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Dear RC25 members,

An important change arose in the executive board. Indeed, for personal and professional reasons, our treasurer Amado Alarcon had to resign from his position. This may be the moment to remember that beyond being scholars, we all are first human being, whose life is fulfilled with several petals and that the balance of these petals made our flower-life beautiful and complete. Thus, on behalf of the executive board, I wish to be thankful to Amado about his difficult decision, which is the most constructive for him, and for the membership, as he underlined it on the basis of his past positions for the service of the RC. Indeed, Amado was vice-president (2010-2014), president (2014-2018), program co-coordinator for five RC25 of ISA conferences, and represented the RC toward the ISA Elections Committee (2010-2014). He will remain program co-coordinator for the forthcoming Porto Alegre Forum of Sociology of the International Sociological Association. Thank you Amado for all you did and still are doing for the RC; we wish you wonderful developments, and are happy to share them with you as a member.

Following Amado’s resignation, a call of interest for the position of treasurer is now open (see later in the newsletter). The executive board also takes this opportunity to make a change toward the position, which is related to the location of the account. Indeed, this position is usually difficult to fill because (1) non-tenured scholars avoid running because of the potential related costs toward the location changes of the account, and (2) scholars living in a country having a less stable currency also avoid to apply. Locating the account at ISA secretariat will be a support to remove these difficulties.

A second call of interest is also published for the position of co-webmaster. As you notice with the new website, we gain thanks Maud our webmaster a huge support for RC25 activities (organizing conferences like the one in Warsaw, improving the submission process for *Language, Discourse & Society*). To foster the ongoing process, a co-webmaster is needed. So please, apply, and have the wonderful experience to learn with Maud key digital skills with kindness.

The interim conference held in Warsaw, 26-27 September, 2019, was a success. The report submitted to ISA as a follow-up of the grant use is attached in this newsletter. Once more I wish to underline the key role of Anna our newsletter editor and co-editor of *LD&S*. I am also thankful to all the keynotes speakers, and I am looking forward to meeting some of the participants at the Warsaw conference in Porto Alegre.

The submission process for the abstracts for the Fourth Forum of Sociology is now closed. You will find more information below. I would add also an advice on the basis of exchanges shared with me. Please don’t wait too much to book your hotel among the list of the one offered by ISA, and in the case you wish to choose a place out of the list, please make sure the location is in the same area for you to benefit for the best conditions during your stay.

Finally, RC25 of ISA is not officially a signatory of the Helsinki Initiative on multilingualism in scholarly communication ([https://www.helsinki-initiative.org/](https://www.helsinki-initiative.org/)). My thanks to Viviane for having let us know about it.

Wishing you a nice reading of this newsletter and looking forward to meeting you at Porto Alegre,

Kind Regards,

Stéphanie Cassilde
Ronin Institute of Independent Research (Charleroi, Belgium)
Research Committee 25 Language and Society, International Sociological Association
Invited Professor at SMAG/CRiDIS (UCLouvain, Belgium) 2019-2020
Statement from the Editor-in-Chief of *Language, Discourse & Society*

The upcoming December issue of our section journal *Language, Discourse & Society (LD&S)* will be dedicated to Political Discourse and Historical, Colonial and Neo-Colonial Regimes of Power. It is co-edited by Gatitu Kiguru and Phyllis Mwangi, both of Kenyatta University, Kenya.

I am particularly excited about this issue because it is my first as Editor-in-Chief. Last July, I took over the helm of LD&S from outgoing Editor-in-Chief and current RC25 President, Stéphanie Cassilde. I want to thank Stéphanie for her leadership of LD&S over the last 3 years and her guidance as she steered the journal into more stable footings by overseeing the expanded indexation of LD&S and the development of an online submission system.

With forward movement there are always challenges. In late summer, our journal website suffered a terrible attack. Towards the end of August, our website was hacked and completely down for almost a month. This unfortunate event caused a disruption in the editing and submission processes. We have been working to address the subsequent delay in the LD&S editing processes; and, we are moving ahead with all our planned issues. We are working diligently to be on pace to publish the December issue by the end of the year. Look for it and consider submitting your work to our next CFP: “The Language of Intersectionality: Academic Debates and Social Movements Praxis.” The deadline is March 15, 2020.

