

# Language and Society Newsletter

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## Editor's Message

Dear Colleagues,

This is the ninth issue of *Language & Society*, the newsletter of the Research Committee 25 of the International Sociological Association.

The current newsletter will continue the excellent work of the previous editor Federico Farini. Under his leadership, the RC25 newsletter was strengthened as the key channel of communication for members of the Research Committee. His work as the editor of the new RC25 Journal "*Language, Discourse & Society*" marked an important milestone in the professionalization of our Research Committee.

This new issue has a renovated design, while maintaining the general structure of the newsletter. During the next four years, we would like to enhance the role of the newsletter as a mean of communication of the RC25 by connecting its contents with other initiatives of the board, in particular the upcoming Facebook page. We look forward to increase the space for participation and discussion from the

RC25 community.

This issue contains a letter from each member of the new RC25 Executive Board (2014-2018) presenting their goals and current projects. You will find information on the participation of the RC25 on the ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, 2014, and some preliminary information on the upcoming ISA Conferences and Forums. Exciting new projects are under development, including the renewed structure of the RC25 Journal, the RC25 survey, and the Facebook page. The RC25 survey will provide key information for our board, and it will provide members with a better understanding of the research of all RC25 members.

The newsletter includes two new sections that we wish to further develop in next issues. First, we have started a series called "RC25 Statistics" based on the survey that will provide information on the areas of research, theoretical frameworks, methodologies and other relevant aspects of the work of our RC25 members. On this issue, we have included a first analysis of the data of RC25 members, in terms of geographical location. It is one of our goals that sharing this type of information could help us to strengthen our network in the future. The second new section "Snapshots from Yokohama" will provide further information on selected sessions of Yokohama Conference (and later on future Conferences and Forums). We hope to connect this section with our Facebook page, to make this content interactive and open to discussion.

The newsletter also includes the traditional news section about conferences, jobs, publishing opportunities and news from members, as in the past. I would like to thank all the members that collaborated to this section, and encourage other members to contribute in the future.

Furthermore, the newsletter provides information on selected activities and resources from ISA, including activities for junior sociologists. We hope to encourage members, to take full advantage of the resources available at ISA.

You will also find a call for articles for [\*Language, Discourse & Society\*](#), the RC25 journal. The call for articles is open on a permanent basis.

Finally, the newsletter includes the minutes of the RC25 business meeting at Yokohama.

If you have any suggestions or criticisms, please contact me at: [valle@fordham.edu](mailto:valle@fordham.edu)

**Trinidad Valle,**  
Fordham University (New York, USA)  
Newsletter Editor



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## Letter from the President

The XVIII World Congress in Yokohama 13-19<sup>th</sup> July, Japan, under the motto “Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology” represented a success of the International Sociological Association in terms of mobilization of the international community of

sociologists. More than 6,000 registered participants from 104 countries makes this conference the most important in terms of participation in ISA history (<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/wcs2014-statistics.htm>). With nearly 1,000 Japanese sociologists and important representations of South Korea, China and Taiwan, Hong Kong or Singapore, the conference has contributed to build a closer relationship with our colleagues of the Asia Pacific region, in similar ways that recently the last II Forum of Sociology in Buenos Aires strengthened our relationship with our colleagues of Latin America. The RC25 Program during the last XVIII World Congress in Yokohama, comprised 85 papers presented by 101 registered attendants distributed in 12 sessions and a roundtable. While organizing sessions, Celine-Marie Pascale and I always had in mind: Cutting-edge scholarship,

international diversity, plurality of theoretical approaches, and shared theoretical and methodological approaches in each session.

At Yokohama 2014, our Research Committee 25 Language and Society started a new term with a partially renewed board. As you have had the opportunity to read in our minutes of the Business Meeting at Yokohama, our wish is to have a fruitful collaboration beneficial to all our members. On behalf of the previous and present board I want to express our gratitude to Celine-Marie Pascale, Daniela Landert, Taiwo Abioye, and Melanie Heath for the years they served as President, Web Master, Secretary and Treasurer of our Research Committee. They have done, as we all acknowledge, an incredible work under the leadership of Celine-Marie. They have been able to consolidate our Research Committee under an in-depth and cutting-edge sociological approach. One of their greatest successes has been to approximate language studies to all our colleagues in the ISA. At the same time, this has enabled linguists, economists, anthropologists and other social scientists devoted to language to benefit from the sociological approach that our committee uniquely provides in the context of the international (and frequently national) sociological associations. My aim and desire is to continue closest to these principles. The links between previous and past boards, our experiences and knowledge will contribute to strengthen our scholar community.

As you know the new composition of the Board is formed by Federico Farini (Vice President), Stéphanie Cassilde (Secretary), Trinidad Valle (Newsletter Editor), Nadya Georgieva (Treasurer) and Keiji Fujiyoshi (Webmaster). I had the opportunity of working with all of them in previous years and in different roles within our Committee. My experience is that all of them are the better team that I am able to imagine. All of them share a strong sense of ethics and commitment, and at the same time highly diverse in their theoretical and methodological background, as well as national origins. In their letters in this Newsletter you will see an enthusiastic group of scholars committed to the service to our Research Committee. In comparison with other Research Committees at ISA, but according to our statutes, this is a reduced number of people, which will be helpful in order to achieve a clear distinction of responsibilities and accountability. On the other side, future responsible members for Awards process, Journal and session organization will contribute to increase the number of members directly involved on the management of our Research Committee activities, with clear and productive functions according to our willingness to serve the profession and the scholarship on language and society. Right now, the current board is working on the design of improvements of Awards and Journal. The survey that our Secretary Stéphanie Cassilde has prepared -and you will be receiving together with this Newsletter- will be a cornerstone for us. Importantly, **We need your feedback!**

Next Conferences will be the II ISA Forum in Vienna, Austria 10-14<sup>th</sup> July 2016, and the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, 2018. From my point of view conferences are the more important and vibrant part of the life of our Committee. As President I will be specially focused on these two key events. Recently the International Sociological Association has published a provisional schedule for its organization (<http://www.isa-sociology.org/vienna-2016/>). By the middle of January 2015 I will be asking all of you about your interest in organizing a regular session, joint sessions or any other imaginative format that you can think of. Although Session Organizers are autonomous to organize their sessions, in my opinion most participative sessions were those with about 4-5 oral papers (15 minutes for each one) and 2-3 distributed papers (allowing 5 minutes for a short oral presentation). This is something that I will be recommending to all session organizers in next conferences. Again, any other format you think will enrich our committee is welcome. This possibility is absolutely open to all

RC25 members, and a real opportunity to organize books and monographs based on your sessions. Consider that Current Sociology and International Sociology, as well as –of course– Language Discourse and Society are interested in strong and cutting-edge monographs based on ISA sessions.

Warm Regards,

**Amado Alarcón**

Rovira & Virgili University (Catalonia, Spain)

Research Committee 25 Language and Society, International Sociological Association.

Panel session at Yokohama



## Letter from the Vice President

Colleagues,

Once more, please let me thank you for offering me the opportunity to serve as the vice president for ISA Research Committee 25. In this column, I would like to share my goals and ambitions for the next years.

As some of you may know, in the last four years I have served as the editor of our Newsletter 'Language & Society', succeeding in raising its profile to the standards of the top newsletters within ISA Research Committees. Now I am glad to pass this responsibility to a newly elected editor, Trinidad Valle, who will further improve the quality of the newsletter, as you may appreciate already looking at this issue.

As for me, I will use my previous experience as a member of the RC25 Board as a valuable resource to support me in accomplishing the tasks attached to the role of vice-president. In particular, I will be honoured to work with Amado Alarcón, our new president, to the organization of academic and social activities within events of global resonance as the ISA World Forum and the Congress. Moreover, I will contribute to the development of other activities under the umbrella of RC25.

After four years as a member of the RC25 board, my enthusiasm is now accompanied by a thorough knowledge of the procedures, rules and mutual obligations between a RC and both its members and the ISA.

