instituto de Sociologia da Universidade do Porto, Portugal

Anna Skiba | University of Warsaw, Poland

Teemol Thomas | University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

Orsolya Udvari | Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary and Hungarian Demographic Research Institute

Chiara Urone | Università degli studi di Palermo, Italy



Eva Waldaufová | Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

**Summer School's Committee and Professors**

**Chair/School Director**

School Director: Ana Cristina Santos (Portugal)

Vice-Chairs: Loukia-Maria Fratsea (Greece) and Krešimir Zžar (Croatia)

## Types of sessions

While Research Network and Research Stream sessions cover the immense variety of sociological inquiry, Plenary, Semi-Plenary and Midday sessions offer the opportunity to engage in core debates. All session formats will include time for open discussion.

- **Plenaries (P)** address the main conference theme. They take place in the evenings (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).
- **Semi-Plenaries (SPs)** discuss the main conference theme from the viewpoint of different fields of research. They promote discussion between speakers, next to that with participants. SPs are based on proposals made by the ESA Research Networks.
- **Midday (MD)** sessions cover topics which are relevant for sociology as a discipline and/or for the day-to-day work of sociologists. They are offered at lunchtime (on Wednesday and Friday).
- **Research Network (RN)** sessions feature research papers submitted in response to the Call for Papers. The majority of sessions is organised by ESA's 37 Research Networks. RNs are open to all ESA members. All RNs hold a business meeting at the conference (this time on Thursday, August 29, at 13:00, after Time Slot 5. New members are cordially invited to join one or several RNs of their choice. Note that many RNs organise **Joint Sessions (JS)**.
- **Research Stream (RS)** sessions are made by sociologists from several European countries who come together to organize sessions on specific sociological topics. RSs are self-organised bodies with a loose structure which is determined by the researchers who join the stream. While some RSs are regularly organizing sessions at ESA conferences, other RSs offer ad hoc sessions around spur-of-the-moment topics.

# General Schedule

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09:00		Semi-Plenaries 1-7		
10:30		Semi-Plenaries 8-13		
11:00		Semi-Plenaries 14-19		
11:30		Break	Break	Break
12:00	SOCIOLOGICAL WALKS	RN/RS Time Slot 1	RN/RS Time Slot 5	RN/RS Time Slot 8
12:30		Break	Break	Break
13:00		MIDDAY SPECIALS	BUSINESS MEETINGS	MIDDAY SPECIALS
14:00	FRINGE EVENTS	Break	Break	Break
14:30		RN/RS Time Slot 2	RN/RS Time Slot 6	RN/RS Time Slot 9
15:00		Break	Break	Break
16:00		RN/RS Time Slot 3	RN/RS Time Slot 7	ESA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
16:30	OPENING CEREMONY and PLENARY 1	Break	Break	
18:00		RN/RS Time Slot 4	PLENARY 2	CLOSING PLENARY 3 and CEREMONY
18:30				
19:00	Celebrating the 30 <sup>th</sup> ESA Anniversary with Past Presidents		Social Dinner	
20:00			Conference Party	
22:30				

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## Information on the Venues and Rooms

In the Joint Sessions between Research Networks, Research Network Sessions and Research Streams the rooms will be listed and associated to one of the three venues of the Conference – the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, the Faculty of Architecture, and the Faculty of Science. Those will be described as:

Venue L - Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto

Venue A - Faculty of Architecture of the University of Porto

Venue C - Faculty of Science of the University of Porto

## Special Rooms

Some of the ESA Conference rooms in the venues will be “special rooms” with different purposes for the participants. Those will be:

**LC.2.04** (Venue L) – **48 available computers** throughout the whole ESA Conference for general use of the participants.

**LC.4.00** (Venue L) – **Quiet Room** for participants who need to be in a quiet space and/or use it for praying purposes.

**LB.2.44** (Venue L) – **Purple Point** where a person from the organisation or staff will be available to provide support and address any concerns related to harassment and discrimination occurred during the ESA Conference. If you witness or suffer any of the above situations, contact us using the Purple Point available during the conference.



**TUESDAY**  
**AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTERNOON**

## Sociological Walks

### **Artists and tourist gentrification: tensions and resistance**

Tuesday, 27 August 2024, 11:00-13:00

### **Sacred Places in Porto**

Tuesday, 27 August 2024, 13:00-15:00

### **Thinking about democracy through the pathways of the 1974 Revolution**

Tuesday, 27 August 2024, 11:00-13:00

### **Fertile trails: urban commons**

Tuesday, 27 August 2024, 11:00-13:00

### **The American on the Seaside**

Tuesday, 27 August 2024, 13:00-15:00

### **Walking through arts-based performances: questioning (in)equalities**

Tuesday, 27 August 2024, 13:00-15:00

### **LGBTour Porto: Walk through Porto, discover the LGBTQIA+ History**

Tuesday, 27 August 2024, 13:00-15:00



### FE1 - "Organising for Social Change": Authors meet Critics

27 Aug 2024 | 14:00 | LC.2.02 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Organisation: The Sociological Review

A session at the upcoming ESA conference around an exciting new initiative by The Sociological Review journal, which will introduce a new paper format based on a discussant ('author meets critics') format. We propose as session to feature short talks by authors of a significant new book "Organising for Change: Social Change Makers and Social Change Organisations" by Silke Roth and Clare Saunders, alongside a series of short responses by three experts in the field. We believe that this fits very well with the ESA conference theme Trust, Tension and Transformation, particularly that of transformation as the book aims to offer alternatives to our current political thinking and organisation helping us to move beyond critique into interventions and solutions. We note that you have previously had fringe events and 'meet the author' events and feel this would fit well as part of such activities. We have spoken to all parties involved who have offered agreement in principle to participate in this event:

#### Speakers

**Silke Roth (Author).** I am working on the intersections of political sociology and the sociology of work. My expertise comprises social movement studies, humanitarian studies, sociology of gender, military sociology, and digital sociology. The red thread that runs through my work is the question how organisations overcome and perpetuate inequality through the in- and exclusion of different constituencies in membership and leadership, and through their goals and objectives. I have investigated this in a range of different contexts including the US Labour Movement, Women's non-governmental organisation in Europe, and humanitarian and development organisations globally. My research on development and humanitarian assistance contributes to development studies, migration studies, politics and international relations, sociology of work and careers, and to the emerging sociology of international relations and humanitarianism. Building up on my earlier projects, my current research concerns the transfer of skills from the military to civilian work and life, particularly the transfer of military knowledge and practices to humanitarianism and disaster relief. I am also extending earlier research on the third sector, social movements, and humanitarianism through studying the impact of information and communication technologies (ICT) on these fields. I am an editor of The Sociological Review.

**Clare Saunders (Author).** Since August 2022, I have been Head of Department for Humanities and Social Science Cornwall. This is an exciting transdisciplinary department that puts the attainment of social justice at the heart of its work. My teaching and research are focused on my own personal mission to try to help make the world a better place. What I teach and what I research are entwined and focused on political participation and environmental politics. When I'm running POC3072: The Politics of Protest, I take students on a field trip to London to

attend and survey a large-scale protest. This teaches my students how to apply the professional state-of-the-art Caught in the Act of Protest methodology, while also contributing crucial data to an international database. My admin and teaching roles are in the Politics department, but I conduct inter-disciplinary research 'using natural systems for environmental change' as an Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) researcher.

### **Discussants**

**Elena Pavan**, University of Trento (research network Social Movements, focuses on online/offline hybridity, feminist, anti-gender movements). Elena is Senior Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento. She holds a degree in Communication Sciences (University of Padova, Italy, 2004) and a PhD in Sociology (University of Trento, 2009). She developed her expertise in the study and the use of social network analysis in various field of research (from supra national governance political processes to human-computer interaction) and in conjunction with other analytical techniques, such as lexicon-content analysis. Her most recent research interests pertain to the relationships between collective action/political participation and social media use. Within this area, she is working interdisciplinary to combine technical and social knowledges into the study of socio-technical systems and is employing network analysis techniques and tools. She recently published in international journals and in relevant Italian journals. Her PhD dissertation on Internet governance and multistakeholderism has been released in January 2012 as a book for Lexington Publications.

**Lydia Ayame Hiraide** SOAS (ecological and Black feminist movement building, intersectionality and British environmentalism). Ph.D. student in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Goldsmiths, University of London. Her current research is funded through the CHASE Doctoral Training Partnership from the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Lydia's doctoral research aims to increase transnational learning amongst environmental groups in relation to inclusive action and philosophies of environmentalism by interrogating the experiences, views, and praxis of activists in France and in the UK. Her alma mater includes the University of Kent, SOAS, University of London, L'Institut d'Études Sciences Politiques de Paris, and the Conservatoire for Dance and Drama.

**Malin Arvidson**, Lund University (civil society organizations, social welfare services, NGOs, poverty alleviation). In 2003 I was awarded my PhD in Sociology at Lund University. The research concerned international development and aid, with particular focus on non-government organizations (NGOs), and the concepts of "empowerment" and "participation". I have since done research in development studies (NGOs, primary health care, primary education, poverty alleviation, Water and Sanitation) and in connection with this I have spent extended periods in Bangladesh. Among other things, I have been involved in a six-year project for Sida's behalf with the mandate to evaluate the two national programs for health and primary education (<http://www.reality-check-approach.com/bangladesh.html>). Since a few years back my research also includes NGOs and civil society organizations in the European context. I have worked as a researcher at the University of Southampton, Third Sector Research Centre (now

located at Birmingham University), where focus was on the English context, and since 2012 I am involved in research focusing on the Swedish context.

## FE2 - Meet the Editors

27 Aug 2024 | 14:00 | LC.2.R2 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Organisation: RN 17 Work, Employment and Industrial Relations

Coordination: Valeria Pulignano (KU Leuven) and Guglielmo Meardi (Scuola Normale Pisa – Italy)

Within the scope of the activities of RN 17 Work, Employment and Industrial Relations we organise an event titled “Meet the Editors” where we engage in a talk with Professor Eleonore Kofman (Work, Employment and Society); Professor Guglielmo Meardi (European Journal of Industrial Relations) and Professor Maarten Keune (Editor of Transfer – European Review of Labour), by addressing some key questions, including What led you to become Editor and what do you see as your duty as Editor of the Journal? Can you tell us about the origin of the Journal? What is the scope of the Journal and where does the Journal sit in this broad field of research on work, employment and industrial relations? In terms of the research you publish, what are you on the lookout for and what would attract authors to want to publish in the Journal? How would you advice to an Early Career Researcher who would love to get published in the Journal? The event would deem to be a key asset for all ESA participants, particularly Early Career Researchers, who will benefit from engaging in conversation with Professor Kofman, Professor Meardi and Professor Keune, supporting them getting a clear view about the international perspective towards publishing Bio note of Editors.

### Speakers

**Eleonore Kofman** is Professor of Gender, Migration and Citizenship and co-Director of the Social Policy Research Centre, Middlesex University London. She an Editor in Chief of the journal Work, Employment and Society. Her research focuses on gender and migration, including less studied aspects such as South-South and North-South gendered migrations, and the articulation between different forms such as family and labour. She is conducting research on Gendered. Dynamics of Labour Migration (Middle East and South Asia) as part of the UKRI Global Challenges Research Fund Gender, Justice and Security Hub (2019-24). She is co-author of Gendered Migrations and Global Social Reproduction, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015 and has published articles in Comparative Migration Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, International Migration and Social Politics. She is a member of the Executive Board of IMISCOE.

**Guglielmo Meardi** has been the Editor-of-Chief of the European Journal of Industrial Relations since 2020. The EJIR, founded by Richard Hyman in 1995, is distinctively devoted to comparative and international labour issues, which results in a high rate of international co-atorships with a mix of academic writing traditions. Guglielmo is Professor of Economic Sociology at Scuola Normale Superiore. He was previously Professor of Industrial Relations and Director of the Industrial Relations Research Unit at the University of Warwick, UK.

**Maarten Keune** holds the Chair in Social Security and Labour Relations at the AIAS-HSI institute of the University of Amsterdam since 2009. Previously he worked at the International Labour Organization and the European Trade Union Institute. He obtained a PhD in Political and Social Sciences at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. His research interests concern work, employment and social policy and labour relations in the EU and beyond. His present research projects deal with work and labour relations in global platform capitalism; European social rights and social citizenship; work and collective representation in the creative industries; and labour relations and inequality. He is one of the editors of *Transfer: European review of labour and research*.

## FE3 - “Positioning” Analysis with Autoethnography— Epistemic Explorations of Self-Reflexivity

27 Aug 2024 | 14:30 | LC.2.00 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Trust makes—but also inevitably shakes and challenges—the foundations of ethnographic practice.

We might even say that ethnography is a product, but also a producer of trust in various forms. This fringe event will introduce the Qualitative Inquiry special issue “‘Positioning’ Analysis with Autoethnography—Epistemic Explorations of Self-Reflexivity” (SAGE, 2023). The authors will introduce their concept of (auto-)ethnographic positioning analysis and elaborate on its key methodological aspects. By combining (auto-)ethnographic methods with positioning analysis, the authors will address the moral and practical problems that arise from ethnographic research. To this end, they will explore the tensions of (auto-)ethnography and other innovative methodological approaches, such as reflexive, critical, postcolonial, postmodern, or evocative methodologies. They will discuss the capacity of (auto-)ethnography to examine power relations, cultural contact zones, and the researcher’s experience within these complex dynamics. The tensions, trust issues, and need for transformation that arise in the course of ethnographic research are analysed as symptoms of the morally charged orderliness of our world, which is instrumental in challenging ethical idealizations of the world as a better place than it actually is. Diverse ethnographic research fields will be covered, offering insights into recent crises and global challenges, and the sociological challenges and concerns they raise in terms of (auto) ethnographic positioning analysis. The special issue presented in this fringe event provides a fresh methodological take on studying the complexities of the social world and contributes to the ongoing dialogue on ethnographic representation and legitimacy.

### Speakers

**Tobias Boll** is Junior Professor of Sociology of the Body at Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz. His research focuses on the sociologies of the body, sexuality and knowledge and qualitative research methods. His current research project investigates constructions of dis/ability in sex education programs for disabled people.

**Sebastian Garbe** is a Postdoctoral Researcher at University of Applied Sciences Fulda. He holds a PhD in Sociology from Justus-Liebig University Giessen. His research focuses on post- and decolonial perspectives on social movements, solidarity, social science epistemology and ethnography.

**Heike Greschke** holds the chair of Media Sociology at Bielefeld University. Her research focuses on empirical analyses of media-related transformations of sociality and culture, including migration, and their methodological reflections. Email address: heike.greschke@uni-bielefeld.de; Mei-Chen Spiegelberg is a PhD Candidate at Bielefeld University in the Department of Sociology. Her research

interests include global and transnational sociology, intercultural communication, sociology of emotions and ethnography.

**Irene Tuzi** is a Postdoctoral Researcher at Bielefeld University. She holds a PhD in social sciences from Humboldt University of Berlin and Sapienza University of Rome. Her research explores the 'embedding' and 'integration' of transnational families in mediatized social world. Email address: irene.tuzi@uni-bielefeld.de; Patricia Ward is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Bielefeld University in the Faculty of Sociology. Her research interests are in the areas of transnational labor, migration/mobility, and humanitarian aid and development. Her recent projects examine the configuration of humanitarian supply chains, and labor relations in Jordan's aid sector. Her research has been published in journals such as *Current Sociology*, *Work, Employment and Society*, *Qualitative Inquiry*, and *Sociology of Development*.

## FE4 - Folk Devils and Moral Panics in the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Book Presentation

27 Aug 2024 | 14:30 | LC.0.02 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

This event concerns the presentation of the book *Folk Devils and Moral Panics in the COVID-19 Pandemic* that Routledge will publish on July 5th, 2024.

In this volume, internationally recognized moral panic scholars from disciplines including sociology, media studies, criminology, and cultural studies examine case studies of moral panics related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These analyses consider the different social, political, economic, organizational, and cultural contexts within which such moral panics emerged and assess how the concept of moral panic can be deployed to offer novel insights into sociocultural responses to the outbreak. By utilizing both classical approaches to moral panic analysis and more recent trends, chapters discuss the utility of the concept of moral panic that is, for the first time, applied to a global-scale event like the COVID-19 pandemic.

The editors and some authors (see below) will be present at this fringe event that will be of interest to junior and senior scholars in different sociological fields and subfields. For the first 45 minutes, some authors will present their contribution and will discuss it with the editors. Then, the last 15 minutes will be left for QandA.

The book has already received several endorsements by internationally renowned scholars, among them: Prof. Tony Platt, University of California, Berkeley; Nachman Ben-Yehuda, Professor of Sociology, The Hebrew University, Israel; Prof Walter S. DeKeseredy, West Virginia University; Prof. Pamela Ugwudike, University of Southampton.

This book is included in the Routledge book series “The COVID-19 Pandemic Series”, directed by J. Michael Ryan.

### Speakers

**Morena Tartari** (PhD, Sociology) is Associate Professor of Criminology and Policing in the Department of Social Sciences of Northumbria University (UK). Morena is also Principal Investigator of the project WHOSSGreen, Babes-Bolyai University. Moreover, she was a STARS-Grant awardee (Supporting Talent in Research Programme) at the University of Padua, a Research Fellow at the Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, University of Southampton, and a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow at the University of Antwerp. Her early research focused on the emergence of moral panics concerning satanic ritual abuse in the contemporary Italy. Then, she studied the processes of stigmatisation of single mothers and their practices of resistance against familism in institutional contexts. Her research interests include social harms, institutional ethnography, and feminist standpoint theory. Her recent research concerns also sharenting and institutional social harms.

**Cirus Rinaldi** is Associate Professor of Sociology of Law, Deviance, and Social Change in the Department of Cultures and Societies of the University of Palermo, Italy, where he also coordinates the Bodies, Rights and Conflicts Research Group.



**Cosimo Marco Scarcelli** is Associate Professor of Sociology of Culture and Communication in the Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education, and Applied Psychology at the University of Padua, Italy, where he is also the Director of the BD Communication Programme.

**Chiara Bertone** is Associate Professor in Sociology at the University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy. She holds a PhD in Gender Studies (DK) and the National Scientific Qualification as Full Professor. Her main interests lie in gender, family practices and sexuality, including research on LGBT family relations, heterosexuality and masculinity, queer ageing. She has coordinated the ESA Sexuality Research Network and is editor of the series Palgrave Macmillan Studies in Family and Intimate Life. Her publications include *Le omosessualità* and the forthcoming *Il familiare è politico*; she has co-edited *Queerying families of origin* and *The SAGE Handbook of Global Sexualities*.

**Olivier Fillieule** is Professor of Political Sociology at the Institute of Political Studies of the University of Lausanne, Research Director at the French National Research Centre (CNRS) and member of CRAPUL (Research Centre on Political Action, University of Lausanne). His research focuses on social movements and activism, political socialisation, the police and protest policing, and public problems. His recent books include *Activists Forever. The Long-Term Impact of Political Activism*, co-edited with E. Neveu (2019), *Le malheur militant*, coedited with C. Leclercq et R. Lefebvre (2022), *Politiken der Un-Ordnung*, with F. Jobard, 2023.

**Alexandre Dafflon** is a lecturer and researcher in political sociology at the University of Lausanne and a member of CRAPUL (Research Centre on Political Action, University of Lausanne). His research focuses on political socialization and takes an ethnographic approach to political behaviour, with a particular interest in sexuality, class and gender relations. His key publications include *From uprising to secession: a plea for a localised and processual approach to the avatars of the yellow vest movement*, with O. Fillieule, Z. Bendali, M. Beramendi and D. Morselli (2022); *La socialisation politique des jeunes en milieu rural en Suisse* (2018).

**Zakaria Bendali** is currently a PhD candidate in political sociology at the Institute of Political Studies of the University of Lausanne, under the supervision of Olivier Fillieule (Unil/CRAPUL) and Dominique Cardon (Sciences Po Paris/Medialab), and a member of CRAPUL (Research Centre on Political Action, University of Lausanne). His research focuses on the biographical consequences of participation in the yellow vest movement, with a particular interest in the trajectories of first-time activists and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the online-offline aspects of mobilisation.

**Jacek Burski**, PhD, in sociology, is an assistant professor at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Wrocław and post-doc in the research project 'COV-WORK: Socio-economic consciousness, work experiences and coping strategies of Poles in the context of the post-pandemic crises funded by the National Science Centre in Poland. A graduate of sociology at the University of Łódź, where he defended his doctoral thesis on the social world of football fans. Author of monographs, scientific articles published in peer-reviewed scientific

journals and chapters in books devoted to, among others, the issues of social change, modernity, and the sociology of work.

**Gabriella Petti** is an associate professor in Sociology of Law, Deviance and Social Change in the Department of Educational Sciences, University of Genoa, where she is a member of the Academic board of the PhD program of the School of Social Science. She lectures Deviance and Social Control and Sociology of Deviance and Juvenile Justice System. Her main research topics and publications include the phenomena of deviance, marginality and migration, with a particular sensitivity to young people. Her research specifically focuses on the organizational and caring practices of institutional structures, criminalisation and deviantisation mechanisms.



## Opening Ceremony

27 Aug 2024 | 16:30 | Super Bock Arena - Rosa Mota Pavilion

The opening ceremony will be held at the Super Bock Arena (Rosa Mota Pavilion) prior to the Plenary 1. This ceremony will count with the speeches of:

### Speakers

Lígia Ferro (ESA President 2021-24)

Teresa Sordé (Conference Co-Chair)

Paulo Peixoto (Local Organizing Committee Chair)

José Castro Lopes (Vice-Rector of the University of Porto)

Rui Moreira (Mayor of the City Council)

## Plenary 1

### Tension

27 Aug 2024 | 17:30 | Super Bock Arena - Rosa Mota Pavilion

With: Michael Burawoy and Anália Torres

Chair: Lígia Ferro (ESA President 2021-24)

**Michael Burawoy (University of California Berkeley, USA)**

#### **Exiting from Settler Colonialism: Comparing Israel/Palestine and South Africa**

There are times when sociology must address real-world problems, however divisive and intense. Today the relationship between Israel and Palestine compels such a response, despite the risks – risks that are trivial considering the mounting death toll of the Gaza war. Many have already stepped up to the plate, trying to make sense of this human disaster. What tools does sociology possess to examine this problem fruitfully, constructively, realistically? My own approach is comparative history. That escapes the dangers of false uniqueness, directs us to causal analysis of why things are the way they are, and suggests alternatives. It cannot be neutral, but it can offer engagement at a critical distance. I compare the histories of Israel/Palestine and South Africa as two species of settler colonialism. This is a point of departure – inevitably controversial but a starting point that can be defended - for examining the internal and external forces that have led to their distinctly different trajectories and outcomes.

#### **Biography**



Michael Burawoy has been a participant observer of industrial workplaces in four countries: Zambia, United States, Hungary and Russia. His projects attempt to illuminate, in turn, the contradictions of postcolonialism; the organization of consent to advanced capitalism; the peculiar forms of class consciousness and work organization under state socialism; and, finally, the dilemmas of the Soviet transition to capitalism. No longer able to work in factories, he turned to the study of his own workplace – the university – to consider the way sociology itself is produced and then disseminated to diverse publics. His advocacy of public sociology has generated much heat in many a cool

place. Of late, with teaching assistants, he has been developing a labour theory of pedagogy. He has been president of the American Sociological Association, president of the International Sociological Association, founding editor of the magazine, *Global Dialogue*, and co-chair and secretary of the Berkeley Faculty Association.

Anália Torres (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

### **From turbulent to dangerous times: Gender issues on the battlefield**

From Turbulent times, the theme of 10th ESA conference held in Geneva in 2011, where I used financial war as a metaphor for what we were living by then, times turned out to be very dangerous. This is far from imagining that 15 years later we would end up with real war in Europe; or that the rise of extreme right parties, and of xenophobia, nationalism, racism and sexism would be realities we had to deal with nowadays daily.

From all terrains of confrontation gender issues are also a real battlefield. Actually, “Fighting a Battle Our Grandmothers Won” is a phrase that we can read in posters in prochoice demonstrations. Gender issues, as well as women’s and LGBTQ+ rights, are hot topics on the polarized political debate in many countries around the world.

After decades of progress concerning gender equality rights, and the constitution of a study field that impacted on not only social sciences and humanities, but also on natural sciences, today gender issues, and gender studies are highly contested and controversial matters. What has been called antigenderism became a central theme in extreme right wing political agendas.

How come that granddaughters and grandmothers now join the same demonstrations and file for rights that years ago seemed guaranteed? How did we get here? I will discuss this topic using sociological tools, mainly benefitting from a very rich field of knowledge constituted by theoretical frameworks and empirical research coming from women, gender and feminist studies.

### **Biography**



Anália Torres, PhD in Sociology, full professor and coordinator of the Department of Sociology in the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences (ISCSP), University of Lisbon. She has founded and directs the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies (CIEG), the only centre for Gender Studies in Portugal graded as Excellent by international panels of the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). She was President of the European Sociological Association (2009-2011), of the Portuguese Sociological Association (2002-2006) and has been a member of the European Research Council’s (ERC) evaluation panels.

Expert on gender and family issues, she created doctoral, master's, and postgraduate courses on sociology and on these fields, and coordinated several research projects in national and international research networks. Author, co-author, and editor of more than 20 books and of 80 book chapters and articles in

national and international scientific journals in several languages. She was awarded the Medal of Scientific Merit in 2023.

## Sociological Speed Dating

27 Aug 2024 | 19:00 | Jardins do Palácio de Cristal

### With ESA's Past Presidents

The Sociological Speed Dating\* is an activity planned to take place on the first day of the Conference and it is designed to promote a structured, yet informal opportunity of bringing former ESA presidents closer to young and emerging scholars.

While enjoying a Porto wine in the beautiful gardens of Palácio de Cristal (outside the Super Bock Arena – Rosa Mota Pavilion) during the recess of the Opening Ceremony of ESA Conference, the former presidents will make themselves available for 1 hour in stationary spots scattered across the gardens for quick one-on-one encounters with eager minds. Drawing on the public space as an arena for intergenerational dialogues, each spot will be signalled with big, coloured flags (with the name of the respective former president assigned to the spot), so they can be visible and easy to identify by whoever signed up for a 5-minute chat with one of the distinguished sociologists. Following the traditional format of the speed dating dynamic, the activity will be clocked by volunteers who will be managing all stations making sure that, in total, 10 researchers per former president will have the opportunity to engage in a Speed Sociological Dating.

Overcoming both symbolic and conventional barriers that often oppose meaningful interactions, the Speed Sociological Dating activity, more than just networking, intends to be an intellectual rendezvous in which participants will have the chance to share perspectives, unearth insights, satisfy curiosities and get inspired for the vibrant Conference that begins. At the same time, by spotlighting these eminent academics' role in the European Sociology, this activity celebrates the foundational and future grounds through which we all walk together, as shaped by both seasoned sociologists and emerging scholars.

\*Exclusive for registered participants.

### The Past Presidents

Anália Torres (ISCTE - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa)

Carmen Leccardi (University of Milan-Bicocca)

Claire D. Wallace (University of Aberdeen)

Frank Welz (University of Innsbruck)

Giovanna Procacci (University of Milan)

Jeja-Pekka Roos (University of Helsinki)

Marta Soler Gallart (University of Barcelona)

Martin Kohli (European University Institute)



Pekka Sulkunen (University of Helsinki)

Sue Scott (Newcastle University)

Sylvia Walby (University of Leeds)

Yasemin Soysal (University of Essex)



**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MORNING**

### SP 1 - “Building Open Science Together: Transformative Concepts and Practices”

28 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC4.0.41 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Nick Lindsay and Elena Giglia**

Organisation and chairs: Lígia Ferro (ESA President 2021-24)

Different European agencies and countries have been reinforcing the open access policies at the level of research funding, which has contributed to a spirit that open access to publish and read, thus to production and access of scientific knowledge, is a basic right of citizens and the optimal strategy to pursue in the upcoming years. Universities and research centres are increasingly publicly committed to open access. Several sociology, social sciences and humanities journals have been shifting to open access lately and there is a wide understanding that the community as a whole should work together to contribute to this process.

Open access has been a subject of intensive discussion within the ESA for the last few years. The ESA envisions access to knowledge as a human right and as a means to pursue social justice. Open access allows for research and innovation improvement while it can also contribute to decision-making at different societal levels and build better societies. Inspired by MIT's excellence, upon witnessing its investments in successfully pursuing Open Access and after getting to know the MIT Shift + Open Initiative), the ESA Executive Committee decided to go fully open access with its journals in partnership with the MIT Press.

So far, debates about open science have focused mainly on access to knowledge by the readers. Nonetheless, there are also unequal funding and publishing opportunities, and it is vital to ensure access to research excellence, regardless of any submitters' characteristics: their economic resources, territorial location, gender, ethnic, sexual orientation, or age. The open-access model allows to guarantee equal access for both authors and readers while siding libraries' pursuit of affordable knowledge diffusion. In this sense, investing in open access should be a real priority for sociologists and social scientists in general as it will improve public engagement.

At this session, the speakers will bring transformative concepts and practices to engage the scientific community in this collective and essential task: building open science together.

**Nick Lindsay (MIT Press, Director of Journals and Open Access)**

#### **Access to Science and Scholarship, Key Questions About the Future of Research Publishing**

In November of 2023, members of the MIT faculty and staff at MIT Press release a report entitled, Access to Science and Scholarship, Key Questions About the Future of Research Publishing. The report lays out a research agenda for the

future of scientific publishing and suggests many questions that need to be answered in order to create and protect a robust and equitable publishing ecosystem. This talk will expand on several topics related to the report, including peer review, open access, open science practices, and open infrastructure to support the publishing enterprise.

### **Biography**

Nick Lindsay has worked for The MIT Press since 2008 where he leads both the journals division and the Press' open access efforts. He's focused on developing new titles and business models to support the Press and has worked extensively with scholarly societies, university departments, and others on innovative journal projects, including Rapid Reviews: Infectious Diseases. Before MIT, Nick worked at the University of California Press in their journals group.



**Elena Giglia (University of Turin)**

### **Why do we need Open Science**

Open Science is often perceived as the umpteenth administrative burden, or something imposed by European rules in research programs. Actually, Open Science is a powerful tool to get a research process which is more efficient, as every component is ready to be reused and build upon, and more respondent to societal needs, as built in dialogue and co-creation with society. In this way, Open Science can work as a corrective in the current scholarly communication system which is plagued by retractions and scientific misconduct induced by the hypercompetitive evaluation criteria in place. Open Science is functional to research integrity as the entire research workflow is transparent, allowing for checks and reproducibility. Sensitive and personal data are considered the logic "as open as possible, as closed as necessary" and are enabled by the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable). In the end, Open Science can be both boosted by and act as an enabler of the ongoing reform of the research assessment framework under the COARA initiative.

## Biography

PhD, Masters' Degree in Librarianship and master's degree in public Institutions Management, is Head of the Open Science Unit at the University of Turin. She was a member (2019-2020) of the Committee on Open Science at the Ministry for University and Research (MUR), in charge of drafting the National Plan Open Science. She actively collaborates with ICDI – Italian Computer and Data Infrastructure Competence centre on Open Science, EOSC and FAIR data, organizing the Open Science café and collaborating with the editorial board of open-science.it. She is the delegate of OPERAS, the Research Infrastructure for Open Science in the Social Sciences and the Humanities, in the EOSC Association, where she is a member of the Task Force Researchers Engagement and Adoption. Since 2017, she has been a partner in 8 EU-funded projects. She has been part of the European Open Science network for many years, attending national and international conferences, and writing and lecturing on Open Access and Open Science. She never stopped learning and attends training courses and workshops.

She takes part as invited expert in several EU Workshops on Open Access and Open Science. She coordinated (2019-2021) the CO-OPERAS Implementation Network in GO FAIR and represents Italy in the OPERAS research infrastructure Executive Assembly. She serves in several Scientific Committees and Advisory boards. She served as one of the Italian National Open Access Desk-NOADs for OpenAIRE. She has edited since 2010 the web portal OA@UniTO, [www.oe.unito.it](http://www.oe.unito.it).



## **SP2 - "Culture and Education for Transforming Societies"**

28 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC4.0.40 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Isabel Menezes and Pedro Abrantes**

Organisation: Local Organising Committee: João Teixeira Lopes (University of Porto), Carla Malafaia (University of Porto) and Sílvia Silva (Centre for Social Studies of the University of Coimbra)

Chairs: Carla Malafaia and Sílvia Silva

The sociological perspective places education and culture as the bases for action and democracy. Assuming that education and culture intersect and accumulate in the promotion of both transformative public policies and grassroot communitarian practices, this semi-plenary intends to reflect on the state of the art of this intersection, opening up avenues for shaping the future. To do this, it will look at education and culture in terms of their intrinsic values and outside economic instrumentality, with which they establish non-subalternate connections. Culture and education must forge alternative economic logics, giving them their social roots, criticising their abstract nature and contesting their detachment from social processes and practices. Current times of socio-political turmoil strongly call for efforts to imagine new cultural toolkits and educational bonds that can enact collectiveness and be sustained by transgressive modes of meaning-making and knowledge production.

In this way, the logics of education and culture will contribute to a plural perspective on social phenomena, focusing on the forms of socialisation, the conditions of communication, and the possibility of acquiring dispositions and skills not limited to reproducing business as usual. At the education-culture intersection, we can find the foundations for a new social contract based on autonomous, responsible and supportive individuation, on exchange and interculturality, relational and critical subjectification, and a shared sense of societal transformations outside of one-dimensional, top-down, authoritarian and bureaucratic logics.

