

RC19 Digest –December 2018

RC19 Presidential Letter 2018

Dear RC19 Members:

The year 2018 is almost over and the time has come to assess the RC19 activities that have taken place this year. First, in July, RC19 held 22 sessions and one joint session as part of the XIX World Congress of Sociology in Toronto, Canada. The diverse topics covered by these sessions illustrate the vitality of RC19 as a social policy community. These sessions attracted a large number of participants from different countries, disciplines, and specializations. On the behalf of the RC19 board, I would like to thank Programme Coordinators Timo Fleckenstein and Rianne Mahon for their hard work and leadership, and Ito Peng for organizing the well-attended and joyful conference dinner.

Second, immediately after the end of the ISA World Congress, the new RC19 board elected in the early summer began its work. These are the members of the new RC19 board:

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As a board, we are here to serve all RC19 members and we welcome your suggestions about how to move forward as an open, diverse, and global organization that includes people from all backgrounds, despite its clear and undeniable sociological roots.

As for the future, the next RC19 annual meeting will take place in Mannheim, Germany, from August 28-30, 2019. Hosted by the University of Mannheim, its theme is 'Global Crises and Social Policy: Coping with Conflict, Migration and Climate Change'. The co-organizers are Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Alexandra Kaasch, Hildegard Theobald, and Claus Wendt.

In 2020, RC19 scholars will meet on two occasions. First, in July 2020, RC19 will organize sessions at the Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Second, the regular annual meeting of RC19 will take place in Taipei, Taiwan. It will be co-organised by Shih-Jiunn SHI, Jen-Der Peter LUE, Yeun-wen KU, and Chung-yang YEH, and will take place in spring 2020 (the exact dates will be announced later). In 2021, the annual meeting of RC19 will take place at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. The co-organizers are Monica Budowski and Daniel Künzler. Finally, in 2022, RC19 will organize sessions at the 2022 XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia. As usual, RC19 will not organize an annual meeting during the year of the ISA Congress.

As an organization, RC19 thrives only when members provide feedback about how to improve our activities and our work as an organization. Like in the past, the RC19 board always welcomes your advice about how to make our organization better and more successful, in the years to come. No organization can survive and thrive without committed board members and members at large, and RC19 has plenty of them.

Thank you again for supporting RC19. I hope to see many of you this summer in Mannheim.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Béland
President of RC19

RC19 Announcements

Call for Papers RC19 Annual Meeting

**Global Crises and Social Policy
"Coping with Conflict, Migration and Climate Change"**

University of Mannheim, Germany | August 28-30, 2019

We invite papers that discuss these global developments (conflict, migration and climate change) and related social policy changes. For example, how do we make sense of parallel processes of universalizing social policies in some fields and places, and increasingly exclusionary rhetoric of social protection in others?

The RC19 annual meeting brings together international scholars in the fields of comparative and transnational social policy studies, encompassing a range of disciplines including sociology, social policy, political science, and economics.

For any questions regarding the conference and call for papers please send an email to RC19conf2019@mzes.uni-mannheim.de.

Abstract submission: Please submit your abstracts here (www.rc19-annualconference.org) until the 15th of December 2018

RC19 News

- ❖ In January 2019, RC19 President Daniel Béland becomes Professor of Political Science and Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada at McGill University (Montreal, Canada): <https://www.mcgill.ca/misc/article/misc-welcomes-daniel-beland>
- ❖ W. M. Dhanapala has been promoted, with retrospective effect from 30 March 2017, to the academic position of Full Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. It is one of 15 National Universities in Sri Lanka and Mr.Dhanapala is the first and only Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the Sri Lankan University system.

Calls for Proposal and Papers

The Social Legitimacy of Universal Basic Income

KU Leuven, Belgium | February 4-5, 2019

We are pleased to announce the launch of an international seminar on public attitudes to universal basic income. The aim of the seminar is to bring together researchers to exchange ideas and evidence, and perhaps lead to future collaboration.

We are calling for paper submissions that can contribute to the theoretical debate about the social legitimacy of basic income using **empirical data**. This could be through either quantitative or qualitative analysis of public attitudes.

For registration as well as further details on the seminar, please email Joe Crisp (j.chrisp@bath.ac.uk) or Tijs Laenen (tijs.laenen@kuleuven.be) and send a short abstract of the paper you wish to present. Paper drafts are not required.