I am confident I will be able to have a positive impact on the activities of the RC25. Of course, this will need a continuing collaboration in the board, and between the board and the members. These first few months,

however, justify a certain degree of optimism in this matter.

Besides my past, and present, commitment in the RC25 board, I think that my qualifications and academic career also support my candidature for the post of vice president. Since 2003 my research activity has been focused on intercultural communication, particularly on discrimination, intercultural education, dialogic management of conflicts and interpreting, with a relevant number of publications and presentation in international conferences.

I wholeheartedly believe I am in the position to further contribute to the success of RC25; therefore, I am delighted to start my journey as vice president.

Yours sincerely,

**Federico Farini**

Middlesex University (London, UK)

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## Letter from the Secretary

Dear RC25's members,

First, I would like to thank you for your confidence to give me the opportunity to contribute to RC25 as a secretary. I met RC25 for the first time in Gothenburg in 2010 and was enthusiast about the openness of the business meeting where each member has the opportunity to express her/his views, needs and expectations about the RC.



Panel session at Yokohama



As a secretary, I am responsible for keeping an accurate list of memberships. In terms of figures, RC25 is composed of 111 ISA members in good standing<sup>1</sup>, i.e. “individual members who have paid both ISA and the RC/WG/TG membership due for the current year” (ISA). The number of sessions during the World Congress of Sociology and the Forum of Sociology depends directly on how many members we have. As RC25 is slightly above the threshold of 100 members, each membership counts!

Keeping an accurate list of memberships includes also taking care of the changes in your affiliations and your contact information. For this, I need your help! Please keep me informed so that we are in capacity to still send you all information about and from RC25.

In the four coming years, I would like to accomplish a shift from a members list to a research network. The tool I am thinking about could be a kind of map (to identify which RC25's members work close to each other, or have close field research) and mind maps (to identify which RC25's members could build research clusters). Through their dissemination, these (mind) maps could also be a tool to strengthen membership from young researchers, showing how diverse language issues are. In order to start the realization of this project, I offer you to answer a survey (please follow this link: <http://app.evalandgo.com/s/?id=JTk4ciU5N2glOTk=&a=JTk4ciU5OGolOUM=>). You will

find methodological information about this survey in the section RC25 Survey of the newsletter. The issue of the anonymity is presented in detail; notably, you will have the opportunity to answer the survey without filling the information you already gave to ISA if there was no change. I plan to use this survey in four ways.

First, it will be an opportunity for me to check if I really have an updated list of memberships (names, postal address, phone, email, category of membership) for a good starting point. Although these elements belong to the one I receive as a secretary from ISA when you become or renew your membership, there can be many changes within four years! If you experienced some changes during the past four years, please help me by filling this section of the survey.

Second, the survey will provide aggregated information for members about members. For example, how they distribute themselves among the various topics about language, discourse and society? Which is(are) the language(s) of the material they analyse? To give you an example of such a use of the survey, you will find below in the newsletter a description of the geographical repartition of RC25's members on the basis of the location of their working place (see section Geographical location of RC25's members). Moreover, above aggregated information about members, it could be useful to build sessions: maybe we are not aware of how shared is a given field.

Third, as announced during the business meeting at Yokohama, the

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<sup>1</sup> Last update of this figure: October 2014.

survey includes a section about the languages spoken by members. Indeed, we are not all fluent in all ISA official languages, and this is not a reason of not being able to share our research during the sessions. If there is a need for a translation, and if we know who is willing to implement a translation in a given language, this can facilitate the participation of all members.

Fourth, the survey contains questions that are directly useful for the executive board members. For example, you will find a section about RC25's journal *Language, Discourse & Society* as we noticed that few

members submitted an article. We need your feedback on this issue in order to understand what we can do better for the benefit of RC25's members.

I am looking forward having the opportunity use this survey to provide you the anonymous analysis (as in section Geographical Location of RC25's members) and to be able to facilitate the participation of all RC25's members whatever the language. Best regards.

**Stéphanie Cassilde**

Centre d'Études en Habitat Durable  
(Charleroi, Belgium)

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### **a) RC25 Survey: Methodological information**

This survey is dedicated to achieve four objectives: (1) checking if the current membership list is accurate, notably regarding affiliations, (2) building a list of members, who are willing to undertake translations during conferences and/or serve as reviewers for *Language, Discourse and Society* RC25's journal, (3) providing information to describe some features of RC25's members (see section on Geographical Location of RC25's members), and (4) shedding light on some concerns for the executive board. Among these objectives, the first two need personal information, while the rest of the elements of the survey will be analysed under anonymity. This methodological information is dedicated to explain how anonymity will be ensured for members who will provide personal

information in the first part of the survey<sup>2</sup>.

The first part of the survey is dedicated to the information already provided by members to ISA (name, affiliation, postal address, email address)<sup>3</sup>. It would be helpful for the executive board if you fill this part (1) if you experienced changes in one of this element during the past four years, and/or (2) if you are willing to participate to provide translation and/or to serve as reviewer for *Language, Discourse and Society*. Members who did not experience a change during the past four years, members who do not want or cannot

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<sup>2</sup> Indeed, none of the sections of the survey will be mandatory.

<sup>3</sup> Only the information which is also provided to ISA at the time of your membership is not anonymous for the executive board (this information is available only to the secretary and to the president), but still anonymous for RC25 members. It follows ISA rules.



realize a translation, and members who do not want to fill this part are by definition anonymous. For the members who answer this first part, this information will be separated from the rest of the survey directly after the building of the list of potential translators/reviewers. The secretary is responsible to undertake this step and keep separately: (1) the updated list of members, (2) the list of potential translators/reviewers, and (3) an anonymous data set (the answer of who is willing to be a translator/reviewer will be out of this

data set in order to avoid any matching).

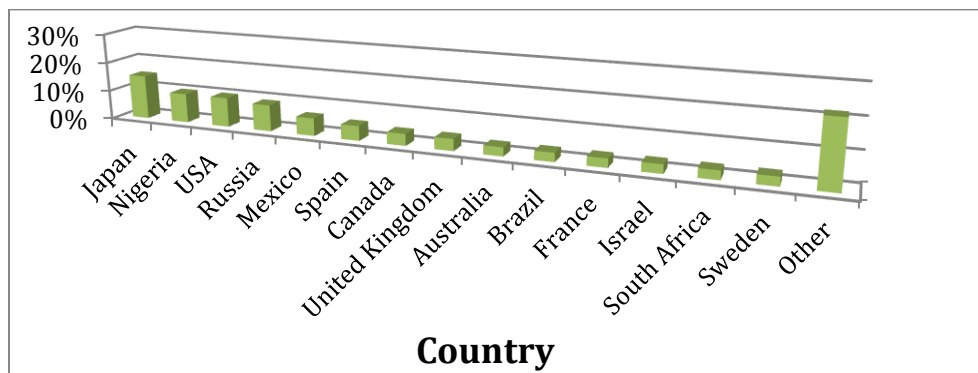
Given none question in the survey is mandatory, it is also possible for each member to choose another option: sending to the secretary an email with the updated information regarding her/his affiliation and/or her/his wishes regarding her/his willingness to translate (and in which language(s)) and/or her/his willingness to undertake an active role regarding *Language, Discourse and Society*.

## b) RC25 Statistics: Geographical location of RC25's members.

To start the series of "RC25 Statistics" and to give an example of how the survey can be use in such a way, here is a description of the geographical location of RC25's members based on the country where they are working (location of their academic affiliation). This location belongs to the information provided by RC25's members to ISA when they start or renew their membership.

Currently, RC25's members come from 34 different countries (see [Figure 1](#)). The highest number of members is achieved in Japan, then in Nigeria and the USA, and third in Russia. These four countries sum each 10 members or more, while 16 countries have one single member.