### **Speakers**

**Isabel Menezes (PhD, Full Professor, Centre for Research and Intervention in Education (CIIE-FPCE.UP), University of Porto)**

#### **On (political) emotions and education in contemporary democracies**

There has been a 'rediscovery of passion' (Marcus, 1991) in politics, even if not without ambivalence. For some, the growing emotionality in politics would be related to the rise of (mostly right-wing) populism, with strong connections between anger, fear, and authoritarianism – following Le Bon's (1895) cautionary notes of the 'exaggeration of the sentiments and its risks for political principled reasoning. For others, emotions are an inevitable part of political participation, and the lack of a 'public culture of emotion' (Nussbaum, 2013) that celebrates the love for pluralism and radical equality is one of the contemporary dangers for the survival of democracies. I will depart from recognizing the transversality of emotions and relationality in political phenomena across time and space, and how

denying it is a basis, now as in the past, for excluding a significant part of political actors, including children and young people. Then, I will explore how spaces for collectiveness and pluralism, such as schools, can engage emotions, reflexivity, and participation as essential for generating more complex, collaborative, and creative ways of relating with the political.

### **Biography**

Isabel Menezes has a degree and a PhD in Psychology and a habitation in Education Sciences from the University of Porto, where she is a Professor in the Department of Education Sciences. Her research deals with the civic and political participation of children, young people and adults, with a particular interest in groups at risk of exclusion. The main goal is to explore if and how formal and non-formal education (including artistic) experiences can generate more complex ways of relationship with the political. She coordinated several funded inter/national research projects and is currently the Director of the CIIE - Centre for Research and Intervention in Education.



**Pedro Abrantes (Universidade Aberta, Centro de Estudos Globais and ISCTE-IUL, Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia)**

### **Education and Social Classes in Europe: tensions, trust and transformation**

This intervention will discuss recent trends and some current prospects regarding the relation between education and social classes, in Europe. Education is often referred either as a central leverage of transformation, trust and social mobility or an arena of (class/ethnic) tensions and inequality reproduction.

Based on recent research on this topic, as well as an analysis of comparative data, this session aims to provide an overview on how education has contributed to social mobility/reproduction in Europe, during the last 50 years, comparing different countries and generations. Acknowledging the relevance of the



socioeconomic indexes and the racial categories, this analysis sustains the enduring relevance of the concept of social class to understand domination, distinction and closure strategies, as well as democratization, mobility and usurpation movements. Trust is here conceived as a key element to avoid tensions, highly dependent on the consistency of public policies to promote Constitutional rights and people's aspirations.

After, we aim to reflect upon two ongoing processes – the increase of international schools and the “full-time education” policies – as “case studies” to contribute for the discussion on how the current (social) tensions between social classes are transforming the (primary and secondary) education systems in Europe. Such relation between (private) distinction and (public) democratization movements is paramount to forge the future of our societies.

### **Biography**

Pedro Abrantes is Professor at Universidade Aberta and at Iscte-University Institute of Lisbon. He holds a bachelor's degree (2002) and a PhD (2007) in Sociology, focusing his work on education, socialization, social inequalities, and life pathways. Member of the Portuguese Sociological Association, where he coordinated the Sociology of Education section (2009-13), and currently coordinates the Classes and Inequalities section. He developed research for some years in Mexico and collaborates regularly with international agencies on education development. From 2016 to 2022, he worked for the Portuguese educational administration, as Minister's advisor and deputy director of the statistics department. Among dozens of titles, he published "Socialization and inequality" (Current Sociology), "Gendering social mobility: a comparative perspective on the nexus of education and class in Europe" (Gender and Education), "Full-time Schools in Portugal" (Journal of New Approaches in Educational Research), "Analysing biographies in transnational educational spaces" (Globalisation, Societies and Education).



## **SP3 - "From the Risk Society to Surveillance Capitalism and Authoritarian Modernity: Theorising Contemporary Society"**

28 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.001 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Sylvia Walby and Christian Fuchs**

Organised by RN18 Sociology of Communications and Media Research and RN29 Social Theory

Coordinators and Chairs: Thomas Allmer (University of Paderborn), Paško Bilić (Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia), Mikael Carleheden, (University of Copenhagen) and Frank Welz (University of Innsbruck)

This semi-plenary will ask in which society we live, how it is best termed and how it is best theorised. Back in the 1980s and 1990s, some sociologists claimed that we live in a risk society (Ulrich Beck and Anthony Giddens) or a network society (Manuel Castells). While millions have been hit hard by the financial crisis, austerity cuts and the rise of precarious working and living conditions around the globe, the reference to capitalism has come back to the sociological agenda. Concepts such as capital in the twenty-first century (Thomas Piketty), digital capitalism and surveillance capitalism (Shoshana Zuboff) have been made popular recently. Currently, there is a debate on how far we still live in a neoliberal or rather a post-neoliberal world order. Nancy Fraser and Wolfgang Streeck both suggest that we live – in reference to Antonio Gramsci – in an interregnum, where the old neoliberal order is coming to an end and the new system cannot yet be born. Regarding the overall conference theme, the task will be analysing tensions in contemporary society, characterising the spreading of trust and discussing sociology's role in societal transformation:

1. Theorising tension: More specifically, to study the tensions and contradictions between the haves and have-nots along class, racism and gender relations in contemporary Europe and beyond.
2. Theorising trust: In particular, to develop an understanding of how trust, solidarity and democracy are shaped in the twenty-first century.
3. Theorising transformation: In detail, to investigate the broader political realities and potentials in terms of transforming modern society to a more equal and just society.

The semi-plenary wants to debate these questions and tasks with international experts in the field.

### **Speakers**

**Sylvia Walby (Professor, School of Law and Social Sciences, Royal Holloway, University of London)**

### **Theorising Contemporary Society: From Risk Society to Authoritarianism**

Rebuilding the concept of society to address the turn in modernity towards authoritarianism is the aim of this paper. I address the tensions generated by intersecting regimes of inequality, and the role of crises in societal transformation. I rework the concept of society, using complex systems theory. I argue for the inclusion of violence alongside economy, polity, and civil society; and the inclusion

of gender regimes and coloniality alongside capitalism. Without including violence, gender, and coloniality, it is hard to theorise the turn to authoritarianism. The concept of modernisation is pluralised into multiple varieties: authoritarianism is distinguished from neoliberalism (Streeck, Fraser, Bruff) and fascism (Mason, Robertson), as well as social democracy. The analysis of change, using complexity theory, includes crisis, tipping points and path dependency. I draw on classical (Durkheim, Weber, Marx, Du Bois, Gilman), recent (Giddens, Beck, Tilly, Mies), and contemporary (Go, Bhambra, Scott) sociology. I address societal transformation in modernity/ies (Eisenstadt, Giddens, Beck), including globalisation (Castells, Wallerstein, Chase-Dunn), (post)colonialism (Du Bois, Go), and gender transformations (Fraser, Gottfried, Shire). The substantive focus is the (re)turn to authoritarianism, linked to de-democratisation and declines in trust (Lombardo, V-Dem, Verloo) and to crises (Gramsci) of finance (Minsky, Piketty), war (Mann), and climate (Urry). Yet, these crises can be resolved in other ways. I develop the concept of society, deploy complex systems theory, include gender regimes and coloniality, and identify the importance of violence, to analyse the return to authoritarianism and alternative trajectories.

### **Biography**

Sylvia Walby is a Professor in the School of Law and Social Sciences, Royal Holloway, University of London. She holds the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Anneliese Maier Research Award and is Visiting Professor, University of Duisburg-Essen. She is a Fellow of the British Academy, and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. Sylvia was the founding President of the European Sociological Association. She is founding Co-President of the International Sociological Association's Thematic Group on Violence and Society and was President of ISA's Research Committee 02 on Economy and Society. She was Chair of the Sociology sub-panel for REF2021. Sylvia held the UNESCO Chair in Gender Research at Lancaster University. Books include *Crisis* (Polity 2015), *Globalization and Inequalities: Complexity and Contested Modernities* (Sage 2009), and *The Concept and Measurement of Violence against Women and Men* (Bristol 2017). Her next book is *Trafficking Chains: Modern Slavery in Society* (Bristol 2024).



**Christian Fuchs, Professor, Department of Media Studies, Paderborn University**

### **Critical Theory Foundations of Digital Capitalism: A Critical Political Economy Perspective**

The overall task of this paper is to outline some foundations of a critical theory of digital capitalism. The approach of the Critique of Political Economy is taken as the starting point for theorising (digital) capitalism.

First, the paper discusses selected classical definitions of capitalism. Theories of digital capitalism must build on definitions and theories of capitalism. If capitalism is a societal formation and not only an economic order, but the analysis of capitalism is also the analysis of economic exploitation and non-economic domination phenomena and their interaction. Theories of digital capitalism should also address the question of how class, racism, and patriarchy are related in the context of digitalisation. Second, the author introduces a notion of digital capitalism that is based on Marx's approach of the Critique of Political Economy. Third, the paper engages with one influential contemporary approach to theorising capitalism, Nancy Fraser's Cannibal Capitalism. The author discusses what we can learn from Fraser's approach to theorising digital capitalism. Fourth, the author discusses existing understandings of digital capitalism that can be found in the academic literature. These definitions are compared to the understanding advanced in this article. Fifth, the paper discusses the relationship of the notion of digital capitalism from a Critical Political Economy perspective in comparison to the notions of the network society/informational capitalism (Manuel Castells), surveillance capitalism (Shoshana Zuboff), and platform capitalism (Nick Srnicek). Sixth, the paper reflects on the relationship between digital capitalism and violence as we live in a (digital) age where a new World War is all but uncertain. Finally, some conclusions are drawn.

#### **Biography**

Christian Fuchs is a critical theorist. He is co-editor of the journal tripleC: Communication, Capitalism and Critique and a professor at Paderborn University.



## **SP4 - "Decolonizing youth mobility: beyond the normative and Eurocentric youth/mobility nexus"**

28 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC1.0.03 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Shannon Philip and Aleksandra Grzymała-Kazłowska**

Organised by RN30 Youth and Generation and RN35 Sociology of Migration

Coordinators and Chairs: Michela Franceschelli (University College London, UK) and Ilenya Camozzi (University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy)

The recent growing interest in the forms of mobility/migration of the younger generations as an entry point for studying their transition processes to adulthood lies at the heart of this joint reflection between RN 30 and RN 35.

In the early 2000s, the announcement of a 'mobility turn' in the social sciences (Urry 2002) offered an opportunity to re-conceptualise youth transitions as 'mobile' and so mobility as a new marker of adulthood. Today global transformations such the climate crisis or the pandemic are inevitably reshuffling the configurations and features of both human mobility and life course transitions. Yet, the 'mobility turn' only partially addresses these new tensions and the inequalities entailed by increasingly diverse flows of moving people.

With this proposal, we aim to open a dialogue and reflect on the inter-connected risks of normalising various forms of movement under one category anchored in an idealised view of youth and restricted to a privileged segment of subjects. These include the risk of neglecting of gender and structural inequalities (Philip, 2022; Nayak 2026), immobility (Cairns and Clemente 2023), the experiences of minoritised youth (Frisina and Hawthorne 2018), the role of whiteness in shaping migration and adaptation journeys (Morosanu et al 2019), the risk of polarising the actors involved in the movement: labour migrants versus mobile high-skills actors (Faist 2002) and of not problematising notions of identity and integration (Grzymała-Kazłowska 2016).

Finally, with decolonising youth mobility, we seek to challenge normative notions about the youth/mobility nexus entangled in the Western-centric gaze (Boatcă 2016) lurking behind the mobility turn.

### **Speakers**

**Shannon Philip (Sociology, Associate Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Social Science, School of Social Work, University of East Anglia)**

### **Caught-In-Between: Decolonising Young Men's Mobility and Immobility in Neoliberal India and South Africa**

Youth mobilities have often been imagined in linear and normative ways within mainstream 'youth sociology'. However, in various post-colonial global contexts like Brazil, Egypt, India or South Africa, deeply embedded colonial legacies, intersecting with dynamics of deep racial and class inequality, as well as rapid

neoliberal transformations and consumer cultures, have opened important questions around the idea of 'youth' and their 'mobility'. From a gendered perspective, the lives of young men offer an interesting vantage point to explore how patriarchal obligations, male privilege, as well as men's vulnerabilities and anxieties, shape their mobility as well as their immobility.

In this paper, using qualitative and ethnographic data from longitudinal fieldwork with young men aged between 18 – 29 from New Delhi and Johannesburg, I argue that young men are 'caught-in-between' various gendered dynamics of mobility and immobility. Critically understanding this in betweenness of young men, makes two primary contributions: 1) It challenges the normative and often heteropatriarchal ideas of young men's mobilities and 2) It provides empirical evidence to think beyond Western-centric approaches to life-courses whilst contributing further to the research and political aims of Global Sociologies and Connected Sociologies.

### **Biography**

Shannon Philip is a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Sociology at the University of East Anglia and a Research Associate at the University of Johannesburg. He recently published his first monograph with Cambridge University Press entitled *Becoming Young Men in a New India: Masculinities, Gender Relations and Violence in the Postcolony* (2022). His current research comparatively explores youth, masculinities, sexualities, urban transformations, and gender relations in South Africa and India.



**Aleksandra Grzymała-Kazłowska (University of Warsaw)**

**Mobility, anchoring and inequality. Looking at the youth/mobility nexus from the processes of adaptation and settling**

The talk will argue for the need to rethink established concepts such as identity and integration to capture multidimensionality and complexities of processes of adaptation and settling in the context of youth mobility. To untangle the youth/mobility nexus, contemporary fluidities, complexities, diversities and



inequalities must be brought to the fore, so the previous notions should be reconceptualized or new tools developed in our analyses. After the critical assessment of the existing conceptualizations in migration studies concerning migrants' adjustment and functioning, the paper will discuss the opportunities and challenges in employing the concept of anchoring, which links the notions of adaptation, identity, and settling while highlighting the issues of safety and stability. Anchoring will be presented as a potential alternative lens to the notion of integration, offering a more multidimensional and dynamic perspective to better understand the experience of adaptation and settling among today's migrants in complex, diverse, fluid and divided societies, particularly in the current time of tensions, conflicts and uncertainties. It allows for capturing transnational processes, uneven and relational character of settling and changes in anchoring – its flexibility and reversibility, including the processes of un-anchoring or re-anchoring. Analytically and empirically distinguished anchors provide a useful tool for analysis. Anchoring acknowledges, on the one hand, human agency and the cognitive and emotional aspects of establishing footholds and, on the other hand, inequalities and structural constraints in establishing a sense of stability and safety. It may enable us to see how individuals' positionality influences both their levels of exposure to risks and uncertainties as well as capacities for agency, ability to deal with challenges and make use of opportunities.

### **Biography**

Aleksandra Grzymala-Kazłowska (PhD Hab.) is a Professor at the University of Warsaw in the Faculty of Sociology and the Centre of Migration Research. Professor Grzymala-Kazłowska is the Editor-in-Chief of the Central and Eastern European Migration Review. She is a sociologist with a background in psychology and anthropology and an interest in social policy, conducting cross-disciplinary research focused on different dimensions and implications of migration and diversity related to adaptation, identity, discourses, inequalities, and inclusion. Her recent book "Rethinking Settlement and Integration. Migrants' Anchoring in an Age of Insecurity" was published by the Manchester University Press in 2020.



## **SP5 - "Knowledge and the Planet – how can we transform environmental governance?"**

28 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.0.02 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Karin Bäckstrand and Florian Rabitz**

Organised by RN32 Political Sociology and RN12 Environment and Society

Coordinators and Chairs: Louisa Parks (University of Trento), Ebru Öztürk (Mid Sweden University), Audrone Telesiene (Kaunas University of Technology) and Çigdem Adem (Ankara Rivers Study Group, Turkey)

Controversies and tensions over the integration of different types of knowledge in decision-making are at the forefront of many public debates, and environmental decision-making is no exception. This semi-plenary hosts experts on different aspects of knowledge politics who will discuss the different tensions at play, as well as the potential of plural approaches to knowledge in the transformation of environmental politics. The role of Enlightenment-method scientific knowledge in the construction of global environmental problems like climate change and biodiversity loss is well known, yet tensions remain in the construction of global framings of issues with complex and inevitably local impacts, as well as in the failure of this type of scientific knowledge alone to drive effective governance. At the same time, regulatory interventions on high-risk environmental technologies are increasingly proposed as a way of avoiding slippery slopes towards their deployment. This creates a complex decision environment as regulators and wider public's demand information that can only be provided through research activities that could initiate path dependencies. The role of traditional ecological knowledge has also come to the fore as holding potential answers for effective governance, yet here too effective spaces for meaningful engagement with such knowledge and its holders is a source of tension, with serious issues about how to design such spaces given longstanding trust issues. The speakers will discuss the intricacies of these tensions; point to whether and, if so, how, knowledge plurality could come about to transform environmental governance; and discuss the extent to which research governance is becoming an integral aspect of contemporary environmental governance.

### **Speakers**

**Karin Bäckstrand (University of Stockholm, London School of Economics)**

#### **The Politics and Governance of Decarbonization. The Interplay Between State and Non-state Actors in Sweden**

How and under what conditions can states – in collaboration with societal actors – steer and govern to accelerate the large-scale transformation that is needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement? This intervention presents novel theoretical findings and empirical insights on how the state governs through collaborative climate governance, which is a mode of governance that aims to foster cooperation, deliberation and consensus between state and non-state actors. The focus is on interplay between the state and non-



state actors in Sweden, which announced its goal to become the world's first fossil-free welfare state at the United Nations climate summit in Paris in 2015. What is role of the state in collaborative governance as well as the mix between hard (regulation) and soft modes of governance (orchestration) to achieve decarbonization in after the adoption of the 2017 Climate Policy Framework and in the context of the European Green Deal and EU's Fit for 55 packages? Highlighting state-led transformation I critically examine Sweden's progress towards its overarching goal to become the first fossil-free welfare state in the world by 2045. I investigate Sweden's national strategies and governance modes to achieve decarbonization and overcome carbon lock-ins through institutional, economic, technological and behavioral transformation. Sweden's path to decarbonization – like many other countries - resembles more of an incremental transition limited to certain sectors rather than the wholesale transformation toward achieving a fossil-free society.

### **Biography**

Karin Bäckstrand is a Professor in Environmental Social Science in the Department of Political Science at Stockholm University, Visiting Professor at London School of Economics and Political Science and senior research at the Institute for Future Studies. She is a former member of the Swedish Climate Policy Council. Her research revolves around global environmental politics, the democratic legitimacy of global governance and the role of state and non-state actors in climate governance.



**Florian Rabitz (chief researcher in the Research Group Civil Society and Sustainability at Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania)**

### **Paradoxes of precaution: The Institutional Lock-in of Technological Risks**

Global politics today confronts a vast variety of regulatory challenges across diverse technological fields, from biotechnology over energy technologies up to

digitalization and artificial intelligence. The typical global response to the emergence of potential technological risks is the formation of various types of assessment processes which, in turn, are expected to enable high-quality regulatory decision-making further down the road. Increasingly, there are concerns that this may result in slippery-slope effects: the institutionalization of assessment processes can create multiple drivers of path dependence that might lead to the deployment of high-risk technologies, even where their risks turn out to outweigh their benefits. I discuss the conditions under which institutionalized assessment processes can lead to the lock-in of technological risks that would otherwise be avoidable. I also discuss institutional design options for avoiding institutional lock-in. Throughout, I will be illustrating the theoretical argument by drawing on contemporary debates on climate modification, large-scale genetic engineering and Artificial Intelligence. The broader message is that international processes for generating knowledge on technological risks can be risky in themselves, thus requiring careful and reflective institutional design.

### **Biography**

Florian Rabitz is a chief researcher in the Research Group Civil Society and Sustainability at Kaunas University of Technology. He holds a PhD in political science from the Free University of Brussels (VUB) and has previously taught at the Institute of International Relations of the University of São Paulo. His work explores questions of institutional adaptiveness and effectiveness regarding technological challenges and opportunities in the global politics of environmental sustainability. He is the author of *Transformative Novel Technologies and Global Environmental Governance* (Cambridge University 2023) and *The Global Governance of Genetic Resources: Institutional Change and Structural Constraints* (Routledge 2017).



**SP6 - "Advancing Public Sociology in dealing with stakeholders and policy makers on social issues: challenges and perspectives in Europe"**

28 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.2.00 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Esther Oliver and Joana Almeida**

Organised by RN16 Sociology of Health and Medicine

Coordinators and Chairs: Guido Giarelli (University 'Magna Graecia', Italy) and Sandra Racionero-Plaza (University of Barcelona, Spain)

The title of the next ESA conference speaks of tension, trust, and transformation, brought by diversity of experiences of current times. Old inequalities persist, manifest in new forms, while novel problems emerge together with new tensions. Sociological work can play a key role in shedding new light on old and new social problems, and to provide sociologically informed inspirations that enlighten transformation. This semi plenary session will star 2 speakers presenting sociological research that is excellent illustration of how sociology can have a transformative impact in different social spheres, such as climate change, gender violence, labour exclusion, etc., touching on those topics as questions of public health concern. The semi plenary session will show that the social sciences can enrich health and medicine for a greater impact, and vice versa, but this occurs when these disciplines exchange not only between themselves but also with diverse stakeholders, policy makers and general citizenry. The presentations will combine novel social sciences analyses of most pressing social problems during and after the pandemic together with how such analyses have informed policies and interventions that have contributed to the building and maintenance of trust. Likewise, the two presentations will share information on how such sociological work has had impact in society, so that our commitment and desire as sociologists to improve society has come true in those examples. By sharing such theoretical and empirical investigations, this semi plenary session will contribute to advance public sociology by means of inspiring with what is already out there.

### **Speakers**

**Esther Oliver (University of Barcelona, Spain)**

#### **Health consequences of Isolated Gender Violence. A sociological analysis with crucial social impact**

Gender Violence (GV) is a major problem in current societies and its impact on health is widely researched. However, there is a lack of scientific evidence regarding the impact on the health of Isolating Gender Violence (IGV), which is the violence perpetrated against those who support victims of gender violence, and the results from such support. The aim of individuals engaged in IGV is to isolate victims of gender violence and dissuade them from reporting or seeking assistance.

Research has already shown that overcoming IGV is central to eliminating gender violence, informing policies as when the Catalan Parliament approved by

unanimity, in December 2020, the creation of a new juridical figure and legal victim that never existed in the world before: victims of IGV.

This paper provides evidence on the health consequences of IGV from a qualitative research study, which analysed, in a group of advocates for victims of GV in Spanish universities, whether and how the experience of IGV they had experienced deteriorated their physical and mental health. This novel analysis provides key sociological knowledge to overcome barriers in the fight against gender violence, because identifying the health consequences of IGV and informing policies to improve the protection of those who support victims of GV, can contribute to reducing their fear of reprisal for their support, and it is a key aspect towards the elimination of any form of gender violence in society. The findings can also help sociologists and health professionals to better respond to IGV survivors' needs.

### **Biography**

Dr. Esther Oliver is an Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology of the University of Barcelona and affiliated to the CREA, Community of Research on Excellence for All. Her research focuses on preventive socialization on gender violence. She has been the principal researcher of the national RTD project named "The mirage of upward mobility" and has participated in several RTD Spanish projects in this area. Her work has been published in indexed journals in Web of Science or Scopus such as *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *Research Evaluation*, *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, *Qualitative Inquiry* or *PLoS ONE*, among other scientific journals



**Joana Almeida (University of Bedfordshire, UK)**

### **The Transformative Impact of Sociology on Precarious Employment and Working Conditions of Long-term Personal Care Workers**

While demand for long-term personal care (LTPC) for the elderly and people with disabilities and chronic conditions is growing across the European Union (EU), formal LTPC work is also underpaid and undervalued. According to a recent Eurofound report (2020), formal LTPC workers working in residential, community or home care receive well below average in most EU countries, with Portugal offering the lowest wages among EU countries. There is also a growing shortage and high turnover of LTPC workers, who are predominantly female and low educated. By focusing on the Portuguese case, the proposed semi-plenary explores the transformative impact of sociology in addressing and mitigating labour exclusion and precarity experienced by LTPC workers, mainly those working in community-care and social support services, a segment of the workforce often overlooked. It seeks to raise awareness of the systemic challenges and barriers that perpetuate inequality and inefficiency within the LTPC work and workforce, and contribute to their precarious employment and working conditions, including low wages, insufficient training and funding, limited career development opportunities, and high turnover. By increasing awareness and visibility of LTPC work and workforce, sociology has also the power to challenge and reshape prevailing norms, public and governmental attitudes and perceptions, and advocate for interventions and policies that address the precarity experienced by these workers, particularly after the Covid-19 pandemic, leading to more equitable and dignified employment.

#### **Biography**

Dr Joana Almeida is a health sociologist and Senior Lecturer in Applied Social Studies (Health and Social Care) at the School of Applied Social Sciences, University of Bedfordshire, United Kingdom. Joana earned a PhD in Health Sociology from Royal Holloway, University of London in 2012, a master's degree in communication, Culture and Information Technologies from ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon in 2004, and a BSc in Sociology from the University of Coimbra in 1997. In 2013/14 Joana was also a Mildred Blaxter postdoctoral research fellow from the Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness, UK. Joana has expertise/research interests in the dynamics of professional work, complementary and alternative therapies, the social determinants of health/health inequalities, addictive behaviours with a focus on prescription drugs, and qualitative research methods. Joana is the Vice-President of the ISA RC15 – Sociology of Health.



## **SP7 - “Digital Data-Driven Technologies meet Sociology”**

28 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC1.0.07 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Tommaso Venturini and David Dueñas**

Organized by the International Committee for the Digital ERA

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The objective of this semi-plenary is to discuss the possible establishment of an International Committee on Digital Data-Driven Technologies (ICD3). Created under the auspices of the European Sociological Association (ESA), the Association internationale des sociologues de langue française (AISLF), the Association internationale de sociologie (ISA) and the Arab Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS), the committee would serve as a platform to promote collaboration and share sociological reflections about the transformations brought about by data-intensive infrastructures and computational techniques.

It would offer a venue where diverse traditions from across the social sciences (and possibly beyond them) can meet to consider the tensions generated by digital technologies, the asymmetries that they create or reinforce, and the ethical problems and political challenges that they raise. It would help reunite sociological research and distill it in formats that, while preserving diversity and internal debate, can be more easily appropriated by decision-makers and the public.

After decades during which digital innovations have been welcomed with general optimism, the last few years have witnessed growing concern and increasing distrust about these technologies. The ICD3 would offer an occasion for social scientists to offer their viewpoints on these tensions and their help in addressing them. Yet, its exact nature, its precise objectives, its "rules of engagement", and the expected outcome of its work remain to be defined. This semi-plenary is an occasion to collectively brainstorm about them.

### **Speakers**

**Tommaso Venturini (Medialab, University of Geneva and Center for Internet and Society, CNRS)**

### **The Wind has Changed**

Something has changed in the way we think of data and digital technologies. Since the dawn of the Internet and maybe since the advent of computers, digital technologies have been met with great expectations and general optimism. While many did worry about possible misuses of digital technologies, few considered the increase in data and computational power as a societal problem and even fewer demanded regulations to restrain it.

The mood, however, has changed. At some point, or rather at many points in the last few years, the relentless digitalization and datafication of society has started to be perceived as a problem. A series of scandals about micro-targeting in political and commercial marketing, the increasingly oligopolistic structures of digital infrastructure, new privacy regulations in Europe and elsewhere, the implosion of many crypto currencies, the startling power of generative AIs, and many other small and big events have opened deep cracks in our digital optimism. While all these events have roots that extend far back in the history of digital technologies, their accumulation has somewhat abruptly brought our societies to realize that the development of data and computational infrastructures is as much a social as a technological issue.

In this talk, I will consider this change in our technical imaginary and the way in which it offers to social sciences new opportunities and new responsibilities to contribute to the development of digital technologies.

### **Biography**

Tommaso Venturini ([tommasoventurini.it](http://tommasoventurini.it)) is associate professor at the Medialab of the University of Geneva, researcher at the CNRS Centre for Internet and Society, and founder of the Public Data Lab. He has been advanced research fellow at INRIA and “digital methods lecturer” at King's College London. From 2009 to 2015, he coordinated the research of the médialab of Sciences Po Paris. His research focuses on digital methods, controversy mapping, online attention economy and Internet subcultures at the intersection between STS and media studies.





David Dueñas Cid (Department in Management in Networked and Digital Societies, Kozminski University ul. Jagiellońska 57/59, 03-301 Warsaw (Poland))

**“Trust, distrust and data-driven technologies: Is the digital changing the way we trust?”**

Globalisation and digitalisation have unleashed a crisis of trust, as traditional institutional and interpersonal logics are not attuned to deal with the risks introduced by the prevalence of digital technologies (Bodó, 2021, p. 2668). Besides assuming the renewed notoriety of the concept of trust, this presentation aims to put in context the discussion on whether the use of digital technologies is renewing the notion and functioning of trust and distrust. The second is often defined as an opposite to trust in a somehow simplistic manner. This presentation will provide a definition of both concepts and their interrelation, an overview of its use in current literature and a reflection on the suitability of current definitions of trust and distrust when applied to the implementation of current data-driven technologies.

### **Biography**

David Dueñas Cid is an Associate Professor in Digital Sociology and e-Governance. He serves as President at the Thematic Group on Digital Sociology at the International Sociological Association.





## Joint Sessions between Research Networks – Time Slot 1

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JS_RN01_RN12 Bringing ageing societies with a sustainable future	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
JS_RN11_G8ISA_T01 Emotions and Sciences	B2.12 – Venue A
JS_RN12_RN21_T01 Methodological Landscapes of Quantitative Environmental Sociology	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
JS_RN12_RN37_T01 Tackling the housing crisis: a view on urban homelessness from the south of Europe	LC.1.04 – Venue L
JS_RN16__RN22_T01 Algorithms in action: opportunities, risks and perspectives in medicine I	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
JS_RN28_RN33_T01 Sports, Bodies, Gender and Sexualities	LC.2.00 – Venue L
JS_RN30_RN35_T01 Decolonizing youth mobility: beyond the normative youth/mobility nexus 1	LC.1.03 – Venue L

## Research Network Sessions - Time Slot 1

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RN01_T01_01 Ageing in Place	G4.02 – Venue A
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RN01_T01_03 Digital Technologies and Ageing 1	B4.04 – Venue A
RN02_T01_01 Gender in Art Practices and Music	H3.04 – Venue A
RN02_T01_02 Audiences and Consumption	H4.01 – Venue A
RN02_T01_03 Inclusion, Diversity and Participation I	M1.01 – Venue A
RN03_T01 Advances in Biographical Research	E4.02 – Venue A
RN04_T01_01 Ethical Challenges and Artificial Intelligence	F2.01 – Venue A
RN04_T01_02 Research Processes and Artistic Doing	F2.02 – Venue A
RN05_T01_01 Economics of consumption 1	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN05_T01_02 Food consumption 1: Meat 1	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN05_T01_03 Energy consumption 1: Justice	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN06_T01_01 Disaster Capitalism and Critical Political Economy: Catastrophe or Emancipation?	M1.02 – Venue A
RN07_T01_01 Precarity, liminality and culture on the margins	LC.0.01 - Venue L
RN07_T01_02 Critical responses to climate change	LC.3.01 – Venue L
RN09_T01_01	LC.2.08 – Venue L

Changing concepts and perspectives in economic sociology?