International Conference: Feminist alliances: the discourses, practices and politics of solidarity among inequalities

Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence | March 8, 2019

Keynote speakers: Donatella della Porta, Isabelle Engeli, Myra Marx Ferree, Marta Rawłuszko, Chiara Saraceno, Mieke Verloo

The conference focuses on the role played by discourses, practices and politics in the construction and political consequences of feminist alliances with inequalities defined by class, race/ethnicity, citizenship, age, disability and sexuality. We aim, in particular, to further discussion on intersectional feminist solidarity in political arenas such as 1) welfare state politics and policies; 2) knowledge production and the media; 3) civil society and grassroots politics, and 4) the politics of space and the geographical structuring of inequalities.

Please send a 500 words abstracts to Rossella Ciccía (rossella.ciccía@sns.it) and Elena Pavan (elena.pavan@unitn.it)

Deadline for abstract submission: 30th December 2018.

Notification of acceptance: 15th January 2019

See the complete call for papers here:

<http://uni-bielefeld.de/soz/rc19/members/CFP-feminist-alliances.pdf>

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

"Sharing Society. The Impact of Collaborative Collective Actions in the Transformation of Contemporary Societies"

Bizkaia Aretoa, University of the Basque Country, Bilbao (Spain), May 23-24, 2019

Call for Papers and Poster Presentations

This international conference sets out to analyze the characteristics, trajectory and impact of collaborative collective actions in a context of erosion of the welfare state. It also seeks to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns, as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of collaborative collective actions.

The conference will address the following questions:

- How, when and where does collaborative collective action occur?
- Which are the characteristics of contemporary collaborative collective action?
- What are the practical, symbolic, and legal effects of collaborative collective actions for the forging and recovery of social bonds?
- What forms of interaction emerge from these types of actions?

We invite theoretical and empirical proposals that explore collaborative collective actions in different areas: work, production, consumption, culture, art, science, knowledge and education, solidarity with precarious groups, civic participation and politics. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- **Food and agricultural production:** food sovereignty, agroecology, zero kilometer movement, food and sustainable soil experiences, urban agriculture and community gardens;
- **Arts:** art and the commons, collaborative art and new forms of creative commons, distributed design;
- **Science:** collaborative forms of scientific production, citizen science;
- **Care and co-housing:** solidarity networks for personal care, health care, age care, childcare, personal quantification movement, co-housing;
- **Culture:** collaborative culture, open culture movement;
- **Economy, work and consumption:** collaborative economy, circular economy, new forms of collaborative work and co-working, collaborative consumption, time banks, platforms for sharing resources and experiences;
- **Technology:** Maker and DIY movement, open source technology initiatives, network manufacturing, medialab experiences, hacktivism;
- **Politics:** collaborative forms of political and institutional governance, networks of cities, institutions and citizenship, participatory democracy, participatory budgeting, open government, collective intelligence for democracy.

We encourage the submission of papers drawing on theoretical and methodological approaches from diverse fields of study, such as the social sciences, humanities, architecture, urban planning and design. We also invite contributions from actors working with citizen participation in the sciences, arts, media and/or politics (e.g. in cultural institutions, cultural policy, social media platforms, cooperatives, and NGOs).

FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ON SOCIAL SECURITY (FISS)

26th ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PAPERS

“SOCIAL SECURITY RESPONSES TO NATIONAL AND GLOBAL CHALLENGES: ACTIONS AND IMPACTS”

10-12 June 2019 – Sigtuna, Sweden

The Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) is pleased to invite paper proposals for its 26th Annual Research Conference to be held on 10-12 June 2019 at the Sigtunahöjden conference centre in Sigtuna, Sweden (close to Stockholm’s Arlanda Airport).

The theme of this year’s conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on social security-related research issues, findings and implications in order to better accommodate and respond to change.

The world economy remains uncertain and social security systems in all countries face many challenges, including: growing inequality; persistent poverty; employment precarity; new migration flows, and severe resource constraints. The future of social security depends on its ability to respond to current challenges, but change must occur in ways that promote more sustainable societies. Will those changes be enough? Will they be inclusive for all citizens? Which are the unforeseen consequences of changes introduced today on current and future societies? Are all countries moving in the same direction, and what can we learn from the successes and failings of others? What is the appropriate balance between traditional and radical approaches?

As before, the conference will provide a robust but relaxed forum for researchers and policy makers to discuss these and other issues related to the design, financing, delivery, impact, opportunities and future of social security provisions - broadly defined to include health care systems.