Despite this bumpy beginning, it is clear LD&S is poised to advance. During my tenure, I will continue LD&S's growth as a site for international research that looks at language instead of looking through it. These times of intense political polarization and upheaval across the globe as well as the reliance on algorithms internationally highlight the ways in which we use language to transform our world. My work will include the installation of an Editorial Advisory Board who can help us build the journal by identifying new research topics of interest and the scholars working in these areas.

I look forward to working with Vice-Editor Anna Odrowaz-Coates and Webmaster Maud Mazaniello-Chézol. Anna continues the indexing of the journal necessary for making LD&S a place where researchers will want to publish their work. And, Maud’s development of the journal’s online system in this perilous online climate is diligent and ongoing. Joining our work on the journal is Dasharah Green, who began this fall as an Assistant Managing Editor. I want to thank them all for the work they have done to help me transition into this position. I also must extend thanks to my home institution, St. John’s University, for its tremendous support of LD&S.

Best wishes,

Natalie Byfield
Professor of Sociology
St. John’s University
Queens, NY
U.S.A.

“Research is international. That’s the way we like it! Multilingualism keeps locally relevant research alive. Protect it! Disseminating research results in your own language creates impact. Endorse it! It is vital to interact with society and share knowledge beyond academia. Promote it! Infrastructure of scholarly communication in national languages is fragile. Don’t lose it!

The signatories of the Helsinki Initiative on Multilingualism in Scholarly Communication support the following recommendations to be adopted by policy-makers, leaders, universities, research institutions, research funders, libraries, and researchers:

1. Support dissemination of research results for the full benefit of the society.

   Make sure researchers are merited for disseminating research results beyond academia and for interacting with heritage, culture, and society.

   Make sure equal access to researched knowledge is provided in a variety of languages.

2. Protect national infrastructures for publishing locally relevant research.

   Make sure not-for-profit journals and book publishers have both sufficient resources and the support needed to maintain high standards of quality control and research integrity.

   Make sure national journals and book publishers are safeguarded in their transition to open access.

3. Promote language diversity in research assessment, evaluation, and funding systems.

   Make sure that in the process of expert-based evaluation, high quality research is valued regardless of the publishing language or publication channel.

   Make sure that when metrics-based systems are utilized, journal and book publications in all languages are adequately taken into account.

Helsinki Initiative on Multilingualism in Scholarly Communication has been prepared by the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (TSV), the Committee for Public Information (TJNK), the Finnish Association for Scholarly Publishing, Universities Norway (UHR) and the COST Action “European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanities” (ENRESSH).

“In all languages” campaign is a wake-up call for policy-makers, leaders, universities, research institutions, research funders, libraries, and researchers to promote multilingualism in scholarly communication. Participate by posting in Twitter or Facebook a statement or video of your or your colleagues’ support for multilingualism in scholarly communication, of course #InAllLanguages.

RC25 shall host 19 sessions which respectively contain four presentations and two distributed papers on average at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology held in Porto Alegre, Brazil including joint sessions and Business Meeting. It shall also have one joint session hosted by a partner RC. We, RC25 program coordinators, express our profound gratitude to all session organizers of our RC and partner RCs for their tremendous and excellent work which includes doubling some sessions and modifying titles of others to more appropriately reflect submitted papers.

You may see below the updated list of sessions. The networking session has been replaced by a regular session in order to prioritize scholars’ presentations. This networking will be done in another way to support the membership.