RN10_T01_01 Educational Context and Environment (I)	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN10_T01_02 Migration, Ethnicity, and Racism in Education (I)	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN10_T01_03 Higher Education (I)	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RN11_T01_01 Theorizing Emotions, Feelings, Affects	B4.07 – Venue A
RN11_T01_02 Variations of Emotion Management	E2.02 – Venue A
RN12_T01_01 Social Dimensions of Water and Climate Challenges	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN12_T01_02 Collective Efforts and Care in Human-Animal Communities	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN12_T01_03 Engaging with Technologies: Perceptions and Participation	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN12_T01_04 Theoretical Perspectives on Social Conflicts and Sustainability Transformations	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN13_T01_01 Intergenerational relations	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN13_T01_02 Social reproduction within families	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN13_T01_03 Single mothering	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
RN14_T01_01 Session 1: Family Constraints	G3.03 – Venue A
RN14_T01_02 Session 2: Motherhood	G3.04 – Venue A
RN15_T01 Global Sociologies	G4.03 – Venue A
RN16_T01_01 Trust and health	FC4.0.40 – Venue C

RN16_T01_02	The tensions surrounding medicine: declining trust and legitimacy towards expertise, epistemic challenges and transformative processes	FC1.0.36 – Venue C
RN16_T01_03	Trusting health information online in the era of transforming social communication	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN16_T01_04	Gender perspectives in sociology of health and medicine research	FC1.2.01 – Venue C
RN17_T01_01	Space and collective bargaining	D3.03 – Venue A
RN17_T01_02	Platforms and digital work	E2.04 – Venue A
RN17_T01_03	Precariousness	E3.02 – Venue A
RN18_T01_01	Digital Platforms 1	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RN18_T01_02	Journalism and the Media 1	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN18_T01_03	Disinformation, Fake News and Conspiracy Theories 1	LC.1.07 – Venue L
RN19_T01_01	Professionalism and social care	G2.01 – Venue A
RN19_T01_02	Health care professionalism	G2.02 – Venue A
RN20_T01_01	Visual and Digital Data in Qualitative Research	B2.13 – Venue A
RN20_T01_02	Biographies and Narratives	M2.02 – Venue A
RN21_T01_01	Longitudinal studies in quantitative research	H3.01 – Venue A
RN22_T01_01	Risk Communication	F3.02 – Venue A
RN22_T01_02	Disaster Management Policies and Practices	F4.01 – Venue A
RN23_T01_01	Sexuality, Belonging, Inequalities	FC5.0.03 – Venue C

RN23_T01_02 Pornography, Consumption and Representation	FC4.0.39 – Venue C
RN24_T01_01 Trust, Regulation, and Participation in the Age of AI	LC.3.05 – Venue L
RN24_T01_02 Gender Dynamics in Academic Career Trajectories	LC.2.07 – Venue L
RN24_T01_03 Innovation Ecosystems and Socio-cultural Dynamics	LC.2.R1 – Venue L
RN25_T01_01 Anti-gender movements	H5.01 – Venue A
RN25_T01_02 Anti-racist movements	H5.02 – Venue A
RN25_T01_03 Socio-economic mobilization	H6.01 – Venue A
RN26_T01_01 Parents and caregivers	E4.04 – Venue A
RN26_T01_02 Knowledge and learning	F3.01 – Venue A
RN27_T01 Transnational families and care arrangements	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RN28_T01 Social media and sports	E3.05 – Venue A
RN29_T01_01 Resonance, Alienation, and Love	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN29_T01_02 Cohesion, Tension, Trust, and Solidarity	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN30_T01_01 Youth place and inequalities	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN30_T01_02 Digital youth	LB.3.12 – Venue L
RN30_T01_03 Youth and the future	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN31_T01_01 Antisemitism after 7 October, Memory and Rethinking	H1.01 – Venue A
RN31_T01_02 Historical and Conceptual Perspectives on Racism and Antigypsyism in Europe	H1.02 – Venue A

RN32_T01_01 How extreme and far-right wing ideologies matter	LB.4.01 – Venue L
RN32_T01_02 New debates in governance	LC.2.R2 – Venue L
RN32_T01_03 Politics and memory	LC.3.06 – Venue L
RN32_T01_04 Right-wing populism and illiberalism	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN33_T01_01 GENDER AND CARE WORK	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN33_T01_02 MOTHERS	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN33_T01_03 INTERSECTIONALITY	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RN34_T01_01 Religion and (Digital) Media	M2.01 – Venue A
RN35_T01_01 Bordering, power and resistance 1	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN35_T01_02 Migration and education 1	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN35_T01_03 Migrant mobilization, (dis)trust and the public sphere 1	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN37_T01_01 Multiculturalism and migration patterns in the urban fabric	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN37_T01_02 Gentrification and struggle in the reconfiguration of urban spaces	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN37_T01_03 Citizen participation in the urban space	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN38_T01_01 Rural-urban mobilities and inequalities	H2.01 – Venue A
RN38_T01_02 Rural heritage, memory and modernity	H2.02 – Venue A



## Research Streams - Time Slot 1

28 Aug 2024 | 11:00-12:30

Session and Title	Room
RS02_T01 Celebration in Changing Social Context	LC.1.09 – Venue L
RS05_T01 Active Labour Market Policy Design and Discourses	LC.2.10 – Venue L
RS06_T01 Reproductive choices and family futures	LC.2.09 – Venue L
RS08_T01 Performative Citizenship and Beyond	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RS12_T01 Linking Ages - Towards a Sociological Theorizing of Age Constructions Across the Life Course	B4.05– Venue A
RS16_T01 Social and political effects of knowledge production	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RS17_T01 Transformações e recomposições sociais	FC1.0.06 – Venue C

**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
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### **MD01 – The future of the Evolving Landscape of Survey Research: Theoretical and Practical Implications in the Age of AI**

28 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | FC4.0.40 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

Organisers and Chairs: Gary Pollock and Teresa Sordé (Conference Co-chairs)

This session delves into the dynamic and complex world of survey research, with a particular focus on the European context. It brings together different perspectives that explore both the promise and challenges of contemporary survey research practices. The evolution of survey research, from traditional methods to the incorporation of administrative data and AI will be examined, with its theoretical and practical implications of these developments, discussing the potential of longitudinal data, the role of AI, and the impact of selection biases in data harvesting. An on-the-ground view of conducting large-scale survey research in Europe will be offered by discussing the experiences of leading participation in major surveys, paying special attention to the challenges encountered, from securing funding to ensuring response quality, and calls for united efforts to address these issues. The session aims to foster a critical and constructive discussion on the future of survey research, exploring how we can navigate its evolving landscape to continue producing robust, valuable and excellent insights into our societies.

#### **Speakers**

**Tiziana Nazio (Turin University)**

#### **From survey research to administrative data and AI: theoretical and practical implications**

Great investments in data infrastructures and swift distribution have promoted an increase in high-quality survey-based research. Meanwhile, longitudinal surveys have gained relevance as valuable data sources for social scientists to produce stronger empirical evidence in support of theory-driven research. Longitudinal data allowed an increasing refinement of modelling that accounts for the dynamism and complexity of human lives, for the time ordering of events, for time-varying characteristics, and for interdependencies between individuals and life-domains. Large-scale survey projects like national panel data and comparative efforts in the last decades have vastly increased the reach and robustness of results afforded by social scientists, fostering knowledge and helping policymakers. More recently, the use of administrative data for research and their linkage with surveys has fostered even more high-quality, crucial sources of empirical data. Increased data availability, modelling development and comparative designs fostered studying not only probability, timing, sequence, and order of events but also how individuals' behaviour is situated within cultural, institutional and relational contexts of opportunities and constraints. Most recently, Artificial Intelligence (AI) modelling has entered research practices and

analyses, with consequences that are yet to be fully understood. I will discuss my experience in using data for research and teaching and the scope for maintaining comparative data collection efforts. I will also critically reflect on the promises and limits of AI with respect to the advancement of the field and the selection biases in data harvesting. I will conclude by discussing the implications for the validity and pace of theoretically informed research.

## **Biography**

Tiziana Nazio is an Associate Professor at Turin University, a Fellow at Collegio Carlo Alberto and a former Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellow at the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB). After her PhD in Bielefeld (2004), she worked at the Centre for Demographic Studies and Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona, 2003-05) and at the University of Oxford and Nuffield College (2005-08). Her research examines individuals' life courses, emphasizing the role of social background, employment, social interactions, and institutional settings. She works at the intersection of sociology, demography, and social stratification. Her research has been funded by ECSR, FP7 and H2020. She has published in prominent journals like *European Sociological Review*, *European Journal of Population*, *Work, Employment and Society*, *Demographic Research*, and *International Migration Review*. She was an associate Board member of *Work, Employment and Society* 2017-2019.

## **Sigrún Ólafsdóttir (University of Iceland)**

### **The challenges and promise of survey research in Europe**

European researchers have united in groundbreaking work of collecting large-scale survey research in Europe and around the world. These include the European Social Survey (ESS), European Values Study (EVS) and the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP). These studies have represented the state-of-the-art in survey research for decades with their careful theoretical, conceptual, cultural and methodological co-ordination. As a result, they have provided European researchers and policymakers with invaluable insights into key societal issues and challenges for the past forty decades. However, recent decades have witnessed increasing challenges to such efforts, including difficulties in securing funding, lowering response rates, especially for certain population, and difficulties guaranteeing the quality of our survey responses. In this talk, I will briefly discuss my experience in leading Iceland's participation in the ESS (since 2018), EVS (since 2017) and ISSP (since 2009) with a focus on the challenges we have encountered as well as the value that is associated with understanding public views and experiences in Iceland in a comparative perspective. I will then discuss on the major challenges of continuing participation in such cross-national efforts within and across nations. Finally, I turn attention to recent challenges survey researchers face, including how recent developments regarding AI may threaten survey research. Overall, I argue that while survey research currently faces difficult challenges, the promise of such work is still significant and call on survey researchers across national boundaries to unite to work toward creative solutions to continue high quality surveys in Europe.

## **Biography**

Sigrún Ólafsdóttir is a professor of sociology at the University of Iceland. She obtained her PhD at Indiana University (2007) and was faculty at Boston University until 2016. Her research interests lie at the intersection of medical, political and cultural sociology. She has published on, among other things, health inequalities, public attitudes toward inequalities and stigma of mental illness. Much of her work relies on cross-national survey work. She has led Iceland's participation in the European Social Survey since 2018, the European Values Study since 2017 and the International Social Survey Programme since 2009. Her has published in some of the most prominent sociological journals, including *American Journal of Sociology*, *European Sociological Review*, and *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Her research has been funded by the Icelandic Research Fund, the U.S. National Science Foundation and U.S. National Institutes of Health. She was a co-editor of *Acta Sociologica* from 2018-2022.

## MD02 - City of Porto

28 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | LC.0.01 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Chairs: Lígia Ferro (ESA President 2021-24) and Paulo Peixoto (LOC Chair)

In recent years, Porto has undergone a remarkable transformation, establishing itself as a vibrant and dynamic city of culture. This change is visible not only in the diverse cultural programme, but also in the growth of independent cultural programming, the countless cultural events and the high-quality cultural facilities that enrich the city.

Porto's cultural programme reflects its rich historical heritage and its openness to the new and the innovative. From music, theatre, dance and film festivals to contemporary art exhibitions, the city offers a variety of events that appeal to locals and international visitors alike. Renowned institutions such as the Casa da Música, the Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art and the São João National Theatre are just a few examples of how Porto has invested in cultural venues that are true icons of the city.

Independent cultural programming has also flourished, with countless local collectives and artists developing innovative projects that challenge conventions and offer new perspectives. Venues such as Maus Hábitos, Mira Forum and Mala Voadora are examples of how independent culture contributes to Porto's diversity and cultural richness. These spaces promote bold and experimental programming, providing a platform for emerging artists and establishing a constant dialogue with the community.

### Speakers

**Virgílio Borges Pereira (Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto)**

#### **Renewing sociological research on the city of Porto with Bourdieu**

Although it is not always seen as a reference programme for the development of sociological research on the city, Bourdieu's sociological work can be mobilised for the development of innovative research on the relationship between space and society, helping to renew and reinvent the research agendas devoted to it. In fact, from a relatively early stage, Bourdieu was able to integrate into his research, in an original way and using different methodological strategies, a systematic concern with understanding the relationship that social agents establish with physical space. Whether in his Algerian phase, in his work on the French countryside, or in his established research on social classes, the understanding of positions in social space and their respective inscriptions in physical space has operational and heuristic contours. For more than three decades, the city of Porto, in north-western Portugal, has been studied under the theoretical, methodological and technical implications of Bourdieu's research programme, contributing to a renewal of the sociological view of the city. I will try to show how, in the city of Porto, sociability, inequality, housing policy, territorial valorisation and stigmatisation gain a more evident sociological coherence when they are

conceived and analysed in the light of Bourdieu's concepts and his research on the relationship between social space and physical space.

### **Biography**

Virgílio Borges Pereira is Full Professor of Sociology at the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto, where he has taught since 1994, and a researcher at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Porto. Since 2003, he has collaborated with the Faculty of Architecture of the same university. He specialises in the sociology of social classes and symbolization, paying attention to the legacy of Pierre Bourdieu's work. Taking the city of Porto and the regions of the Ave and Sousa valleys as a reference, he has privileged the construction of social spaces, spaces of lifestyles and representations, and the analysis of their relations with physical space. Combining sociological and historical approaches, he has studied dominant social groups, intellectuals, institutions and relations with less privileged groups. Housing policy and activity in the construction industry have also been areas of research.

### **Vânia Rodrigues (University of Coimbra)**

#### **Porto: challenges and shortcomings of a budding cultural ecosystem**

In little more than a decade, Porto has tried to revamp its arts and culture ecosystem: it reopened the main city theatre and one of its historic cinemas, renewed the municipal galleries and some of the museums, reinstated and promoted flagship curatorial programmes with international reach, established new dedicated funding mechanisms for artistic creation, internationalization, artistic residencies and visual art spaces. These changes were spearheaded by the city hall, and heavily marketed as part of a neoliberal political project to make Porto 'attractive' and 'cosmopolitan' - a bittersweet concurrence which cultural agents have been hesitant to disentangle. The institutional strategies accompanying this overhaul have been far less innovative, resorting to age-old cultural management models of centralized bureaucracy and strong hierarchy, thus pointing to an arts management ethos that is more compliant than transformative. Combining recent research on changing organisational structures in the arts with reflective notes from first-hand experience as a theatre manager and programmer in the city, this intervention muses on the conditions for institutional experimentation and democratic co-existence.

### **Biography**

Vânia Rodrigues worked as an arts manager for several cultural organisations before transitioning to a research career. Currently, she is an Integrated Researcher at CEIS20 - Center for Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Coimbra, where she leads the exploratory project GREENARTS (FCT). She founded and coordinates the RandD platform Modes of Production - Performing Arts in Transition, the Post-Graduate Diploma in Arts Management and Sustainability and is the Principal Investigator of the exploratory project GREENARTS (FCT) - three initiatives dedicated to reflection on the ethical, political and practical challenges raised by the context of ecological emergency.

## MD03 - How to get your paper published?

28 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | FC4.0.41 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

Chair: Michalis Lianos (ESA Executive Committee)

This session is dedicated to helping interested colleagues to better understand various aspects of the process of academic publication, namely,

1. Selecting the journals to submit to.
2. Writing with a specific journal in mind.
3. Cover letter/note to the editor(s).
4. “Behind the scenes” process: desk rejection, reviewer selection, double-blind reviewing...
5. Dealing with reviewers’ comments.
6. Dealing with rejection and considering resubmission to another journal.

### Speakers

**Paul Blokker** is professor in political sociology, University of Bologna. He has been one of the editors of the European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology since 2020.

**Veikko Eranti** is assistant professor of urban sociology at university of Helsinki. His work situates at the intersection of political and urban sociology. Drawing from pragmatist and cultural theory, he is interested in questions of urban conflict, participation in land use, and questions of general sociology. He has been one of the editors-in-chief of the European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology since 2020.

**Patrick Präg** is one of the Editors in Chief of “European Societies”. He works as an associate professor of sociology at the École nationale de la statistique et de l’administration économique (ENSAE) in Paris.



## **MD04 - Consumption, social class, and environmentalism: from tensions to transformations**

28 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | B2.12 (Faculty of Architecture – Venue A)

Organisation: RN5, Sociology of consumption, and RN12 Environment and Society

Coordinators and Chairs: Marlyne Sahakian (University of Geneva, Switzerland) and Audrone Telesiene (Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania)

Imagining transformations to more sustainable societies in the future requires grappling with tensions and conflicts in the present. This special session considers the ways in which power plays out at different scales, from private consumption to public action, from communal living to market-based solutions. The two panellists engage with questions of social and environmental justice and will be brought into dialogue around their recently published books. Author of *Recycling Class: The Contradictions of Inclusion in Urban Sustainability* (MIT Press 2024), Manisha Anantharaman links middle-class, sustainable consumption with the environmental labour of the working poor to offer a situated and intersectional analysis of the class, gender and caste politics of urban sustainability in India. Her talk will discuss the class and caste tensions that emerge when diverse social groups come together to solve urban environmental problems and discuss under what conditions transformative cross-coalitions can emerge. In dialogue with Anantharaman is Arve Hansen, author of *Consumption and Vietnam's New Middle Classes: Societal Transformations and Everyday Life* (Palgrave, 2022). He will discuss the changing consumption patterns of Asia's new middle classes, focusing on the relationship between everyday life, capitalist transformations, and social and environmental sustainability. He will pay particular attention to questions of agency and power in relation to the conditioning effects of political-economic processes. The semi plenary will be moderated by the Chairs of RN5 and RN12, who will prepare an engaging discussion between the authors and with the audience, glean insights on how to support more just transformations.

### **Speakers**

**Manisha Anantharaman's** (Centre for the Sociology of Organisations, Sciences Po) research examines how economic and political ideologies, socio-cultural identities, and inequalities affect how ecological transitions are conceptualized and enacted at multiple scales: from the household to the city to the transnational milieu. Applying ethnographic and community-engaged methodologies, she studies everyday sustainability practices and political mobilizations in relation to each other. As a critical scholar, she pays specific attention to how "environmental" initiatives—be it municipal recycling schemes, green space development, or global circular economy transition plans—reinforce or contest intersectional manifestations of race, class, gender, and caste-based inequality. Her publications include a co-edited volume "The Circular Economy and the Global South" (Routledge, UK, 2019), and a book "Recycling Class: The contradictions of inclusion in urban sustainability" (MIT Press, 2024). Her current research projects include a US National Science Foundation and Belmont Forum funded project studying Digitalization and Sustainable Consumption and a collaborative project on pro-poor circular economies. Beyond research, Manisha Anantharaman is an

Associate Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House's Environment and Society Program, through which she serves as an expert consultant for organizations such as the UN Environment Program.

**Arve Hansen** (Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo) is Senior Researcher at the University of Oslo's Center for Development and the Environment. With a PhD in Human Geography obtained in 2016, his academic interests encompass a range of topics including consumption and sustainability, development in emerging economies, and the dynamics of the new middle classes in Asia. His recent research has been particularly focused on food and meat consumption, with a specific emphasis on Vietnam. Additionally, he leads SUM's research group on sustainable consumption and energy equity and co-directs the Norwegian Network for Asian Studies. He has co-edited various books, including *Consumption, Sustainability and Everyday Life* (Palgrave Macmillan: 2023), with Kenneth Bo Nielsen; and *Changing Meat Cultures: Food Practices, Global Capitalism, and the Consumption of Animals* (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers: 2021), with Karen Lykke Syse. His monograph, *Consumption and Vietnam's New Middle Classes: Societal Transformations and Everyday Life* (Palgrave Macmillan: 2022) studies the dramatic changes in consumption patterns in Vietnam over the past decades, combining a focus on everyday practices and societal transformations.

## MD05 - European Research Opportunities

28 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | LC.0.02 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Chair: Anna Burger

### Learning by doing, improving by sharing

In addition to scientific knowledge and a good publication history, other skills are required to write a successful research project. From the EU to other international opportunities, both public and private, finding and then accessing funding opportunities means developing skills and abilities.

The presentation is dedicated to sharing more than 20 years of experience as a project evaluator and successful project author. The talk will focus on sharing the way to develop a possible successful project (both RIA and IA) considering different funding opportunities ranging from EU (HE, ERC, MCS) to private funders (e.g. family, bank and corporate foundations). Starting with some ideas on how to review calls and funding opportunities, to key tips on how to get good/awarded projects off the ground, the aim is to develop (or improve) a way to translate scientific expertise, networks and methodological advice into funding opportunities.

**Roberta Ricucci** is Full Professor of Sociology of Migration and Sociology of Islam at the University of Turin. She deals with migration processes, researching the paths of integration of young protagonists, religious dynamics in the diaspora and practices and policies for dealing with cultural diversity in local contexts and was consulted as an expert on these topics in the definition of the Global Compact documents on migration and asylum at the UN. She coordinated and coordinates a number of international and national research projects (funded by international and EU funders, as Templeton Foundation in the US, Conicet in Latin America, EU with its several opportunities) on integration dynamics and processes, with a focus on the youth component and the transformation of religious identities in migration: recently, she has been the PI of the Horizon 2020 project KIDS4ALLL - Key Inclusive Development Strategies for LifeLongLearning, leading a consortium of 15 institutes spanning from Europe and Asia, which has been recognized as 'successful' by the European Commission.

**Valeria Pulignano** will share her experience as the PI of an ERC AdG ResPecTMe, which aimed at theorizing and measuring precarity at the continuum between paid and unpaid work in creative work, care work, and platform work. The results of this research have been published in several international peer reviewed journals, for example: Human Relations; Work, Employment and Society; Research in the Sociology of Work; Industrial and Labor Relations Review; the European Journal of Industrial Relations; the Cambridge Journal of Economics, and several others. Her forthcoming book 'The Politics of Unpaid Labour: How Can Unpaid Labour Help to Address Inequality in Precarious Work' (Oxford University Press) theorizes the class-based inequalities stemming from the precarious employment and life conditions in contemporary labour markets in Europe.

Valeria Pulignano is Professor of Sociology, with expertise on work, employment (industrial) relations and labour markets and Francqui Research Professor of Sociology at the Centre for Sociological Research at KU Leuven. He holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a scholarly background in socio-economic studies. She is PI of the ERC AdG ResPecTMe and Coordinator of the RN17 Work, Employment and Industrial Relations at the European Sociological Association (ESA) and researcher at the Inter-University Research Centre on Globalization and Work (CRIMT), research fellow at Warwick University (UK) and LISER, Luxemburg. She is Editor of *Work, Employment and Society*, Associate Editor of the *Journal of Industrial Relations*, and former Chief-editor of *Work, Employment and Organizations* (Frontiers). Valeria's research lies in work, employment (industrial) relations and labor markets, their changing nature and implications for voice at work and inequality as differences in wages, working conditions, job quality, precarity and wellbeing across different sectors and national settings. She is Winner of the James G. Scoville Award 2015 from LERA, and she holds a Chair Jacques Leclercq at UCL. She has a forthcoming book with OUP on *The Politics of Unpaid Labour. How Can Unpaid Labour Help to Address inequality in Precarious Work*. Among her recent books *Shifting Solidarities*. (2020, Palgrave-MacMillan) with I. Van Hoyweghen and G. Meyers; *Reconstructing Solidarity* (2018, Oxford University Press) with V. Doellgast and N. Lillie.

## MD06 - How artificial intelligence realigns sociological research

28 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | LC.2.00 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Organisation: RN20 (Qualitative sociology), RN21 (Quantitative methods) and RN24 (Science and Technology)

Chairs: Silvia Cataldi (University La Sapienza, Roma, Italy), Fabrizio Martire (University La Sapienza, Roma, Italy) and Heta Tarkkala, University of Helsinki, Finland

Sociological research is transforming. The diffusion of digital technologies changes how societies work and how we can study them. Artificial intelligence plays a prominent and heavily debated role in this transformation – creating promises for new societal potentials as well as fears of being controlled and exploited. As a result, the digital transformation brings about social tensions and tests our trust in societal structures and technologies. This semi-plenary session helps sociologists assess the social effects of artificial technologies and the resulting changes in sociological research. Dan Kotliar discusses how artificial intelligence changes societies. He views the effects of artificial intelligence as cultural phenomena, on which he critically reflects in a country-sensitive perspective. He shows how artificial intelligence creates new social institutions and practices, e.g., in the fields of surveillance and the relationship to one's own body. Afterwards, he discusses the ethical implications of these changes. Next, Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen reflects on how ChatGPT may change sociological research methods. ChatGPT is a rapidly developing generative artificial intelligence chatbot which can produce, e.g., text and computer code according to natural language instructions of the user. As such, it can be used to analyse texts in a qualitative way, and to support statistical data analyses. Komp-Leukkunen explores when it assists sociological methods, and when it hinders them.

### Speakers

**Dan M Kotliar** is a lecturer (Assistant Professor) at the Department of Sociology, University of Haifa. His areas of interest include critical algorithm studies, sociology of knowledge, STS, and sociology of emotions. Kotliar's work has been published in *Theory and Society*, *New Media and Society*, *Science, Technology and Human Values*, among others. His more recent research projects include algorithmic production in Israel and Silicon Valley, Israeli surveillance firms, emerging data infrastructures, and the ties between AI, science, and start-up culture.

**Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen** (PhD, prof., LUT University, Finland) is Professor in social sustainability and welfare policies. Research focussed on work and retirement, social sustainability, population ageing, digitalization, welfare policies, and research methods. Formerly Marie Curie fellow, treasurer of the European Sociological Association, and chair of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe. Expert assignments to, e.g., the European Commission, Council of Europe, Bank of Finland, and Governments of Finland and Romania. Certified project manager. Executive education.

## **MD07 - Addressing equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) issues in sociology: reflections from practitioners**

30 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | B2.12 (Faculty of Architecture – Venue A)

Organisation and Chair: Chiara Cocco

In this interactive workshop, we will introduce our research in the EDI Caucus (EDICa) – a UKRI-funded project (with support from the British Academy) focusing on creating equitable and inclusive careers across the research and innovation sector in the UK. EDICa's research is conducted across three workstreams: the career lifecycle; the research process; and the organisation of work. Across the work of the caucus, we have identified recurring themes, including bias in the peer review process, bullying and harassment in research workplaces intersecting with established issues such as ableism, gender and racial discrimination. We acknowledge that EDI issues are understood in different ways across countries and disciplines and seek to discuss how EDI translates internationally and how issues are researched, experienced and performed in other institutions across Europe.

In this workshop, we encourage you to apply the sociological lens to sociology itself as a place of work and to sociologists who research sociology as a discipline. Specifically, we invite you to reflect on your role as manager, supervisor, colleague, and educator. Drawing from the themes identified in our studies, we encourage sociologists to reflect on the dynamics of their work, relationships and interactions with an EDI agenda in mind. The questions we will ask in this interactive workshop include: what is it like to work in sociology, what are the EDI barriers, what are the challenges that different identities experience, and what are the EDI priorities for European sociology?

In other words, this will be an opportunity for sociologists operating across Europe and beyond to come together and reflect on how we can transform sociology to be more equitable.

### **Speakers**

**Chiara Cocco** holds an MSc in Cultural Resource Management from Heriot-Watt University, and she has recently submitted her PhD thesis on performance and experience in the Festival of Sant'Efisio in Sardinia, her home country. Chiara has been engaging with EDI issues for over a decade, as she worked in schools supporting disabled and d/Deaf students. She holds 3rd level certificates both in Italian Sign Language (LIS) and British Sign Language (BSL). She is currently a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the UKRI funded Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Caucus (EDICa) at Heriot-Watt University. Her role in the caucus is to explore the relationships between life events and career, by focusing on menstrual health and (peri)menopause in the workplace. Her main concern is to address barriers to inclusion, development, and progression for those who experience problematic menstruation and (peri)menopause in research and innovation careers. Her research interests and expertise also lie in ethnographic methods, particularly autoethnography. Her own experience as a menstruating researcher with caring responsibilities informs her current work with EDICa and drives her

commitment to improve inclusion and enable fulfilling and accessible careers for all.





**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTERNOON**

## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 2

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JS_RN13_RN14_T02 Work family dynamics and gender inequalities in post pandemic European societies I	B4.04 – Venue A
JS_RN13_RN35_T02 Kin-keeping within transnational families	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
JS_RN16_RN24_T02 Digital Landscapes of Health Communication: Trust, Tensions and Transformations	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
JS_RN17_RN30_T02 Tension and Transformations in Contemporary Labour Market in a Youth and Generational Perspective 1	LC.2.00 – Venue L
JS_RN27_RN38_T02 Resilient places and communities in times of turbulence: views/perspectives from Southern Europe	H6.01 – Venue A

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RN02_T02_03 Art Fields I	M1.02 – Venue A
RN03_T02 Biographical research in Portugal	F2.02 – Venue A
RN04_T02_01 Intersectionality and Difference	F3.01 – Venue A
RN05_T02_01 Economics of consumption 2: Inequalities	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN05_T02_02 Food consumption 2: Meat 2	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN05_T02_03 Energy consumption 2: Crisis	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN06_T02_01 From Climate Crisis to Climate Justice?	F3.02 – Venue A
RN06_T02_02 Critical digital capitalism	F4.01 – Venue A
RN07_T02_01 Cultural consumption: food, drink and cinema	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN07_T02_02 Resistance, activism and identity	LC.1.03 – Venue L
RN09_T02_01: Imaginaries and concepts of economic transition	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN09_T02_02 Tensions between economy and society	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN10_T02_01 Educational Context and Environment (II)	LC.1.07 – Venue L
RN10_T02_02 Migration, Ethnicity, and Racism in Education (II)	LC.1.09 – Venue L

RN10_T02_03 Higher Education (II)	LC.2.09 – Venue L
RN10_T02_04 Inequality in Education (I)	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN10_T02_05 Vocational Education and Training (I)	LC.2.R1– Venue L
RN11_T02_01 Emotions and Politics	E4.04 – Venue A
RN11_T02_02 Emotions and Gender	M1.01 – Venue A
RN12_T02_01 Climate Friendly Futures and Youth	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN12_T02_02 Spatial Disparities and Vulnerabilities to Environmental and Technological Hazards	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN12_T02_03 Technological and Social Approaches to Climate Solutions	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
RN12_T02_04 Critical Perspectives on Food Practices and Cultures	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN12_T02_05 Conflicts, Policies and Practices in Forest Management	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN13_T02_01 Parental leave: theoretical and terminological approaches	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RN13_T02_02 Money and family relations	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN13_T02_03 Divorce and separation	FC1.0.36 – Venue C
RN13_T02_04 Queer families	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN14_T02_02 Session 4: Poverty: Mothers, Children, Families	F4.02 – Venue A
RN14_T02 Session 3: Work-Life Balance	G2.01 – Venue A
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RN16_T02_01 Trust and health (2)	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN16_T02_02 The tensions surrounding medicine: declining trust and legitimacy towards expertise, epistemic challenges and transformative processes (2)	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN16_T02_03 Trusting health information online in the era of transforming social communication (2)	FC1.0.37 – Venue C
RN16_T02_04 Citizenship and the politics of healthcare	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN16_T02_05 Exploring the intersections of health inequalities and social policy in diverse societies	FC1.2.01 – Venue C
RN17_T02_01 Platform economy	B2.13 – Venue A
RN17_T02_02 Migrant labour	E2.02 – Venue A
RN17_T02_03 Trade unions	E3.02 – Venue A
RN18_T02_01 Digital Platforms 2	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN18_T02_02 Journalism and the Media 2	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RN19_T02 Professionalization in education	G3.03 – Venue A
RN20_T02_01 Beyond Chicago School	B2.12 – Venue A
RN21_T02_01 Survey research	M2.01 – Venue A
RN22_T02 Theorizing Risk and Uncertainty	G3.04 – Venue A
RN23_T02_01 Sexuality, Digital Perspectives and Experiences	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN23_T02_02 Doing LGBTQI+ History: between Memory and Future	FC4.0.39 – Venue C

RN24_T02_01 AI in Society: Ethical Implications, and Future Visions	LC.2.10 – Venue L
RN24_T02_02 Precarity, Institutional Dynamics, and Career Mobility in Academia	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN25_T02_01 LGBTQIA* movements	D3.03 – Venue A
RN25_T02_02 Decoloniality and privilege	E4.02 – Venue A
RN25_T02_03 Mobilizing identities and emotions	F2.01 – Venue A
RN26_T02_01 Charity and social entrepreneurship	G4.02 – Venue A
RN26_T02_02 Social care	G4.03 – Venue A
RN27_T02 Gender in Southern Europe	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RN28_T02 Sport gender and bodies	G5.03 – Venue A
RN29_T02_01 Theorizing, Professionality, and Everyday Sensemaking	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN29_T02_02 Social theory, Communication, and Public Spheres	LC.3.01 – Venue L
RN30_T02_01 Youth, solidarities and civic participation	LC.1.04 – Venue L
RN30_T02_02 Youth and Transitions	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN31_T02 Antisemitism after 7 October: Conceptual and Practical Implications	G5.04 – Venue A
RN32_T02_01 Populism and conspiracy. The transformations of radical and far right	LC.3.05 – Venue L
RN32_T02_02 Democracy today	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN32_T02_03	LC.1.06 – Venue L

Interlinkages between attitudes and political actions (1)

RN33_T02_01 CARE WORK: TRANSFORMATIONS AND CHALLENGES	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RN33_T02_02 WORK-LIFE CONFLICT	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN33_T02_03 GENDERING ACADEMIA	LC.3.06 – Venue L
RN34_T02_01 Religion, Health and the Pandemic	M2.02 – Venue A
RN35_T02_01 Bordering, power and resistance 2	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN35_T02_02 Migration and education 2	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
RN36_T02 Perspectives on social values and imaginaries	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN37_T02_01 Present challenges in urban housing - policies, market, identity and precarity A	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN37_T02_02 Socio-spatial dynamics at the neighbourhood level A	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN37_T02_03 Urban Tourism: Actors, Activities, Impacts A	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN38_T02_01 Counter urbanization and gentrification	H1.01 – Venue A
RN38_T02_02 Identities in question	H1.02 – Venue A

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RS04_T02: The concept of social sustainability	E3.05 – Venue A
RS05_T02: Access and Bias in Implementation of Active Labour Market Policies	H4.02 – Venue A
RS07_T02: Institutional engagements: politics and tests	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RS08_T02: Migrant Solidarities and Transversal Alliances	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RS11_T02_01: Residential Location Decisions	H5.01 – Venue A
RS11_T02_02: Life Course, Transitions and Vulnerability	H5.02 – Venue A
RS12_T02: Linking Ages - Empirical Insights into Age Constructions Across the Life Course	B4.05 – Venue A
RS14_T02: New subjectivities at work	LC.2.R2 – Venue L
RS15_T02: Military engagement in peace(building)	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RS20_T02: Coastal Social Dynamics: Governance and Practices in Maritime Landscapes.	LB.4.01 – Venue L



## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 3

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Session and Title	Room
JS_RN02_RN03_T09 Interpreting Lockdown Societies through Biographical, Performative and Art-based methods	H6.01 - Venue A
JS_RN12_RN22_I_T03 Risk and challenges of nuclear energy in the framework of sustainability and environmental change: unpacking the current debate	D3.03 – Venue A
JS_RN13_RN23_T03 Family practices in heteronormative societies (I)	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
JS_RN13_RN35_T03 Social protection of transnational families	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
JS_RN17_RN30_T03 Tension and Transformations in Contemporary Labour Market in a Youth and Generational Perspective 2	LC.3.06 – Venue L

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RN01_T03_01 Generations and Ageing	B2.13 – Venue A
RN01_T03_02 Work, Retirement and Ageing 2	F2.02 – Venue A
RN01_T03_03 Long-term Care	F3.01 – Venue A
RN02_T03_01 Theorizing the Arts	H3.04 – Venue A
RN02_T03_02 Anti-racism, post- and de-colonial perspectives	H4.02 – Venue A
RN02_T03_03 Critiques and Disruptions of Power in the Arts	B4.04 – Venue A
RN03_T03 Forgetting and remembering	E3.02 – Venue A
RN04_T03 International Justice: Processes in Research	M2.01 – Venue A
RN05_T03_01 Digital consumption 1: Platforms and youth	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN05_T03_02 Food consumption 3: Meat 3	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN05_T03_03 Cultural consumption 1: Digital cultures	FC1.0.36 – Venue C
RN05_T03_04 Energy consumption 3: Class	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN06_T03_01 Work and its contradictions in contemporary capitalism	G2.02 – Venue A
RN06_T03_02 Climate change and class struggle?	G2.03 – Venue A
RN07_T03_01 Symbolic boundaries, taste and status	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN07_T03_02	LC.1.06 – Venue L