The Keynote speakers of this year are:

- **Bjørn Hvinden** (Professor of Social Policy, NOVA Norwegian Social Research, Oslo Metropolitan University)
- **Olli Kangas** (Director of Government and Community Relations, Kela, The Finnish Social Insurance Institution)
- **Ruth Lister** (Professor of Social Policy, Loughborough University and President of the Social Policy Association)
- **Nathalie Morel** (Assistant Professor, Sciences Po)

Reflecting its successful implementation in 2017, a special Forum Session will be devoted to an informal open discussion about the research experiences and insights of leading practitioners in the field. The theme of the 2019 Form will be: **“My Brilliant Career: Reflecting on Achievements, Regrets and Mistakes (and How Best to Distinguish between Them)”**

The main program will include papers contributed by participants and FISS invites submissions containing the title of the paper, the name(s) and affiliation(s) of author(s) and an Abstract of between 200 and 300 words by **31 March 2019**. Submissions should be sent as an email attachment to Viviane Loriaux at: Viviane.Loriaux@unantwerpen.be

Authors will be informed whether or not their paper has been accepted by **19 April 2019**.

The FISS Best Paper Prize of 300 Euros will be awarded by a selection committee from the FISS Board of Governors and the winning paper will be published in *The Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*. The author(s) will also receive two years free subscription to the journal.

More information about FISS and the conference program and venue is available at the FISS website: <http://fiss-socialsecurity.org/>

Peter Saunders, FISS President & Bea Cantillon, Secretary General

Job Announcements

Tenure-Track Professorship (full-time) | University of Vienna

Sociology with focus on Quantitative Social Science Research Methods

The research focus is on the innovative application and further development of complex procedures and new approaches in quantitative empirical social research in sociology. Previous academic activities with an international orientation are expected. The University of Vienna is looking for an academic, who is highly qualified in research and teaching. The teaching portfolio includes courses in the areas of quantitative empirical methods and fundamentals of statistics for social scientists.

Successful candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Doctoral degree/PhD and at least two years post-doctoral experience at a university or other research institution; as a general rule, applicants who have completed a doctoral programme at the University of Vienna, must have gained research experience outside the University of Vienna for at least two years
- Outstanding achievements and potential in research, excellent publication record, international reputation
- Experience in designing and participating in research projects, ability to lead research groups, willingness to acquire third-party funding
- Enthusiasm for excellent teaching, teaching experience at universities or a teaching concept. Candidates are expected to be willing to teach students at all levels (bachelor's, master's, or doctoral level), to supervise academic theses and to promote junior colleagues

Application deadline: 7th January 2019

To read the full application visit:

<https://personalwesen.univie.ac.at/en/jobs-recruiting/tenure-track-professorships/current-vacancies-for-tenure-track-professorships/>

Research Projects

Major Study on Social Cash Transfers across the Global South completed

The research project **FLOOR-B** on social cash transfers in the global South, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) is drawing to a close after years of research in a team of researchers. Please find the data base, background information and outcomes of the project at www.floorcash.org. The research team is happy about any exchanges with colleagues who work in the field (contact: lutz.leisering@uni-bielefeld.de)

Recent Publications

Böger, T. & Leisering, L. (forthcoming, 2019). A new pathway to universalism? Explaining the spread of ‘social’ pensions in the global South, 1967–2011. *Journal of International Relations and Development* (preview available).
https://app.dimensions.ai/details/publication/pub.1105882011?and_facet_journal=jour.1135957

Böger, T. & Öktem, K. (forthcoming, 2019). Levels or worlds of welfare? Assessing social rights and social stratification in Northern and Southern countries. *Social Policy and Administration* (preview available). <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/spol.12455>

Büchs, M. & Koch, M. (2018). Challenges for the Degrowth Transition: The Debate about Wellbeing. *Futures (Online)*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.futures.2018.09.002>

Eggers, T., Grages, C., Pfau-Effinger, B., Och, R. (2018). Re-conceptualising the relationship between de-familialisation and familialisation and the implications for gender equality – the case of long-term care policies for older people. *Ageing & Society*, pp. 1–27.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0144686X18001435>.

Leisering, L. (2018). *The Global Rise of Social Cash Transfers. How States and International Organizations Constructed a New Instrument for Combating Poverty*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-global-rise-of-social-cash-transfers-9780198754336?cc=it&lang=en&>

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