

# CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY NEWSLETTER ~~ from the International Sociological Association's RC46 ~~

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## From Jan Marie Fritz, RC46 President

Dear RC46 Clinical Sociology Members,

This newsletter contains information about our program at the upcoming ISA conference in Argentina, housing possibilities for those who will be attending the meeting in Argentina, thanks to two members of the RC, the grant application that we submitted to the ISA and two new appointments. We also welcome eight new members.

Our next newsletter will be available in June. In that newsletter, we would like to include member activities, announcements of future events and a list of new publications. Because of space limitations, please only give information about your activities and publications from January – May, 2012. Please send information for that newsletter by May 31 to me at jan.fritz@uc.edu

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jan Jan Marie Fritz Jan.fritz@uc.edu

# Notes: For Session Chairs and Program Participants for our **Conference in Argentina**

The International Sociological Association's (ISA) Forum will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from August 1-4, 2012. Our RC46 Clinical Sociology will be meeting at the Forum, and we hope you are going to be joining us.

Our session titles and session chairs/organizers currently are as follows: Essentials of Community Intervention - Jan Marie Fritz jan.fritz@uc.edu; Community Development and Social Justice - Emma Porio eporio@ateneo.edu; Gender, Sexuality, Race and Social Justice -Anastasia Valentine Rigas ros pana@yahoo.gr and Marlos Alves Bezerra marlosdoc@yahoo.com.br (Co-chairs); Corruption and Globalization – Tina Uys tuys@uj.ac.za; Health and Justice - Norma Takeuti nortak@uol.com.br; Work Settings and Clinical Sociology - Jenifer Cartland jcartland@childrensmemorial.org; The History and Current Status of Clinical Sociology in Nations and Regions: Open Discussion – Viviana Arbelo viviarbelo@gmail.com; Accreditation of Clinical, Applied, Engaged Public Sociology and Interdisciplinary Programs in the US and Other Countries: Open Discussion – Harry Perlstadt perlstad@msu.edu; Social Justice and Democratization in Organizations – Olga Guzhva o\_guzhva@sociology.kharkov.ua; and Using Clinical Sociology to Improve Society – Abdul-Mumin Sa'ad amsaadj@yahoo.com or amsaad89@hotmail.com and Jan Marie Fritz jan.fritz@uc.edu (Co-chairs). The ISA had some problems during the registration process and so there is a delay in when we may know the order and times of our sessions. Also, because of some changes in the number of participants, a few presenters (who will be notified soon) will be giving their presentations in different sessions than previously announced. There also will be two RC46 business sessions and one of these will include our award ceremony.

If participants have any questions about their sessions (e.g., How much time is available for a presentation?, How will possible issues of translation be handled?, Is a presentation required to be formal or will it be informal?, Does the chair have advice about handouts or powerpoint presentations?), they should contact the appropriate session chair (listed above).

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#### **Hotel and Hostel Information for Buenos Aires**

Viviana Arbelo, an RC46 Program Committee member, lives in Buenos Aires and provides some advice (for those taking part in our upcoming meeting) about hotels/hostels in the city. Viviana can be reached at *viviarbelo@gmail.com* 

#### Hotels:

- ❖ Design Suites is very well located (5 blocks from the Economics building where many Forum meetings will be held). US \$189 plus taxes (for two)
- ❖ Ker Hotel Recoleta, 8 or 9 blocks from the venue. If you make the reservation now for August, the fee is US \$102,670 plus taxes (21%). <a href="http://recoleta.kerhoteles.com.ar/">http://recoleta.kerhoteles.com.ar/</a> Reservations through reservasrecoleta@kerhoteles.com.ar
- ♦ Howard Johnson Recoleta, also 8 or 9 blocks from the venue. US \$165 for a standard room. Reservations are made through reservas@hjboutiquerecoleta.com.ar
- \* Rochester is near a subway station. (The subway is crowded in rush hours.) The hotel is located in the center of the city.
- ❖ Etoile Hotel in Recoleta, US \$140 for a standard room. No subway, but buses on Pueyrredon Avenue. (This is a 15 minutes ride from the venue.)
- ❖ Hotel Moreno in San Telmo, nice hotel close to the subway. (This is a 10 minutes ride.)

#### Hostels:

Recommendation: check <u>www.hostelworld.com</u> to avoid the consequences of overbooking. Apparently the following are good hostels:

- ❖ El Firulete. Close to subway. 15U\$S.
- Obelisco
- Tango Backpacker
- \* Recoleta Hostel

Javier (jzlatkis@yahoo.com) is the owner of a few hostels. He can give a discount according to the number of patrons.

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### Thank You

Thanks to Norma Takeuti for her work as vice president of publications for RC46. Norma has resigned in order to take care of a pressing matter. We appreciate her help during the last 1½ years. Thanks also to Catherine Montgomery. She has taken a new university position and has resigned as RC46 secretary-treasurer. We wish them both the very best and look forward to working with them in the future.

## **Welcome to New Members**

We would like to welcome the following new members to RC46: Ana Maria Araujo Felice (Uruguay), Vehbi Baser (Turkey), Helena Beatriz Da Rocha Garbin (Brazil), Rosa Martha Romo (Mexico), Isabelle Ruelland (Canada), Anton Senekal (South Africa), Norma Winston (US), Spyridoula Xenocostas (Canada). We look forward to seeing you in Brazil and/or at other RC46 meetings.

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#### RC46 receives Grant from the ISA

At its recent meeting in Beirut, March 21, 2012, the ISA Research Coordinating Committee approved a grant of 420 Euro for selected RC46 activities for the period 2011-2014. This will help the RC cover some costs such as awards and a review of the website.

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#### **New Positions with RC46**

Two board members have accepted interim positions with RC46. Emma Porio (Philippines) <a href="mailto:eporio@ateneo.edu">eporio@ateneo.edu</a>, a member of our publications committee, has agreed to be the interim vice president for publications. Tina Uys (South Africa) <a href="mailto:tuys@uj.ac.za">tuys@uj.ac.za</a>, a member of our program committee, has agreed to be the interim vice president for program. Both will be holding meetings of their committees in Argentina.

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#### **News from Members**

- **C. Margaret Hall** (U.S.) is on sabbatical from Georgetown University and is in the UK from April July.
- **Catherine Montgomery** (Canada) has taken a new position at the Université du Québec à Montréal.
- **Tina Uys** (South Africa) has been awarded a Fulbright to come to the United States. Beginning in December, she will be at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.
- **Judith Blau** (U.S.) will be awarded the American Sociological Association's 2012 Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology.
- Gwynyth Overland (Norway) chaired a session at the 40th conference of the International Institute of Sociology in New Delhi, February 2012, on "Psychosociological Work in Transcultural Contexts" which included speakers from France, Luxembourg, and Israel as well as RC46 member Hans Petter Sand from Norway. Gwynyth recently presented papers on "Justice, Religion, and Healing" at the International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR) in Tblisi and on "Promoting the Resilience of Post-Conflict Survivors" at the European Trauma Conference (ECOTS) in Vienna.
- **Helena Beatriz da Rocha Garbin** (Brazil) successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation in March.
- **Jan Marie Fritz** (U.S.) has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson fellowship. She will be in Washington, D.C. from September May. Jan's chapter, "Including Sociological Practice: A Global Perspective and the U.S. Case," is in *The Shape of Sociology for the Twenty-First Century: Tradition and Renewal* edited by Devorah Kalekin-Fishman and Ann Denis (London: Sage, 2012).