Beauty and fashion

RN07_T03_03 Cultural production, evaluation and transformation	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN09_T03_01 Tensions between identities, norms and reality	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN09_T03_02 Trust and solidarity in contemporary economies	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN10_T03_01 Educational Context and Environment (III)	LC.2.09 – Venue L
RN10_T03_02 Migration, Ethnicity, and Racism in Education (III)	LB.4.01 – Venue L
RN10_T03_03 Higher Education (III)	LB.3.12 – Venue L
RN10_T03_04 Inequality in Education (II)	LC.1.03 – Venue L
RN10_T03_05 Vocational Education and Training (II)	LC.1.04 – Venue L
RN11_T03_01 Politics and Emotions	B4.07 – Venue A
RN11_T03_02 Emotion Work and Emotion Labour	G5.04 – Venue A
RN12_T03_01 Climate Change Narratives and Policies	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN12_T03_02 Integrating Indigenous Knowledge and Community Insights into Biodiversity Protection	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN12_T03_03 Understanding Energy Poverty	FC1.0.37 – Venue C
RN12_T03_04 Media Narratives and Environmental Communication	FC1.2.01 – Venue C
RN12_T03_05 Frontiers of Climate Crises, Military Conflicts, and Displacement	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN13_T03_01 Mental health and family arrangements	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN13_T03_02 Division of domestic tasks	FC1.0.29 – Venue C

RN13_T03_03 New methods for family research	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN13_T03_04 Family dynamics during the pandemic	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN14_T03 Session 5: Finances, Provision, Breadwinning	M2.02 – Venue A
RN15_T03 Actors and Agency in a Global Context	E4.02 – Venue A
RN16_T03_01 Trust and health (3)	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN16_T03_02 The tensions surrounding medicine: declining trust and legitimacy towards expertise, epistemic challenges and transformative processes (3)	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN16_T03_03 Obstetric Violence between Transformations and Trust	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN16_T03_04 Citizenship and the politics of healthcare (2)	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN17_T03_01 Trade unions and social change	E3.05 – Venue A
RN17_T03_02 Technological change and work	E4.04 – Venue A
RN17_T03_03 Populism and work	F2.01 – Venue A
RN17_T03_04 Changing labour market boundaries	F4.02 – Venue A
RN18_T03_01 Labour, Precarity and Play	LC.1.09 – Venue L
RN18_T03_02 Disinformation, Fake News and Conspiracy Theories 2	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN18_T03_03 Gender and the Media	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RN19_T03 Professions, Academization and Gender	F3.02 – Venue A
RN20_T03_01 Analysing Interviews	B2.12 – Venue A

RN21_T03_01 Quantitative methodology and data quality	H6.01 – Venue A
RN22_T03 Risk, Crisis and Resilience	F4.01 – Venue A
RN23_T03_01 LGBTQI+ Ageing in Southern Europe	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN23_T03_02 Sexuality and Trust: Critical Perspectives	FC4.0.39 – Venue C
RN24_T03_01 Agency, Trust, Responsibility, and Participatory Research for AI	LC.1.07 – Venue L
RN24_T03_02 Competition, Institutions, and Aesthetics in Scientific Knowledge	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN24_T03_03 Knowledge, controversies and trust in Healthcare and Food Systems	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RN25_T03_01 Movement strategies in and through time	E2.04 – Venue A
RN25_T03_02 Feminist mobilizing	G2.01 – Venue A
RN26_T03_01 Poverty	M1.01 – Venue A
RN27_T03 Social policy and care Regimes	LC.3.01 – Venue L
RN28_T03 Physical activity and health	E2.02 – Venue A
RN29_T03_01 Theorizing: Working On and Working with Theories	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN29_T03_02 The Social, Society, and Individuality	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN30_T03_01 Youth and inequalities	LC.2.10 – Venue L
RN30_T03_02 Youth views, attitudes and perspectives	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN31_T03_01 Antisemitism, Perceptions, Practices and Institutional Responses	G3.04 – Venue A

RN31_T03_02 Anti-Roma Racism and Social Exclusion	G4.02 – Venue A
RN32_T03_01 Gender and politics - leadership and political activism	LC.3.05 – Venue L
RN32_T03_02 News, mass media, and journalism: political implications	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RN32_T03_03 Interlinkages between attitudes and political actions (2)	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN33_T03_01 GENDER INEQUALITIES AND INSTITUTIONS	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN33_T03_02 GENDERED SPACES AND SERVICES	LC.2.R1 – Venue L
RN33_T03_03 GENDERED SPACES AND SERVICES	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN34_T03_01 Local Governance of Religion	M1.02 – Venue A
RN35_T03_01 Bordering, power and resistance 3	FC4.0,41 – Venue C
RN35_T03_02 Diasporic and intergenerational approaches to migrants' decision making	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN35_T03_03 Migrant mobilization, (dis)trust and the public sphere 2	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN36_T03 Transformations of identities	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN37_T03_01 Present Challenges in Urban Housing: Policies, Market, Identity and Precarity B	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN37_T03_02 Urban Transformations: Between New Opportunities and New Inequalities	LC.2.R2 – Venue L
RN37_T03_03 Socio-Spatial Dynamics at the Neighbourhood Level B	LC.2.00 – Venue L
RN38_T03_01 Depopulation and resilience	G4.03 – Venue A

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Trust and tensions

G5.03 - Venue A

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RS07_T03 Engagements in diversity from institutions to interaction	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RS08_T03 Care as a cross-cutting concept: practices, communities and struggles of care at urban scales I	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RS10_T03 Producing, contesting and reconfiguring urban sustainability: session 1	LA.2.57 – Venue L
RS11_T03_01 Refugees and Spatial (Im)mobilities	H5.01 – Venue A
RS11_T03_02 Cross-border Mobility, Migration and Immobility	H5.02 – Venue A
RS12_T03 Life Course Approaches	B4.05 – Venue A
RS18_T03 Exploring and Consolidating New Research Strategies in the Post-COVID-19 Era. Part I	LC.2.07 – Venue L



## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 4

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Session and Title	Room
JS_RN02_RN07_I_T4 Culture wars I: Democracy in a post truth society	LC.3.06 - Venue L
JS_RN02_RN07_III_T04 Transformations in fields of cultural production - session I	LC.1.03 - Venue L
JS_RN13_RN35_T04 Transnational families in turbulent times	FC4.0.40 - Venue C

## Research Network Sessions - Time Slot 4

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Session and Title	Room
RN01_T04_01 Informal Care and Ageing 1	B4.07 – Venue A
RN01_T04_02 Health and Ageing in Social Context	E4.04 – Venue A
RN01_T04_03 Ageing and Social Networks	F2.02 – Venue A
RN02_T04_01 Careers and labour conflicts in the arts	H4.02 – Venue A
RN02_T04_02 Careers and labour conflicts in the arts II	H5.02 – Venue A
RN02_T04_03 Creativity and its discontents	H6.01 – Venue A
RN03_T04 Compassion and Suffering	F3.01 – Venue A
RN04_T04_01 Intergenerational Justice in Care and Education	F3.02 – Venue A
RN04_T04_02 Places and Spaces: Marginalisation, Diversity and	F4.01 – Venue A
RN05_T04_01 Digital consumption 2: Food platforms	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN05_T04_02 Imaginaries of consumption	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN05_T04_03 Panel on Food, inequalities, and social stratification	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN06_T04_01 Polycrisis or Disaster Capitalism?	F4.02 – Venue A
RN06_T04_02 Post-Capitalist Knowledge for a Post-Capitalist Future?	G2.01 – Venue A
RN07_T04_01 Artworlds, social organisation and struggles	LC.2.00 – Venue L
RN07_T04_02	LC.3.05 – Venue L

Culture in national contexts

RN07_T04_03 Trust, conspiracy and law	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN09_T04_01 Platform economy	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN09_T04_02 New forms of stratification in economy and society	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RN10_T04_01 Educational Context and Environment (IV)	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN10_T04_02 Migration, Ethnicity, and Racism in Education (IV)	LA.4.01 – Venue L
RN10_T04_03 Higher Education (IV)	LB.3.12– Venue L
RN10_T04_04 Inequality in Education (III)	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN10_T04_05 Digital Technology and Education (I)	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN11_T04_01 Political changes and emotional dynamics	H4.01 – Venue A
RN11_T04_02 Emotional and affective communities	M1.02 – Venue A
RN11_T04_03 Collective emotions	B4.05 – Venue A
RN12_T04_01 Navigating Tensions in Urban Environmental Activism	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN12_T04_02 Environmental Attitudes, Awareness and Concern	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN12_T04_03 Energy Transition, Resistance, and Acceptance	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN12_T04_04 Integrating Sustainability and Environmental Awareness in Higher Education	FC1.0.37 – Venue C
RN13_T04_01 Separation and family configurations	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RN13_T04_02 Family planning, fertility, and reproductive technologies I	FC1.0.31 – Venue C

RN13_T04_03 Informal family care	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN13_T04_04 Siblinghood and other personal relations	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN15_T04 Cosmopolitan Sociologies (1)	G2.02 – Venue A
RN16_T04_01 The tensions surrounding medicine: declining trust and legitimacy towards expertise, epistemic challenges and transformative processes (4)	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
RN16_T04_02 Exploring the intersections of health inequalities and social policy in diverse societies (2)	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN16_T04_03 Exploring social capital's impact on health through sociological lenses	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN16_T04_04 Vaccination and (dis)trust: what sociology can teach us in the face of contemporary challenges	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN16_T04_05 Artificial intelligence and technology in health and medicine uses, impacts and ethics	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN17_T04_01 Job quality and work satisfaction	B2.13 – Venue A
RN17_T04_02 Work and class	E2.02 – Venue A
RN17_T04_03 Mobility and outsourcing	E3.02 – Venue A
RN18_T04_01 Surveillance, Bureaucracy and Politics	LC.2.09 – Venue L
RN18_T04_02 Climate Change, Sustainability and the Environment	LB.4.01 – Venue L
RN18_T04_03 War, Invasion and the Media	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN19_T04 Changing welfare state professionalism	M2.02 – Venue A
RN20_T04_01 Emotions in Ethnographic Methodologies	B2.12 – Venue A

RN20_T04_02 Organizations, Labor and the Military	E3.05 – Venue A
RN21_T04_01 Protests, populism and ethnocentrism in quantitative research	B4.04 – Venue A
RN22_T04_01 Risk Preparedness and Response	G3.03 – Venue A
RN22_T04_02 Risk Perceptions and Understandings	G3.04 – Venue A
RN23_T04_01 Contested Intimacies, Kinship and Sexual Practices	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN23_T04_02 Sexuality, Aging, Health and Vulnerabilities	FC4.0.39 – Venue C
RN24_T04_01 The multiple senses of space	LC.2.07 – Venue L
RN24_T04_02 Exploring Knowledge Transfer, Open Science, and Science Policy	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN24_T04_03 Mapping Dynamics in Higher Education	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RN25_T04_01 Activism and digital technologies	D3.03 – Venue A
RN25_T04_02 Repression and resistance	E4.02 – Venue A
RN25_T04_03 Gender in movements	F2.01 – Venue A
RN26_T04_01 Social investment	M1.01 – Venue A
RN27_T04 (Im)Mobilities in Southern European Societies	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RN28_T04 Sport for development	G4.02 – Venue A
RN29_T04_01 Doing (trans)gender	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN29_T04_02 Social theory, Literature, and Interdisciplinarity	LC.1.04 – Venue L
RN30_T04_01	LC.3.01 – Venue L

Youth and generations	
RN30_T04_02 Youth values and social trust	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN31_T04 Racism, Belonging and Social Mobility in Diverse Societies	G4.03 – Venue A
RN32_T04_01 Religion and politics	LC.2.10 – Venue L
RN32_T04_02 Post-pandemic politics - Covid-19 and its impacts	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN32_T04_03 Formation of the political subject	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN33_T04_01 EDUCATION AND POLICIES	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN33_T04_02 GENDER, TECHNOLOGY AND STEM ISSUES	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RN33_T04_03 GENDER AND LANGUAGE	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN34_T04_01 Theoretical and Methodological Issues and Challenges I	M2.01 – Venue A
RN35_T04_01 Novel directions in return migration research	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN35_T04_02 Anti-migrant attitudes and protest in the European context	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
RN36_T04 Resilience in social transformations	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN37_T04_01 Socio-Spatial Segregation A	LC.1.07 – Venue L
RN37_T04_02 The Right to the City Today	LC.1.09 – Venue L
RN37_T04_03 Digital Challenges in the City	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN37_T04_04 No City for Young People? Youth Urban Issues	LC.2.R1 – Venue L
RN38_T04_01	G5.03 – Venue A

Restructuring through tourism

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Food as connection

G5.04 - Venue A

## Research Streams - Time Slot 4

28 Aug 2024 | 18:30-20:00

Session and Title	Room
RS03_T04 Interpretive Interactionism 2: Inequalities	E2.04 - Venue A
RS07_T04 Engagements and affordances of activism	FC1.2.01- Venue C
RS08_T04 Care as a cross-cutting concept: practices, communities and struggles of care at urban scales II	LA.2.57 - Venue L
RS11_T04 Remote Working and Spatial Mobility	H5.01 - Venue A
RS14_T04 Between Precarious and Entrepreneurial Subjectivities	LC.2.R2 - Venue L
RS15_T04 Ukraine under attack	LC.1.11 - Venue L
RS18_T04 Exploring and Consolidating New Research Strategies in the Post-COVID-19 Era. Part 2	FC1.0.36 - Venue C





**THURSDAY**  
**AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MORNING**

## Semi-plenaries 8-13

### SP8 - "Far Right-Wing Populism in Current Democracies: Habits, Emotions, and Gender Performances"

29 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.0.02 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

With Ov Cristian Norocel

Organisation: RN20 and RN32

Coordinators and Chairs: Ulrike T. Kissmann (University of Kassel, Germany) and Carlo Berti (Rovira i Virgili University, Spain)

Many democracies are currently facing the rise of far right-wing populism such as was seen in the election of Donald Trump as president of the US. The success in elections coincides with the resurgence of xenophobia, racism, antisemitism, sexism and anti-queerness. The majority of sociological studies focuses on conscious attitudes, pointing out the connections between populism and the resentments towards migrants, black people and other ethnic or religious groups, as well as the distrust towards institutional politics and economic fears. However, such studies assume that the attitudes in question are reflexively available to the full extent to the participants and that they can easily be retrieved through questionnaires. The taken-for-granted assumptions that feed conscious attitudes are seldom empirically analysed. However, an increasing number of studies moves beyond the analysis of conscious attitudes and investigates instead less-than-conscious habits, emotions as well as gendered performances in populism. Shannon Sullivan's work was dedicated to the analysis of unconscious habits and current publications such as, for example, Carolyn Pedwell emphasizes the relevance of routines in nowadays societies. The aim of the semi-plenary is to discuss present theoretical and methodological approaches that enable the analysis of far right-wing populism, paying particular attention as to how less-than-conscious habits, emotions, and gendered performances can be theoretically framed and empirically analysed. The contribution of quantitative, qualitative as well as mixed method methodologies will be equally considered. Early career scholars are particularly encouraged to apply.

#### Speaker

Ov Cristian Norocel (Lund University, Sweden)

#### Performing Hate as Harmless Banter - Communicating Far-Right Metapolitics, One Meme at a Time

This contribution brings novel insights and argues that the hateful opinions (be them racism, xenophobia, sexism, anti-LGBTIQ as well as anti-poor stances) that underpin the far-right ideological universe reach out to larger audiences through their discursive packaging as allegedly harmless banter. It presents a qualitative analysis of controversial memes (cartoons drawn by a controversial USA-based cartoonist) posted on X (formerly Twitter) within the last year. Of interest here are those cartoons that envisage a common transnational far-right endeavour,

focusing on the elections the Netherlands, Argentina, EU, and USA. The analysis highlights the importance of an intersectional analysis of emotions (attentive to imbrications of gender and sexuality, race, religion, and social class) in the communication of far-right politics and points out two crucial aspects. First, it concerns the medium of communication, whereby the quasi-ubiquitousness of social platforms – driven among others, by and through emotional messaging, personal choice, and personalised experiences – makes them ideal communication channels. Here, memes (especially cartoons) serve as seemingly harmless “postmodern folklore” spreading widely otherwise controversial political concepts. Not totally concealed or denied, hateful opinions are rather performed through memes so that to allow them a wider circulation. Second, it concerns the far-right agenda beyond politics (thus meta-politics) to achieve a shift in generally held opinions, which are deemed socially acceptable on matters of social and cultural diversity, gender, and sexual equality. This agenda is pursued by various entities across the globe: radical-right populist parties and their leaders contesting parliamentary elections (e.g. the Party for Freedom and Geert Wilders in the Netherlands); radical-right candidates leading former mainstream parties (Donald Trump); or more diffuse extreme right entities (the Alt-Right in the USA).

### Biography

Ov Cristian Norocel is Associate Professor and Senior Lecturer in Gender Studies, at Lund University (Sweden). He is Doctor of Social Science in Political Science from the University of Helsinki (Finland). Norocel applies an intersectional lens to issues of far-right political communication and anti-gender mobilization. He examines these phenomena in a comparative perspective in Europe (focusing on Sweden, Finland, Hungary, and Romania). In his latest projects, he deploys in a syncretic manner critical discourse studies, digital ethnography, and critical big data analysis to map out far right metapolitics, as well as anti-gender politics.



## SP9 - "Contribution of the ESA to the European Sociology and European Society" – Celebrations of the 30<sup>th</sup> ESA Anniversary

29 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC4.0.41 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

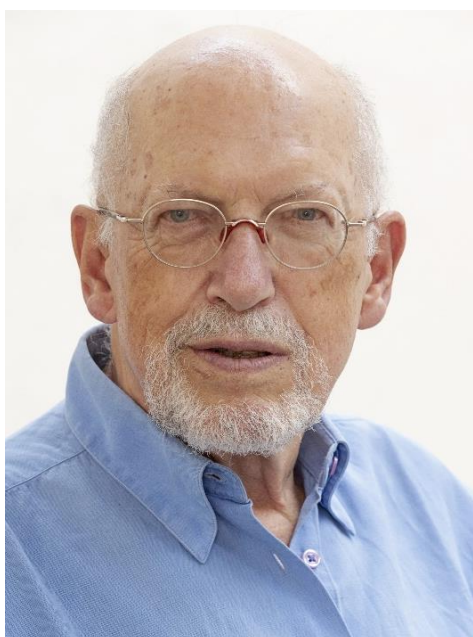
With Martin Kohli, Carmen Leccardi, Marta Soler, Sylvia Walby and Frank Welz

Organisation: ESA Executive Committee and ESA Past Presidents

Chair: Lígia Ferro (ESA President 2021-24)

The European Sociological Association was officially established in 1994 and it is celebrating its 30th anniversary at the ESA Porto Conference. This session is organised by the ESA Executive Committee and the ESA Past Presidents and will include testimonies of the challenges and opportunities encountered all over the last decades in building the sociological community and giving positive contributions to the diverse and complex social problems faced by European societies.

### Speakers



**Martin Kohli** was born in 1942 in Solothurn (Switzerland), and studied at the Universities of Geneva, Cologne, and Bern, where he obtained his doctorate. After a few years at the Ministry of Education of the Canton of Zurich and as Assistant Professor at the University of Constance (completed by his "habilitation") he went to the Free University of Berlin in 1977 as Professor of Sociology. In Berlin he initiated and directed the Research Group on Aging and the Life Course (Forschungsgruppe Altern und Lebenslauf, FALL). He is a member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and the Austrian Academy of Sciences, and from 1997-99 served as President of the European Sociological Association (ESA). From 2004-

2012 he held the Chair of Sociology at the EUI.

Since 2012, Kohli is Emeritus Professor at the EUI and Distinguished Bremen Professor at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS). He has been a member or Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), at the Collegium Budapest, and at the Hanse Institute for Advanced Study (Delmenhorst/Bremen). He has also been a Visiting Professor at Harvard University, Stanford University, Columbia University, the University of North Carolina, and the University of California, Berkeley.



**Carmen Leccardi** is Professor Emerita, Sociology of Culture, at the Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan-Bicocca. Here she has been Director of the PhD program in Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research. Vice Rector for equal opportunities (2012-2013), she was Director of the 'Gender Cultures' Inter-university Research Centre (2013-20). From 2013 to 2015 she was President of the European Sociological Association. Has researched extensively in the field of social time, youth, gender and generations, cultural models and

processes of cultural and social change. From a methodological point, she is interested in qualitative research methods, in particular hermeneutical approaches. Her last book (2023) is *Exploring New Temporal Horizons*, Bristol University Press (with P. Jedlowski and A. Cavalli).

Leccardi have conducted theoretical/empirical research (at both European and national level) in the following areas: youth cultures and inter-generational comparisons, biographical constructions, gender differences, sociological study of time, changes in cultural models, qualitative research methods. The last conference she organized is the 12th Conference of the European Sociological Association "Differences, Inequalities, and Sociological Imagination", Prague, 25-28 August 2015). She has published widely on cultural changes, young women's cultures, youth and its cultural practices (with specific attention to the changing life course perspective) and temporal orientations.



**Marta Soler-Gallart** is Full Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Barcelona and Vice-president of the International Sociological Association. She is currently Democracy Visiting Senior Faculty Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School (Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation 2023-24). She has been President of the European Sociological Association (2019-2021) and Editor in Chief of the journal "International Sociology" (2015-2022). She has been at the Governing Board of the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH, 2016-2019). She was

the first researcher in the social sciences to be at the ORCID Board of Directors (2014-2016).



Soler-Gallart is Director of CREA (Community of Research on Excellence for All), where her research focuses on dialogic democracy to address social inequalities. She was the Main Researcher of the H2020 Project "SOLIDUS" on the analysis of solidarity acts with social impact during the crisis in Europe. Besides, she has been the Knowledge Management Coordinator of the FP7 Project "IMPACT-EV" on evaluation of scientific, political and social impact from research. She recently published the book "Achieving Social Impact. Sociology in the public sphere" (Springer). She is among the ten first researchers worldwide in the categories of social impact and gender violence in Google Scholar.



**Sylvia Walby** is Professor at Royal Holloway, University of London, and holds the Anneliese Maier Award from the Humboldt Foundation. She chaired the Steering Committee setting up the European Sociological Association, 1992-5, and was elected founding President of the European Sociological Association, 1995-7. She was co-founder of the International Sociological Association's Thematic Group 11 on Violence and Society, 2018-2023, and the Working Group 11 on Violence and Society (2023-27). Walby was elected Fellow of the British Academy in 2022, elected Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2007 and awarded an OBE for

services to equality and diversity in 2008. She was the founding chairholder of the UNESCO Chair for Gender Research, 2008-2019. She chaired the Sociology Sub-Panel in REF2021. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Queen's University Belfast in 2017. Walby's research is focused on rebuilding the theory and concept of society to take account of gender as a regime of inequality and violence as an institutional domain (Globalization and Inequalities: Complexity and Contested Modernities, Sage 2009), the better to understand contemporary social change and the possibilities of alternatives (Crisis, Polity 2015). She theorises gender regimes of inequality (Theorizing Patriarchy, Blackwell 1990) and projects attempting its transformation (The Future of Feminism Polity 2011; Gender Transformations, Routledge 1997). She is developing the methodology to better count violence, especially to reduce the underestimation of its scale and consequences against women and minorities (The Concept and Measurement of Violence against Women and Men Policy, 2017) and to inform the development a theory of change of violence, and the theory of society.



**Frank Welz** has been teaching sociology at the Innsbruck School of Social and Political Sciences since 2006. He was a Research Fellow at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati, Spain, at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) at Bielefeld University, Germany, and at the Department of Sociology of the University of Cambridge, UK. He served as the 11th President of the European Sociological Association (ESA) in 2015-2017 and as a member of the Executive Committee and vice-president of the ESA from 2011 to 2015. He has further been a Governing Board member of the European Alliance for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH) and a Founding Member of the Initiative for

Science in Europe (ISE). He coordinated ESA's Social Theory Research Network (RN29) 2007 to 2011, and he also served as Vice-President of the Austrian Sociological Association.

Recently, Welz has been publishing on sociological theory, sociology of culture, particularly law, and the history of sociology. His initiatives at Freiburg have been awarded with several prizes, among others e.g. the State's Excellence in Teaching Award 1999, the Heilmann Prize for the 'virtual' seminar series "LEC" Freiburg-JNU New Delhi (2000) and the BMW Group Award (Munich 2005) and Stifterverband/DAAD's quality label "Top 10 International Master's degree courses made in Germany" (2006) for the GSP.



## **SP10 - Tensions and Transformations in European citizenship and identity. Can we trust an inclusive future?**

29 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC1.0.03 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Manuela Boatcă and Annalisa Pelizza**

Organisation: Council of National Associations

Chair: Maria Carmela Agodi (University of Naples Federico II)

The focus of this SP are current tensions in European self-representation, involving the presence and fluxes of multiple ethnicities, languages, histories. While coloniality, as a phenomenon that started with the European colonial expansion, continues to characterize global asymmetries and epistemologies today, we can also observe counter currents, resistances, appropriations, and the emergence of new hegemonies. Re-discovering European internal diversity as a sociological and historical reality would be a contribution to deconstructing the future of our continent as depicted by new and old nationalistic and post-colonialist scenarios.

### **Speakers**

**Manuela Boatcă, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg**

#### **Romani Europeans and the Challenge of Unthinkable Histories**

Present in Europe for centuries, but still not considered of Europe or addressed as Europeans, the Roma are not part of Europe's reckoning with either racism or enslavement. Such reckoning routinely restricts European racism temporally to the Holocaust, conflating racism with antisemitism; and relegates enslavement spatially to Africa and the Americas, equating enslavement with the transatlantic trade. The Roma falls through these temporal and spatial cracks in Europe's current politics of memory. I trace this structural oblivion to an Occidentalists imaginary that equates Europeanness with whiteness and that has historically produced unequal Europes in the South and East of the continent to which non-white and other non-conforming populations, histories, and events can routinely be relegated. Drawing on Michel Rolph Trouillot's analysis of the Haitian Revolution as an "unthinkable history" made by enslaved Black people, I argue that European politics of memory will remain incomplete as long as the history and the present of anti-Roma racism, the legacies of Romani enslavement, and the implications of such histories for the (im)possibility of constructing an identity as Romani Europeans are deemed unthinkable in an Occidentalists white Europe.

### **Biography**

Manuela Boatcă is a professor at the Institute of Sociology and Head of School of the Global Studies Program at the University of Freiburg, Germany. She was Visiting Professor at IUPERJ, Rio de Janeiro in 2007/08 and Professor of Sociology of Global Inequalities at the Latin American Institute of the Freie Universität Berlin from 2012 to 2015. She has published widely on world-systems analysis, decolonial perspectives on global inequalities, gender and citizenship in

modernity/coloniality, and the geopolitics of knowledge in Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. She is the author of *Global Inequalities Beyond Occidentalism*, Routledge, 2016 and co-editor of *Decolonizing European Sociology*. In 2018 she was awarded an ACLS collaborative fellowship alongside literary scholar Anca Parvulescu (Washington University in St. Louis, USA), for a comparative project on inter-imperiality in Transylvania. The resulting co-authored book, *Creolizing the Modern. Transylvania Across Empires*, Cornell University Press, 2022, also translated in German, and in Romanian, has received Honourable mention for the 2022 George Blazyca Prize in East European Studies from the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (Basees) and the 2023 René Wellek Prize for best monograph from the American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA).



**Annalisa Pelizza, University of Bologna and Aarhus University**

### **Processing Alterity, Shaping the European Order**

This lecture introduces the concept of "alterity processing" to account for the simultaneous enactment of individual "Others" and emergent European orders mediated by data infrastructures for migration management. Alterity processing refers to data infrastructures, knowledge practices and bureaucratic procedures through which populations unknown to European actors are translated into "European-legible" identities.

Drawing upon a Science and Technology Studies perspective, the lecture provides empirical evidence and theoretical reflections on the co-production of migrant people and Europe as a polity through the digitization of registration and identification of third-country nationals. It shows how different registration and identification procedures compete to legitimize different chains of actors, data, and metadata as more authoritative than others. Competing procedures have

governance implications, as well, with institutional boundaries shifting de facto, if not de jure. In this tension, it is not only the individual Other that is enacted but also specific bureaucratic orders cutting across old and new European actors and distinctive understandings of "Europe." The lecture draws upon data collected in the context of the "Processing Citizenship" project (ERC StG No 714463, <https://processingcitizenship.eu/>).

### **Biography**

Annalisa Pelizza is Professor of Science and Technology Studies at the University of Bologna and at the University of Aarhus (Denmark), Department of Digital Design and Information Studies. Her research and teaching interests span: Governance of and by technology; Sociotechnical aspects of data infrastructures, including ontologies and interoperability; The long-term relationships between modern polities and infrastructures for populations and territory management; Social informatics and its methods. Prof. Pelizza has been the recipient of excellence science grants, including the Processing Citizenship research project funded by the European Research Council and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. She is member of the Editorial Board of Science, Technology and Human Values, of Tecnoscienza and vice president of STS Italia. She was elected member of the EASST Council (2019-2022). She acts as reviewer for science agencies and journals in STS, information systems, governance. She held visiting fellowships in U.S., Germany, France and the Netherlands.



## SP11 - Academic Freedom in Times of Division

29 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.0.01 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Judit Takács and Geoffrey Pleyers**

Organisation: Lígia Ferro, Gary Pollock, Teresa Sordé, Maria Carmela Agodi, Bernadette Brereton, Kaja Gadowska and Tiziana Nazio (ESA Executive Committee)

Coordinators: Kaja Gadowska, Nilay Kaya, Krešimir Žažar, Tiziana Nazio, Maggie O'Neill, Ana-Cristina Santos

Chair: Kaja Gadowska

This semi-plenary will consider academic freedom through the prism of personal experience in Hungary, Belarus, Turkey, and beyond. Academic freedom is central to the very idea of the university and crucial to discussions regarding Tension, Trust and Transformation.

There is currently a global tendency towards division, compartmentalization, and the resulting polarization. Critical for scholars is the freedom to choose research and teaching topics. Yet, increasingly, certain subjects are sidestepped due to (explicit or implicit) injunctions powered by financial pressures. Agents of influence are persuasive sociopolitical ideologies, ruling political systems, (in)formal social organizations, public/private sponsors of research, and so on. The effects of such tensions are especially apparent at state universities where approvals and funding for curricula, research projects, information resources, equipment, etc. are determined (more or less) by the government as well as special interest groups. Constraints on the subject matter of scientific inquiry severely undermine the conception of learning and education as an autonomous activity, rather leading towards the emergence of an “academia on demand” model.

Around the world, authoritarian political movements constrict the rights of academia to freely conduct inquiries, teach, and express views inconsistent with or challenging a government’s ideological line. Constants are efforts to suppress discourses questioning existent power structures and to undercut financial support for uncomfortable issues. This may lead to the distortion of research and misrepresentation of outcomes by way of supporting one ideology over another. Ultimately, aware of incentives and sanctions, scholars may increasingly choose self-censorship.

### Speakers

**Judit Takács (Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)**

#### **Self-censorship: Between academic freedom and exile**

During the last decade Hungary has faced increasing concerns regarding not only the state of democratic institutions, media freedom, and civil liberties but also academic freedom. Changes in the governance of Hungarian universities, the closure of the Central European University in Budapest, the forced restructuring

of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and its network of research institutes are among the key issues we can consider.

According to the EP Academic Freedom Monitor 2023, in Hungary the level of academic freedom “is low compared not just to all other EU Member States, but also globally (the bottom 20-30% of countries worldwide)”. Thus, my home country can offer an extremely rich research field for scholars interested in academic freedom related issues. However, it is not always easy to cope with such richness, especially while living inside the research lab (it is a bit as if Alfred Jarry’s play King Ubu is no longer an absurd spectacle but has become part of everyday life).

In my talk I will focus on the following questions: What is the measurement of (self) censorship? How free are we academically and otherwise to act as responsible scholars? How free are we to conduct research of our choice in limited and limiting social contexts?

### **Biography**

Judit Takács is a Research Professor at the Centre for Social Sciences, a Centre of Excellence of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Her main research interests cover family practices, childlessness, caring masculinities, the social history of homosexuality, homophobia and genderphobia; while also having extensive research experience in HIV/AIDS prevention, community engagement in the context of public health preparedness, and measuring social attitudes. She completed an M.A. in Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam, holds a Ph.D. in sociology, a Diploma Habilitationis, and a Doctor of Science title. Her recent publications include a co-edited volume on Paradoxical Right-Wing Sexual Politics in Europe, thematic issues on Gender Studies in Exile and Fragile Pronatalism; a book chapter on How to Conserve Kertbeny’s Grave? A Case of Post-Communist Queer Necrophilia, and a co-authored article on Resisting Genderphobia in Hungary



**Geoffrey Pleyers (ISA and Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium)**

### **Sociologists at risk. Academic freedom in times of rising authoritarianism**

The ISA is alarmed by the backlash against social sciences, and the rise of threats against academic freedom. The rise of authoritarian leaders, far-right movements and their stances during the COVID-19 pandemic have fuelled a backlash against science. All scientific disciplines are concerned. However, due to the nature of the discipline, the critical outlook on social facts and their commitment to democracy, sociologists are more frequently threatened. They pay a high price, mostly in authoritarian countries and in countries where reactionary leaders are on the rise, but also in countries long considered among the most solid Western democracies. The war in Gaza has added fuel to the fire. To forestall further catastrophic loss of life, well-informed and nuanced debate and a historicized and sociological understanding of the ongoing war and atrocities are required. At this critical juncture, the ISA and the international community of sociologists cannot stand idly by as spaces of public and academic debate shrink and are increasingly policed. Protecting and promoting academic freedom and supporting our colleagues who are victims of repression and threats has become an intrinsic part of global sociology. It is a core duty of the ISA and a shared responsibility for all scholar associations in sociology and social sciences. To be up to this historic task, we need to foster new collaborations among sociological associations and mobilize the international academic community in new ways.

### **Biography**

Geoffrey Pleyers is the current President of the International Sociological Association. He is a FNRS Professor of Sociology at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and holds a doctorate in sociology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris, 2006). His research focuses on social movements, global studies, youth, religion and Latin America. He is the author of “Alter-Globalization. Becoming Actors in the Global Age” (Polity, 2011). His latest books “Social Movements and Politics in the Pandemic” (edited with B. Bringel, Bristol University Press, 2022).