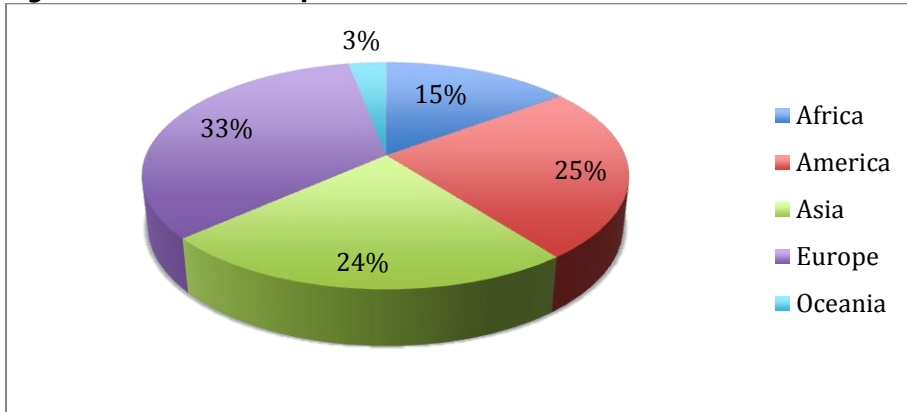
**Figure 1: Countries where RC25's members are from (%)**



Note: Repartition realized on the basis of the number of members by country (October 2014). The exact number per country is not indicated for an anonymous treatment of the data. Indeed, for example, for 16 countries, there is only one single RC25's member.

From the point of view of continental repartition of RC25's members, 34% work in a European country, 25% work in a country located on the American continent, 24% work in a country situated in Asia, 15% work in an African country, and 3% in a country located in Oceania (see [Figure 2](#)).

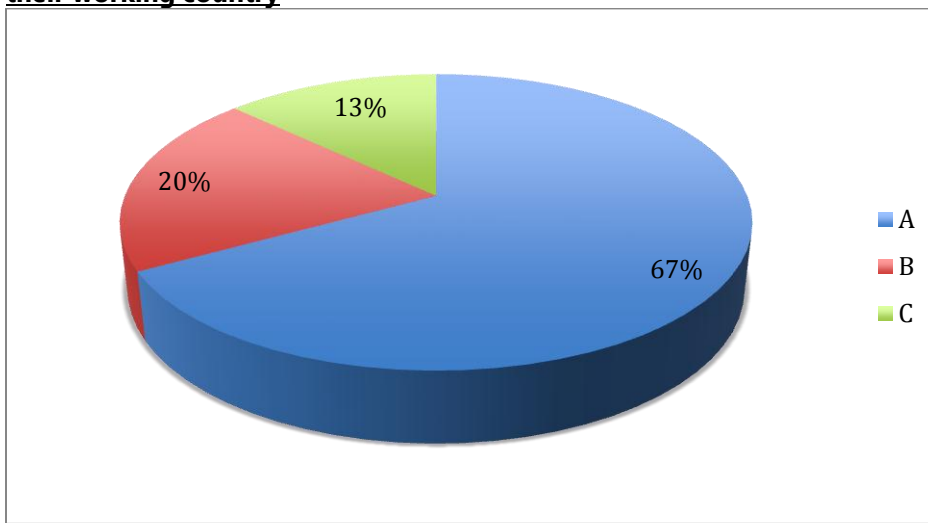
**Figure 2: Continental repartition of RC25's members**



Note: Repartition realized on the basis of the number of members by continent (October 2014).

ISA follows a classification based on the World Bank ranking of economies in order to give access to different fees amounts to be a member of ISA and to participation to World Congress and to the Forum of Sociology. On the basis of this classification, the place of work of RC25's members is mainly located in economy A countries (67%), 20% work in an economy B country, and 13% work in an economy C country (see [Figure 3](#)).

**Figure 3: Repartition of RC25's members according to the economy of their working country**



Note: Repartition realized on the basis of the number of members by continent (October 2014).

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## Letter from the Treasurer

Dear RC25 members,

I joined RC25 on “Language and Society” in 2010, when I became Assistant Professor in Sociology in Trakia University (Stara Zagora, Bulgaria), after completing my MA and PhD studies in sociology at the joint Central European University (CEU)/Lancaster University Programme and the Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR) at the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN).

In my research in the field of ethnicity, nationalism and media studies I focus on the dynamics of identity formation among the Roma, as well as on rising racism and xenophobia in Europe. Currently, I am also member of the Gypsy Lore Society (GLS) and of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies (EANRS), a joint project of the European Union / Council of Europe (2011-2015).

Some of my publications include “Language and Identity: Turkish Soap Operas and Language Policy in the Bulgarian Mediascape” (in Pascale, Celine-Marie (Ed). *Social Inequality & the Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape*. SAGE Publications) and Eliaeson S. and Georgieva, N. (eds.) *New Europe: Growth to Limits?* (The Bardwell Press).

I am extremely happy to be member of such an international community of vibrant intellectual exchange, engaged

in research on Language and Society. For the last four years I have had the pleasure to work with the previous Board organizing sessions for the Second ISA Forum in Buenos Aires in 2012 and the XVIII ISA Congress in Yokohama in July 2014, where I was invited to serve as Treasurer on the newly elected Board. I was also kindly invited by Stephanie Cassilde to join the Awards Committee in 2014. All these responsibilities have given me the opportunity to get better understanding of the functioning of the Committee and develop new organizational skills. Regular contacts with RC25 members have been personally fulfilling and intellectually enriching for me. I would like to express my gratitude to all members from the outgoing and current Boards for their guidance and support and thank you all for entrusting me with the Treasurer position!

According to RC25 bylaws, the responsibilities of the Treasurer include arranging bank transfers and keeping track of all financial matters, including membership dues and providing financial reports at business meetings. You will be hearing from me with regular updates regarding our financial status. My task will be to keep a strong budget that will help to popularize and enrich our work and attract new members. This means scheduling well for upcoming ISA forums and supporting publications in the special e-journal of RC25 *Language, Discourse and Society*, as well as our website. Additionally, the Treasurer organizes receptions at ISA

events – a wonderful tradition maintained by the previous Treasurer, Melanie Heath. For me, as Board member, it is very important to support existing and create new networking opportunities that will contribute to sustaining the invaluable friendly and intellectually stimulating

atmosphere of the Committee and aid in popularizing research on language and society globally.

**Nadezhda Georgieva-Stankova**  
Trakia University (Stara Zagora, Bulgaria)

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## Letter from the Webmaster

Dear RC25 colleagues,

I am grateful that you have elected me as Webmaster of RC25. I really appreciate your confidence in me. The information technology has an ability to keep our research community visible and outreaching as well as stable. I would like to organize the collaboration of the website and the Facebook site for RC25.

As to the website, it functions as archives of the formal information of RC25. As to the Facebook site, which is not open at this point, it will serve as the information center for members to update on what is going on around the RC25 community. Who is qualified to access the site and to post the news shall be the big issues. I hope they will

be settled down during my service as Webmaster.

When I decided to run for webmaster, I did not know that the list of the RC members is available only to the president and a few board members, which meant the information about the RC membership is not fully open to public. I suppose it is because the information would be sensitive in some cases.

In this situation, therefore, I think I have to be more careful about the management of our Facebook site than I intended. I will go forward step by step to serve the research community of RC25. I appreciate your support and commitment. Thank you.

Best regards,

**Keiji Fujiyoshi**, Webmaster of RC25  
Koyasan University (Japan)



Roundtables session at Yokohama



## Dinner reception at Yokohama



Dinner reception at SO

RC25's reception took place at Restaurant 蘇 (SO)<sup>4</sup> on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 in Yokohama. The reception was organized both by Keiji Fujiyoshi, RC25's webmaster, and Melanie Heath, RC25's outgoing treasurer. Thank you for your choice of this restaurant Keiji, and for having arranged everything with the chef.

Thanks Keiji and Melanie, we had the opportunity to discover this family-run restaurant. Restaurant 蘇 is small and serves usually about 40 customers. For our event, the chef and his family were very collaborative and they offered to remove some chairs: We were about 43 persons at the reception.



Dinner reception at SO

It was the opportunity to experience a wonderful culinary trip, which included several Japanese dishes and drinks (beer, wine, sake, Shochu, green and oolong tea, juice). Our many thanks to the chef of 蘇, who took care of everything to make this reception a great moment: a discovery of Japanese delights accessible for everybody with four options (meat eaters, pescarians who enjoy seafood, vegetarians who accept eggs, milk, etc., and vegans). The fees were 5,000 JPY; RC25 paid the half of the fees for RC25's members.