The RC25 Program Coordinators: Stéphanie Cassilde, Keiji Fujiyoshi, Nadya Georgieva-Stankova and Amado Alarcón

The Language That Surrounds Us

Discourses on Poverty, Homelessness, and Housing: Categorization in Policy, Media, Academy, Popular Culture and Beyond. Part I (RC25/RC43)

Discourses on Poverty, Homelessness, and Housing: Categorization in Policy, Media, Academy, Popular Culture and Beyond. Part II (RC25/RC43)

Social Epistemologies for Social Justice

Language and Inequality in an Age of Globalization

Weaving Meaning

Categorizing ‘Races’ and ‘Ethnicities’? Actors, Interests, Codifications, and Implications. Part I (Part II is hosted by RC05)

Open Session - Looking at the Diversity of How Language May be Looked at

Languages and Quantitative Methods

Linguistic Diversity and Social Stratification

Linguistic Integration of the Descendants of Migrants (RC25/RC31)

Languages and Social in/Justice

Power Relations and (in)Equalities in Data Production in Language Oriented Research

Work and Languages (RC25/RC30)

Race, Category and Citizenship

The Language of Health and Healthcare Toward Democratizing Insights

The Use of Language in Media, Disruptions in Hegemonic Meanings, and the Resistance to Gender Violence (RC25/RC32)

Framing Hate: Media, Politics, and the Legitimization of Hate Speech

RC25 Business Meeting
Treasurer Column

Dear RC25 members,

Against my feelings, I have to resign to the Research Committee Board and the position of Treasurer. I informed to the Board and ISA about this decision. There are personal and professional reasons behind. Not to say that reasons have nothing to do with my Treasurer duties. RC25 numbers are in order and we can start to prepare the Porto Alegre reception, as main historical RC25 cost, as well as other RC25 common expenses. Revisionary, ISA directly will keep RC25 account.

My professional and personal life since Barcelona First Forum (2008) has been intimately linked to RC25. So I do not have too much to say in relation to a treasurer's column. As Board Member for 10 years, Vice-President and President, I was able always in cooperation with an extraordinary supportive Board headed first by Celine-Marie Pascale and after by Stéphanie Cassilde to more than double RC25 sessions and doubling number of members. Increasing visibility of RC25 within ISA, being the Chair of the ISA Elections Committee (2010-2014), co-coordinator of 5 ISA conferences, organizing about 14 RC25 sessions and being the organizer of the First RC25 Interim conference in Tarragona, Spain. Organizing or helping the organization of several RC25 Dinners since Barcelona 2008. I think that all academic activities were intellectually beneficial for all RC25 members, and dinners and party activities were good for networking and enjoyment with friends or making new friends and colleagues. Along this years I have devoted hundreds and hundreds of hours to our RC (Stéphanie is experiencing now how many work implies a Program and all duties as President). I have been extraordinary happy and honored for this opportunity. It has make me to be a better person to offer my service to Sociology Community.

Importantly, I think I was able to put together sociolinguistics scope of our previous RC25 decades with the more strictly qualitative and quantitative sociologists scope, strengthening attention towards main social issues of our times: gender, migrations, health, unemployment, hate… . This is what have allow us the excellent position we have reach now. When I arrived to program coordination we have very few Joint Session, and most people in the program were linguists or sociolinguistics. Together with previous extraordinary President Celine-Marie Pascale and trying to follow her path, I helped to make our Committee more focused on Sociology, but not abandoning disciplines surrounding sociology, making our debates richer.

Now, thanks to being surrounded by excellent scholars, we are collaborating with many Sociological Research Committees in successful Joint Sessions. Most of you know that my bigger implication at RC25 was finished about one year and half ago. It was the moment when I decided not to run again for President, as my inner circle knows, and have progressively a more relaxed life during RC25 conferences. My option to run and act as RC25 treasurer was basically to support new Board.

So, my best desires to current and future RC25 Board!

RC25 Program for Porto Alegre lead by our President is nearly done! Stephanie, Nadya and Keiji are doing an outstanding work, as all you know.

See you all there!

Amado Alarcón
RC25 Member
CALLS for potential contributors to the Executive Board

RC25 CO-WEBMASTER OPEN POSITION

RC25 is currently looking for a co-webmaster to help maintain and develop the RC25 website in collaboration with Maud Mazaniello-Chezol, our current webmaster.