## **SP12 - "Energy Transition in the City: Socio-technical Challenges and policy implications"**

29 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.2.00 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Harald Roracher and Catherine Butler**

Organisation: RN37 Urban Sociology and RN12 Environment and Society

Coordinators and Chairs: Gabriele Manella (Università di Bologna, Italy) and Natalia Magnani (Università di Trento, Italy)

Cities occupy only 4% of the EU area, but 75% of EU residents live there. Moreover, cities globally consume over 65% of energy and they cause over 70% of CO2 emissions (European Union, EU Mission: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities, 2022).

If they are the main determinants of climate change, they can also be the main contexts for creating solutions (Harriet Bulkeley, *Cities and Climate Change*, 2013). The concentration of people, industrial and cultural activities can make them laboratories of innovation (UNHABITAT, *Global Report on Human Settlements*, 2011), for efficiency and adaptation strategies to reduce climate change vulnerability. Cities are also important to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, as foreseen by the ambitious EU Green Deal program. Moreover, the EU has also foreseen some Missions in the Horizon Europe 2021-2027 program to produce tangible results already by 2030 in 100 cities, through the combination of research and innovation in new forms of participatory governance and collaboration.

Despite this awareness, many problems make this goal very complicated to achieve. In a context of energy crisis affected by the war between Russia and Ukraine, growing inequalities in access to energy are developing in the urban areas, which are combined with a crisis of trust in the public and private actors who manage its supply and a lack of citizen engagement in the ecological transition.

On this background the session we propose intends to combine two strands of sociological research, namely research on the environmental issue and research on the urban question, focusing on the energy theme and moving from the keywords (Tension, Trust, Transformation) of the ESA conference in Porto.

### **Speakers**

**Harald Roracher (Linköping University, SWE, Department of Thematic Studies, Tema T - Technology and Social Change)**

### **Beyond urban experiments: governance innovations for accelerating urban energy transitions**

Pilot projects, experiments, or living labs have increasingly become key tools for governing transformative change in general, and urban energy transitions in particular. Books such as "The Experimental City" (Evans et al., 2016) give witness



of these shifts in urban governance in times of multiple crises and grand societal challenges. The idea is to test alternative socio-technical configurations in real-life settings, use them for learning how to do things differently and eventually scale them up to the whole city and beyond. In practice these projects and experiments are ridden by many problems which limit their contribution to urban transitions - they may be isolated from each other, no systematic learning is taking place, they are 'projectified' with a focus on short-term outcomes, they are highly situated and contextualised, or they may be captured by incumbent actors. In this talk I will critically analyse some examples of urban experimentation such as the development of positive energy districts or urban smart grid experiments as part of Swedish energy transition efforts. In a further step I will discuss different attempts of governance innovations beyond pilot projects which aim to achieve some level of systemic integration through transformative portfolios, system demonstrators, reflexive monitoring or alternative strategies of scaling.

### **Biography**

Harald Rohrer is Professor of Technology and Social Change at Linköping University, Department of Thematic Studies, since 2012. He has a background in sociology as well as science, technology and innovation studies. He has been co-founder and director of the Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture (IFZ), Graz, Austria (1999-2007), Joseph A. Schumpeter Fellow at Harvard University (2009-10) and Simon Visiting Professor at Manchester University (2013). From 2014-2023 he has been Associate Editor of the journal 'Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions'. In his research he is interested in the governance of socio-technical change, societal transformations towards greater sustainability as well as urban and regional low-carbon transitions.





**Catherine Butler (University of Exeter, Geography Department UK)**

### **Energy poverty and sustainable transitions in the city**

Within energy research and policy, there is an often-cited tension between the need to address energy poverty and the requirements for sustainable transitions. For this talk, I draw on my research examining experiences of energy poverty and transition in UK cities to critically engage with this framing of these dual issues. While much energy research has focused on either energy poverty or energy transitions, in this analysis I examine the intersections to reveal the ways that transitions can be addressed at the dynamics underlying and constituting energy poverty in the city. In this I pursue three different points of departure. The first places inequalities at the heart of debates about the advancing energy intensity of contemporary societies, examining the long run processes of governance that have constituted both energy dependencies and deprivation. The second looks how socio-technical interventions in communities vulnerable to energy poverty have done little to transition homes and mobilities in directions that support sustainability and improve wellbeing, with consequences for relations of trust in transition processes. The third examines how locally based organisations work to navigate the fault lines of distrust and disenfranchisement in such communities to build toward transformations that reduce energy poverty along with wider inequities and offer routes to environmental sustainability. With this third point of departure, I end on a hopeful examination of the ways that those working within these challenging contexts have moved forward and of what could engender greater longevity, stability, and reach of such activities to create sustainable equitable cities.

### **Biography**

Catherine Butler is Associate Professor in Human Geography within the Environment and Sustainability Research group at University of Exeter. Her research examines processes of societal transitions required to address environmental challenges and linked issues of equity, justice, and wellbeing. Prof Butler has published widely in this area (> 50 journal articles) including her recent book (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022) which brought focus on issues of inequality by looking at how sustainable transitions might also address energy poverty in the UK. She has coordinated >16 funded research projects and is the University of Exeter lead for a new AHRC project examining retrofit of homes in UK cities. She is Chair of the Royal Geographical Society Energy Geographies Research Group, formerly Convenor of the British Sociological Association Climate Change study group, and associate editor for the journals *Environmental Research Letters: Climate Change*, *Frontiers in Climate*, and *GEO: Geography and Environment*.



## **SP13 - "Considering Humanism and Post-Humanism in Sociology. Lessons from within Critical Sexuality Studies"**

29 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC1.0.07 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Pam Alldred and David Alderson**

Organisation: RN23 Sexuality

Coordinators and Chairs: Christian Klesse (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Isabel Crowhurst (University of Essex, UK)

With the death of Prof Ken Plummer (4 April 1946- 4. November 2022), the sociological community lost an innovative voice on sociological theory (symbolic interactionism, pragmatism, deviance, narrative sociology), sexuality and the body (LGBTQI+ studies, aging and illness) and methodology (life stories, documents of life). Over the last decades, Plummer systematically elaborated an approach he called critical humanism (Plummer, 2001, 2018, 2021). Plummer asserted the prime significance of embodied human experience and agency. He proposed critical humanism as a normative stance for an ethical publicly engaged sociology and – as the founding editor of the leading journal *Sexualities* – critical sexuality studies. This commitment put him at odds with key developments in critical sexuality studies and gender studies, which took inspiration from poststructuralist perspectives that solidified around queer theory (Alderson 2016, 2017). Ken Plummer (2013) saw the queer turn as indicative of a wider shift to post-humanist sexuality studies. In recent years, propelled by debates around new materialism we have seen an intensified outpouring of post humanist work in sexuality studies (Fox and Alldred 2013, 2017). Like Plummer's critical humanism, post humanist work in gender and sexuality studies postures and self-represents as a pointedly ethical framework (Braidotti 2013). This panel stages a constructive dialogue between humanist and post-humanist positions in sexuality and gender studies. Dialogue across different positions has also been a key concern of Plummer's idea of a politically engaged sociology. This renders such a panel an apt way to memorise the passing away of one of the most prolific European humanist sociologists.

### **Speakers**

**Pam Alldred (Nottingham Trent University, UK)**

### **What Can We Say About the Sexuality of the Posthuman?**

Humanism held the hand of the civil rights movement and the democratising, anti-war and egalitarian struggles of the 1960s and 70s. In Anglo-American cultures this left the sense of humanism as 'the good guy', especially in the psy-disciplines, where Carl Rogers epitomised the best of liberal humanism in bequeathing us Unconditional Positive Regard. But while there were revolutionary currents flowing, the revolution was not complete. As Weeks (1986) explained, identity politics were necessary to the Gay and Women's Liberation Movements, but not sufficient. As Braidotti (2013) showed, the model human turned out to be white, male, straight and able-bodied. Even where identity was plural, understandings of

diversity were limited to 'shades' of the subject, with some seen as further from the Enlightenment model, or as burdened by additive subordinated identities. As Lorde (1984) showed, humanism needs to capture how gender is diffracted through race, and sexualities through racialised genders. This meant that further imperialist damage has been waged by societies believing that they had made a humanist turn. Posthuman feminisms, particularly Braidotti (1994; 2013; 2021), are a radical effort to question these remaining normativities in humanism. I will describe what I think this posthuman 'turn' offers the study of sexualities, drawing on concepts in my work such as the sexualities-assemblage and gender-related violence. Posthumanism is not a substitute for humanism's ethics of inclusion, but a necessary corrective to its certainty. I will query the title's 'sexuality of the posthuman', and sketch the posthuman promise of plural, emergent, undecidable sexualities.

### **Biography**

Pam Alldred is Professor of Youth and Community Studies, in the Department of Social Work, Care and Community, at Nottingham Trent University, UK, and research sexualities, sexualities education, consent, gender and sexual violence, parenting and inequalities interventions. She has led large EU-funded projects on gender-related violence and sexual violence and is co-editor of the Handbook of Youth Work Practice (Sage, 2018), and with Nick Fox co-author of *Sociology and the New Materialism* (Sage, 2017) and is currently editing a *Sociology of Sexualities Research Handbook* for Edward Elgar.



**David Alderson (University of Manchester, UK)**

### **Liberation, Chemsex and the Posthuman**

This paper considers the phenomenon of chemsex among gay men in relation to debates central to claims about our posthuman condition, especially the potential for freedom, the possibility (and desirability) of autonomy and the technological determination and transformation of our understanding of each. It will discuss the way chemsex is represented in critical chemsex studies, public health discourse and cultural representation, focusing on identity politics, history and temporality, as well as the marketized dissolution and reconfiguration of private/public distinctions. The framework for the discussion will be a cultural materialist one, indebted principally to the work of Alan Sinfield, but it will also draw critically on a Marcusean framework that relates sexual possibilities to the dominant reality principle. It will therefore offer a different kind of humanistic perspective from that of Ken Plummer, while paying tribute to his achievement.

### **Biography**

David Alderson is Professor of Literary and Cultural Studies at the University of Manchester. He has written extensively about gender, sexuality and the neoliberal transition, and is the author of *Sex, Needs and Queer Culture* (Zed, 2016), as well as co-editor, with Robert Spencer, of *For Humanism* (Pluto, 2017). He is currently researching a project on cultural representation and the political economy of the family.





## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 5

29 Aug 2024 | 11:00-12:30

Session and Title	Room
JS_RN02_RN07_I_T5 Culture wars II: Gendered and contested art	LC.1.03 – Venue L
JS_RN12_RN22_II_T05 Environmental risk perception across Europe	D3.03 – Venue A
JS_RN13_RN23_T05 Family practices in heteronormative societies (II)	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
JS_RN13_RN35_T05 Parenthood in transnational families	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
JS_RN20_RN21_T05 Beyond quality and quantity: integrated strategies to analyse media content	B4.07 – Venue A
JS_RN20_RN30_T05 Youth and Political meaning 1: methods puzzles and issues	LC.1.04 – Venue L
JS_RN21_RN24_T05 Methodological and theoretical challenges in digital methods	LC.3.06 – Venue L

## Research Network Sessions - Time Slot 5

29 Aug 2024 | 11:00-12:30

Session and Title	Room
RN01_T05_01 Ageing in Rural and Urban Contexts	H4.02 – Venue A
RN01_T05_02 Home Care	H5.02 – Venue A
RN01_T05_03 Work, Retirement and Ageing 3	H6.01 – Venue A
RN02_T05_01 Sustainability in the Arts	H2.01 – Venue A
RN02_T05_02 Arts educations and arts in education	H2.02 – Venue A
RN02_T06_01 Art Fields	H3.01 – Venue A
RN02_T06_02 Embodied, distributed and extended artistic practices	M1.02 – Venue A
RN03_T05 Migration and Forced Migration in Europe	G3.04 – Venue A
RN03_T06 Biographical Research of Pandemic and Post-COVID Societies	G4.02 – Venue A
RN04_T05 Places and Spaces: Trust, Tensions and Truth	G3.03 – Venue A
RN05_T05_01 Digital consumption 3: Data entanglements	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN05_T05_02 Food consumption 4: Food systems	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN05_T05_03 Sustainable consumption 1	FC1.0.36 – Venue C
RN05_T05_04 Cultural consumption 2	FC1.2,19 – Venue C
RN06_T05_01 The Politics and Ideology of the Right	M2.02 – Venue A



RN07_T05_01 Fashion	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN07_T05_02 Culture, technology and transformation	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN07_T05_03 Cultural practices and well-being	LC.2.R2 – Venue L
RN09_T05_01 Crises, migration, refugees	LC.2.09 – Venue L
RN09_T05_02 Digitization	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN10_T05_01 Curriculum Innovation and Development (I)	LC.3.05 – Venue L
RN10_T05_02 Gender and Education (I)	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RN10_T05_03 Pathways, Retention and Dropout (I)	LB.3.12 – Venue L
RN10_T05_04 Inequality in Education (IV)	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN10_T05_05 Digital Technology and Education (II)	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN11_T05_01 Family, Gender and Emotions	H3.04 – Venue A
RN11_T05_02 Emotions in Digital Life	H4.01 – Venue A
RN11_T05_03 Migration, Place Making and Emotions	B4.04 – Venue A
RN12_T05_01 Empowering Environmental Activists and Organizations	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN12_T05_02 Theoretical Frameworks and Knowledge in Environmental Sociology	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN12_T05_03 Hydrogen and Wind Power: Public Sentiment and Socio-Technological Perspectives	FC1.0,37 – Venue C
RN12_T05_04 Innovative Approaches to Sustainable Food Systems	FC1.2.01– Venue C

RN13_T05_01 Child custody	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN13_T05_02 Fatherhood	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RN13_T05_03 Family policies and interventions I	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN13_T05_04 Family planning, fertility, and reproductive technologies II	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN14_T05_02 Gender Mainstreaming – Gender Equality policies	G2.01 – Venue A
RN14_T05 Equal Pay Policies	G2.02 – Venue A
RN15_T05 Cosmopolitan Sociologies (2)	F4.02 – Venue A
RN16_T05_01 Tensions and transformations in the context of health care professionalism	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN16_T05_02 Trust and health (4)	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN16_T05_03 Exploring the intersections of health inequalities and social policy in diverse societies (4)	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN16_T05_04 Body, space and technology in health care	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN16_T05_05 Exploring social capital's impact on health through sociological lenses (2)	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN17_T05_01 Workers' power	G4.03 – Venue A
RN17_T05_02 Care work	G5.03 – Venue A
RN17_T05_03 Work transitions	G5.04 – Venue A
RN17_T05_04 Digital and energy transitions	M2.01 – Venue A
RN18_T05_02 Inequalities and the Media	LC.1.07 – Venue L

RN18_T06_01 Health and Communication	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN19_T05 Knowledge-power nexus revisited	M2.02 – Venue A
RN20_T05_01 Mixed Methods	B2.12 – Venue A
RN20_T05_02 Participatory Methodologies	E2.04 – Venue A
RN22_T05_01 Trust in Times of Crises	F3.01 – Venue A
RN22_T05_02 Digital Risk	F3.02 – Venue A
RN23_T05_01 Sexuality, Power and Norms	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN23_T05_02 Reproductive Rights and Contraception	FC4.0.39 – Venue C
RN24_T05_01 Trust and Engagement for Energy Innovations	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN24_T05_02 Social media, community and creativity	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RN25_T05_01 Analytical and methodological innovation in social movement studies	B2.13 – Venue A
RN25_T05_02 Environmental protest strategies and experiences	B4.05 – Venue A
RN26_T05 Children and young people	M1.01 – Venue A
RN27_T05_01 Education, research and innovation	LA.4.01 – Venue L
RN27_T05_02 Spatial Inequalities, inner and shrinking areas	LC.4.09 – Venue L
RN28_T05 Sport and culture	F2.02 – Venue A
RN29_T05_01 The Past, the Present, and the Future	LC.2.00 – Venue L
RN29_T05_02	LC.3.01 – Venue L

Transforming Social Theory and Sociological Research	
RN30_T05_01 Youth policy, services and practices	LC.1.09 – Venue L
RN30_T05_02 Post-Covid and contemporary youth	LA.2.57 – Venue L
RN31_T05 Postcolonialism, Antisemitism, and Historical Memory	F2.01 – Venue A
RN32_T05_01 Political actors and the digital (1)	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN32_T05_02 Polarization in politics	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN32_T05_03 Protest and politics	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN33_T05_01 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE LIFE	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RN33_T05_02 GENDER, VIOLENCE AND THE ECONOMY	LC.2.07 – Venue L
RN33_T05_03 VIOLENCE AND SOCIAL MEDIA	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN33_T05_04 MEN AND MASCULINITIES: CHANGES AND CHALLENGES	LC.2.R1 – Venue L
RN34_T05_01 Controversies and Challenges in the Catholic Church	E3.02 – Venue A
RN34_T05_02 Prejudice, Trust and Mistrust around Religion	E4.02 – Venue A
RN35_T05_01 Diversity, Labour market and precarity 1	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN35_T05_02 Gendered perspectives to migration	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN35_T05_03 Migration, diversity and the city	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN36_T05 Borders and (semi)peripheries	LC.1.01 – Venue L

RN37_T05_01 Present Challenges in Urban Housing: Policies, Market, Identity and Precarity C	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN37_T05_02 Urban Tourism: Actors, Activities, Impacts B	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN37_T05_03 Socio-Spatial Segregation B	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN38_T05_01 Reflections on immigrant inclusion	E2.02 – Venue A

## Research Streams - Time Slot 5

29 Aug 2024 | 11:00-12:30

Session and Title	Room
RS01_T05 Turns to Institutional Ethnography	E4.04 – Venue A
RS04_T05 Social sustainability, tradition and nature	E3.05 – Venue A
RS07_T05 Engagements in politics and citizenship	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RS11_T05 Commuting and Transportation Options	H5.01 – Venue A
RS14_T05 Non-standard work and job quality	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RS20_T05 Maritime Occupations I	LB.4.01 – Venue L



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## Business Meetings

29 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00

Research Network and Session	Room
RN01_BM	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN02_BM	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RN03_BM	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN04_BM	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN05_BM	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN06_BM	B4.04 and B4.05 – Venue A
RN07_BM	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN09_BM	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN10_BM	LC.2.R1- Venue L
RN11_BM	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
RN12_BM	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN13_BM	FC1 0.07 – Venue C
RN14_BM	D3.03– Venue A
RN15_BM	M2.01 and M2.02 – Venue A
RN16_BM	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN17_BM	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN18_BM	LC.1.04 – Venue L
RN19_BM	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN20_BM	B2.12 – Venue A
RN21_BM	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN22_BM	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN23_BM	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
RN24_BM	LC.1.03 – Venue L
RN25_BM	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN26_BM	B4.07 – Venue A
RN27_BM	LC.3.03 – Venue L

RN28_BM	M1.01 and M1.02 – Venue A
RN29_BM	LC.3.06 – Venue L
RN30_BM	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN31_BM	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN32_BM	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN33_BM	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN34_BM	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN35_BM	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN36_BM	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN37_BM	LC.2.00 – Venue L
RN38_BM	B2.13 – Venue A

**THURSDAY**  
**AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTERNOON**

## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 6

29 Aug 2024 | 14:30-16:00

Session and Title	Room
JS_RN01_RN13_T04: Diverse Family Structures in Old Age I	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
JS_RN09_RN17_T06: The expansion of AI on employment in Europe	LC.1.04 – Venue L
JS_RN13_RN30_06	LC.1.03 – Venue L
JS_RN20_RN30_T06: Youth and Political meaning 2: creative methods	D3.03 – Venue A
JS_RN21_RN24_T06: Novel methodological approaches to digital social data	H6.01 – Venue A
JS_RN30_RN35_T06: Decolonizing youth mobility: beyond the normative youth/mobility nexus 2	LC.3.06 – Venue L

## Research Network Sessions - Time Slot 6

29 Aug 2024 | 14:30-16:00

Session and Title	Room
RN01_T06_01 Communities, Ageing and Ageing Communities	H3.01 – Venue A
RN01_T06_02 Diversity and Ageing	H3.04 – Venue A
RN01_T06_03 Family and Ageing	B4.04 – Venue A
RN04_T06 Intra and International Relations I	E3.02 – Venue A
RN05_T06_01 Sustainable consumption 2: Waste	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN05_T06_02 Food consumption 5: Alternative models	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN05_T06_03 Sustainable consumption 3	FC1.0.36 – Venue C
RN05_T06_04 Cultural consumption 3	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN06_T06_01 Understanding finance, money, and debt in contemporary capitalism	M2.01 – Venue A
RN06_T06_02 Alternatives in and beyond disaster capitalism	G3.03 – Venue A
RN07_T06_01 Culture, politics and polarisation	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN07_T06_02 Cultural responses to social tensions and divisions	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN07_T06_03 National and ethnic identities	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN09_T06_01 New modes of consumptions and production	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN09_T06_02 Consumption, consumer behaviour and life conduct	LC.1.09 – Venue L
RN10_T06_01	LC.2.09 – Venue L

## Curriculum Innovation and Development (II)

RN10_T06_02 Gender and Education (II)	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN10_T06_03 Pathways, Retention and Dropout (II)	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RN10_T06_04 Confronting Epistemologies	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RN10_T06_05 Digital Technology and Education (III)	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN11_T06_01 Love, Trust, Wisdom, Loneliness	B4.07 – Venue A
RN11_T06_02 Media and Emotions	E2.02 – Venue A
RN12_T06_01 Public Perception and Resilience to Climate Extremes and Environmental Risks	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN12_T06_02 Political Preferences and Environmentalism	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN12_T06_03 Social Practices and Inequalities in Energy Contexts	FC1.0.37 – Venue C
RN12_T06_04 Advancing Sustainability in Agricultural and Fisheries Practices	FC1.2.01– Venue C
RN12_T06_05 Housing and Environmental Sustainability in Urban Contexts	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN13_T06_01 Family policies and interventions II	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN13_T06_02 Negotiating work-family constraints	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RN13_T06_03 Multiculturality in place and space	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN13_T06_04 Dating and matchmaking	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN14_T06_01 Session 8: Domestic Care	E4.02 – Venue A
RN14_T06_02: Session 9	F2.01 – Venue A

Care Employees and policies	
RN15_T06 General Session	F2.02 – Venue A
RN16_T06_01 Obstetric Violence between Transformations and Trust (2)	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN16_T06_02 Vaccination and (dis)trust: what sociology can teach us in the face of contemporary challenges (2)	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN16_T06_03 Disability and mental health at the intersection of policies, technologies and (new) inequalities	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN16_T06_04 Active ageing: the tensions between the end of working life and the beginning of a new (?) healthy and social life	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN16_T06_05 When the Medical encounters the Social: Exploring How Medical Conceptualizations and Practices of Care Affect the Social Provision of Long-term Care	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
RN17_T06_01 The inequality of job quality	H4.01 – Venue A
RN17_T06_02 Work in logistics	H4.02 – Venue A
RN17_T06_03 Regulation of platform work	H5.02 – Venue A
RN17_T06_04 The segmentation of work in the platform economy	M1.01 – Venue A
RN18_T05_01 Special Issue Launch 1	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN19_T06 Professionalism in health care	F3.01 – Venue A
RN20_T06 Ethnographic Methodologies	B2.12 – Venue A
RN21_T06 Quantitative methods for social media analysis	M1.02 – Venue A
RN22_T06 Trust and Expertise	F3.02 – Venue A

RN23_T06_01 Sexuality, Embodiment and Emotions	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN23_T06_02 Sexuality and Political Mobilizations	FC4.0.39 – Venue C
RN24_T06_01 Gender and Sociotechnical Imaginaries for Domestic Technologies	LA.2.57 – Venue L
RN24_T06_02 Evaluation and academic collaborations	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN25_T06_01 Far right and anti-immigrant mobilization	B2.13 – Venue A
RN25_T06_02 Movements and their trajectories	E2.04 – Venue A
RN26_T06_01 Trust	H2.02 – Venue A
RN26_T06_02 Justice and social rights	B4.05 – Venue A
RN27_T06 Societies in Polycrisis: new theoretical and conceptual challenges	LC.3.01 – Venue L
RN28_T06 Sport and History	F4.01 – Venue A
RN29_T06_01 The Situation, Positioning, Agency, and Creativity	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN29_T06_02 Theory, Concepts, and Epistemic Injustice	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN30_T06_01 Youth health and wellbeing	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN30_T06_02 Youth and political participation	LC.1.07 – Venue L
RN31_T06 Antisemitism, Antizionism, and Public Memory: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives	F4.02 – Venue A
RN32_T06_01 Political actors and the digital (2)	LC.2.00 – Venue L
RN32_T06_02 The impacts of gender politics	LC.3.05 – Venue L



RN32_T06_03 Urban environmental politics	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN33_T06_01 HARASSMENT, GENDERED VIOLENCE, FEMICIDE	LC.2.10 – Venue L
RN33_T06_02 MISOGYNY AND SOCIAL MEDIA	LC.2.07 – Venue L
RN33_T06_03 COMBATING INEQUALITIES-VIOLENCE AND WOMEN’S AGENCY	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN33_T06_04 GENDER, THE LIFE COURSE, FAMILIES AND CARE	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN34_T06_01 Religion, Gender and Sexuality	G2.01 – Venue A
RN34_T06_02 Theoretical and Methodological Issues and Challenges II	G2.02 – Venue A
RN35_T06_01 Diversity, Labour market and precarity 2	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN35_T06_02 Discrimination: current tendencies and ambiguities	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN35_T06_03 Migration, media and multilingualism	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN36_T06 Gender and parenting	LC.2.R2 – Venue L
RN37_T06_01 Urban Transformations: Growth, Memory, and Infrastructure	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RN37_T06_02 Urban Well-being and Diversity: Exploring Mental Health, Culture, and Emerging Lifestyles	LC.2.R1 - Venue L
RN37_T06_03 Urban Vulnerability and Social Dynamics A	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN38_T06_01 Rural governance	M2.02 - Venue A

## Research Streams - Time Slot 6

29 Aug 2024 | 14:30-16:00

Session and Title	Room
RS01_T06 Institutional Ethnography and Resistance Studies	E4.04 – Venue A
RS04_T06 Social sustainability in society	E3.05 – Venue A
RS07_T06 Engagements in deliberation and community	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RS08_T06 Urban re-articulations of state and civil society: cases of new municipalism I	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RS10_T06 Producing, contesting and reconfiguring urban sustainability: session 2	LB.3.12 – Venue L
RS11_T06 Spatial Mobility, Contextual and Neighbourhood Effects	H5.01 – Venue A
RS14_T06 Migrant precarious labour	LA.4.01 – Venue L
RS20_T06 Maritime Occupations II	LB.4.01 – Venue L

## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 7

29 Aug 2024 | 16:30-18:00

Session and Title	Room
JS_RN16_RN28_T07 Sport, physical activity, health and medicine	FC4.0.11 - Venue C
JS_RN02_RN07_III_T07 Transformations in fields of cultural production - session 2	LC.3.06 – Venue L
JS_RN13_RN14_T07 Work family dynamics and gender inequalities in post pandemic European societies II	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
JS_RN13_RN23_T07 Family practices in heteronormative societies (III)	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
JS_RN20_RN32_T07 Quantitative Approaches to Populism	LC.1.04 – Venue L
JS_RN21_RN28_T07 Quantitative research on sports and physical activity	H6.01 – Venue A
JS_RN23_RN29_T07 Affects, Encounters and Silences	LC.1.03 – Venue L

## Research Network Sessions - Time Slot 7

29 Aug 2024 | 16:30-18:00

Session and Title	Room
RN01_T07_01 Migration and Ageing	E3.02 – Venue A
RN01_T07_02 Norms, Values and Images in Ageing	E4.02 – Venue A
RN01_T07_03 Discourses of Ageing	E4.04 – Venue A
RN02_T07_01 Arts in the city	H5.01 – Venue A
RN02_T07_02 Evaluation, valuation and hierarchies	M1.02 – Venue A
RN03_T07 Biographies and Identities	F3.01 – Venue A
RN04_T07_01 Intra and Intergenerational Relations II	F4.02 – Venue A
RN04_T07_02 Social Justice and Social Policy	G2.01 – Venue A
RN05_T07_01 Clothing consumption 1: Fashion	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN05_T07_02 Food consumption 6: Critical perspectives	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN05_T07_03 Sustainable consumption: 4	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN06_T07_01 Understanding the Global in Global Capitalism	G2.02 – Venue A
RN06_T07_02 Capitalist forms and their contestation	G3.03 – Venue A
RN07_T07_01 Public spaces, monuments and memory	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN07_T07_02 Lifestyle and inequalities in the field of education	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RN09_T07_01 Labor relations and markets in times of crises	LC.3.11 – Venue L

RN09_T07_02 Net-zero economy	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN10_T07_01 Curriculum Innovation and Development (III)	LC.2.10 – Venue L
RN10_T07_02 Gender and Education (III)	LB.3.12 – Venue L
RN10_T07_03 Expectations, Aspirations and Choices (I)	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN10_T07_04 Parental involvement with school (I)	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN11_T07_01 Unequality and Emotions	H5.02 – Venue A
RN11_T07_02 Emotions and post-pandemic effects	M1.01 – Venue A
RN12_T07_01 Emotions, Memories and Reflections on Environmental Change	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN12_T07_02 Air Quality, Health, and Social Inequities	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN12_T07_03 Digitalization, Policy, and Narratives in Energy Transitions	FC1.0.37 – Venue C
RN12_T07_04 Digital Media and Public Engagement in Environmental Campaigns	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN12_T07_05 Environmental Governance and Decision Making	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN13_T07_01 Transnational families	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN13_T07_02 (Un)making intimate ties	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RN13_T07_03 Parenting adult children	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN14_T07_01 Session 10: Labour market outcomes of gender segregation and education	M2.02 – Venue A
RN14_T07_02 Session 11: Resisting Care Normativity	4.05 – Venue A

RN15_T07 Transnational Sociologies	F3.02 – Venue A
RN16_T07_01 Disability and mental health at the intersection of policies, technologies and (new) inequalities (2)	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN16_T07_02 When the Medical encounters the Social: Exploring How Medical Conceptualizations and Practices of Care Affect the Social Provision of Long-term Care (2)	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN16_T07_03 Illness narratives and contested illnesses: sociological perspectives	FC1.0.36 – Venue C
RN16_T07_04 Social challenges online and onlife narration	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN17_T07_01 Employability	D3.03 – Venue A
RN17_T07_02 The nature of employment relations	E2.02 – Venue A
RN17_T07_03 Workers' experiences and subjectivities	F2.01 – Venue A
RN17_T07_04 Wages and work regimes	F2.02 – Venue A
RN18_T07_01 Special Issue Launch 2	LC.2.R1– Venue L
RN19_T07 Motivation, Identity and Practices in professionalism	F4.01 – Venue A
RN20_T07_01 Qualitative Research Ethics	B2.12 – Venue A
RN21_T07 Country-comparative studies in quantitative research	B4.07 – Venue A
RN22_T07_01 Methods in Risk Research	H1.01 – Venue A
RN22_T07_02 Younger Generations and Risk	H1.02 – Venue A
RN23_T07_01 Expanding Perspectives on Sex Work	FC5.0.03 – Venue C

RN23_T07_02 Sexuality, Norms and Practices	FC4.0.39 – Venue C
RN24_T07_01 Trust in science, disinformation, controversies	LC.3.05 – Venue L
RN24_T07_02 Engagements with science and technology	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN24_T07_03 Platforms in the public and private sectors	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN25_T07_01 Social movements, volunteering, and civil society	B2.13 – Venue A
RN25_T07_02 Movements and change	E3.05 – Venue A
RN26_T07_01 Work and employment	H4.02 – Venue A
RN26_T07_02 Social services	B4.04 – Venue A
RN27_T07_01 Nature, environments and social sustainability	LC.2.07 – Venue L
RN27_T07_02 Migration and Social Cohesion	LC.2.03 – Venue L
RN28_T07 Sport and power	H4.01 – Venue A
RN29_T07_01 Crisis, Critique, and Emancipation	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN29_T07_02 Humanism, Colonialism, and Fascism	LC.3.01 – Venue L
RN30_T07_01 Youth, social class and mobility	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RN30_T07_02 Youth, social relationships and belonging	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN31_T07_01 Media, Discourse, and Antisemitism	H2.01 – Venue A
RN31_T07_02 Intersectionality, Racism and Ethnic Relations	H2.02 – Venue A
RN32_T07_01 The politics of everyday experiences	LB.4.01 – Venue L
RN32_T07_02	LC.1.06 – Venue L

Beyond identity - intersectionality, queer and trans politics

RN32_T07_03 Political sociology in contemporary times of crisis - Palestine and Israel	LC.3.06 – Venue L
RN33_T07_01 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND WOMEN'S VOICES	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN33_T07_02 WOMEN'S ACTIVISM	LC.2.09 – Venue L
RN33_T07_03 BEYOND THE BINARISM	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN33_T07_04 MEN AND MASCULINITIES BETWEEN MODERNITY AND LATE MODERNITY	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN34_T07_02 Religion in Different National Contexts	H3.01 – Venue A
RN34_T07 Secularization in Global Context	H3.04 – Venue A
RN35_T07_01 Diversity, Labour market and precarity 3	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN35_T07_02 Emergent spaces of belonging	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN35_T07_03 Theorizing new issues on migration	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN37_T07_01 The Gender Factor in the City	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN37_T07_02 Inside and Outside the City Borders: Suburbanization Trends A	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RN37_T07_03 Urban Identities and Social Dynamics: Methodological Insights and Case Studies	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN38_T07_01 Class and diversity	M2.01 – Venue A



## Research Streams - Time Slot 7

29 Aug 2024 | 16:30-18:00

Session and Title	Room
RS03_T07_ Interpretive Interactionism 3: Body and Experience	E2.04 – Venue A
RS07_T07 New Social Pragmatism	FC1.2.01- Venue C
RS10_T07 Producing, contesting and reconfiguring urban sustainability: session 3	LC.1.07 – Venue L
RS11_T07_02 Every day and Urban Mobilities	LC.1.09 – Venue L
RS11_T07 Spatial Mobility and Subjective Well-being	LA.2.57 – Venue L
RS14_T07 Precarious employment and its effects on workers' health and wellbeing	G5.04 – Venue A
RS15_T07 Territorial pacification, surveillance, protection	LC.1.11 - Venue L
RS16_T07 Spaces and Borders of knowledge production	LC.4.08 - Venue L



## Plenary 2

### Trust

29 Aug 2024 | 18:30 | Alfândega do Porto

With Chantelle Lewis, Jason Arday and Nira Yuval-Davis

Chair: Teresa Sordé

Chantelle Jessica Lewis (University of Oxford, UK) and Jason Arday (University OF Cambridge, UK)

#### “I’ll Stand by You: Love, Trust and the Politics of Neurodiversity”

Over the past 5 years, social justice movements have garnered unprecedented levels of media coverage. The zeitgeist of this moment continues to be in the struggle to imagine liveable lives for as many people as possible. In this plenary presentation, we position the possibilities of disability justice as providing some of the most imaginative and plausible suggestions for a better world. Through its origins in the toxic fusion of capitalism, racism and ableism; we posit neurotypical hegemony as one of the primary urgencies for modern day social justice work. Expect to be taken on a hopeful, loving yet critical exploration of how race and class become the modality in which neurotypical hegemony persists.