Subway Ride

<sup>4</sup> Ise Bldg. 1F (Ground), 3-44, Onoe-chō, Naka-ku, Yokohama.



It was also an opportunity to meet each other, and to hear more about Nassima Neggaz, who was awarded RC25's Graduate Student Award.

Contrarily to our thoughts about how (and especially about "how long") to reach the restaurant, it took more than 18 minutes from the venue... however, it was a nice trip and the occasion to take some pictures with an



Restaurant SO

RC25 banner. I personally remember this moment as fun!

I am looking forward to meet all of you at next RC25's reception, in Vienna.

**Stéphanie Cassilde**



Source: capture of So's webpage  
(<http://tabelog.com/kanagawa/A1401/A140104/14038671/>) done on 11/19/2014.

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## RC25's Awards 2014



William Fielding and Raymond Oenbring

The second edition of RC 25's Awards was successfully launched past July in Yokohama, Japan. Raymond Oenbring and William Fielding's article "Young Adults' Attitudes to Standard and Nonstandard English in an English-Creole Speaking Country: The Case of The Bahamas" (2014) was chosen among a selection of four articles published in *Language, Discourse and Society* since the first edition of the awards. It received RC 25's Academic Excellence Award 2014. Nassima



Neggaz's article "Syria's Arab Spring: Language Enrichment" (2013) was chosen among a selection of two articles eligible for the Graduate Student Award. It was unanimously awarded RC25's Graduate Student Award 2014.

These results were officially announced at RC25's reception on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 in Yokohama. We had the pleasure to meet Nassima Neggaz during RC25's reception. She acknowledged the reception of the Graduate Student Award and she took this opportunity to present the context in Syria, field of her research. Raymond Oenbring and William Fielding sent us the following statement to express their gratitude:

"We would like to thank Research Committee 25 for this great recognition of our work. The faculty of the College of the Bahamas are working to increase our research output and our engagement with the international research community as the institution moves in the next two years to becoming the University of the Bahamas. While we can't be there

in Japan with you today, perhaps you can come to the Bahamas someday --- only for research purposes of course."

As a chair, I would express my gratitude to the scholars that accepted the invitation to be part of the awards committee for this second edition:

- Nadezhda Georgieva, Trakia University, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria
- Corrine Kirchner, Columbia University, United States
- Anders Persson, Lund University, Sweden (RC25's Academic Excellence Award 2012)

Thank you very much for your availability and the expertise you dedicated to the awards committee.

I also would like to thank the outgoing executive board for having given to me the opportunity to contribute during the past four years to the realization of this project of RC25: the RC25's Awards. It was extremely rewarding, both through the effective implementation of these awards, and for the confidence of the executive board regarding a new member.

**Stéphanie Cassilde**

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## **Snapshots from Yokohama**

The Yokohama Conference was a great success for our RC25 Language & Society, with 12 sessions and one series of roundtables, 85 papers presented by 101 attendants. The theme of the RC25 Program was "The Language of Inequality"; the sessions

approached the role of language and discourse in the legitimization, reproduction and also resistance of relations of power and inequality. The diversity of papers reflected scholarship on language being conducted by sociologists around the globe.

We would like to devote some space on our newsletter and upcoming Facebook page to discuss in more detail some of the topics raised in the diverse sessions at the Yokohama Conference. Our goal is to have an active forum of discussion on the sociological study of language. To achieve this goal, we invite the collaboration of session organizers and members to provide the relevant content to develop this section (a more detailed invitation will be sent soon). In this issue, we would like to provide a snapshot of one session at Yokohama, as an example and to start the conversation.



Panel session at Yokohama

### **Producing Counter-Hegemonic Knowledge**

This session, organized by Nadezhda Georgieva-Stankova, from Trakia University, Bulgaria, provided a

dynamic discussion on power contestation and resistance through language and discourse. The papers addressed counter-hegemonic discourses within different social contexts, including the discourse of the “New poverty” in Japan, anti-EU discourses in Austria, Taiwanese-dialect cinema in the 1950s, and the social construction of historical memory in Argentina. The presentations converged in many areas, starting with shared methodological approaches, including critical discourse analysis, frame analysis and textual analysis. There was also coherence in some of the theoretical frameworks used by the presentations. For example, the work of Nancy Fraser on power and discourse provided an umbrella for many of the discussions on counter-hegemonic public spheres. The relevance of an intersectional perspective to understand processes of framing and reframing was also raised during this panel. The methodological and theoretical coherence between presentations made this a strong panel, allowing a rich and intertextual discussion. Finally, the Q&A section provided more space for exploring those connections, building a common core of knowledge, and exploring future questions.

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We will be sending soon a formal invitation to collaborate with this section to session organizers and RC25 members. In case there is anything that you would like to share regarding the contents of Yokohama’s sessions, please contact us at: Trinidad Valle, newsletter editor: [valle@fordham.edu](mailto:valle@fordham.edu) and Keiji Fujiyoshi, webmaster: [fjosh524@hotmail.com](mailto:fjosh524@hotmail.com)

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## News from Members, Conferences, Jobs and Publishing Opportunities

### Conferences, Jobs and Publishing Opportunities

From: ISA  
Object: Conferences, Jobs and  
Publishing opportunities

For conferences: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/conferences.php>

For job openings: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/job.php>

For publication opportunities:  
[http://www.isa-sociology.org/publications\\_opportunities.php](http://www.isa-sociology.org/publications_opportunities.php)

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From: Amado Alarcon, Spain.  
Object: Opportunities for funding

### Opportunities for SSH researchers in Horizon 2020 calls - Update for 2015 topics published

In the link below you will find about 60 Horizon 2020 research opportunities funded by the European Union, with deadlines during 2015. If you are from a non-european country but you are interested in these opportunities, some of them allow co-operation with European Universities (about 30 RC25 members from this region)

<http://www.net4society.eu/public/ssh-opportunities.php>

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From: Newsletter Editor  
Object: Conference

### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Text & Discourse, Minneapolis, MN, July 6-8, 2015

The Society for Text & Discourse is proud to announce its Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN, USA. Monday through Wednesday, July 6-8, 2015. We invite students and scholars from various disciplines (e.g., psychology, linguistics, neuroscience, learning sciences, and others) to attend and participate in the 2015 Annual Meeting. We will invite proposals for individual papers and posters presenting original research on text and discourse processing, representation, and analysis. Call for proposals will be published soon in the following website:

<http://www.societyfortextanddiscourse.org/conferences/annual-conference/>

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From: Newsletter Editor  
Object: Conference

### 110th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 22-25, 2015, Chicago, IL

The theme of the 2015 ASA Annual Meeting will be "Sexualities in the Social World." The online submission system will open on December 5. The deadline for submissions to the 2015 Call for Papers is January 7, 2015, 3:00pm EST. We encourage you to

look in particular at the sessions organized by Section 43: Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. For more information, visit the ASA website: (<http://www.asanet.org/AM2015/am2015.cfm>) and ASA Section 43 website (<http://asa-emca.blogspot.co.uk/p/newsletters-and-reports.html>).

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From: ISA  
Object: Publishing Opportunities

### **ISA SAGE Studies in International Sociology (SSIS)**

You can participate as author/editor and publish your monographs and conference proceedings in Sage Studies in International Sociology (SSIS), a publication of ISA. The objective of SSIS books is to identify new arenas of scholarship organising the discipline internationally and to publish works that reflect scientific debates currently taking place in the discipline.

Information regarding the process of proposal submission is available at <http://www.isa-sociology.org/publ/ssis.htm> and <http://www.uk.sagepub.com/ssis.sp>

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From: Stéphanie Cassilde, Belgium  
Object : Publishing Opportunities

### **Call for chapters for *Language, Work and Health* (tentative title)**

Book proposal to be submitted to Springer mid-January 2015.

