This issue of our Newsletter serves two purposes: to give you some recent information on our common research topics and to open up a dialogue on social transformations and development. We encourage the submission of short responses or book reviews for the next Newsletter issue. (Please send them to Nina Bandelj, the RC09 Secretary at nbandelj@uci.edu.)
Conference Activities

XVI World Congress of the International Sociological Association
Durban, South Africa, July 23-29, 2006

To all Participants of the Durban Congress:

To be included in the abstracts booklet, which will be distributed to all registered for the World Congress, abstracts of accepted papers must be submitted to the Sociological Abstracts website at: http://www.csa.com/socioabs/submit.html

The deadline for abstract submission is March 31, 2006.

Only abstracts submitted on this website will be accepted. In order to submit an abstract, a participant must have registered for the Congress at ISA website: http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2006/registration.htm

Please, find here the preliminary program of RC09 sessions for the Durban Congress:

RC09 – Session 1
Global Modernity, Civilizations and Local Life-worlds (1st session)

Organizers/Chairs:
Ulrike Schuerkens (ÉHÉSS, Paris, France) (schuerkens.ulrike@caramail.com)
Willfried Spohn, Free University of Berlin, Willfried, willfried.spohn@iue.it

TO BE SCHEDULED: Monday 7/24, 13:30

Presenters:

Author: Ulrike Schuerkens (ÉHÉSS, Paris, France) (schuerkens.ulrike@caramail.com)
Title: Global Modernity, Civilizations and local Life-worlds: Socio-economic Practices

Author: Pamela Stern, Peter V. Hall (University of Waterloo, Canada) (pstern@uwaterloo.ca)
Title: The proposal Economy: the Ideology of Competition in a Northern Ontario rural Region.
Author: Joergen Goul Andersen and Bengt-Ake Lundvall (Aalborg University (Denmark) (goul@socsci.aau.dk and bal@business.aau.dk)

Author: Iolanda Trovoada Aguiar (IEDES-University Paris 1, France) (yolaguiar@yahoo.fr)
Title: The Circulation of Plants, Men and Women and the Making of local Identities in Sao Tome and Principe.

Author: Frederick F. Wherry (Pennsylvania University, USA) (ffwherry@sas.upenn.edu).
Title: Exporting Cultural Commodities as Impression Management: The Case of Thai Handicrafts.

Distributed Papers:

Author: Jean-Mari Guevel (University Paris X, France) (jmguevel@yahoo.fr)
Title: Economic Well-being of North-African and North European urban Inhabitants

Author: Raphaël Liogier (University of Aix-Marseille, France) (r.liogier@libertysurf.fr). 
Title: The new Division and Circulation of Believes in global Capitalism.

Author: Tsholofelo Angela Thomas (University of Pretoria, South Africa) (S21188638@tuks.ca.za)
Title: Traditional African Culture and Ethnic Identity in Contemporary South Africa.

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RC09 – Session 2
Global Modernity, Civilizations and Local Life-worlds (2nd session)

Organizers/Chairs:
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TO BE SCHEDULED: Monday 7/24, 15:45

Presenters:

Author: Yu Ying Lee (Feng Chia University, Taiwan). (yylee@fcu.edu.tw)
Title: Learning to shop: A Case Study of Taiwanese Culture of Shopping.

Author: Andrew Spark and Jonathan Q. Titter (University of Warwick, UK) (Andrew.Sparks@wbs.ac.uk)
Title: Public Sector Reform and Employment Conflict: A Public Service Ethos in South Africa and Britain?

Author: Dieter Neubert and Elisio Macamo (University of Bayreuth, Germany) (dieter.neubert@uni-bayreuth.de)

Title: The New and its Temptations: Products of Modernity and their Impact on Social Change in Africa

Author: Dirk Kohnert (Institute of African Affairs, Germany) (Kohnert@iak.duei.de)


Author: Anita van Wyk and Charles Quist-Adade (Kwantlen University, Canada) (Anita.vanWYk@kwantlen.ca and Charles.Quist-Adade@kwantlen.ca)

Title: The Role of Canada and the USA in the Transformation of Socio-Cultural Structures in Africa

Distributed Papers:

Author: Dina K. Tanatova (Moscow University, Russia) (tanatova-dina@yandex.ru)

Title: Russia in the Globalizing World: Positive and Negative Consequences.