#### Biography

**Chantelle Jessica Lewis** is the Andrew Pitt Junior Research Fellow in Black British Studies at Pembroke College, University of Oxford. a public sociologist, presenter, broadcaster and social commentator. Her interests are situated at the intersections of sociology, politics, Black feminism, families and love. Dr Lewis is currently a trustee at The Sociological Review and on the editorial board of Lawrence Wishart Books. Dr Lewis co-founded and presents on the hugely popular and Radio Academy award nominated Surviving Society, a political podcast exploring the local and global politics of race and class from a sociological perspective.



She is regularly featured as a commentator and expert on radio, podcasts, and in magazines.

**Jason Arday** is Professor of Sociology of Education at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Education. Previously, Jason was Professor of Sociology of Education at the

University of Glasgow in the School of Education, College of Social Sciences. Professor Arday has also held the position of Associate Professor in Sociology at Durham University in the Department of Sociology and Deputy Executive Dean for People and Culture in the Faculty of Social Science and Health. He is a Visiting Professor at The Ohio State University in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and an Honorary Professor at Durham University in the Department of Sociology. Jason holds other Visiting Professorships at University of Glasgow and Nelson

Mandela University. He is a Trustee of the Runnymede Trust, the UK's leading Race Equality Thinktank and the British Sociological Association (BSA). In Nov 2023, he was named the 4<sup>th</sup> most influential person with a disability in the UK on the Shaw Trust Disability Powerlist 100.

**Nira Yuval-Davis (University of East London, UK)**

**“Belonging, bordering and contemporary necropolitics”**

We are living at a time in which the Durkheimian pre-contractual contract, so essential for the possibility of trusting any social and political solidarity, is highly damaged. The double crisis of governability and governmentality of neo-liberal globalisation has brought with it the rise of different kinds of identity politics, both on the Right and on the Left, as defensive strategies.

In this presentation I shall discuss some of the manifestations of these strategies and their effects on contemporary politics of belonging. I shall focus on the role of everyday bordering in these strategies and the growing necropolitics – the dehumanization of ‘the Other’ and their entitlement to life - as one of their outcomes.

**Biography**



Nira Yuval-Davis is Professor Emeritus, Honorary Director of the Research Centre on Migration, Refugees and Belonging (CMRB) at the University of East London. A diasporic Israeli socialist feminist, Nira has been active in different forums against racism and sexism in Israel and other settler colonial societies as well as in the UK and Europe. Among other activities she has been the President of the Research Committee 05 (on Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnic Relations) of the International Sociological Association, founder member of Women Against Fundamentalism, the international research network on Women in Militarized Conflict Zones and Social Scientists Against the Hostile Environment.

Nira Yuval-Davis has won the 2018 International Sociological Association Distinguished Award for Excellence in Research and Practice. The article she has written with G. Wemyss and K. Cassidy on ‘Everyday Bordering, Belonging and the Reorientation of British Immigration Legislation’, *Sociology*, 52(2), has won the 2019 Sage Sociology Award for Excellence and Innovation.

Among her books *Woman-Nation-State*, 1989, *Racialized Boundaries*, 1992, *Unsettling Settler Societies*, 1995, *Gender and Nation*, 1997, *The Warning Signs of Fundamentalism*, 2004, *The Politics of Belonging: Intersectional Contestations*,

2011, *Women Against Fundamentalism*, 2014 and *Bordering*, 2019. She is currently developing her recent article in *Sociology* on Antisemitism as Racism into a book. Her works have been translated into more than ten languages.

**THURSDAY**  
**AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**EVENING**

## Social Dinner and Conference Party

29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024 | 20:00 | Alfândega do Porto

Cap off the conference with our unforgettable dinner and Party! This is the perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy good food and music, and celebrate with fellow attendees, speakers, and the organizing committee. The evening will feature entertainment, networking opportunities, and a taste of Porto's renowned culinary delights.

The conference Dinner and the Conference Party will be at Alfândega do Porto. They are two important social moments to meet and network with other participants.







**FRIDAY**  
**AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MORNING**

## Semi-plenaries 14-19

### SP14 - Sociology in Action: Co-creating Integration Solutions with Migrant and Refugee Children in Europe

30 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC4.0.41 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

With Adnan Abdul Ghani and Mateja Sedma

Organisation: Teresa Sordé and Gary Pollock (Chairs of the Conference)

Migration, mobility, and forced displacement, with a special emphasis on the experiences and impacts on children, are integral elements that have shaped for decades European societies. This session will revolve around the need to generate knowledge by considering the views, experiences, knowledge, and insights of refugee and migrant families and children on social inclusion. Drawing on European research results, personal experiences, and extensive work from the grassroots up to the EU level, a discussion around effective strategies to embrace meaningful co-creation processes that define new responses in dialogue with, and not aside from, refugee and migrant families and children will be held. Effective practices that foster empowerment, emotional well-being, and social belonging among migrant and refugee children, as well as the tailored support systems in facilitating the inclusion and empowerment of adults and youth will be presented.

#### Speakers

**Adnan Abdul Ghani (Member of EU Commission Expert Group on migration, asylum, and integration)**

#### **Empowering Resilience: Advancing Psychosocial Support and inclusion for Refugees and Migrants in Europe.**

Reception of migrants and refugees in Europe presents unique opportunities and challenges for host societies. This presentation will delve into the empowerment and psychosocial support strategies implemented to enhance the well-being and resilience of these vulnerable populations. Drawing on the experience with Save the Children and the European Commission Expert Group of the views of migrants on asylum migration and integration, we will explore effective practices that foster empowerment, emotional well-being, and social belonging among migrant and refugees. The discussion will include case studies and evidence-based approaches. Additionally, some personal insights from a refugee journey highlighting the importance of tailored support systems in facilitating the inclusion and empowerment of adults, youth and children. This session aims to provide valuable insights and practical recommendations for better inclusion strategies in our European societies.

#### Biography

Adnan Abdul Ghani is project Manager and a Migration thematic expert in Save The Children Sweden where he developed Re-Act Model for refugee's empowerment, self-organization, and strategic cooperation. As a refugee from Syria, he started a movement to train refugees to lead community, the movement

has spread to other parts in Europe. - Thematic adviser for Region Västra Götaland, Sweden for the regional development strategy 2020 to 2030. - Member of EU Commission Expert Group on migration, asylum, and integration.



**Mateja Sedmak (Institute for Social Sciences at the Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia)**

### **Child-Centred Approach to Migrant Children's Integration**

The presentation will critically discuss the integration of migrant children in educational settings in the European context. From the prevailing adult-centred perspective (of educators, researchers and policy makers), successful integration is perceived as migrant children adopting the local language and cultural values, achieving academic success, progressing to the next grade, avoiding dropping out of school and eventually finding a job. Furthermore, integration often assumes integration into an imaginary homogeneous national culture. We will critically reflect on these traditional notions basing on a child-centred approach that recognises (migrant) children as active participants. With child centred approach we shift the focus from an adult-centred perspective to children's experiences of migration and integration, viewing them as experts, skilled communicators, rights-holders and meaning-makers (Clark and Moss, 2005; Fattore, Mason and Warson, 2007). What integration is from a child-centred perspective does not necessarily coincide with adult-centred perspective. This is illustrated using data collected as part of the MiCREATE - Migrant Children and Communities in a Transforming Europe Horizon 2020 project in eight European countries (UK, Slovenia, France, Poland, Austria, Denmark, Spain, Greece) and Turkey in 2019-2022 through comparative multi-method research.

### **Biography**

Mateja Sedmak, PhD in Sociology, is Principal Research Associate and the Head of the Institute for Social Sciences at the Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia. Her research interests include ethnic and intercultural studies, migration and integration, management of cultural diversity, and topics in sociology of everyday life and sociology of the family. She is vice president and the Head of the Section for Intercultural Studies at Slovenian Sociological Association. She is the editor of the journal *Annales – Series Historia et Sociologia* (SI) and member of the editorial boards of: *Social Science Discussions* (SI), *Italian Sociological Review* (IT) and *Demography* (SR). She has been the leader of many national and international projects, including the MiCREATE project – Migrant Children and Communities and A Transforming Europe, funded by the Research and Innovation Grant Scheme, Horizon 2020 program.



## **SP15 - Harassment in Institutions and Society**

30 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.0.01 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Ana Bull, Anneleen De Cuyper and Sarah Van de Velde**

Organisation: RN33 Women's and Gender Studies

Coordinators and Chairs: Elisabetta Ruspini (University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy) and Ana Vidu (University of Deusto, Spain)

Harassment is still a severe problem in different spheres of society, affecting people, especially women, of all cultures, races, ages, religions, social classes, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Research has also shown that the most vulnerable people, such as LGBTQ+ communities, are potentially at a higher risk of being harassed, bullied, or discriminated against.

Harassment can take many forms and can take place in many situations. Victims of harassment suffer significant physical or psychological problems such as depression, anxiety, sleep disorders, family tensions. Employees who experience sexual harassment can suffer significant effects, including low self-esteem, low job satisfaction, job burnout, isolation. Harassment produces high individual and social costs: its impact on women, families, vulnerable communities, institutions, organizations and policies requires greater attention.

Harassment is already on the agenda of most world-known companies, top universities, non-governmental organizations and social policies. However, sexual, domestic, workplace and online harassment must be specifically addressed by scholars aligned with the perspective of women's and gender studies. Effective action to address harassment and its multiple expressions in various forms and contexts require a broad and diverse view that pays attention to the close connection between harassment and gender systems. To this end, the intersectional feminist perspective and the gender-sensitive lens are valuable keys to understanding and responding to the phenomenon.

Based on these premises, the current call aims to discuss harassment and its link with gender norms, gender power relations, gender stereotypes, and other forms of discrimination, e.g., the maternal wall. What contribution can the intersectional approach and gender perspective make to understanding the causes that generate harassment? What actions should be implemented in institutions to prevent and respond to this problem? How are support networks built to overcome isolation toward those who choose to speak up? Are there generational differences when it comes to sexual, domestic, workplace and online harassment?

### **Speaker**

**Ana Bull (University of New York)**

Increased public and media attention is currently being paid to how workplaces and education institutions are addressing gender-based violence and harassment (GBVH). Scholarly and activist debates on this issue are divided. On one hand, some argue that survivor-centered, feminist forms of 'due process' should be

adopted within institutions and therefore, feminists should work to improve formal reporting processes within institutions for GBVH. On the other hand, others argue that institutions where violence and harassment occur must be inherently discriminatory – across gender, class, race, disability, and/or caste lines – and therefore cannot adequately manage reports of these issues. This position can lead survivors to take steps such as naming those responsible for harassment. Alongside this, many activists and scholars are advocating transformative justice solutions that entirely bypass existing institutional processes.

Despite these febrile debates, research literature on complaints, grievance and disciplinary processes for addressing sexual harassment within workplaces and education institutions remains limited. This paper addresses these debates using qualitative interview data from twenty-seven students and staff who reported GBVH their higher education institution in the UK between 2016-21. Building on Sara Ahmed's work on 'complaint', the paper takes the perspective of an 'institutional mechanic' (Ahmed, 2021) to explore why and how reporting processes for GBVH are often unsatisfactory for reporting parties. The paper also interrogates debates around informal versus formal processes, exploring whether more formality in institutional processes in this area is likely to be more helpful for survivors who need to report GBVH.

### **Biography**

Anna Bull is a Senior Lecturer in Education and Social Justice at the University of York, and co-director of The 1752 Group, a research and campaigning organisation working to address staff sexual misconduct in higher education. As well as multiple academic and public-facing publications on sexual misconduct in HE, Anna was an academic advisor to the National Union of Students for their report *Power in the Academy: staff sexual misconduct in UK higher education*. She sits on national advisory boards to address gender-based violence in higher education in the UK and Ireland, and co-authored The 1752 Group and McAllister Olivarius' Sector Guidance to address staff sexual misconduct in UK higher education. She has also conducted research into inequalities in classical music education and industry and sexual harassment in the film and television industry.



## **Anneleen De Cuyper (University of Antwerp)**

The university setting is often characterised by a steep hierarchy, power imbalances and professional dependency. This makes it challenging for people who have experienced sexual harassment at university to file an internal, formal complaint. This study wishes to analyse the reporting procedures at the University of Antwerp: How do people decide whether to report sexual harassment? If one does report, what is the outcome? Who falls through the cracks of these internal procedures and how? Do significant differences exist in reporting behaviour and outcome between groups with distinct socio-demographic and/or professional characteristics? To answer these research questions, the Belgian sample of the Uni4Equity questionnaire dataset on sexual harassment in higher education will be analysed using regression methods. This data will be complemented by in-depth interviews with various university stakeholders (e.g. policy makers, leadership, staff and students). Preliminary results reveal respondents expect to not contact specific university services due to: A lack of information about their setup (62,5%), confidentiality and anonymity concerns (34,6%) and preferring to seek help from family, friends and/or partner (29%). Interestingly, of the 9,1% who actually has been confronted with sexual harassment at the University of Antwerp, close to no one filed a formal complaint. Reasons included being concerned about not being believed by the university, that nothing would happen, and the reporting procedure being too difficult. These first results indicate a lack of knowledge and trust in university reporting services. However, additional research will provide more extensive data on the reporting procedures and decision-making processes involved.

### **Biography**

Anneleen De Cuyper is a researcher at the Sociology department of the University of Antwerp. Her research focuses on sexual harassment in higher education. More specifically, she aims to get a better understanding of the reporting behaviour of people who have experienced sexual harassment and the decision-making process of university members tasked with handling sexual harassment reports. Throughout her study, she combines quantitative and qualitative data collected for the Uni4Equity project. This is an international cooperation between several European higher education institutions, including the University of Antwerp, focused on preventing and identifying online and offline sexual harassment in higher education. Before her start at the University of Antwerp, she obtained master's degrees in Organisational Psychology (Ghent University), Management (Lund University) and Conflict and Development studies (Ghent University), enabling her to approach topics from various theoretical perspectives.





**Sarah Van de Velde (University of Antwerp)**

### **Biography**

**Sarah Van de Velde is a Professor of Medical Sociology at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.** She is a leading researcher in the field of social disparities in SRH and mental health, as well as access to healthcare. Her SRH research topics include abortion, female genital mutilation/cutting, contraception, and sexual harassment. She employs both quantitative and qualitative research methods and has extensive expertise in developing (multi-country) surveys. She is the Vice-President of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology, co-chair of the scientific board of The Social Study, board member of VLIR-UOS, and editorial board member of BMC Reproductive Health. She teaches several courses in the fields of Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, and Family Sociology.





## **SP16 - "Homelessness and Housing distress in Europe"**

30 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.0.02 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Eoin O’Sullivan and Luís Mendes**

Organisation: RN27 Southern European Societies and RN37 Urban Sociology

Coordinators and Chairs: Teresa Consoli (University of Catania, Italy), Inês Vieira (Lusófona University, Portugal) and Gabriele Manella (University of Bologna, Italy)

The European Commission has defined homelessness as “situations of living in temporary, insecure or poor-quality housing”. It clearly is a wide definition, which includes people who sleep on the streets, in the cars, in tents and/or in shelters. Covid-19 pandemics dramatically affected this part of population, but several data show that housing distress started even before: homelessness in EU countries had a 70% increase in the last ten years, and around 700,000 people are estimated to be homeless on a given night.

A report from FEANTSA (European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless) pointed out that many people are “increasingly marginalised by a private rental market that feeds off a systematic lack of affordable housing”: not only the migrants but also women and young people are at risk, showing new areas of social tensions and the urgency to rethink homelessness as a wider and increasing phenomenon.

If the trend has emerged throughout Europe, Finland seems the only country that has been able to reduce homelessness significantly: -19% between 2009 and 2017 and finally declared to have ended homelessness through a long-term orchestrated housing-led political strategy.

Our proposal moves from these considerations and focuses on two questions:

- Which methods and approaches can be used to analyse the conditions of homeless people but also the ones of people at risk of becoming homeless? Which policies and data collection on the phenomenon of homelessness can be strategic in the transformation of the welfare system and the public debate on housing?
- What is happening in the European countries and, specifically in southern European cities to tackle (or worsen) this situation?

This challenge clearly requires new welfare organizations as well as the sharing of data and methods. We boost the specificity of sociological approaches on homelessness and housing but also strongly encourage an interdisciplinary public debate on both issues.

### **Speakers**

**Eoin O’Sullivan (Professor in Social Policy, Trinity College of Dublin, Ireland)**

**Effective Systems to End Homelessness in Europe**

The objective of this paper is to provide a conceptual framework to understand the dynamics of homelessness, drawing on key lessons from research, and how these lessons can inform, through mutual learning and collaboration, the configuration of practices and policies in devising effective systems to end homelessness in Europe. Social science research has clearly demonstrated that the experience of homelessness is a dynamic process and that those who experience homelessness are not randomly distributed across the population but are part of a larger population of disadvantaged households, for whom housing precarity and insecurity is omnipresent. Given this understanding of homelessness, effective systems to end homelessness must orientate towards changing the “homelessness system” (that is the assemblage of services and policies that respond to those experiencing homelessness) rather than “changing people”. This is driven by an evidence-based understanding that homelessness is solvable, when the appropriate policies and practices are in place, rather than an unresolvable “wicked problem” as sometime portrayed. The objective of effective homelessness systems should be to prevent entries to homelessness in the first instance. For those that do experience homelessness, the objective should be to provide appropriate temporary accommodation to prevent literal homelessness, and to minimize the duration of stay in such accommodation by rapidly exiting households to secure affordable housing, with support if required. This will reduce the likelihood of a further experience of homelessness, allowing for the reduction of costly emergency accommodation and the alleviation of the individual trauma associated with a spell of homelessness.

### **Biography**

Eoin O’Sullivan is a Fellow of Trinity College Dublin, Senior Dean and Professor in Social Policy in the School of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin. He is a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness since 1992, and editor of the European Journal of Homelessness since 2009. Recent books include *Ending Homelessness? The Contrasting Experiences of Denmark, Finland, and Ireland* (2020), *Reimagining Homelessness* (2020) and his co-authored book *Decades in the Making: The Roots of the Homelessness Crisis in Ireland* will be published in early 2024.



**Luís Mendes (CEG, IGOT-UL, Lisbon, Portugal)**

### **Housing crisis: main drivers and the question of homelessness**

Undoubtedly, one of the problems that mark the current situation in Europe, Portugal and Lisbon, still in the 21st century, is the growing difficulty of the population in accessing the Right to Housing, a corollary of a structural crisis in the sector that has been going on for decades, intrinsic to the very functioning of the economic and social mode of production of the contemporary society, and which was particularly acute after the capitalist crisis of 2008-2009 and with the pandemic crisis of 2020-2022 and now resurfaces with the inflationary crisis. The purpose of this presentation is to analyse the main drivers of the contemporary housing crisis, mainly: touristification, neoliberal urban policies, and financialization of housing and rental market. We will also analyse the impact of this crisis on the galloping expansion of homelessness, which in the last half decade alone in Portugal increased by 78% reaching 11,000 people and in Europe the number reached 900,000 people. The presentation will conclude with an apology for the general principles and specific measures for an effective and consequent Public Housing Policy in the path of universal realization of the inalienable and unconditional Right to Housing in national territory and Europe.

### **Biography**

Geographer. Guest Lecturer and Permanent Researcher at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning of the University of Lisbon (IGOT-UL). He is a technical and scientific consultant in public and private institutions, as well as national and international projects. Author of more than 250 titles: papers, presentations, book chapters, books, technical opinions and reports, in addition to publications on gentrification, housing and urban regeneration. His work has been recognized and cited in the national and international media where he has a frequent presence. He has also worked in the last 25 years as a board member in

several civic associations and 7 years as activist in the social movement Morar em Lisboa.



## **SP17 - "The relevance of teaching social theory today"**

30 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | LC.2.00 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

**With Ramon Flecha and Hubert Knoblauch**

Organisation: RN10 Sociology of Education and RN29 Social Theory

Coordinators and Chairs: Adriana Aubert (University of Barcelona, Spain) and Mikael Carleheden (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

For the first time the European Commission has set its research priorities with a social dimension focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Therefore, research in all sciences today must have this social dimension which makes crucial the inclusion of social theory in social research and teaching of professionals as sociologists, educators, social workers, economists or lawyers even more relevant.

Learning social theory today means having better access to the best scientific knowledge available to understand current "tensions", and to understand the transformation towards a more democratic, just, egalitarian and sustainable society.

The session proposed responds to the ESA's approach of revitalising citizens' trust in science, and science cannot be understood without social theory. We contribute to the creation and maintenance of "trust" in institutions and key individuals such as scientists and politicians. Finally, we aim to shed light onto the teaching of social theory for future social science professionals who will have a key role on the processes of social "transformation" and thus on the achievement of social improvements. Social sciences offer to a world of uncertainties, conflicts and persistent crises, key elements of analysis and, importantly, the possibility to identify and analyse actions already reversing them.

### **Speakers**

**Ramon Flecha (Emeritus Professor, University of Barcelona)**

#### **The impact of teaching dialogic elaborations of social theories**

Now more than ever, without social theory, science cannot be understood. The current priority of social impact and co-creation (in research and in society) has created the best scenario in history to improve sociology and its contribution to the improvement of society. Sociologists have co-led the elaboration of this priority that is transforming all sciences and their relations with citizens. Today, the dimension of social impact is an increasing requirement. New legislation is being approved, for instance by the EC, to make compulsory for companies reports of their social impact. Citizens are claiming to participate in the assessment of the social impact of companies, governments and academia, including sociological theory and sociology of education.

Scientists from physics, neuroscience, mathematics and other areas are asking sociologists to develop the social impact dimension of their studies. They discover now their need for social theories able to contribute to their dialogue with society and the improvement of their social impact. Never, Nobel prizes of different sciences have been so motivated by sociology, and concretely by those social theories that make them able to improve their dialogue with citizens. Dialogic sociology is not one more theory different or competitive with other social theories, but the relevant orientation of recent elaborations of diverse social theories. Students are receiving with enthusiasm those elaborations and the clear transformations of society they are generating.

### **Biography**

Prof. Flecha is the highest ranked scientist worldwide in the category “Social Impact” (Google Scholar) and the 7th in the category of “Sociological Theory”, Emeritus Professor at the University of Barcelona and Doctor Honoris Causa from Vest University of Timișoara. His recent book “The Dialogic Society” (2022) is published in English, Spanish, Basque, Chinese, Catalan and Portuguese. In his book “Contemporary Social Theory” (2003) with a preface by U. Beck, he already discussed the importance of the dialogic society in social theory. He was the Chair of the Expert Group from all scientific fields to develop Horizon Europe's social impact and co-creation criteria.



Hubert Knoblauch (Technische Universität Berlin)

### **The 'Institutionalization of Permanent Reflection'. Sociological Theory and Societies in Transformation**

In the last decades, sociology has in fact got in dialogue with many partners. Having been confronted with the demand for interdisciplinary and the "mode 2" transdisciplinarity, it has opened also for participating in public discourses as a primary goal and, after its extension to a "global sociology", lastly, for postcolonial critique of its Western perspectivity. As important as the instrumentalization of sociological knowledge to various social actors has been for sociology as a profession, it not only made it increasingly difficult to teach "Sociological Theory" as a somehow bounded field of knowledge; in addition, it has led to some confusion about the discipline itself, to severe tensions and even schisms even in Sociology between different "paradigms". As a result, the role of Sociological Theory at Sociological Institutes, at universities and in Academia in general seems to have waned in many national and international academic systems.

There is no doubt that Sociology as pluralistic and highly differentiated body of knowledge does need to go in dialogue with as many social actors as possible, yet because of that, to be a trusted, respected actor, sociology needs to communicate internally about its own subject matter to maintain a disciplinary identity. This holds particularly for the current transformation of societies, the tensions involved with that as well as the crisis of scientific expertise (i.e. what we called the refiguration of societies). As a discipline which is studying society as well as the role of knowledge and the sciences in society, sociology needs to be able to reflect in its own terms about societies, about its empirical observations as well as its own changing role in science and society. These terms are provided by, reflected and corrected by the institutionalized field of "Sociological Theory" which, I argue, constitutes a unique and, because of its reflection, trustful perspective relevant also for students in an age of digitally mediated, algorithmic and artificial machines of sense-making.

### **Biography**

I am Chair for General Sociology/ Theory of Modern Societies and Co-Speaker of the Collaborative Research Center "Refiguration of Space" funded by the German Science Foundation (DFG) at the Technical University of Berlin's Institute of Sociology. I have been teaching Sociological Theory for 20 years and doing research in the Sociology of Knowledge, Culture, Religion, Communication, Methodology and, of course, Social Theory. Based on a wide range of empirical studies with different methods and methodologies, I have been trying to contribute to develop further the Social Constructivist Theory into what is now Communicative Constructivism. Latest publications: *The Communicative Construction of Reality*. London/New York: Routledge 2022; with Michaela Pfadenhauer: *Construction versus Realism? The Unrealized Potential of Communicative Constructivism*, in: *Sociologica* V. 17, No.1, 119-136 (2023) <https://doi.org/10.6092/issn.1971-8853/16725>





## **SP18 - “The relevance of teaching social theory today”**

30 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC1.0.03 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Michele Lamont and Donatella Della Porta**

Organisation: RN17 Work, Employment and Industrial Relations and RN25 Social Movements

Coordinators and Chairs: Guglielmo Meardi (Scuola Normale Superiore), Valeria Pulignano (KU Leuven) and Elena Pavan (University of Trento)

The challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic and post pandemic, combined with changing technology, demographic trends, armed conflicts and concerns about energy and the environment, have brought about a resurgence of social conflicts both at work and about the boundaries of work. On one side the re-emergence of inflation has given new centrality to wage issues, with waves of strikes and policy developments, for example on minimum wages. On the other the idea of work itself has been newly problematized. The reported emergence of labour shortages questions the future of labour supply, i.e. the availability of people for paid employment, in the way it has been known and largely taken for granted so far. The balance between work and life, the relationship between home and workplace, the distinction between employment, self-employment and other forms of activity appears much less clear cut than they have long assumed to be.

The semi-plenary proposes to reflect both theoretically and empirically about the social turbulences and the emergence of new forms of conflict from below at work – i.e., regarding wages and working conditions – and about work – i.e., the importance of work as a sense of identity and value for citizens and people alike - in the post-pandemic world. Issues like the ‘great resignation’, falling labour supply, new forms of labour power in politics and the workplace, and the redefinition of care work between market, household and society are important examples of topical societal concerns that require such reflection.

RN17 is well placed to propose evidence-based and theoretically informed reflections that directly address the ESA Conference’s theme of ‘tension, trust and transformation’ on a key social setting (work) and on very topical developments.

The proposed Semi-Plenary will consist of presentations on the social conflicts at (and about) work, and their antecedents and societal challenges for trust and social cohesion. The specific issues on which contributions will be called for from among the several colleagues working on this topic is:

- Social conflict at work on wages and on restructuring, new actors and new forms of mobilisation
- Social conflict on work-life balance, on remote work, and on technological change such as digitalization and Artificial Intelligence
- Social conflict on working time and on the duration of the working life (e.g., pensions, parental and care leaves)
- Social conflicts on care work, on its redefinition as key work and on its distribution between genders and between state, family and market

- Social conflicts on the redefinition of employment, e.g., in the platform economy, freelancing, and new grey zones between employment and self-employment

## **Speakers**

**Michele Lamont (Professor of Sociology and of African and African American Studies)**

### **Seeing Others: How to Redefine Worth in a Divided World**

Growing inequality and the decline of the American dream are marked by a mental health crisis across all social classes in the United States. I consider what alternative hopes are taking shape based on interviews with 80 Gen Zs and 185 agents of change who are producing new narratives in entertainment, comedy, advocacy, art, impact investing, and other fields of activity. They are offering alternatives to neoliberal scripts of self by producing narratives that emphasize inclusion, authenticity, and sustainability. They contribute to social movements that aim to extend recognition to the largest numbers, even in a context where political backlashes are multiplying. These transformations point to how to broaden cultural citizenship, not only in the United States but in other societies.

### **Biography**

Michèle Lamont is an influential cultural sociologist who studies boundaries and inequality, she has tackled topics such as dignity, respect, stigma, racism, class and racial boundaries, and how we evaluate social worth across societies. Her most recent book is *Seeing Others: How to Redefine Worth in a Divided World* (Penguin 2023). Lamont's a leader in the study of culture and inequality in the United States and beyond, helping to redefine the field of sociology as we know it today. Her many awards include the C. Wright Mills Award for *The Dignity of Working Men*, the 2014 Guttenberg Award, the 2017 Erasmus Prize, and honorary doctorates from six countries. She served as President of the American Sociological Association in 2016, was a Carnegie Fellow in 2021-2022, co-chaired the advisory board to the 2022 United Nations Human Development Report, and was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2023.



**Donatella Della Porta (Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence)**

### **Labour conflicts in post-pandemic times: a social movement perspective**

Pandemic times can be defined as emergency-driven critical junctures, having produced sudden breaks in routine and calls for deep transformation. Eventful protests were triggered during the pandemic, as it exacerbated intersectional inequalities, making their killing effects more visible. In the field of labour, mobilization addressed the very definition of essential works, the health conditions at work, the impact of precarity in and beyond job conditions, but also the suspension of some unions and workers' rights. As health rights became a bridging frame, conceptions of care and caring classes come to the fore. Building upon a social movement perspective, the paper will discuss if and how the opportunities opened by the critical juncture, but also its challenges resonated in the mobilization around work issues, affecting repertoires of action, organizational networks and collective framing.

### **Biography**

Donatella Della Porta is professor of political science at Scuola Normale Superiore in Florence, where she also leads the Center on Social Movement Studies (Cosmos). She is the author or editor of over 90 books and 150 journal articles on topics including social movements, political violence, terrorism, corruption, the police and protest policing. She has recently published "Regressive Movements in Times of Emergency: The Protests Against Anti-Contagion Measures and Vaccination During the Covid-19 Pandemic" (Oxford University Press, 2023) and, with Riccardo Emilio Chesta and Lorenzo Cini, "Labour Conflicts in the Digital Age. A Comparative Perspective" (Bristol University Press, 2022).



## **SP19 - Just Transition after Cop28. Closer or farther from environmental justice?**

30 Aug 2024 | 9:00-10:30 | FC4.0.40 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

**With Patricia Vieira and Gerard Mullally**

Organisations: Communications Committee and The European Sociologist

Discussants: Aleksandra Wagner (Jagiellonian University Krakow) and Pia Laborgne (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)

Chair: Luigi Pellizzoni (ESA Vice-President)

The idea of environmental justice began to develop as local protests exposure to toxic waste and other environmental degradation and health risks unfairly affecting socially disadvantaged and discriminated people. It quickly escalated to social mobilizations claiming the need to address environmental issues and social inequalities and injustices at once, as intimately connected within and across nations. Joan Martinez-Alier, Ramachandra Guha, Donna Haraway and many others contrasted views of ecological problems as a matter of conservation or growing technical efficiency with a view of them as primarily a matter of moving away from exploitative thrusts and finding ways of living and prospering together, humans and nonhumans. The rise of climate change as the epitome and synthesis of ecological problems led to a reframing of environmental justice as a question of just transition in the first place.

The division that has emerged at the recent COP28 climate change negotiations in Dubai is not simply between the good and the bad, between supporters and opponents of the need to move away from fossil fuels, but between those for whom the transition is financially viable (Europe and North America in particular) or dramatically imperative (such as island nations from the Pacific and the Caribbean), and those for whom a sudden phasing out of fossil fuels is tantamount to a climate disaster and, moreover, raises the risk of renewed forms of ('green') colonialism, based on technological dependence on rich countries.

If timing and modalities of the transition are issues that have long been addressed in the Just Transition framework, are we facing a new phase in the global ecological conflict? What scenarios for transition do the agreement for an exit from fossil fuels by 2050 open? Are we getting closer or farther from environmental justice?

### **Speakers**

**Patricia Vieira (Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal)**

#### **Environmental Justice and More than Human Rights: A View from the Amazon**

In this talk, I reflect upon the issue of environmental justice from the perspective of Amazonian communities that include both human and more than human beings. I discuss key features of Amazonian thought and the way it envisions a collaborative, symbiotic relationship between human and more than human sentient, intelligent beings as a significant contribution to current debates on climate change and environmental degradation. I then analyse the emergence of so-called "rights of nature" in Amazonian countries such as Ecuador, Bolivia and Colombia and analyse the ties between Indigenous knowledge and the legal

framework of environmental rights. I finally reflect on whether and how the COP negotiations, and their current state, affect the legal and political case for indigenous rights and approach to environmental justice.