Editors: **Stéphanie Cassilde**, researcher at Centre d'Etudes en Habitat Durable, Belgium  
**Adeline Gilson**, associate professor at Université de Tours, France

Since the end of the 1970s working and employment conditions are worsening because of various constraints: intensification of work, casualized labour of employment, domination of cost-effectiveness criteria, divorce between expected and concrete tasks, conflicts of values, geographical mobility, and mandatory distance between familial and work locations. These elements are even more salient in a context of crisis.

At the beginning of the 2000s agents of professional risks prevention labelled the negative effects of these constraints on psychosocial health at work "psycho-social risks" (PSR). To which extent this labelling cover the various representations systems of psychosocial health at work? Which are these various representations systems and which labelling are used in these systems? How this participate to create various classifications of psychosocial health phenomena at work? How these language elements give us information about the various ways of dealing with it?

### **Objective of the Book**

The objective of the book is to give a central place to language in the analysis of the representations of psychosocial health at work to advance sociological knowledge concerning language and work. Indeed, while the representations of psychosocial health are particularly studied in the scientific field today, the

emphasis is, however, less developed in the literature on health, on categorization by different actors (as workers, managers, social partners, etc.). Thus, the aim is to broaden sociological knowledge of language regarding attitudes and behaviours at work, i.e. how individuals might act/react/not act to ensure/defend their psychosocial health at work or to fail to do so. This book intends to cover various national contexts in order to support international comparisons.

### **Intended Content**

This book aims to analyze individuals' discourses about their experiences to learn and understand the existing representations systems. It will also deal with the various labelling used within these systems, and thus, finally, with classifications of psychosocial health. Contributions should shed light on the variability of representations/labelling/classifications of psychosocial health at work and use spatial, time, sectorial, and/or intra-firm agents comparative perspective.

The structure of the book is based on the joint session "Language, Work and Health" (RC25/RC30) (XVIIIth World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan) in order to gradually presents the articulation between "Language, Work, and Health," from the impact of organizational matters to inner matters, and finally to cases study. The book will gather about 12-15 contributions in order to cover the topic at various scales and among various countries (6 contributions are already confirmed by the authors following the joint session).



Panel session at Yokohama

### **Submission procedure**

Authors are invited to submit by the 15<sup>th</sup> December:

- A 150 words summary of the intended book chapter and 5 keywords;
- The title of the intended book chapter;
- The introduction of the intended book chapter;
- Some biographical information (affiliations, address, email).

The intended book chapter has to be original (not published yet). Each chapter is expected to contain about 45.000 signs (spaces and bibliographical references included).

The doc or docx format document/manuscript should be submitted to both Stéphanie Cassilde ([stephanie.cassilde@cehd.be](mailto:stephanie.cassilde@cehd.be)) and Adeline Gilson ([adeline.gilson@univ-tours.fr](mailto:adeline.gilson@univ-tours.fr))

Please specify "Language, Work and Health" in the subject of your email.



### Important Dates

December 15, 2014: Chapter proposal (summary, key words, title, introduction) submission deadline  
Mid-January 2015: Submission of a proposal by the editors to Springer  
January – April 2015: Peer-reviewing of the proposal

April 2015: Answer of Springer regarding the proposal {refusal or go ahead}

June/July 2015: Final manuscript of book chapters

September 2015: Peer-reviewing of the final book

March 2016: Publication of the book

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### News from Members

From: **Vanessa Brexta**, Spain  
Object: New Publication

Vila, F. Xavier and Vanessa Brexta, eds. Forthcoming. *Language policy in Higher Education. The case of Medium-Sized Language Communities*. Bristol: Multilingual Matters.

(<http://www.multilingual-matters.com/display.asp?K=9781783092741>)

This volume deals with multilingualism in higher education by focusing on a number of medium-sized languages that have become solidly established in this field. The book explores how these languages achieved the status of *lingua academica*, reviews the social functions they serve as means of instruction, research and administration, and analyses the challenges posed to them by globalisation. The book aspires to be a reference for both researchers in the area of language in higher education, as well as for decision makers working with communities faced with the societal, political and economic dilemmas involved in managing languages in the university sphere.

From: **Irina Chudnovskaya**, Russia  
Object: New Publication

Chudnovskaya, I. N. Systems of the Keywords Identification and Informational Safety // Atmosphere, Ionosphere, Safety. Supported by Russian Foundation of Basic Research. Kaliningrad, IKBFU, 2014. ISBN 978-5-9971-0313-2

From: **Irina Chudnovskaya**, Russia  
Object: Conference Participation

Professor Chudnovskaya had the honor to make the scientific report at the Plenary session of the IV International Conference "AIS-2014: Atmosphere, Ionosphere, Safety", I.Kant Baltic Federal University, Kaliningrad.

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From: **Peter Eglin**, Canada  
Object: New Publications

Eglin, Peter. 2014. 'Language, culture and interaction.' Chap. 10 In Farzad Sharifian (Ed.), *Routledge Handbook on Language and Culture*. New York and London: Routledge (November).



Eglin, Peter. 2013. 'Ethnomethodology and conversation analysis.' Chap. 35 in David L. Brunsmma, Keri Lyall Smith and Brian Gran (Eds.), *Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights*. Boulder and London: Paradigm, 355-364.

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From: **Cecilio Lapresta-Rey**, Spain  
Object: Conference

The University of Lleida, Spain, organized a seminar entitled "Managing Multilingualism In European Schools", on Nov 21, 2014.

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From: **Iskra Pavez Soto**, Chile  
Object: New Publications

Pavez Soto, Iskra y Lewin Katherine. (2014). "Infancia e inmigración en Chile: hacia un estado del arte". *Revista AMMENTU, Bollettino Storico, Archivistico e Consolare del Mediterraneo*, Monográfico Colección "Storia e Memoria", N° 14. Aceptada, en prensa.

Index: Agenzia Nazionale di Valutazione del Sistema Universitario de Italia, sector científico N°13 (Scienze economiche e statistiche), N° 14 (Scienze Politiche e Sociali) y 1B.

**Abstract:** The aim of this article is to set out the "state of the art" with regard to the phenomenon of childhood and immigration in Chile, on the basis of a review of the bibliographical materials on this matter and taking into account the international framework of human rights as a paradigm supporting research and intervention with migrant children, their families and

communities. It is an emergent phenomenon in our country which is gradually starting to be addressed within the sphere of social research and intervention. The few scientific studies carried out into the living conditions of immigrant children derive for the most part from the academic world (graduate and post-graduate theses or Fondecyt) and are classified within the area of Social Sciences. Meanwhile, civil-society or international organizations have essentially published the results of social interventions carried out with migrant children and their family groups. Likewise, it is clear that State bodies – specializing in this matter – have paid scant attention to the phenomenon of migrant children, in practice coming up against difficulties to tackle this effectively on the basis of a human-rights approach.

**Resumen:** El objetivo de este artículo es esbozar un "estado del arte" en torno al fenómeno de la infancia e inmigración en Chile; esto a partir de una revisión bibliográfica en la materia y considerando el marco internacional de los derechos humanos como paradigma que sustenta la investigación e intervención con las niñas y los niños migrantes, sus familias y comunidades. Se trata de un fenómeno emergente en nuestro país que de modo paulatino comienza a ser tratado en el ámbito de la investigación e intervención social. Los pocos estudios científicos realizados sobre las condiciones de vida de las niñas y los niños inmigrantes provienen en su gran mayoría del mundo académico (Tesis de pre y postgrado o Fondecyt) y se

enmarcan en el área de las Ciencias Sociales. Por su parte, las organizaciones de la sociedad civil o internacionales han publicado esencialmente los resultados de intervenciones sociales realizadas con la niñez migrante y sus grupos familiares. Por su parte, resulta evidente la escasa atención que los organismos del Estado -especializados en la materia- han prestado al fenómeno de la niñez migrante, encontrándose en la práctica con dificultades para abordarlo eficazmente desde el enfoque de los derechos humanos.