Author: Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu (Ateneo de Malina University, Philippines) (csaloma@ateneo.edu)

Title: Architectural Expressions of Everyday Life-Worlds: Continuity and Change in Global-Local Encounters

Author: Juan David Gomez Quintero (Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain) (jdgomez@unizar.es) El desarrollo del ‘tercer mundo’ y otras metáforas de representación.

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RC09 – Session 3
State, Hunger and Food Security

Organizers/Chairs:
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Habibul H. Khondker, Zayed University (UAE), Habibul.khondker@zu.ac.ae

TO BE SCHEDULED: Tuesday 7/25 13:30
Presenters:

Author: Mustafa Koc, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Ryerson University, Canada, mkoc@ryerson.ca
Title: Wretched of the Earth, Hunger and Marginalization in the Global Economy

Author: Agostino M. Zamberia, Department of Sociology, University of Swaziland, zamberia@uniswacc.uniswa.sz
Title: The state and food security crisis in Africa: Insights from Swaziland.

Author: Göran Djurfeldt, Rolf Larsson, Magnus Jirström and Agnes Andersson, Lund University (rolf.larsson@tvrl.lth.se)
Title: African farm trajectories and the sub-continental food crisis

Author: Kristen Hopewell, Sociology Department, University of Michigan, hopewell@umich.edu and Matias E. Margulis, matias.margulis@utoronto.ca
Title: The Comedores Populares: Popular Responses to Hunger and the Failure of the State in Argentina

Author: Khurshed Alam, Bangladesh Institute of Social Research (BISR), bisr@agnionline.com ; khurshed@bkdconline.com
Title: State and Hunger in Bangladesh Today

Author: Adeyinka Oladayo Bankole, Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, adebanks@yahoo.com, ao.bankole@mail.ui.edu.ng
Title: Privatization Policy and the Appraisal of Social Security in the Sub-Saharan African Countries

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RC09 – Session 4
Entitlement to Food in the Age of Globalization

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TO BE SCHEDULED: Tuesday 7/25 15:45

Presenters:

Author: Habibul H. Khondker, Zayed University (UAE), Habibul.khondker@zu.ac.ae
Title: Local Hunger and Global Human Rights

Author: Neetu Choudhary Research Scholar (Economics) and D. Parthasarathy, Associate
Professor (Sociology Dept.) Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India, neetuc@iitb.ac.in and ben.dp@iitb.ac.in
Title: Eradicating Hunger and Food Insecurity: Need for Gendered Intervention

Author: Taekyoon Kim, Department of Social Policy, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford, taekyoon.kim@sant.ox.ac.uk
Title: Invented National Identity for Regime Survival in the Face of the Great Famine: A Comparative Study of China and North Korea

Author: K. Rideout, A. Ostry, G. Riches, D. Buckingham, R. MacRae, Department of Health Care and Epidemiology & Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability University of British Columbia, krideout@interchange.ubc.ca
Title: The right to food in Canada: challenges and possibilities for achieving food security

Author: Joseph Tharamangalam, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, jtharamangalam@yahoo.com
Title: State and Society in Poverty Alleviation: Lessons from Some Success Stories

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RC09 – Session 5
How Problems from the Past and from Outside become Domestic Problems of Present Times

Organizer/Chair:
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TO BE SCHEDULED: Wednesday 7/26 13:30

Presenters:

Author: Eliezer Ben-Rafael, University of Tel-Aviv, Israel (saba@post.tau.ac.il)
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Author: Bernard Francq, University of Louvain, Belgium (francq@anso.uci.ac.be)
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RC09 – Session 6
Social Transformations in Central and Eastern Europe: Taking Stock of Developments after 1989

Organizer/Chair:
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TO BE SCHEDULED: Wednesday 7/26 15:45

Presenters:

Author: József Böröcz, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University and Institute for Political Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, jborocz@rci.rutgers.edu
Title: Geopolitics of Property Relations: State Socialism under Global Capitalism

Author: Indrek Tart, Tallinn University, Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies, itart@tlu.ee
Title: Change of Human Values in European Cultural Communities After 1989

Author: Nina Bandelj, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, nbandelj@uci.edu
Title: Social, Political and Economic Development in Central and Eastern Europe after 1989

Author: Joshua Dubrow, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, dubrow.2@sociology.osu.edu
Title: Descriptive Representation Policy During Radical Social Transformation: A Comparative Analysis of East Central Europe and the Balkans

Authors: Heili Pals, Department of Sociology, Stanford University, heili@stanford.edu and Nancy Brandon Tuma, Department of Sociology, Stanford University, tuma@stanford.edu
Title: The Varying Role of Rule Breaking on the Attainment: Do Nonconformists Succeed in Transitional Societies?