The main tasks will be to publish new posts according to the activities and communications of the RC25 (e.g., conferences, calls for papers, publications of RC25 members). The website has been developed through WordPress which is a user-friendly content management system.

The applicant may have experience with this system (or other CMS such as Joomla, Drupal) or is willing to develop new skills.

The webmaster and co-webmaster will work in collaboration to enhance the website and its features for the members. The membership to both ISA and RC25 is mandatory for this position. As being a non-elected position at this stage, the co-webmaster is responsible to the executive board.

Please send your application to president@language-and-society.org Cc to our webmaster Maud Mazaniello-Chezol (maud.mazaniello-chezol@mail.mcgill.ca).

If you have any questions, please contact Maud Mazaniello-Chezol, RC25 webmaster, at: maud.mazaniello-chezol@mail.mcgill.ca.

RC25 TREASURER OPEN POSITION

RC25 is currently looking for a new treasurer.

The treasurer is responsible for the RC bank account and related matters. As such, the treasurer:
- delivers a financial report to RC25 business meeting (every two years, at the World Congress of Sociology of ISA and the Forum of Sociology of ISA)
- prepares the financial minutes of the business meeting for RC record, and the publication in the RC 25 newsletter
- arranges bank transfers and payments: this is notably related to the delivery of grants, the financial participation to conferences (co-)organized by the RC. Please note the current rules at ISA imply double authorization for any transfer/payment: the treasurer thus will work in team with the (vice-)president for this matter.
- checks the financial elements in relation to the organization of RC25 receptions every two years (RC25 budget for this event, check if participants paid their share, etc.)
- receives membership dues as needed
- keeps records of all business in order to report with accuracy the ongoing state of the account

For this position, the executive board is implementing a huge change to support all scholars to be able to apply. Indeed, the account will be transferred to ISA, to stabilize both its location and its currency.

Please send your application to stephanie.cassilde@ronininstitute.org, who can also answer your questions.
Report from RC25 of ISA about the use of the grant delivered by ISA
By RC25’s President, 24th October, 2019

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Announced grant use in RC25 application to ISA grant: 150 euro
Observed expenses from RC 25: 175 euros (including 32.52 euros change fees from euro to zloty)
Financial expenses: 12000 euros¹ (no participation fee)
RC25 spent 25 euros more than expected
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On the 26th and 27th of September 2019 was held an interim conference co-organized by RC25 of ISA and the UNESCO Janusz Korczak Chair at Maria Grzegorzewska University, Warsaw, Poland. The Language & Society. Research Advances in Social Sciences is the second interim conference organized by RC25 outside of the frameworks provided by ISA. The first was the Language at Work. Research Advances in Social Sciences held in Reus, Catalonia, Spain, and organized by Amado Alarcon, out past president and current treasurer. We were glad to rely on his experience to organize the conference in Warsaw.

Janusz Korczak
The conference poster
Maria Grzegorzewska

Overall, 111 participants from 59 countries arrived. 89 of them shared their research about language. Amongst presenters 12 participants of the 12th UNESCO Janusz Korczak Chair

¹ International Conference RC 25 ISA 2019 · Language and Society · the task financed under the agreement No. 762/P-DUN/2019 from the funds of the Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education designated for dissemination of science. Grant applied for by the UNESCO Janusz Korczak Chair, Maria Grzegorzewska University.
International Summer School presented the research findings from the UNESCO fellowship activities which were related to language. Therefore, the conference received patronage of the Polish Commission for UNESCO. The program included 1 open plenary presentation, 9 keynotes, 11 sessions (45 oral presentations; the sessions were organized in parallel of two or three), 1 poster session (10 posters, printed by the University to support the financial accessibility). The final program is available on RC25 website: https://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/imgen/643-cfp-rc25-warsaw-language-society.pdf, and a book of abstracts were edited online.