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From: **Mark Seilhamer**, Singapore.  
Object: New Publications

Cavallaro, F., Ng, B. C., & Seilhamer, M. F. (2014). Singapore Colloquial English: Issues of prestige and identity. *World Englishes*, 33(3), 378–397.

**Abstract:** Singapore Colloquial English (SCE) or ‘Singlish’ is a variety very distinct from Singapore Standardised English (SSE), and its use is a polarising issue in Singaporean society. In stark contrast to the results of most language attitude studies in which non-standardised varieties are rated positively along solidarity dimensions, participants of matched-guise studies investigating Singaporean attitudes toward SCE have assigned lower solidarity ratings for SCE than for SSE. By including participants from non-tertiary sectors and a wider range of stimulus guises as well as supplementing matched-guise results

with interview data, this study seeks to reveal the covert prestige that SCE does, in fact, appear to enjoy in Singaporean society. While the matched-guise results of this study largely conform to previous findings, the interview data suggest that many participants were basing their ratings on perceptions of SCE use in the public domain rather than the private domain. The study has implications for the extent to which we can extrapolate results from matched-guise studies, a widely used instrument for the study of language attitudes in the last 50 years.

Chong, E. L. J., & Seilhamer, M. F. (2014). Young people, Malay and English in Singapore. *World Englishes*, 33(3), 363–377.

**Abstract:** With English use extremely prevalent in Singapore, young Singaporeans are increasingly abandoning the use of their ethnic languages. The Singapore Malay community, however, is frequently depicted as an exception to this trend, proudly keeping Malay as their dominant language and an integral part of their cultural identities despite the overwhelming dominance of English in present day Singaporean society. This study seeks to obtain a sense of whether this is indeed the case by investigating the relationships Singaporean Malay university students (ages 18-26) have with Malay along the dimensions of language expertise, language inheritance, and language affiliation. Fifty survey participants reported on their proficiency in, use of, and perceptions of Malay and English. The results indicate that participants’

relationships with Malay are indeed strongly characterized by all three dimensions – expertise, inheritance, and affiliation – despite their prevalent use of English in all but a few domains and, by the majority, identification of English as the language that best defines them as Singaporeans.

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From: **Simon Susen**, United Kingdom  
Object: New Publications (selection)

Susen, Simon (2014) 'Reflections on Ideology: Lessons from Pierre Bourdieu and Luc Boltanski', *Thesis Eleven*, 124(1), pp. 90-113.  
<http://the.sagepub.com/content/124/1/90.full.pdf+html>

Susen, Simon and Bryan S. Turner (eds.) (2014) *The Spirit of Luc Boltanski: Essays on the 'Pragmatic Sociology of Critique'*, London: Anthem Press, 850 pp.  
<http://www.anthempress.com/the-spirit-of-luc-boltanski>

Susen, Simon (2013) 'Bourdieuian Reflections on Language: Unavoidable Conditions of the Real Speech Situation', *Social Epistemology*, 27(3-4), pp. 199-246.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/02691728.2013.818733#.VGvKSxZCjq0>

Susen, Simon (ed.) (2013) Special Issue: 'Bourdieu and Language', *Social Epistemology*, 27(3-4), pp. 195-393.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tsep20/27/3-4#.VGyqiRZChmB>

Susen, Simon (2013) 'Comments on Patrick Baert and Filipe Carreira da Silva's *Social Theory in the Twentieth Century and Beyond* – Towards a

"Hermeneutics-Inspired Pragmatism"?, *Distinktion: Scandinavian Journal of Social Theory*, 14(1), pp. 80-101.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/1600910X.2012.690772#.VGytFRZChmA>

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From: **Simon Susen**, United Kingdom  
Object: Conference Participation (selection)

'The Sociology of Dominant Ideologies: An Unexpected Reunion Between Pierre Bourdieu and Luc Boltanski'. Annual Conference on Philosophy and Social Science, Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic, 22-25 May 2014 (invited contribution).

'Making Reality Unacceptable: French Perspectives on the Critical Theory of Dominant Ideologies'. 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Critical Theory, Loyola University Chicago, John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy, 8-10 May 2014 (invited contribution).

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From: **Roland Pfefferkorn**, France.  
Object: New Publication

Bihr, Alain and Roland Pfefferkorn, eds. 2014. *Dictionnaire des inégalités*. Paris: Armand Colin.  
(<http://www.armand-colin.com/livre/450810/dictionnaire-des-inegalites.php>)

Les inégalités n'ont cessé de s'accroître ces dernières années dans nos sociétés contemporaines. Perçue par une large part du public, cette tendance est confirmée par de

nombreuses études scientifiques, si bien que la question des inégalités est devenue un objet de préoccupation majeure. Loin de se limiter à dresser un état des lieux, l'ambition de cet ouvrage est de fournir les clefs indispensables à la compréhension de cette dynamique.

Riche de plus de cinq cents entrées, ce dictionnaire couvre l'ensemble des dimensions des inégalités sociales : inégalités entre classes, entre sexes, entre âges et générations, entre nationalités et groupes ethniques, ou encore entre différents espaces (centres et périphéries, villes et campagnes...). Afin de dépasser le seul cadre hexagonal, plusieurs entrées sont consacrées à des pays ou à des comparaisons internationales. Pour autant, ne sont négligés ni les débats et controverses ni les aspects méthodologiques relatifs à l'étude des inégalités et à leur mesure. Enfin, l'aspect systémique des inégalités est mis en évidence, en analysant comment celles-ci s'engendrent bien souvent conjointement.

Fruit de la collaboration de sociologues, ethnologues, historiens, géographes, économistes, statisticiens, philosophes, médecins et juristes, ce dictionnaire pluridisciplinaire, premier du genre, apporte un éclairage inédit sur le fonctionnement de nos sociétés.



Panel session at Yokohama

From: **ISA**

Object: Global Dialogue, Volume 4, Issue 3 (September, 2014)

The Volume 4, Issue 3 of **Global Dialogue**, the electronic magazine of ISA is already available online (<http://isa-global-dialogue.net>).

This issue includes five articles on the state of French sociology. They underline its continued strength in both public and policy spheres. At the same time the authors discuss the bureaucratization and specialization of research, professionalization through the expansion of peer-review, the growing pressure to publish in English as well as the shortage of stable employment.

## ISA Resources

The following section includes information on different activities and resources provided by ISA. In this

number, you can find further information on Sociopedia, the Social Justice & Democratization Space and activities for Junior sociologists.

## **Sociopedia**

Sociopedia.isa is an online journal that publishes review articles in the social sciences. Entries provide a 'state-of-the-art' review of the literature on a particular topic. Sociopedia.isa provides 'living social science' as peer reviewed articles are published quickly after being accepted. In addition, entries are regularly updated and can be commented on. Since 2013, the 8-10 best entries of Sociopedia.isa are included in the annual review issue of 'Current Sociology'.

Sociopedia.isa was founded in 2010 as a joint venture of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and SAGE. Since its foundation, Sociopedia.isa has published more than fifty entries on a variety of topics. Some of these entries were also published in French and/or Spanish and/or commented on. The first batch of publications was updated in 2013.

To find more information on sociopedia.isa, including the structure of entries and commentaries, the submission procedures and the current list of published entries, please visit the [ISA website](#).

## **Social Justice and Democratization Space (SJD)**

This is a new initiative of the ISA, the purpose of this site is to build a global

community who can access and share resources through an open participatory approach to research, policy, pedagogy and practices on social justice and democratization. As of now, the SJD space includes sub-sections with resources on Gender and Human Rights, Social & Economic Inequalities and Public Sociology.

For more information, please go to: <http://sjdSPACE.sagepub.com>

## **Junior sociologists Activities**

ISA provides several resources for junior sociologists (students and early-career academics and practitioners). Current resources available include:

a) ISA International Laboratory for PhD Students in Sociology. The next laboratory will be held in Singapore, July 20-26, 2015. The theme will be "Sociology in Troubled Times". The deadline for applications is January 15, 2015. More information at: [http://www.isa-sociology.org/isa\\_lab.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/isa_lab.htm)

b) PhD Dissertations abstracts database. The database is part of a larger attempt to build a global community of young sociologists. This project has its own Facebook page and twitter account. More information at: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/abstracts-dissertations/>

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## **Call for articles for e-journal Language, Discourse and Society**

Language, Discourse & Society is an international peer reviewed journal published twice annually (June and December) in electronic form. The journal publishes high-quality articles

dedicated to all aspects of sociological analyses of language, discourse and representation.