### **Biography**

Patricia Vieira is Research Professor at the Centre for Social Studies (CES) of the University of Coimbra in Portugal. Her fields of expertise are Latin American and Iberian Literature and Cinema, Utopian Studies and the Environmental Humanities. Her most recent book is *States of Grace: Utopia in Brazilian Culture* (SUNY UP, 2018) and her most recent co-edited book is *The Mind of Plants: Narratives of Vegetal Intelligence* (Synergetic, 2021). She is currently heading a European Research Council funded project titled *ECO – Animals and Plants in Cultural Productions about the Amazon River Basin* and co-coordinating a Gerda Henkel Foundation funded project titled *Resilient Forest Cities: Utopia and Development in the Modern Amazon*. For more information check: [www.patriciavieira.net](http://www.patriciavieira.net)



**Gerard Mullally (University College Cork, Ireland)**

**Hope for future(s): How soon is now?**

Prior to embarking for CoP 28 in Dubai, Mary Robinson (former President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights), Chair of the Elders, addressed the Sustainable Futures Forum in University College Cork. Her theme proved apocryphal to eventual outcomes, lauding progress on “loss and damage” she later lamented that “transparency, equity and climate justice have been undermined by misleading language, false solutions and game-playing”.

Despite the relationship between cognate fields of justice, social justice, environmental justice, energy justice, climate justice and Just Transitions there is still considerable divergence regarding their intersections, practices, and theorisations. Just Transitions has tended to focus on extractive industries like mining but has recently expanded to include a focus on agriculture which has generated significant and powerful counter-movements (Stark et al.).

Recognising the value of transdisciplinary research, we need to (re-)consider questions of ethics, politics, and engaging publics in realising possible and desirable futures. Beyond environmental sociology (Abram et al., Aldoff and Neckel, Altstaedt, Delanty, Goldman, Strydom) there is a growing sense that we need to embrace futures that reimagine the sociological imagination and social imaginaries in the new times of the Anthropocene, theoretically, critically, and imaginatively! (Adam, Sarren et al.)

### **Biography**

Gerard Mullally is a lecturer in Sociology in the School of Society, Politics and Ethics at University College, Cork. He lectures in the Sociology of the Environment and the Sociology of Community and is Co-director of the post-graduate programme of the Sociology of Sustainability and Global Challenges and the award-winning University Wide Module: Sustainability. Gerard is co-editor of *Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Transitions to Sustainability and Metaphor, Sustainability, Transformation: Transdisciplinary Perspectives* (Routledge).







## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 8

30 Aug 2024 | 11:00-12:30

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JS_RN01_RN16_T08 Towards more resilience after the crisis? Resources, challenges and interdisciplinary perspectives of healthy ageing in Europe	B2.13 - Venue A
JS_RN02_RN07_III_T08 Transformations in fields of cultural production - session 3	LC.3.10 - Venue L
JS_RN13_RN30_08	LC.2.R1 - Venue L
JS_RN13_RN35_T08 Migration and transnational families	FC1.0.30 - Venue C
JS_RN16__RN22_T08 Algorithms in action: opportunities, risks and perspectives in medicine II	H6.01 - Venue A
JS_RN17_RN30_T08 Tension and Transformations in Contemporary Labour Market in a Youth and Generational Perspective 3	LC.1.03 - Venue L
JS_RN20_RN30_T08 Youth and Political meaning 3: meaning making and participation	LC.2.03 - Venue L
JS_RN21_RN24_T08 Using AI tools in sociological research	LC.1.04 - Venue L
JS_RN23_RN29_T08 Normativities of Nature, Capital and Time	LC.3.08 - Venue L

## Research Network Sessions - Time Slot 8

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RN01_T08_02 Ageing and Sustainable Societies	E2.02 – Venue A
RN02_T08_01 Art and Democracy I	H3.04 – Venue A
RN02_T08_02 Art Labour and Wellbeing	M1.01 – Venue A
RN02_T09_02 Art and Democracy II	H5.02 – Venue A
RN03_T08 Creative Applications of Biographical Methods	E3.02 – Venue A
RN04_T08 Intra and Intergenerational Relations III	E4.02 – Venue A
RN05_T08_01 Clothing consumption 2: Identity	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
RN05_T08_02 Food consumption 7: Stability and shifts	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RN05_T08_03 Sustainable consumption 5	FC1.1.20 – Venue C
RN05_T08_04 Sustainable consumption 6: Mobility	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN06_T08_01 Resistance, struggle, and survival in contemporary capitalism	F2.01 – Venue A
RN07_T08_01 Reading cultures	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN09_T08_01 Finance and money 1	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN10_T08_01 Politics, Citizenship, and Sustainability (I)	LA.2.57 – Venue L
RN10_T08_02	LC.2.08 – Venue L

## Inclusive Education (I)

RN10_T08_03 Expectations, Aspirations and Choices (II)	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN10_T08_04 Parental involvement with school (II)	LC.4.09 – Venue L
RN11_T08_01 Nostalgia, resentment and mistrust	B4.07 – Venue A
RN11_T08_02 Awareness and 'true happiness'	E3.05 – Venue A
RN12_T08_01 Conflicts and Mobilizations for Environmental Justice	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN12_T08_02 Environmental Behaviours and Antecedents for Lifestyle Change	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN12_T08_03 Renewable Energy Communities	FC1.0.37 – Venue C
RN12_T08_04 Exploring Paths to Sustainable Food Futures	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN12_T08_05 Urban Green Spaces	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN13_T08_01 Gender and family roles I	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN13_T08_02 Violence and constraint in family formation	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN13_T08_03 Parenting challenges	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN13_T08_04 Singlehood and childlessness	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
RN14_T08_01 Session 12: Persistent Gender Pay Gaps	G2.01 – Venue A
RN14_T08_02 Session 13: Networking in the academic world and beyond	G2.02 – Venue A
RN15_T08 Global Orders	F2.02 – Venue A
RN16_T08_01	FC1.0.04 – Venue C

Disability and mental health at the intersection of policies, technologies and (new) inequalities (3)	
RN16_T08_02 When the Medical encounters the Social: Exploring How Medical Conceptualizations and Practices of Care Affect the Social Provision of Long-term Care (3)	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN16_T08_03 Illness narratives and contested illnesses: sociological perspectives (2)	FC1.0.36 – Venue C
RN16_T08_04 Social challenges online and onlife narration	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN16_T08_05 The Power of the Use of Creative, Visual, and Arts-based Methods in the Study of Health and Illness	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN17_T08_01 Careers	H1.01 – Venue A
RN17_T08_02 Multinationals and national employment systems	H1.02 – Venue A
RN17_T08_03 Worker resistance	H2.01 – Venue A
RN17_T08_04 Management and work	M2.01 – Venue A
RN18_T08_01 Public Sphere	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN19_T08 Professionalism and technological transformation	F3.01 – Venue A
RN20_T08 Visual Research	B2.12 – Venue A
RN21_T08 Measurement instruments in quantitative research	B4.04 – Venue A
RN22_T08_01 Risk in Health and Social Care	F4.01 – Venue A
RN22_T08_02 Risk Management	F4.02 – Venue A
RN23_T08_01 Sexuality, Subjectivity and Gendered Perspectives	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN23_T08_02	FC4.0.39 – Venue C

Sexuality and Normativities		
RN24_T08_01	Intersections of Knowledge Production and Public Engagement	LC.3.05 – Venue L
RN24_T08_02	Measuring attitudes towards science	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RN24_T08_03	Literacy, Inequality, and Identity in the Information Age	LC.1.07 – Venue L
RN24_T09_02	Issues of language and technology	LC.1.09 – Venue L
RN25_T08_01	Countermovements and economic contention	M1.02 – Venue A
RN25_T08_02	Populist and anti-populist contention	H2.02 – Venue A
RN25_T08_03	Environmentalist framing and movement communication	H3.01 – Venue A
RN26_T08_01	Policy narratives and change	G5.04 – Venue A
RN26_T08_02	Changes in the welfare state	M2.02 – Venue A
RN27_T08_01	Territories, communities and civil engagement	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN27_T08_02	Vulnerable communities	LC.2.09 – Venue L
RN28_T08_01	Trends in physical activities	G3.03 – Venue A
RN28_T08_02	Sport and performance	G3.04 – Venue A
RN29_T08_01	Theorizing the ecological crisis	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN29_T08_02	Education, Arts, and Capital Conversion	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN30_T08_01	Youth, work and education	LC.3.01 – Venue L
RN31_T08_01		G4.02 – Venue A

Historical and Contemporary Antisemitism and  
Social Constructions of Racial Differences

RN31_T08_02 Attitudes, Memory and Racialization	G4.03 – Venue A
RN32_T08_01 Debating democratic innovation	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN32_T08_02 Discourse politics in crisis	LC.2.00 – Venue L
RN33_T08_01 GENDER AND SOCIALIZATION	LC.2.10 – Venue L
RN33_T08_02 GENERATIONS	LC.2.07 – Venue L
RN33_T08_03 GENERATIONS OF FEMINISM	LB.3.12 – Venue L
RN33_T08_04 STRATEGIES OF RESISTANCE	LC.3.06 – Venue L
RN33_T09_02 RESISTANCE TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY POLICIES	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RN34_T08_01 Religion, Science and Health	G5.03 – Venue A
RN34_T08_02 Religious Communities and Organizations	B4.05 – Venue A
RN35_T08_01 Migrants, welfare professionals and institutional ambiguities 1	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
RN35_T08_02 Migration and health in the time of crisis	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN36_T08 Inequalities and vulnerabilities	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN37_T08_01 Urban Dynamics: Media, Policy, and Practices in Shaping City Life	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN37_T08_02 Stigmatized Urban Spaces: Tourism, Politics, and Community Dynamics	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RN37_T08_03 Urban Vulnerability and Social Dynamics B	LC.4.02 – Venue L



## Research Streams - Time Slot 8

30 Aug 2024 | 11:00-12:30

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RS02_T08: Institutional and Societal Perspectives on Celebration	LA.4.01– Venue L
RS03_T08: Interpretive Interactionism 4: Professional and Institutional Interaction	E2.04 – Venue A
RS05_T08: Impact and Implications of Active Labour Market Policy	H4.02 – Venue A
RS06_T08: Visioning future families	H4.01 – Venue A
RS07_T08: Engagements with altered agency	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RS08_T08: Urban re-articulations of state and civil society: cases of new municipalism II	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RS11_T08: Spatial Mobility and Social Mobility	H5.01 – Venue A
RS14_T08: Comparing precarious labour across countries and sectors	FC1.2.01– Venue C
RS19_T08_: Rethinking Dependence: Trust and Social Hierarchies	LB.4.01- Venue L



**FRIDAY**  
**AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NOON**

### MD08 - Casualisation, Precarity and Career in Higher Education

30 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | LC.0.01 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Organisation: Postgraduate Committee of the ESA Executive Committee and The European Sociologist

Chair: Maggie O'Neill (University College Cork)

This lunch time special was sparked by an online seminar we held in September 2023 that was organised in collaboration with postgraduate scholars. What is clear from the seminar and our subsequent discussions (including a special issue of the European Sociologist on this issue) is how complex, multi-dimensional, and multi-layered a phenomenon the precarity of early career scholars is. How far-reaching are the social repercussions casualisation and precarity produces and how it reshapes universities. At the centre of the lunch time special is a commitment to facilitating space for dialogue and research on casualisation, precarity and career in Higher Education especially about how we might contribute in concrete ways to address these deeply problematic neo-liberal tendencies in Higher Education.

#### Speakers

##### Experience of an academic research career and its uncertainty

Despite efforts to encourage women's participation in science, their underrepresentation in academia persists. This manuscript presents a woman's personal journey in academia, revealing the challenges she encountered. Originating from an immigrant background, the author faced lower expectations from pursuing higher education. Despite these barriers, she pursued an academic career, then navigating issues such as academic hierarchy, structural power dynamics, and the law of silence. Furthermore, the manuscript discusses ongoing uncertainties even after obtaining prestigious grants and addresses reasons why academia might be an uncomfortable environment for women. This analysis underscores the obstacles obstructing women's advancement in academia and underlines the urgent need for this situation to change for many women and girls dreaming of an academic career.

**Ana Vidu** is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Deusto. She is member of the ESA Executive Committee and co-coordinator of the RN33. Ana is chair of the Gender Committee of the Horizon Europe project "SCIREARLY" and was chair of the DEI Committee of the Berkeley Postdoc Association. She leads the "UniswithHeart" research project on solidarity networks to improve prevention, action and support mechanisms against sexual harassment in academia. She defended the first doctoral dissertation on sexual harassment in universities in Spain and co-founded the first support network in the country, -today called "MeToo Universidad"-, recognized as Good Practice by the Spanish Government. Her work on gender violence, sexual consent, and isolating gender violence has been published in

many peer-reviewed scientific articles, more than a hundred conferences and invited talks, and is widely present in national and international media.

### **Gender and Precarious Careers in Academia**

This contribution aims to analyse how the principal transformations of the higher education sector, including globalisation, marketisation and neoliberalism, affect the relationships between gender inequalities and precariousness among early-career researchers. To discuss different perspectives on academic careers, the dynamics distinguishing three distinct levels of analysis will be examined, focusing on institutional, organisational and subjective levels. Particular attention will be paid to the general process of precarisation within higher education, and its connections with gender differences in academia. In the conclusion, the need to develop alternative policies and practices will be discussed, with the aim to resist and challenge the rules of neoliberal academia and to counter the reproduction of gender inequalities.

**Annalisa Murgia** is Associate Professor in Sociology at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan, where she is also the Scientific Coordinator of the research centre GENDERS. She is the Principal Investigator of the ERC project SHARE – ‘Seizing the Hybrid Areas of work by Representing Self-Employment’ (2017-2024). In 2014-2016, she co-coordinated the European FP7 project GARCIA – ‘Gendering the Academy and Research: Combating career Instability and Asymmetries’ at the University of Trento. Her main research interests lie in qualitative sociological and ethnographic studies, with a focus on precarious labour and its implications for workers’ agency, emerging forms of collective organising, and the social construction of gender in organisations. Her work appears in such outlets as *Organization*, *Research in the Sociology of Organizations*, *Gender, Work and Organization*, *Qualitative Research in Organizations and Management*, *Work, Employment and Society*, as well as in edited scholarly books.

## MD09 - LGBTQI+ Tensions and Transformations

30 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | FC1.0.03 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

Chair: Ana-Cristina Santos (Centre for Social Studies, Portugal)

LGBTQI+ issues have been at the forefront of positive changes and backlash in recent times, signalling tensions that call for a serious sociological examination. In this session, we draw our attention to movement, travel and mobility from a queer perspective. In particular, the speakers explore the intersectional, nuanced and complex challenges that the study of LGBTQI+ issues offer, cherishing the potential of theoretical and empirical insights with scientific as well as political impact on everyday life.

### Speakers

#### Transformations and Tensions of Queer Family Migrations

Queer families increasingly use the transformations of various countries' family and immigration regimes to have their families recognized, protected or reunified. For example, same-sex couples may migrate together, choosing a country recognizing same-sex partnership or marriage and/or providing legal pathways to parenthood and protection of LGBTQI+ parenting rights. Or LGBTQI+ residents of such countries may sponsor their partners' spousal visas or apply for family reunification programs. Furthermore, LGBTQI+ people also increasingly use transnational strategies to sidestep some countries' restrictions, such as travelling temporarily to third countries to access ART or surrogacy process, and then returning to their countries to regulate their family status and rights. These developments, however, are also fraught with many tensions. At the level of countries' family and immigration regimes, for example, they increasingly expose inequalities and hierarchies inscribed in these systems, as individuals' access to both family and immigration rights are not only negotiated within heteronormative frameworks, but also structured across classed, gendered and racialized lines. At the level of queer families as well, international migrations and transnational strategies of familyhood are often complicated matters involving, for instance, multiple migrations or prolonged legal and administrative struggles. These often carry heavy emotional and mental health burdens for queer families themselves, as individuals may be faced with personal losses or compromises in return for family recognition, protection or reunification. The topics above are just beginning to be investigated in the sexualities and migrations research, but these emerging studies already clearly demonstrate transformations and tensions of queer family migrations.

**Tanja Vuckovic Juros** received her PhD in Sociology from Indiana University Bloomington. She is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) post-doctoral research fellow at the Department of Sociology at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Zagreb, where she is finalizing a project on how citizens interpret anti-gender messages in Croatia and Belgium. Her research has been funded by the Croatian (Doctoral Fellowship) and the US National Science Foundations (Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant), as well as by the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (two

Individual/Postdoctoral Fellowships). This research is situated mostly at the intersections of cultural and political sociology, with a deep interest in families and sexualities. Her recent articles appear in *Sexualities*, *Gender, Place and Culture*, and *Journal of Family Issues*. She is currently a member of the board of the Research Network Sexuality of the European Sociological Association, as well as a member of a COST action LGBTI+ Social and Economic (in)equalities.

### **Sexualities and the labour of mobilities production: queer transport as a site of tension and transformation**

Despite the proliferation of work on the sexual and queer politics of movement across a range of disciplines across the social sciences, transport has rarely received the explicit critical attention that it deserves given its significance within queer lives. Recently there has been a growth in work examining LGBTQ+ people's experiences accessing and using public transport, but the paper argues that there is scope for a more expansive examination of the broader relationships between sexualities, transport and mobilities. Accordingly, this paper examines the study of these relationships in broad interdisciplinary context. In doing so, it highlights the often-neglected role of LGBTQ+ workers within the transport sector as producers as opposed to consumers of mobility. Moreover, an important theme within this work is on transport as a key site of queer labour solidarity and activism. The paper argues that this foregrounding of queer working-class experience within studies of transport can complement existing research on queer mobilities which has hitherto tended to focus on LGBTQ+ people as consumers of mobility. In forging a research agenda for a queer politics of transport, I suggest that work on queer labour activism within the transport sector can contribute towards a centring of labour and labour politics within geographical and other understandings of queer mobility. Moreover, I argue that it can also help to re-centre class and labour politics as key sites of tension, struggle and transformation within sexualities studies more widely.

**Jon Binnie** is Reader in Human Geography at Manchester Metropolitan University in the United Kingdom. His research interests focus on the LGBTQ+ politics in an urban, transnational and European context; transnational LGBTQ+ activism and queer film festivals. He is the author of *The Globalization of Sexuality* (Sage); co-author of *The Sexual Citizen: Queer Politics and Beyond* (Polity) and *Pleasure Zones: Bodies, Spaces, Cities* and co-editor of *Cosmopolitan Urbanism* (Routledge). His work has also been published in journals including *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*; *European Journal of Women's Studies*; *Gender, Place and Culture*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Progress in Human Geography*; *Sociology*; *The Sociological Review* and *Urban Studies*.

## MD10 – The Role of Social Sciences in Shaping Research and Policy Frameworks

30 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | LC.0.02 (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Venue L)

Organisers and Chais: Teresa Sordé (Conference Co-chair) and Lúgia Ferro (ESA President 2021-24)

This midday session will explore the critical role of social sciences in influencing European research funding and policy-making processes through the presentation of two examples. The European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASSH) has been instrumental in advocating for dedicated research funding for these disciplines, ensuring that European scholars continue to excel globally. Simultaneously, the session will address the challenges and opportunities of evidence-informed policymaking across Europe. It will highlight the efforts of the Spanish grassroots association “Ciencia en el Parlamento” in expanding the science-for-policy ecosystem. The discussion will focus on engaging society in the creation of mechanisms that integrate scientific evidence into policymaking, emphasizing the relevance of science for policy to all citizens. The session aims to underscore the collaborative efforts and the crucial role sociologists and the broader social sciences play in ensuring that scientific input in policymaking is inclusive and serves the broader public interest.

### Speakers

#### **EASSH Commitment in reshaping SandT narrative to include SSH research**

The European Commission is at the early stages of formulating the successor programme to Horizon Europe [1] - European Framework Programme 10 (FP10). Negotiations over the programme and the size of the FP10 budget will start in 2025. The academic and research community is not a passive recipient of the outcome of this process, but as a key stakeholder is increasingly an interested and active participant. The largest Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe (EASSH) has now been active for over five years to ensure a dedicated space in the research funding for these disciplines where European scholars have consistently delivered in terms of quality at global scale. The talk will provide some practical examples of how the Alliance is engaging at political levels in the shaping of the new framework programme.

[1] In December 2023 the European Commission assembled an independent adviser group for the EU's next research programme, officially launching the drafting process for Framework Programme 10.

**Gabi Lombardo** (PhD) is Director of the European Alliance for SSH one of the largest advocacy and science policy organizations in Europe and advocates for an evidence-based approach to policymaking, and researchers' inclusion in funding design. High-level experience in strategic and 'foresight' planning in international organisations like LSE, ERC and Science Europe. She's an evaluator for SSH and ethics for the EU, WB, COST. Gabi received the Young Academy of Europe Prize in 2018.

## **Ciencia en el Parlamento as Catalyst for Widening the Science-for-Policy Ecosystem: In the Service of Society**

Evidence-informed policymaking is widely discussed across Europe, aiming to enhance decision-making processes and develop public policies that better serve citizens. However, the challenge lies in creating structures and mechanisms that facilitate the integration of scientific evidence into policymaking. Furthermore, it is crucial to ensure that these processes genuinely benefit society. This raises important questions for sociologists: What role does Sociology, and the broader Social Sciences play in ensuring that science truly serves society?

In this session, we will explore the efforts of the Spanish grassroots association "Ciencia en el Parlamento" as a catalyst for expanding the science-for-policy ecosystem. We will discuss how to engage society in informing the creation of these mechanisms and emphasize the importance of demonstrating that science for policy is relevant not only to policymakers and scientists but to all citizens. Through this presentation, we aim to highlight the collaborative efforts and the crucial role sociologists can play in ensuring that scientific input in policymaking is inclusive and serves the broader public interest.

**Emilia Aiello-Cabrera** is Ramon and Cajal research fellow (2023) at the Department of Sociology at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), and member of the interdisciplinary Community of Research on Excellence for All (CREA). Between 2019-2022 she was EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School of Government (Ash Center) and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB, Sociology Department). Emilia's research interests are focused on how the most vulnerable social groups organize at the grassroots level to overcome inequalities. Currently, she is the principal investigator of the #FriendsMatter project. Friendship Networks of Immigrant and Ethnic Minority Women that Are Conducive to Social Integration (PID2022-140540OA-I00), funded by the Spanish National RandD Plan of the Ministry of Science and Innovation. Her works have been published in journals such as International Sociology, Plos One, Evidence and Policy, Qualitative Inquiry, among other. Editorial Board member of the journal Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, of the Springer-Nature group, in the Sociology section (2023, to date). Outside the academic field, she is vice president of the Science in Parliament association, and member of the Board of Directors of the Drom Kotar Mestipen Roma Association of Women.

## **MD11 - "Is there a European Health and Medical Sociology? An international survey on sociological associations in Europe"**

30 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | FC4.0.40 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

Organisation and Chair: Guido Giarelli (RN16 Coordinator)

The paper presents the main results of a cross-sectional survey on the development of the health and medical sociology associations in Europe over the past few decades conducted between May and August 2023 by a joint group of the ESA RN16 Sociology of Health and Medicine and of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS).

After identifying the challenges faced by the sub-discipline such as generational changes and criticism of “parochialism”, it aims to identify and characterize both Health and Medical Sociology formal national associations and informal groups in Europe. Employing a macro-regional approach and thematic content analysis, the results reported show the current status of European Health and Medical Sociology, characterised by varying degrees of institutionalisation and professionalisation across macro-regions. The interdisciplinary orientations and the attempts to engage with professional and public spheres of most of these associations are also discussed, thus providing a comprehensive overview of the field’s development and future perspectives in Europe.

### **Speakers**

**Guido Giarelli** (ESA’s RN16 Coordinator) is a Ph.D. at University College London is full professor of General Sociology at the University ‘Magna Græcia’ of Catanzaro (Italy). He was a founder and first president (2002-2005) of the Società Italiana di Sociologia della Salute (S.I.S.S.); secretary (2005-2008) and then member (2008-2011 and 2017-2020) and coordinator (2020-2023) of the board of the Section of Sociologia della salute e della medicina of the Associazione Italiana di Sociologia (AIS); member of the board (2004-2006) and then elected president (2006-2010) of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS); member of the Board (2010-2014) and then vice-president (2014-2018) of the Research Committee 15 (Sociology of Health) of the International Sociological Association (ISA); and he is currently coordinator of the board of the Research Network 16 – Sociology of Health and Medicine of the European Sociological Association (ESA).

He has been research associate of the Institute of African Studies of the University of Nairobi, adjunct associate professor of the School of Health Sciences of the Oakland University of Rochester (Michigan), visiting scholar at the New York Academy of Medicine and at Harvard Medical School of Boston, visiting professor at the University of Oviedo (Spain), at the Escola de Saúde Pública do Ceará di Fortaleza (Brasil), at the Centre for Sociological Theory and Research on Health Division and Population Health of University College London, at the University of Coimbra, at the University of Lisbon, at the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences of Athens and at the Miguel Hernandez University of Alicante. His main research interests are in the Sociology of health and medicine, comparative health systems, self-help and civil society in health care reforms, non-



conventional medicines and integrated medicine, illness narratives, ageing and life course.

**Dino Numerato** (RN16 board and Charles University Prague) is Associate Professor and Vice-Director for Research at the Institute of Sociological Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic). He is also the Co-Principal Investigator of the Czech National Institute for Research on Socioeconomic Impacts of Diseases and Systemic Risks (SYRI). His research interests focus on the sociology of health and medicine (healthcare professionalism, vaccine hesitancy, patient and public involvement, health and communication) and the sociology of sport (sport governance, football fandom and activism, sport and corruption). His work has been recently published also in *Social Science and Medicine*, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *Health Sociology Review*, *Qualitative Health Research*, *Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics*, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *Governance* or *VOLUNTAS*. He serves as ESA RN 16 Sociology of Health and Medicine Board Member (Midterm Conference Chair).

## **MD12 - Midday Special on the ESA Best Article Awards and ESA Young Scholar Award\***

30 Aug 2024 | 13:00-14:00 | FC4.0.41 (Faculty of Science – Venue C)

Organisation: Krešimir Žažar and Michalis Lianos on behalf of the Awards Selection Committee

Chair: Krešimir Žažar

After its inception at the 15th ESA Barcelona Conference in 2021, this is the second edition of both: ESA Best Article Awards and ESA Young Scholar Award. Whereas the former refers to best articles published in the two ESA's journals European Societies and European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology in the 3 preceding years (2021-2023), Young Scholar Award is assigned to the best yet unpublished paper stemming from a Ph.D. dissertation defended in the same time framework. In this very special session, winners within the 3 denoted categories will present their valuable works, while also vibrant responses from the audience is expected, as best articles will certainly ignite vivid discussion.

**The winners will be announced during this session\***



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## Joint Sessions between Research Networks - Time Slot 9

30 Aug 2024 | 14:30-16:00

Session and Title	Room
JS_RN01_RN13_T06 Diverse Family Structures in Old Age II	B4.07 – Venue A
JS_RN01_RN16_T09 Towards more resilience after the crisis? Resources, challenges and interdisciplinary perspectives of healthy ageing in Europe	FC1.0.07 – Venue C
JS_RN02_RN07_T09 On Becker	LC.1.03 – Venue L
JS_RN02_RN20_T09 Methods in the Arts II: Music and Visual Methods	D3.03 – Venue A
JS_RN13_RN35_T09 Integration of transnational families	FC1.0.03 – Venue C
JS_RN15_RN28_T09 Boundaries, Barriers, and (Multiple) Belongings through Sport	B4.05 – Venue A
JS_RN16_RN24_T09	FC1.0.30 – Venue C
JS_RN17_RN30_T09 Tension and Transformations in Contemporary Labour Market in a Youth and Generational Perspective 4	LC.1.04 – Venue L
JS_RN20_RN32_T09 Populist Discourses and Gender	LC.2.03 – Venue L
JS_RN21_RN24_T09 Doing sociological research on digital platforms	B4.04 – Venue A

## Research Network Sessions - Time Slot 9

30 Aug 2024 | 14:30-16:00

Session and Title	Room
RN01_T09_01 Informal Care and Ageing 2	H5.02 – Venue A
RN01_T09_02 Experiences of Ageing	M1.01 – Venue A
RN05_T09_01 Clothing consumption 3: Sustainability	FC1.0.05 – Venue C
RN05_T09_02 Home and consumption	FC1.1,20 – Venue C
RN05_T09_03 Sustainable consumption 7: Sustainable lifestyles	FC1.2.19 – Venue C
RN06_T09_01 Extractivism, Climate Coloniality, and the Green Transition	E2.02 – Venue A
RN06_T09_02 Liberalism and Neoliberalism in and before disaster capitalism	E3.02 – Venue A
RN07_T09_01 Beauty standards	LC.0.02 – Venue L
RN07_T09_02 Cultural consumption and commercial tensions	LC.2.08 – Venue L
RN09_T09_01 AIs and digitalized labor	LC.1.05 – Venue L
RN09_T09_02 Finance and money 2	LC.3.08 – Venue L
RN10_T09_01 Politics, Citizenship, and Sustainability (II)	LC.1.01 – Venue L
RN10_T09_02 Inclusive Education (II)	LC.3.03 – Venue L
RN10_T09_03 Expectations, Aspirations and Choices (III)	LC.3.01 – Venue L
RN11_T09_01 Emotions, politics, communities	H5.01 – Venue A

RN11_T09_02 Emotions, work, inequality	H6.01 – Venue A
RN12_T09_01 Advancing Environmental Awareness through Diverse Educational Models	FC1.0.31 – Venue C
RN12_T09_02 Narratives, Nature, and Non-Human Agency	FC1.1.09 – Venue C
RN12_T09_03 Participatory Governance and Community Engagement in Energy Transitions	FC1.1.22 – Venue C
RN12_T09_04 Policy and Discourse on Climate and Environmental Issues	FC4.0.12 – Venue C
RN13_T09_01 Gender and family roles II	FC4.0.41 – Venue C
RN13_T09_02 Family ideologies	FC4.0.11 – Venue C
RN14_T09_01 Session 14: Alternative Organizations	E4.02 – Venue A
RN14_T09_02 Session 15: Masculine Occupations	E4.04 – Venue A
RN15_T09 Global Networks	M2.01 – Venue A
RN16_T09_01 Disability and mental health at the intersection of policies, technologies and (new) inequalities (4)	FC1.0.06 – Venue C
RN16_T09_02 From complementary and alternative medicines to integrated medicine	FC5.0.03 – Venue C
RN16_T09_03 Exploring Mitigation Strategies, Preparedness and Response of Health Professionals in the face of Health Crises and Disasters	FC1.0.37 – Venue C
RN16_T09_04 Biotechnologies Reshaping Birth and Death and the Life In-Between	FC1.1.08 – Venue C
RN16_T09_05 Family distress and health care	FC4.0.39 – Venue C
RN17_T09_01	B2.12 – Venue A

Precariousness and proletarianisation	
RN17_T09_02 Working lives and creative work	E2.04 – Venue A
RN18_T09_01 Action, Struggles and Resistance	LC.3.02 – Venue L
RN18_T09_02 Advertising, Promotion and the Media	LC.3.04 – Venue L
RN20_T09_01 Visuality and Interview Methods	B2.13 – Venue A
RN20_T09_02 Space and Materialities	E3.05 – Venue A
RN21_T09 New digital and graphical methods in quantitative research	M2.02 – Venue A
RN22_T09 Risk and Public Safety	H3.04 – Venue A
RN23_T09 Sexuality, Research and Discourse	FC1.0.04 – Venue C
RN24_T09_01 Technological Innovations in Legal Systems and Cybersecurity	LC.2.R1- Venue L
RN25_T09_01 Space and urban contention	H4.01 – Venue A
RN25_T09_02 Protest parties and policies	H4.02 – Venue A
RN25_T09_03 Online activism	M1.02 – Venue A
RN26_T09 New challenges to the welfare state	H3.01 – Venue A
RN28_T09 Football and society	H2.02 – Venue A
RN29_T09_01 Embodiment and The Unavoidability of Interpretation	LC.2.02 – Venue L
RN29_T09_02 Non-Human Elements, Hybrid Life Forms, and Social Explanation	LC.3.06 – Venue L



RN30_T09_01 Youth, climate justice and activism	LC.3.10 – Venue L
RN30_T09_02 Youth practices and substance misuse	LC.4.02 – Venue L
RN30_T09_03 Youth, social bonds and lifestyles	LC.4.11 – Venue L
RN31_T09_01 Trauma, Memory, Social Relations, and Antisemitism	G5.03 – Venue A
RN31_T09_02 Global Perspectives on "Race" and Racism	G5.04 – Venue A
RN32_T09_01 The socio-politics of space	LC.2.00 – Venue L
RN32_T09_02 The role of political trust	LC.1.02 – Venue L
RN33_T09_01 GENDER ORDER	LC.0.01 – Venue L
RN34_T09_01 Religious Communities and Organizations	H2.01 – Venue A
RN35_T09_01 Migrants, welfare professionals and institutional ambiguities 2	FC4.0.40 – Venue C
RN35_T09_02 Interconnections between Geographical and social mobility	FC1.1.07 – Venue C
RN35_T09_03 Citizenship and coping mechanisms in the margins	FC1.2.26 – Venue C
RN37_T09_01 Inside and Outside the City Borders: Suburbanization Trends B	LC.2.01 – Venue L
RN37_T09_02 Urban Policies and Social Dynamics: Intercultural, Participatory, and Crisis-Responsive Approaches	LC.2.R2 – Venue L
RN37_T09_03 Socio-Spatial Dynamics at the Neighbourhood Level C	LC.1.06 – Venue L
RN38_T09_01 Farming and environment	H1.01 – Venue A

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Land use changes and resistance

H1.02 – Venue A

## Research Streams - Time Slot 9

30 Aug 2024 | 14:30-16:00

Session and Title	Room
RS01_T09 Institutional Ethnography, Front-Line Workers, and Services	LC.4.08 – Venue L
RS03_T09 Interpretive Interactionism 5: Professional and Institutional Interaction continued	LC.3.11 – Venue L
RS07_T09 Urban and spatial engagements	FC1.0.29 – Venue C
RS11_T09 Crises, Residential Preferences and Spatial Mobilities	FC1.0.36– Venue C
RS14_T09 Platform work	FC1.2.01– Venue C
RS15_T09 Warfare: i/legality, legitimacy and societal engagement	LC.1.11 – Venue L
RS16_T09 Scientific Knowledge within and outside academia	LC.3.05 – Venue L



## ESA General Assembly

30 Aug 2024 | 16:30-17:45 | Room Suggia, Casa da Música

The General Assembly of the European Sociological Association (ESA) will take place on Friday, August 30th, at 16:30 in Casa da Música, room Suggia.