The organizing committee was guided by Anna Odrowaz-Coates (Chair of the UNESCO Chair, and RC25 newsletter editor) and Stéphanie Cassilde (RC25 president). As president, I wish to underline the tremendous work done by our newsletter editor. Indeed, she managed to get the venue for free, and was successful in grants applications for this conference. University food subsidy grant of 1200 euro and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education Grant¹ was secured for travel and hotel subsidies offered to several participants, mainly from the Global South. The results are a very inclusive conference:

- There were no registration fees for participants;
- Coffee breaks and lunches were included, ensuring no additional costs for participants (cost of 1200 euros covered by the University);
- A multiuse thermal mug was given as a present to avoid waste of cups (cost of 750 euros covered by the grant secured by Anna);
- Posters and certificates were provided by the University, including printing of the posters for the poster session (cost 400 euros);
- Some travel grants and hotel costs were covered (amounting to approximately 7500 euros covered by the grant¹).

Anna Odrowaz-Coates took care about presenting us the local culture. A traditional folk dance group performed in the evening and participants were taught basic steps. Also, a sample of Polish traditional dishes was offered in the evening of the first day, before the optional dinner out (for which a participation of 25 euro were asked of those who could afford it, 20 meals were covered by the host University).

All the coffee and tea breaks was free for all participants. Free lunches provided for all participants during the two days. A vegetarian option was available.

RC25 enabled providing fruits and cakes for all participants during the whole conference, i.e. breakfast, and break. The overall amount spent by RC25 is 550 zloties and 15 euros (which means 175 euros including the exchange fees). This amount respects what was announced in the grant application at ISA.
The venue, provided for free thanks to the support of the rector to Anna’s work for RC25.

The majority of the participants were not members of RC25. I may already underline that a couple of them submitted an abstract to the Forum in Porto Alegre.

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Links to Book of abstracts:


Links to the official photo gallery:
INTERSECTIONALITY OF THEORIES
Stéphanie Cassilde, President of
RC 25 on Language and Society,
International Sociological Association

Saturday, November 30
Room 2B23, South Building, Mita Campus, Keio University
https://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/maps/mita.html
15:30 Room Open
16:00 - 16:10 Introduction
16:10 - 17:00 Lecture by Stéphanie Cassilde
17:00-17:15 Short Break
17:15 - 18:00 Q&As and Discussion
18:00 Close

Following Crenshaw's (1989*) articulation of both racism and sexism, intersectionality refers to taking into account several social dimensions toward stratification, domination and discrimination. Aiming to include the competing theories related to these social dimensions into a single theoretical framework, I offer to apply intersectionality to theories. This approach is first rooted in the findings of an empirical research about skin colour / race declarations in Brazil: respondents demonstrated their capability to both use several referentials at the same time, and to reflexively shift from one to another quite easily. Second, applying the initial findings to the epistemological framework, this approach was enlarged using intersectionality while keeping two referentials for each social dimension: this lead to a geometric approach of the social space. Third, such enlargement is critically discussed to identify its robustness as an epistemological framework, the intersectionality of theories, toward broader issues related to our positioning in social spaces, and toward our representation of these spaces looking at language.


Stéphanie Cassilde is President of RC25 of ISA (2016-2020). Being both a sociologist and an economist, she is a Research Scholar at the Ronin Institute of Independent Research, and on site Researcher at Comme chez nous (at home) non-profit organization in Charleroi (Belgium) dedicated to daily emergency social service for homeless people. She focuses on the interaction between language and space. Her current interests include using competitive theoretical frameworks at the same time to both analyze dedicated question and shed light on knowledge production and dissemination. She is Invited Professor for a one research stay at SMAG/CRiDIS Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium) this year.

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PAST EVENTS

RC25 Executive Members at the 12th UNESCO/ Janusz Korczak Chair SUMMER SCHOOL in Poland

The summer school was inspired and informed by the Language and Society Research Committee’s theme and dedicated to “Gender equality and children’s equality in liberal and conservative discourses: Implications toward language and society”. Dr. Stephanie Cassilde and Prof. Viviane de Melo Resende shared their expert knowledge as onsite reviewers and guest speakers. Thanks to their help and support, early stage researchers from 5 continents could present their research outcomes at the RC25 ISA Conference.