The editorial board will consider proposed articles based on clear methodological and theoretical commitment to studies of language. Articles must substantially engage theory and/or methods for analyzing language, discourse, representation, or situated talk. Language, Discourse & Society accepts electronic submissions year round. Please send your proposals to: [journal@language-and-society.org](mailto:journal@language-and-society.org) and [f.farini@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:f.farini@mdx.ac.uk)

### **Guidelines for Contributors**

1. Articles and Book reviews may be submitted in English, French and Spanish.

2. Contributions must be original articles, not published, nor considered simultaneously for publication in any other journal or publisher.

3. There is no standard length: 6,000 – 8,000 words (1000-1500 in the case of book reviews) is a useful working target but where it is justified, longer or shorter pieces can be considered.

4. Title, author or authors name, affiliations, full address (including telephone, fax number and e-mail address) and brief biographical note should be typed on a separate sheet.

5. Include an abstract of 200-300 words summarizing the findings and at most five keywords. Abstract and keywords should appear in English, French and Spanish.

6. Use New Times Roman, 12 point font, 1.5 space, and page numbers.

7. Number figures and photographs consecutively (Figure 1, Figure 2, etc.). Each one must include a descriptive title.

8. Submissions should use as little formatting as possible. Do not use bold, italic or titles with capital letters.

9. Tables must be numbered (Table 1, Table 2, etc.).

10. Minimize the number of footnotes. Do not include endnotes.

11. Minimize the length of quotations. In case of quotations, referencing in the text should be as follows: (Brunet, 2007:15).

12. Regarding references: (Brunet, 1995), (Brunet & Spener, 2008) and (Brunet et al., 2006) if the reference concern more than two names. Use letters (a, b, etc.) to differentiate publications from the same author in the same year, (Brunet, 1995a). For more than one publication in the same place: (Brunet, 1999; Jordan, 2005). Bibliography section: All references cited in the text must be listed in this section, and vice versa. List the references in alphabetical order by authors' last names. If the same author has more than one entry list the publications in order of the year of publication. Please follow APA citation style (see <http://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/instructions.aspx#>)

13. Use a recent version of Microsoft Word for submitting your article.



## **Peer Review Process**

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## **RC25 Business Meeting Report**

XVIII ISA World Conference,  
Yokohama, Japan, 2014  
Wednesday, July 16, 2014

The outgoing Executive Board members present were: Celine-Marie Pascale, Amado Alarcón, Taiwo Abioye, and Melanie Heath. Non-voting board members also in attendance were Stéphanie Cassilde and Marta Soler Gallart.

The new Executive Board members present were: Amado Alarcón,

Stéphanie Cassilde, Keiji Fujiyoshi, and Trinidad Valle.

Approximately 15 RC25 members also attended.

Amado Alarcón, outgoing vice-President and new President of RC25, called the meeting to order and thanked the outgoing executive board. He also presented the new executive board. He underlined that the outgoing executive board had the opportunity to work with each member of the new executive board last years, including for the organization of the World Congress in

Yokohama. Thus, RC25's members already know them or had the opportunity to interact with them already or during these days.

#### Business At Hand

Amado Alarcón, distributed the program of the business meeting and the text written by Federico Farini as outgoing newsletter editor and new vice-president.

#### **Review of Activities Report 2010-2014.**

#### **Celine-Marie Pascale, outgoing President**

Celine-Marie Pascale offered a summary of the performance of the Executive Board over the four years since the meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden.

We established two academic awards for scholarship. Under the leadership of Stéphanie Cassilde we established an awards committee to review articles and in 2012 granted our first award.

We established an on-line journal, *Language, Discourse & Society* and created a semi-annual newsletter. Under the leadership of Federico Farini we now have publications four times a year. There was a unanimous vote to pay for an assisting editor during the last 2 years. Now, the website hosts both the newsletter and the journal. A section of recommended literature was added to the site but it has not been well utilized and there are very few posts.

We revised our bylaws. Melanie Heath conducted an online vote to ratify the changes.

We organized a reception for RC members at the Forum. Thanks to the leadership of Melanie Heath we enjoyed a delicious meal and time to socialize with each other.

It should be underlined that Melanie Heath was a gold person for contact with members (evite, voting, etc.).

Lourdes Neri and Corinne Kirchner suggested a Facebook page: there was no decision, thus the leadership of Keiji will be helpful in next 4 years.

#### **Melanie Heath, outgoing Treasurer**

RC25 is in a good financial shape. As of June 31, 2014 the RC25's net assets ending balance was \$5,392 CAD (\$4950 USD) (compared with \$4,649.16 CAD as of July 1, 2012, and \$4,200.36 CAD as of September 30, 2010).

Regarding the income, the total yearly income for 2010-2014 is \$3,976 USD. the membership fees are the main source of income (Affiliation Fees from Members: \$2,451 USD). Melanie Heath reminded that membership fees are collected every four years. And additional income source was an ISA grant (ISA Activities Grant: \$1,525 USD). Regarding this grant from ISA for the assisting editor, it can be renewed. We need to reapply for the grant, every two years.

Regarding the expenses, the total yearly expense for 2010-2014 is \$5,242 USD. The dinner receptions

represent a total of \$2,880 USD ((\$2,375 Sweden, \$505 Buenos Aires). Regarding Vienna, it will probably be more expensive for the dinner cost; Buenos Aires was exceptionally affordable. We need to think about it in advance. The editorial assistant represents \$1,489 USD, and the Web Domain costs are \$ 298 USD. The travel awards for 2012 represent \$ 500 USD. The plaque for the Academic Excellence Award 2012 cost \$ 75 USD.

The expenses that are still to be realized are estimated as follow:

Travel awards for 2014 Congress (\$800USD)

Academic Excellence Awards in 2014 (Estimated \$200USD)

Dinner Reception Yokohama in 2014 (Estimated \$1,500USD)

**Federico Farini, outgoing Newsletter Editor and new Vice-President**

The following statement was distributed during the business meeting.

Dear colleagues, dear newly elected board, dear outgoing board,

First, please let me thank you all for the opportunity you offered me to serve as vice president for ISA RC 25; since the elections, my motivation is not decreased but grown and strengthen, feeding a determined commitment to the further development of our Research Committee, following the tremendous achievement of the previous board led by Celine-Marie Pascale, who I want to thank for her continuing investment,

both in terms of time and intelligence, for the development of RC25.

After having served for the period 2010-2014 as the editor of the Newsletter 'Language & Society', I have decided that it was the right time, with the newsletter already established in a firm position, to leave room for other colleagues who are determined to commit themselves to the Newsletter, developing it with new ideas to take them to new achievements.

Because of the trust you kindly granted me, I have now the opportunity to contribute to RC25 as vice-president.

Not before having wished to Trinidad Valle the best for her new role of Newsletter Editor, I would like to explain my goals for the next four years.

Beside the institutional duties regarding the organization and chairing of sessions within ISA World Forum and Congress, I am fully determined to support Amado Alarcón, our newly elected President, to organize the whole range of activities that will be planned to promote the research and debate on all aspects of language in society.

Personally, my experience as editor of the Journal, 'Language, Discourse & Society', which was launched in 2012 as an editorial initiative of RC25, has been granted me the possibility to appreciate the enormous intellectual capital generated by the intersection of the many perspectives and research interest that are included in RC25.

Therefore, one of my goals will be to promote the expression of such richness through the dedicated institutional channels such as ISA conferences, ISA Forum and the journal. With regard to the latter, I will contribute both as its editor for the next months and as a member of the board, supporting the new editor in the course of 2015. My fully committed to the new role of vice-president suggests me to focus on the exciting, but at the same time demanding, duties related to this role.