This assembly, convened by ESA President Lígia Ferro following Article 5 of the ESA Statutes, is a pivotal event where all ESA members gather to discuss and shape the future of the association.

The agenda for the General Assembly includes:

1. **Opening** - Presidents' report
2. **Sub-committee reports:**
  - Conference
  - Research Networks
  - National Associations
  - International Relations
  - Publications
  - Communication
  - Postgraduate
  - Policy and Finance
3. **Treasurer's report**
4. **Reflections on ESA governance**
5. **Comprehensive Review of the Statutes:** Voting on the amendments to the ESA's Statutes and By-Laws
6. **Results of the ESA Elections**
7. **Announcement of the 17th ESA Conference**

## Plenary 3 Transformation

30 Aug 2024 | 18:00 | Casa da Música

With Michael Biggs and Jana Hainsworth

Chair: Gary Pollock

Michael Biggs (University of Oxford, UK)

### **“How critical social theory has transformed institutions and culture”**

In the last ten years, Western societies have experienced a significant transformation in their institutions and culture, with increasing emphases on race, gender, and sexuality. This transformation has many potential causes, such as the rise of digital social media. My aim is to evaluate the impact of academic theories developed in the 1980s, such as queer theory and critical race theory. Can we view such theories as self-reinforcing prophecy? I will draw on the literature on the performativity of economics, which argues that economic theories construct as well as describe their object. A case study will illustrate how Judith Butler’s conception of gender impacted the operation of English prisons in the 2010s.

### **Biography**



**Michael Biggs** is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Oxford and Fellow of St Cross College. His primary research focuses on social movements and political sociology. In the area of sex and gender, he has published on various subjects. One is on the evidence for puberty suppression in children experiencing gender dysphoria. He has acted as an expert witness in legal cases in England, Australia, and the United States. Another subject is the influence of queer theory on prison policy. Most recently he discovered serious errors in the gender-identity question used by the 2021 Census of England and Wales.

Jana Hainsworth (Independent Consultant)

### **“Science, Politics and Activism: Together advancing children's rights and well-being across Europe”**

When and why did the European Union start to champion children’s rights? What and who influences policy making and politicians at EU level? What is the current state-of-play post-European Parliament elections June 2024? What does the future hold for collaboration between research, civil society and politics to protect

and promote a rights-based approach to social progress and investment in children and families across Europe?

This presentation draws on the speakers' experience leading a European NGO advocating for the rights and well-being across Europe from 2006-2022. It traces the steps that led to the adoption of a European Strategy on the Rights of the Child and the European Child Guarantee by European leaders in 2021. It maps the dynamics of EU influence over time, exploring the relationship between research, evidence and activism and some of the tensions therein.

Between 6-9 June 2024, around 400 million Europeans can vote for their representatives to the European Parliament. The results will determine who leads the EU institutions and their political priorities for the next 5 years. The presentation will reflect on the outcomes and the risks and opportunities for academia and civil society working to advance children's rights and well-being across Europe.

## Biography



**Jana Hainsworth** is an expert in EU social policy and children's rights. She has over 25 years' experience working at EU level, influencing policy and helping organisations to communicate and implement those policies at national level.

From 2006 to 2022 she was Secretary General of Eurochild, a network of organisations promoting the rights and well-being of children across Europe. She helped design advocacy campaigns on early childhood development and deinstitutionalisation. During her leadership, Eurochild influenced several EU policy milestones, notably the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child and the European Child Guarantee.

From 2015-2019 she was elected President of Social Platform bringing together 45 civil society networks advocating for a stronger social Europe. In 2017 she led Social Platform's delegation to the Gothenburg Summit where Heads of State signed the European Pillar of Social Rights. The 'Social Pillar' remains the North Star of EU social policy today.

Jana is an independent consultant since March 2023. She works at the intersection of private philanthropy, civil society and the EU. Her mission is to help social change advocates more effectively harness EU policies and funding.

## **Closing Ceremony**

30 Aug 2024 | 18:00 | Casa da Música

The closing ceremony will be held at Casa da Música after the Plenary 3

### **Speakers**

Gary Pollock (Conference Co-Chair)

Tiziana Nazio (ESA Executive Committee 2021-2024)





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AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

# **ESA ELECTIONS**

**2024-2026**

### Kaja Gadowska | Jagiellonian University | Poland



#### Curriculum Vitae

Kaja Gadowska, Ph.D., professor of sociology at the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland; visiting scholar at foreign universities in Europe, Asia and Africa. Vice President of the European Sociological Association and Head of its Policy Committee (2019–2021, 2021–2023); responsible, among other things, for a comprehensive revision of the ESA Statutes and By Laws. Member of the Polish Sociological Association (PSA) Board of Directors (2018–2021, 2021–2024), and PSA representative to the International Sociological Association (2018–2024).

Her research interests focus on the public sphere and relations between politics, economics, and public administration in post-communist countries. Principal investigator for several grant projects, she has also (co)authored or (co)edited numerous publications, including *Legal Change in Post-Communist States: Progress, Reversions, Explanations* (co-edited with P. Solomon, Jr.) and *A Sociological Agora: Master Lectures from Poland* (editor).

#### Short statement

As an ESA Executive Committee member for the last two terms, it has been an honour to collaborate with colleagues from all over Europe, aspiring to achieve the best for the ESA. Prioritizing collegiality and inclusive participation, I strove for transparency in associational endeavors. My objective is to support and augment ESA's successes through new and continued initiatives, so that it remains dynamic globally.

1. Expand and strengthen ESA international collaboration: Establish partnerships with key social science institutions and associations; reinforce the position of social sciences in Europe through international networking.
2. Intensify collaboration with Research Networks and National Associations: Support biannual meetings of Research Networks Council and National Associations Council.
3. Promote young and early career participation: Continue the PhD Summer Schools and create new networking fora for young scholars; launch mentorships in alliance with RNs; foster publishing webinars with ESA Editors.
4. Increase impact of ESA journals and publications: Continue the Open Access transition of ESA Journals, boosting their excellence and success.

5. Enhance the visibility of underrepresented communities: Champion equity for a diverse intellectual landscape.
6. Develop a green policy for the Association: Encourage the lowest possible carbon footprint for all ESA processes and events.

## John O'Brien | University College Cork | Ireland



### Curriculum Vitae

John O'Brien is a lecturer in sociology in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, University College Cork. He is a member of the ESA RN05 Sociology of Consumption and RN29 Social Theory. He was President of the Sociological Association of Ireland 2019-2023 and alongside this was active in the Council of National Associations. He is currently Editor in Chief of the Irish Journal of Sociology. His research interests incorporate the sociological analysis of alcohol use and its regulation, social theory, historical sociology, crime and deviance and penology. Recent publications focus on the history of the regulation and promotion of alcohol use by the state, changing practices in

alcohol use, sociability in the Covid-19 pandemic, sexual aggression in the nighttime economy, public health policy on alcohol, and informal social control in drinking culture. Current research focuses on the lobbying activities of the alcohol industry, and animal-assisted interventions in prison.

### Short statement

If elected I would focus on developing the ESA by building on the excellent work of the outgoing President and committee. My primary qualification for the role is my former role as Sociological Association of Ireland President. In that time through the work of the committee and myself, membership, assets, and most importantly, the activities of the association increased considerably. Much work was done to improve the systems, processes and visibility of the association. I would bring this experience to bear in the ESA Presidency role. My priorities would be sustaining and developing the intellectual capital and ethical vision that the association cultivates through its journals and books series, conference, research networks and activities with national associations. They include collaborating with a talented and motivated team on the executive committee that will keep the machinery that produces the activities of the association running efficiently and reviewing and developing the governance of the association. A priority is building membership, and encouraging involvement in leadership positions on the committee, RNs and editorial work, with an eye to representativeness in all dimensions of difference. Through this I hope to help leave the ESA in a strong position at the end of my term.

## Candidates for the Executive Committee

### Jörn Ahrens | Justus Liebig University Giessen | Germany



#### Curriculum Vitae

Since 2011 Professor of Cultural Sociology with Focus on the Transformation of Culture, University of Giessen, Germany.

Since 2018 Extraordinary Professor of Social Anthropology, North-West University, South Africa.

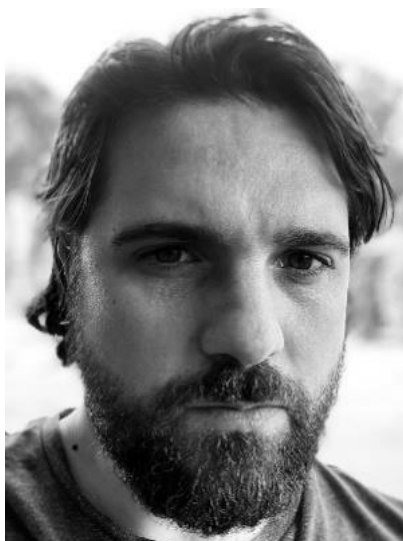
2006 Habilitation in Cultural Sociology / Cultural Studies, Humboldt University Berlin

1999 Ph.D. in Sociology, Free University Berlin

Research interests: Society, violence, and anxiety; Nature, culture, and sustainability; Popular media and culture (film, comics); Modernity and mythologies.

Recent publications: Jörn Ahrens and Ernst Halbmayer (eds.): *Climate Change Epistemologies in Southern Africa: Social and Cultural Dimensions*, London and New York 2023: Routledge; *On the History of Fascination with Violence: Mediations of the Immediate*, in: Jutta Ecarius and Johannes Bilstein (eds.): *Violence – Reason – Fear: Interdisciplinary Approaches and theoretical Approaches*, Wiesbaden 2023: Springer VS, [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-40886-2\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-40886-2_6); *Ada in the Jungle and Aya of Yop City: Negotiating “Africa” in Comics*, in: Vanessa Ossa et al. (eds.): *Comics and Agency*, Berlin/Boston 2022: Walter de Gruyter

### Julien Audemard | University of Montpellier | France



#### Curriculum Vitae

Julien Audemard, a PhD holder in political science, is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the University of Montpellier. His research, which delves into cultural practices and policies in France and Europe, is highly regarded. He is a specialist in political analysis, quantitative survey methods, and statistical data analysis.

His scholarly contributions include twenty-two articles in peer-reviewed journals and seven book chapters in both French and English. Julien Audemard worked on the 2018 survey of French

cultural practices and has also participated in several research projects on the territorial impact of festivals in mainland France. He has also participated in several international projects, including the H2020 project “UNCHARTED,” which focused on analysing the social values of culture, particularly in implementing cultural policies at European, national, regional, and metropolitan levels.

**Tom Brock | Manchester Metropolitan University | United Kingdom**



**Curriculum Vitae**

I am excited to take on a leadership role in the European Sociological Association (ESA). My involvement with the ESA dates to my active participation in RN05, contributing to discussions and research that explore the dynamics of games and consumer society. Additionally, I played a key role in the local organising committee of the 14th ESA conference in Manchester.

My academic interests lie at the intersection of sociology and digital social science. By joining the ESA executive committee, I aim to collaborate with fellow sociologists to advance our understanding of digital transformations and their implications for sociology as a discipline. I am passionate about strengthening and building bridges across these fields, recognising the importance of digital technologies in shaping social behaviours and structures. As such, I am eager to contribute to the ESA’s mission by fostering interdisciplinary dialogues that enhance the robustness of European sociology in the digital age.

**Arne Dulsrud | Consumption Research Norway, Oslo Metropolitan University | Norway**



**Curriculum Vitae**

My name is Arne Dulsrud, and I am a Research Professor at the institute of Consumption Research Norway, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway. I have been a member of the RN05 Sociology of consumption since 1991 where I was a board member 2015-2022, I have also been affiliated with RN 09 Economic Sociology.

My academic journey has been centred around consumption and markets, where I have developed a particular interest in the political and economic aspects of food consumption.

My current research focuses on food security and sustainability with a global approach, encompassing projects in both India and Latin America. My most recent project addresses how processes of digitalization impact household consumption practices.

Throughout the last ten years, I have engaged as coordinator in various projects funded by the Research Council of Norway and the EU Commission (ERA-net). Currently, I am leading a project funded the Belmont Forum.

**Michela Franceschelli | UCL Social Research Institute | United Kingdom**



**Curriculum Vitae**

Michela Franceschelli is the Programme leader of the BSc Sociology at UCL and the module leader of Social Theory and Developing Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods. She was trained in Italy (University of Perugia) and the UK (LSE, SOAS, UEA). Her thesis (Identity and Upbringing in South Asian Muslim Families) was published in a monograph and her work has been published in *Sociology*, *The Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and *The*

*Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies* and *Current Sociology*, among other journals. Her research is set between migration, youth studies and cultural sociology. It examines the effects of social inequalities and coloniality on the transitions to adulthood and the identities of migrants and children of migrants. Michela is a mixed-method researcher with expertise in visual methodologies and social documentaries. She has been an ESA member since 2012 and the coordinator of the RN30 since 2019.

**Loukia-Maria Fratsea | Harokopio University | Greece**



**Curriculum Vitae**

Loukia-Maria Fratsea is a researcher at the Department of Geography, Harokopio University (Athens, Greece). She studied Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Rural Sociology and Social Geography. Her research combines social and geographical analysis in the study of migrants and migration movements in urban and rural areas. She has participated in numerous national and international research projects on migrant integration, rural development, refugees and integration policies, socio-spatial mobility of migrants and migration policies and



has published in Greek and international journals. In addition to Greek, she is fluent in English, French and Romanian. She has been a member of ESA since 2017 and is a member of RN27: Southern European Societies, RN35: Sociology of Migration and RN38: Space, Society and Rurality. She was a member of the ESA Executive Committee for the 2021-2024 term. Her research interests include social transformation, migration and social change, social stratification and mobility.

### **Milica Antić Gaber | University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts | Slovenia**



#### **Curriculum Vitae**

Milica Antić Gaber is a Senior Researcher and Full Professor in the Department of Sociology at the Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana. At the university, she teaches at both graduate and post-graduate levels and coordinates the Doctoral program on Gender Studies. Additionally, she has served as a visiting scholar and lecturer at several European universities.

She has actively participated in/and coordinated numerous national and international projects focused on gender equality, violence against women, balancing the private and professional lives of women in politics, gender quotas, the implementation of GEPs in the academic field, and sexual harassment in academia. She has also been a member of the EIGE's Expert Forum and has contributed to the evaluation of Slovene and EU gender equality policies.

Furthermore, she has been a member of the ESA RN33 Women's and Gender Studies since 2011 and has served two terms on ESA Executive Board.

### **Nilay Çabuk Kaya | University of Ankara | Türkiye**



#### **Curriculum Vitae**

She is a professor of sociology at the University of Ankara, Türkiye. She is currently to serve as vice-president of Turkish Sociological Association (TSA). She was an executive committee member of the European Sociological Association (ESA) (2021-2024). She is also a board member of ESA RN33- "Women's and Gender Studies", RN 30 Youth and Generation, Regional Representatives of the Middle East and West Asia in the ISA RC 32 'Women in Society'.

She has been professionally a very active sociologist; an elected EC Board Member of

Turkish Sociological Association 2004 and Vice President since 2013. Her academic community services extend internationally, she has been a member of ESA since 1995, and of ISA since 2006

She has a sound educational background and received her degrees in Sociology and Social Policy. She has a PhD from Durham University, UK (1995) and received her M.A. and B.A. from the Department of Sociology, Ege University, İzmir.

Her research focuses on the issues of sociology of gender, sociology of youth, rural sociology, sociology of education, immigration and refugees. She has published in English and in Turkish in national and international academic journals. Her work has been funded by national (TUBİTAK) and international bodies including 6th Framework program of EU.

### **Hubert Knoblauch | Technical University of Berlin | Germany**



#### **Curriculum Vitae**

Hubert Knoblauch is Professor of General Sociology at the Technical University of Berlin. His areas of research are Sociological Theory, Sociology of Knowledge, Religion and Communication, Qualitative Methods, particularly Videography and Ethnography. He is Co-Chair of the Research Consortium “Refiguration of Knowledge” and has been Chair and Co-Chair of the Research Network “Qualitative Methods”, “Sociology of Culture”, “Sociology of Religion” and “Social Theory”. His

most recent monography is *The Communicative Construction of Reality*, London, New York: Routledge 2020).

### **Marilena Macaluso | University of Palermo | Italy**



#### **Curriculum Vitae**

Marilena Macaluso (Ph.D.) is Associate Professor in Political Sociology in the Cultures and Societies Department, University of Palermo, Italy. In 2023 she achieved the National Scientific Qualification as full professor in the Italian Higher Education System. Since 2021, she has been a member of the ESA Executive Committee, contributing especially to the Policy Committee (participating in the

inclusive decision-making process of revising the statute) and to the Communications Committee (supporting the edition of *The European Sociologist* magazine). Responsible for the double degree program (funded by Extra-EU Erasmus+) in Public, Business and Advertising Communication/Mastère

professionnelle Négociation Commerciale, Communication, Médiation Culturelle (Unipa Italy – UTM Tunisia). Member of national and international research groups (including Horizon and ISFP projects as Oltre, Smooth, Global Answers, Commit). Her recent research focuses on democracy and political participation; political socialisation and second generations.

**Andrea Maurer | Trier University, Department IV | Germany**



**Curriculum Vitae**

Andrea Maurer is a full professor of sociology at Trier University, Germany. After completing her studies in social sciences with a thesis about Karl Marx and Max Weber in 1987, she wrote a dissertation thesis about “The institutionalization of time” (1991) and worked in parallel as a research assistant. Her habilitation writing was about “Social order through rule” (1996). She received callings from various universities and was appointed a

professor of sociology with focus on economic sociology at Trier University in 2013.

Her fields of specialization are economic sociology, sociological theory and digitalization.

She spent time abroad as a research fellow at Firenze University (2023), Nuffield College Oxford (2008) and the University of Pittsburgh (1995).

Andrea has long been an active member of sociological networks/associations and has been serving as coordinator of the ESA research network “Economic Sociology” since 2019. Recently she was appointed to the advisory board of “Theory and Society”.

**Gerben Moerman | Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam | Netherlands**



### Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Gerben Moerman, a sociologist at the University of Amsterdam, brings a blend of research, teaching and management expertise to this election. Leading one of Europe's largest Sociology Bachelor programmes for six years, he combines organisational skills with a passion for pedagogy, evidenced by his MOOC and his "University Lecturer of the Year" award in 2011. His research focuses on qualitative methodology, including interview dynamics, innovative qualitative analysis and participatory interpretation.

Gerben Moerman actively participated in the ESA Executive Committee in 2021 and since 2012 in the RN20 network, serving as chair and vice-chair, co-organising conferences, summer schools and demonstrating a strong commitment to the ESA's mission. He envisions the organisation playing a more prominent role in supporting educators and proposes a platform for sharing teaching materials and fostering peer learning – a vision that will empower sociologists to excel in the classroom, the launchpad of public sociology.

### John O'Brien | University College Cork | Ireland



### Curriculum Vitae

John O'Brien is a lecturer in sociology in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, University College Cork. He is a member of the ESA RN05 Sociology of Consumption and RN29 Social Theory. He was President of the Sociological Association of Ireland 2019-2023 and alongside this was active in the Council of National Associations. He is currently Editor in Chief of the Irish Journal of Sociology. His research interests incorporate the sociological analysis of alcohol use and its regulation, social theory, historical sociology, crime and deviance and penology.

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## **Maggie O'Neill | University College Cork | Ireland**



### **Curriculum Vitae**

Maggie O'Neill is Professor of Sociology and Criminology, Director of the Institute for Social Sciences in the 21st century and Collective Social Futures, University College Cork. A former Chair of RN03, she has enjoyed serving one mandate on the executive committee of the ESA and would like to continue this work in a second mandate. Maggie is a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences; the Royal Society for Arts and she is an elected member of the Royal Irish Academy. Her long research career demonstrates expertise in critical, cultural and feminist theory, as well as participatory, biographical, creative and mobile methods. She is committed to supporting PhD and early career researchers and addressing precarity in HE; and regularly provides mentoring as well as masterclasses to PhD students and ECR's. Maggie enjoys working collaboratively, exchanging knowledge and expertise in participatory ways. Co-founder and co-editor of a new book series with Policy Press Advances in Biographical Research as part of her long-term work with the ESA colleagues. The first book is a co-edited volume Biographical Research and New Social Architectures: Challenges and Opportunities for Creative Applications across Europe.

## **Ana Patrícia Faria Pereira | Interdisciplinary Center of Social Sciences, Leiria Polytechnic University | Portugal**



### **Curriculum Vitae**

Patrícia Pereira (PhD in Sociology, 2013) is a researcher affiliated to the Interdisciplinary Center of Social Sciences (CICS.NOVA) at the Leiria Polytechnic University (Portugal) and Invited Assistant Professor at Iscte-IUL (Portugal). She teaches in the areas of sociology, urban studies, and qualitative methodologies. Her main research interests are urban displacement and eviction, gentrification, public spaces, and everyday life. She is the editor in chief of Journal Forum Sociológico and co-coordinator of the Urban Ethnography Network ETNO.URB. She has been a visiting scholar in the United States, Sweden and France. Patrícia has been a member of the European Sociological Association since 2009 and an active member of the Research Network 37 – Urban Sociology, having served on its board from 2015 to 2017 and co-coordinated from 2017 to 2021.

## **Ilenia Picardi | University of Naples Federico II | Italy**



### **Curriculum Vitae**

Ilenia Picardi is Senior Researcher in Sociology at the University of Naples Federico II (UNINA).

Her research focuses on the social dimensions of technoscientific processes, on intersectional effects of inequality in scientific institutions and on environmental (in)justice. Since 2016 she has been co-coordinator of the Gender Observatory on Science and University at UNINA. The transformative Mentoring program scheme resulting from her research results was recognized

by the EIGE as one of the best practices for gender equality in academic and research organizations.

Since the 7th FP launch, she has been participating in EU funded research projects. Currently she is responsible for UNINA of the project PRIN PNRR PROSOCIAL-CLIMA.

She has been actively participating in national and international sociological associations, namely AIS, ISA and ESA, where she has been active in RN33, RN24 and RN27. Since August 2019 she has been a member of the board of RN27.

## **Micol Pizzolati | University of Bergamo | Italy**



### **Curriculum Vitae**

Since 2018 I have been Associate Professor in Sociology at the University of Bergamo, Italy, and co-head of the Creative Methods Open Lab Research Group.

My research interests revolve around the employ of participatory, visual, and creative methods in qualitative social research. I apply them to explore experiences and representations related to temporalities and mental health. I currently participate in the RN03 - Biographical Perspectives on European Societies. Since 2011, I have also served two terms on the Board of RN16 - Sociology of Health and Medicine, notably in the role of newsletter co-editor.

My most recent publications explore the ethical and processual aspects of the different approaches I have used in my research and, more broadly, the implications of knowledge generation in the social sciences, as well as its dissemination through participatory approaches that privilege the integration of verbal, visual, and bodily forms of expression.

## Ana Romão | Military University Institute - Military Academy | Portugal



### Curriculum Vitae

Ana Romão holds a PhD in Sociology from the Faculty of Economics, University of the Algarve, where she began her career as a university lecturer. Since 2004, she has held the position of associate professor at the Military University Institute - Military Academy, in Lisbon. She is affiliated with the Research Centre of the Military Academy (CINAMIL) and integrated researcher at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Social Sciences (CICS.NOVA).

She has experience of both management and scientific coordination within national and international associations and networks, including President of the Portuguese Sociological Association (APS) (2012-2016); board member of the International Association of French-speaking Sociologists (AISLF); board member of the ESA RN27 Regional Network Southern European Societies; coordinator of the Security, Defence, and Armed Forces Section of APS. Her current research interests include communication studies, security studies, public policies, and the sociology of armed forces.

## Ana-Cristina Santos | Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra | Portugal



### Curriculum Vitae

Ana-Cristina Santos is a Sociologist and Senior Researcher in Gender and LGBTQI+ Studies at the Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, leading the Democracy, Justice and Human Rights Line and the Sexualities Research Group. She co-created and coordinated the PhD Human Rights in Contemporary Societies (2013-2022), currently teaching and supervising in two doctoral programmes in Human Rights and in Feminist Studies. After being awarded 2 research grants by the European Research Council, she is PI of REMEMBER and TRACE, centred on LGBTQI+ ageing in Southern Europe. Member of the ESA since 2001, Cristina acted as co-chair of RN23 (2008-2012) and was elected member of the ESA Executive Committee in 2021, working in Communication, International Relations and Postgraduate subcommittees and directing the ESA Postgraduate School. Her most recent books are: *The SAGE Handbook of Global Sexualities* (2020); *The Tenacity of the Couple Norm* (UCL Press, Open Access, 2020); *LGBTQI+ Intimacies in Southern Europe: Citizenship, Care and Choice* (Palgrave, Open Access, 2023).

## Flórián Sipos | University of Debrecen | Hungary



### Curriculum Vitae

Flórián Sipos works at the University of Debrecen, as a researcher in the One Health Institute and the Institute of Metagenomics. His extensive experience in international research activities encompasses advisory work for the European Economic and Social Committee and has involved numerous EU-funded projects spanning FP7 to Horizon Europe in which he has routinely led work packages and presented results at previous ESA conferences. These projects include research into child wellbeing (Growing Up in Digital Europe, GUIDEPREP, and MYWEB), youth sociology (MYPLACE and Inclusion4Schools) and social innovation (CoSIE and InnoSI) which focused on service innovation, co-creation, and social investment. Flórián's research profile and interdisciplinary background include youth sociology, well-being and health studies, co-creative service innovation methodologies, political and civic participation, and discourse analysis. He excels in organising transnational collaborations for multidisciplinary research and translational development endeavours. Flórián' is also a project expert and assistant at John Wesley Theological College, Budapest.

## Teresa Sordé | Autonomous University of Barcelona | Spain



### Curriculum Vitae

Teresa Sordé is a Full Professor of Sociology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and a researcher affiliated with the GEDIME- CER-Migracions. She holds a PhD. from the University of Barcelona (2004) and a doctorate from Harvard University (2007). Her work has been focused on the Roma and migrant groups, and the social impact of research. Sorde Marti has participated in five FP/H2020-funded research projects and served as the PI of H2020 REFUGE-ED (2021-23). Her work has been published in journals like Qualitative Inquiry, Ethnicities, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, or PLOS ONE. She has participated in RN31 and RN35, thus, has served as the LOC chair for ESA 2021. During the period 2021-204, she has served as ESA vice-president and co-chair of the Porto ESA conference.



## **Dragan Stanojević | University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy | Serbia**



### **Curriculum Vitae**

Dragan Stanojević is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade. With over 15 years of experience, he has conducted extensive social research in Serbia, Southeast Europe, and across Europe. His research focuses on youth, family, social inequalities, and life course patterns, employing both quantitative and qualitative methods. He is particularly interested in researching youth participation. He served as

the National Coordinator for the European Social Survey in Serbia during the IX and X rounds and contributed to the SUSTAIN-2 H2020 project. He was involved as a senior researcher with the Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) and the European Platform for Learning Mobility (EPLM). Currently, he advocates for Serbia's inclusion in the Gender and Generation Program. He has been active in RN30 Youth and Generation since 2017, and in 2018, he organized the Mid-term RN30 conference in Serbia with his colleagues. For the past two cycles, he has served as a board member of RN30.

## **Audronė Telešienė | Kaunas University of Technology | Lithuania**



### **Curriculum Vitae**

Dr. Audrone Telesiene is Full Professor of Sociology and Head of the Center for Data Analysis and Archiving at Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania. Her interdisciplinary research focuses on social dimensions of climate change, environmental attitudes and behaviours, risk perception and communication, open science and sustainable development. She works with the Lithuanian open research data infrastructure LiDA (service provider, CESSDA ERIC), and made significant contributions to other infrastructures, including European Social

Survey – ESS-ERIC, and International Social Survey Programme – ISSP. In 2019-2024 Telesiene served as coordinator of RN12 Environment and Society at the European Sociological Association (ESA) and as a vice-coordinator in 2015-2019. Telesiene is member of ESA since 2003, with memberships in RN12 Environment and Society and RN22 Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty. Telesiene provides expert advice to national authorities and the European Commission; is convener of the Behavioral, Social, and Cultural Task Group at UNEP's 7th Global Environmental Outlook drafting process.

## Elisabeth Torras-Gómez | University of Barcelona | Spain



### Curriculum Vitae

Elisabeth Torras-Gómez holds a Margarita Salas post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Barcelona (UB). She defended her PhD thesis at UB, for which she obtained the Extraordinary Doctoral Award. She has participated in competitive research from the European Framework Programme (H2020 ALLINTERACT and H2020 REFUGE-ED), as well as in national R+D projects. She has published on social theory, research methodology and preventive socialization of gender violence in scientific journals such as *International Sociology*, *International Journal of Qualitative Methods* and *Frontiers in Psychology*. She is Editor of the *Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Sciences* (SJR Q1) and Director of Corporate Development at Social Impact SL, a social enterprise which helps organizations measure and improve their social impact. She was actively involved with the LOC and Conference Committee in the preparation of the 15th ESA Conference. She is a Board member of ESA RN29 Social Theory.

## Ana Vidu | University of Deusto | Spain



### Curriculum Vitae

Ana Vidu is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie postdoctoral fellow at the University of Deusto and the University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Department. She is leading the EU research project “UniswithHeart” on mechanisms of prevention, action, and support against sexual harassment in academia. She was a member of the ESA Executive Committee (2021-2024), co-coordinator of the ESA RN33, and DEI Chair at the Berkeley Postdoctoral Association. Her research on gender-based violence, sexual consent, and isolating gender violence has been published in highly ranked scientific journals (such as *Qualitative Inquiry*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*); presented at more than a hundred international scientific conferences and invited talks on four continents. She has participated in competitive research projects and widely reported her work in national and international media. She has participated in RN33 since 2011, later in the RS12 Sociology of Law, and recently in RN03 Biographical Perspectives on European Societies.

## Krešimir Žažar | University of Zagreb | Croatia



### Curriculum Vitae

Krešimir Žažar PhD is since 2008 affiliated with the Department of Sociology at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, where currently holds the position of associate professor. His narrow scientific interests encompass area of general sociology, epistemology of social sciences and social/sociological theories, social dynamics, as well as of sociology of (regional/local) development. So far, he has co-published three books and around scientific twenty articles. He presented at approx. forty conferences. Since 2019 he has become the member of the board of ESA's RN29 – Social Theory, as well as the member of steering committee of International Social Theory Consortium. Since 2021 he is senior research fellow at Next Society Institute of the Kazimieras Simonavičius University in Vilnius (Lithuania). From 2021 to 2024 he served as a member of the ESA Executive Committee with the key task of chairing Postgraduate Committee.

## Candidates for the Chair Council of National Associations

### Beáta Nagy | Corvinus University of Budapest | Hungary



#### Curriculum Vitae

President of the Hungarian Sociological Association,

Professor at Corvinus University of Budapest;  
Director of Centre for Gender and Culture

Beáta has been intensely involved in sociological research and education. Her previous research has dealt with work-life balance and adolescents' technology use, executive search, women's advancement in academic life, and intensive motherhood during the pandemic. She has published articles in both Hungarian and English journals, such as *Gender in Management and Gender, Work, and Organization*. Her recent book was published this summer on the Hungarian gender regime.

Since 2018 she has been a board member of the European Consortium for Sociological Research. Her contributions to these organizations reflect her commitment to advancing the field of sociology and gender studies. She helps with the work of several non-profit organizations, for example the Equalizer Foundation, and Women in Science Association (until 2021), We Are Open Association.

## Paulo Peixoto | Universidade de Coimbra | Portugal



### Curriculum Vitae

Paulo is Associate Professor at the University of Coimbra (UC) and researcher at the Centre for Social Studies. He is member of: International Institute for Research and Action on Academic Fraud and Plagiarism (Board of directors) and President of the Board of the Portuguese Sociological Association. Paulo chairs the local organizing committee for the 16th ESA conference. Former (2019-2023) Student Ombudsman of the UC, he is the Pro-rector of the UC for pedagogical innovation. Paulo develops extension activities, coordinating the evaluation of social intervention projects and public policies. He has held various management positions at the Centre for Social Studies, the Faculty of Economics at the University of Coimbra and at SNESup. Paulo currently runs research projects on heritage and tourism and on higher education. Current research interests focus on the fields of cities and urban cultures, heritage, tourism, mobility, higher education and science and education policies.

## Candidates for the Chair Council of Research Networks

### Bernadette Brereton | Dundalk Institute of Technology | Ireland



#### Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Bernadette Brereton is a sociologist, educator and researcher. She is the current Research Chair of the European Sociological Association (ESA), mentoring and co-ordinating the research work of its 4,000 members. In DkIT, she works jointly in the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching and the School of Business and Humanities. Dr. Brereton collaborates with undergraduates, postgraduates and fellow researchers in the SOCIETY Research Group.

She is a member of the Executive Board of the European Sociological Association (ESA) and the Chair of the Board of Research Networks of ESA. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Student Engagement in Higher Education journal (SEHEJ) and a former member of the Editorial Board of the All-Ireland Journal of Higher Education (AISHE-J).

In 2021-23, with Higher Education Authority (HEA) funding, she developed and launched the VISTA Self-development programme for women in higher education, which to date has worked with over three hundred participants to build skills and confidence for success in HE.

In 2023, she received the President's Award for Research Excellence.

In 2022, she received the 'Research Ally' award from the Royal Irish Academy (RIA), Ireland's leading body of academics.

In 2021, she delivered a keynote speech at the UNESCO conference 'Education and the Challenges in a Multicultural World' in Warsaw, Poland.

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