NEW BOOKS by RC25 members

Multilingualism in European Language Education (2019)

Edited by Cecilio Lapresta-Rey & Angel Huguet [Bristol: Multilingual Matters]


CFP Submit this book's review to LD&S
The author shows that English, as a language of European integration and communication, has become an element of social status. In privileged social groups, its position has changed from a foreign language to a second language, which demonstrates a linguistic shift with long-term consequences. She presents dialectical arguments to critically examine the cultural and individual implications of this phenomenon in the context of field study in Poland and Portugal. She uses institutional ethnography with a combination of theoretical constructs, including “soft power” and “positioning theory”, examining evidence of English as a new tool for social stratification and its effect on language policies, impacting people's lives and their opportunities. Whilst critical of the neoliberal, neo-colonial and imperialistic dimensions of English language hegemony, the author captures an original gender perspective on English as a language of opportunity, inclusion and empowerment. She focuses primarily on discourses that are shown to be products of, and the makers of the material aspects of language. Using an ethical imperative not only to question, but also to participate in the existing power structures in order to change the power dynamic, the author argues that language choices are not necessarily ours but are institutionally driven.


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CFP Submit this book’s review to LD&S
Abstract: Technology implementation choices in organisations require trade-offs between economic efficiency and decent work. Technology choices are often started top-down, technocratic, and from an efficiency perspective. Social and organisational aspects are seldomly sufficiently considered in this process. Negative consequences both for the people and for the chance of success of the technology implementation are the result. For overseeing and considering both social and organisational aspects in technology implementation choices, an impact choice model of (new) technologies is helpful. This article discusses such a model: TIM (Technology Impact choices Model). TIM is a method that helps organisations and policy makers assess the impact of technological choice for the production of products and services, the design of the organisation of work, and the content of separate functions and jobs.

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http://pub.sinnergiak.org/index.php/esir/issue/view/10

CFP Submit this book's review to LD&S -
Recent Publications by Simon Susen, October 2019


CKC - Call for knowledge circulation about language and homelessness

In relation to the association where I am on-site researcher - Comme chez nous, i.e. at home - I wish to circulate academic knowledge about homelessness. Indeed, often the knowledge produced does not reach back the field, notably the social workers, who may be interested in incorporating these knowledge in their practices. This step is even made more difficult because of the needed linguistic skills, i.e. the need to speak Sociology and/or English. Comme chez nous has a FB account, where it is possible for me to post summary of research, in French, so that interested social workers may learn about what academia is producing. In this framework, I welcome all RC25 membership research which are related to homelessness and/or to closely related thematics.

Interested RC25 scholars may send me (stephanie.cassilde@roninstitute.org) their article, book chapter, etc. in a language I am able to read (English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish) so that I can proceed. If your research is published in another language, please let us enter in contact to that we may exchange about it, for instance using Skype.

Looking forward to be able to circulate knowledge such a way.
Call for Papers for the special issue of *Society Register 4/2020*

**Children’s Rights and Childhood Studies**

The papers that focus on children’s rights or use CR pedagogical lenses in order to explore both nature and culture and their interplay with the ideals of childcare, children’s wellbeing, and children’s upbringing will be given priority.

Early childhood is of paramount importance for a child’s development and later success in life, yet parents often do not have the knowledge and support to be the best parents for their children at this critical stage. Tired, exhausted and confused, anxious about their changing roles and changing obligations, parents may miss out on the positive aspects of parenthood and at the same time unknowingly affect their children in a negative way. Every developmental stage brings new challenges and questions for parents that often remain unanswered or inadequately addressed by pseudo-experts and heresy. This is an area for social pedagogues, social workers, psychologists, medical professionals, and social politicians to explore and clarify. The effects of natural and cultural pressures give us an interesting opportunity to reflect on the roots of traditions and praxis of childcare and parental practices observed in different cultures, in different parts of the world and in different epochs.

We invite you to submit contributions by May 1st, 2020. All papers will be subject to the *Society Register* review regime. The volume will be published in 2020. Please comply with the editing requirements of the American Sociological Association (ASA):


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