After four years as a member of the RC25 board, my enthusiasm is accompanied by a thorough knowledge of the procedures, rules and mutual obligations between a RC and both its members and the ISA.

I am confident that, with the support of the board and of you all colleagues, this new experience will be rewarding both for me personally and for our scholarly community.

### **Reports from the new Board**

#### **Membership. Overview by Stéphanie Cassilde, new Secretary**

Stéphanie Cassilde presented her project to build a data-set about members to track memberships and to facilitate cooperation among members. She notably would like to collect the languages spoken by members, as RC25 may need translations during sessions or peer-reviewing in other languages than English. The anonymous results on the basis of this data-set will be published in the newsletter.

The awards, linked to the journal, were created to increase benefit for members. However, there were few submissions from members and no one of the winners of the awards is a RC25's member. Thus, this seems not to be an interesting benefit for members. Stéphanie offered that members give feedbacks about what would increase their benefit as members.

Today, RC25 has about 100 members. This is a key figure as this is a threshold between two categories of RC, thus between two categories of number of sessions. The number of sessions depends on the number of members. For the future, it will be asked that all session organizers are members of RC25; session organizers will be asked to take care that participants are members. Otherwise the number of sessions will drop and RC25 might disappear.

#### **Website and Social Media. Overview of goals by Keiji Fujiyoshi, new Webmaster.**

Thank you very much for your support to me, a new board member of the RC25 as webmaster.

Keiji Fujiyoshi thanked Daniela Landert, expressing his gratitude for her sincere and sound management of RC25's website.

After reading Daniela Landert detailed advice, I write my present vision as successor of Daniela.

Website: I would like to maintain the present RC25 website at the present

provider. It will function as our stable portal in the next four years.

**Social network service:** In order to keep RC25 members updated about RC's activities (including those by the members), I would like to set up RC25's page on Facebook. Facebook is not the absolute choice. I choose Facebook just because I am more accustomed to it than to any other SNS services. I appreciate your suggestion about which SNS service is good for our colleagues.

But here let me suppose that I start RC25's page on Facebook (FB). I want to make rules about it as follows.

Open to public: Whoever has access to the Internet can see the RC25's page on FB without logging in as FB user.

Membership for posting: Only RC25 members are qualified to post any lines on the RC25's page on FB. When posting, they are expected to know that their lines can be read not only by the RC25 members but also by anyone on the Internet.

Introduction of new member: When we have new member, their introduction shall be posted on FB, unless they refuse to be introduced.

Region before subject: Facebook is expected to help the neighboring members more involved one another. Actually, I know very few, who are RC25's members in Japan. FB will help the members, especially new comers, to know who are in RC25 and what they are doing in their or their neighbouring countries. By this reason, I'd like to ask members to put

their region or country before subject, such as [Japan: How Japanese migrants keep their language in their present life]. This way of putting the region or country may help RC25 to get new interested members.

Encouragement to be multilingual: Every post is expected to be written in poster's native language and English ... I can't decide it immediately on this point. Do you think English is enough? If you are interested in outreaching activities to, for example, undergraduate students or high school students, and even to low teen students, posts in native languages are desirable. It may depend on how far we want to outreach on the Internet. I want to discuss this topic at the business meeting.

This is what I am thinking about as a next webmaster. I appreciate your advice.

Keiji also offers to present and introduce new member on Facebook, except if they refuse it.

Larissa offered the use of a research gate.

### **Newsletter. Overview of goals by Trinidad Valle, new Newsletter Editor**

Trinidad Valle offered to maintain the best elements of the newsletter and to improve other elements, notably the layout and to make the newsletter more user-friendly. She will see what is possible with few or no funding.

The next newsletter will be about Yokohama (brief description of each

session from the chairs) to have a space to continue the discussions started at Yokohama.

Regarding the content of newsletter, descriptive statistics about members will be published on the basis of Stéphanie's data-set (cf. above). Contributions from members will be encouraged in order to know members interests. There will be some overlap with the Facebook page, but these overlaps will be limited thanks to cooperation with Keiji.

### **RC25 Journal. Overview of goals by Federico Farini, new Vice-President**

Cf. Federico Farini's statement above and elements from Amado Alarcón below.

### **Outstanding RC25 Business, Amado Alarcón, new President**

#### **Treasurer**

The position of Treasurer was not filled in last elections. Previous and current board members were discussing during the conference about potential candidates for this position. Following these conversations, Amado asked Corinne Kirchner to become treasurer of RC25: she acknowledged the invitation but refused for practical reasons. Amado announced he will ask Nadya Georgieva-Stankova (not present in the conference for personal reasons) to accept an appointment to become treasurer.

### **RC25 Journal**

Amado underlined that a lot of work was done, especially by Federico Farini as Journal Editor. It was very satisfying. We received among 60 articles from 18 countries. After five numbers published, we need to reconsider some aspects of the Journal. A key aspect is that LD&S is not indexed, so few articles from members were submitted and published in the journal. Sometimes an issue has no article from a member. And it represents a lot of work for RC Board and Journal Board (outreach of articles, review of articles, correspondence with authors, besides economic costs of copy-editing) without a clear benefit for RC25 members.

The previous elements make us to seriously consider the terms of the continuation or not of the Journal for next years. This is a question that is open. During the month previous to the XVIII conference Celine-Marie Pascale and Amado Alarcón entered in contact with publishers, who demonstrated an interest for the journal. It could be an opportunity to make the journal more professional (indexation, etc.). In any case, and this will be key questions the journal would be still linked to ISA and RC25 and optionally, keeping the already published articles in the collection (in this case the journal will keep its name) or not (in this case the journal will have a new name). Anyway, we will need a good archiving so that already published articles will be still accessible. This is something to negotiate with publishers.



Federico Farini will remain the editor of the journal in 2014 (one issue is still in process). He needs somebody to help him: this person will replace Marta Soler Galart. Amado underlined this will give a new energy to the journal and it is a good training to start working with RC25 executive board. Amado made an open invitation for this position: statements of interest are expected to fulfill this assisting position.

### **Awards process**

The awards are linked to the journal. For two reasons we need to rethink about the awards process. First, almost no members submitted/published in LD&S. Second, there might be changes regarding the journal. Amado underlined that we have two years to rethink the process: time runs, we will need to be efficient. He offers to wait for news regarding the evolution of the journal before to start the renewal of Awards process.

### **RC25 interim meeting/conference.**

Amado reminded that the outgoing executive board offered an interim meeting before Vienna or between III ISA Forum of Vienna, 2016 and XIX World Conference of Toronto 2018. For financial reasons, it will be difficult to realize it before Vienna. Amado asked if somebody is having the opportunity to receive funding to organize such an interim conference: proposal / statement of interest might be sent to the executive board. Taiwo showed interest in the organization of an interim conference.

Regarding the meetings of the executive board members, online tools will be used.

### **III ISA Forum: Vienna 2016.**

By January-February of 2015 the Board will make a call for sessions for the III ISA Forum, Vienna, Austria 2016. According to ISA draft for Vienna 2016 we expect to have 12 sessions in this conference.

Number of allocated sessions depends on number of RC members. The reason why membership of all participants is so important is highlighted. All participants benefit from the existence of the sessions. In Vienna 2016, before the final acceptance of the papers, RC25 membership will be checked and non-members will be deleted.

### **Round tables and Sessions**

During the XVIII ISA World Conference, RC25 organized its first Round table. The evaluation of roundtables sessions is quite different depending on members. In this conference this means a successful round table with 4 tables and a high audience. Some tables were crowded and the room was noisy and inappropriate given the dimension of some tables. If a paper or a table is expected to attract a huge audience, Amado suggested changing it from a roundtable to a session. Amado reminded that there is always the possibility to transfer a session as a roundtable and the opposite.

As RC25 delegate, Amado will raise these organizational matters,

including problems of noise and little rooms for regular sessions, to ISA.

Celine-Marie Pascale, outgoing president, closed the business meeting thanking the new executive board, the members for having voted: it is overwhelming. She underlined that everybody who want to participate is welcome, as well for each idea.