Author: Nikolai Genov, Free University Berlin, Institute of Sociology/ Institute of Eastern European Studies, genov@zedat.fu-berlin.de
Title: Upgrading Organizational Rationality: What can We Really Learn from the East European Transformations?

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RC09 – Session 7
Global Governance, Multiple Modernities and Local Politics - Perspectives from the Post-colonial World

JOINT SESSION WITH TG02: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY

Organizers/Chairs:
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TO BE SCHEDULED: Thursday 7/27 13:30

Presenters:

Author: Ananta Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies (ananta@mids.ac.in)
Title: The Calling of a Post-colonial Cosmopolis: Self-Development, Inclusion of the Other and Planetary Realizations

Author: Ran Greenstein (University of the Witwatersrand) (rangreen@su.apc.org)
Title: Alternative Modernity: Development, Discourse and Democratization in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Author: Julia Hornberger (University of Witwatersrand) (ACADEMICS@juris.law.wits.ac.za)
Title: From the UN beach (Geneva) to policing the streets of Johannesburg. The provincialism of human rights

Author: Khuram Hussein (Lahore University of Management Sciences) (khurramh@lums.edu.pk)
Title: The Impact of the IMF on Economic Development in Pakistan

Author: Stefanie Strulik, University of Bielefeld, Germany (strulik@gmail.com)
Title: The Mantra of Democracy and its Vernacularization in Rural Northern India

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RC09 – Session 8
Global Governance, Multiple Modernities and Local Politics - Perspectives from Europe

JOINT SESSION WITH TG02: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY

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TO BE SCHEDULED: Thursday 7/27 15:45

Presenters:

Author: Manuela Boatca (Katholische Universität Eichstätt), (manuela.boactca@ku-eichstaett.de)
Title: The Constraints of Europeanizing Authority. Cultural Politics and Political Culture in Pre-Accession Romania

Author: Dimitris Boucas (London School of Economics) (d.boucas@lse.ac.uk)
Title: One European Information Society or (multiple) national information societies?

Author: József Böröcz, (Rutgers University) (jborocz@rci.rutgers.edu)
Title: EU-Rope: Consequences of European Integration for an Increasingly Unequal World

Author: Mustafa Koc (Ryerson University, Toronto) mkoc@ryerson.ca, and Mustafa Talas (Inonu University, Malatya, Turkey), mtalas@inonu.edu.tr
Title: Change from Within or Without: The ambivalent role of civil society organization in Turkey

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RC09 – Session 9
Changing Patterns of Inequality and Development

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TO BE SCHEDULED: Thursday 7/27 18:00

Presenters:

Author: Jason Beckfield, University of Chicago, jbeckfie@uchicago.edu
Title: Regional Integration and National Income Inequality in Western Europe

Author: Thora Margareta Bertilsson, University of Copenhagen, Denmark,
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Title: On the Moral Dynamics of Welfare Economies: The Politics of Distribution and Global Competitiveness  

Author: Martin Kahanec, IZA, Bonn, kahanec@iza.org  
Title: Two Faces of the ICT Revolution: Desegregation and Minority-Majority Earnings Inequality  

Author: Nina Bandelj, University of California, Irvine, nbandelj@uci.edu, and Matthew Mahutga, University of California, Irvine, mmahutga@uci.edu  
Title: The Changing Patterns of Income Inequality in Postsocialist Europe  

Author: Hanno Scholtz, University of Zurich, scholtz@soziologie.unizh.ch  
Title: Understanding Kuznets and the ‘Inverted U’ as Diffusion Processes: The Case of Attitudes towards Change

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RC09 – Session 10  
Social Transformations, Gender and Migration  

Organizer/Chair:  
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TO BE SCHEDULED: Friday 7/28 13:30  

Presenters:  

Author: Ulrike Schuerkens (ÉHÉSS, France) (ulrike.schuerkens@caramail.com)  
Title: Social Transformations, Gender and Migration: Theoretical Approaches.

Author: Peter Chua (San José State University, USA) (pchua@sjsu.edu)  
Title: Filipinas and Filipinos evading States and Empire, remaking the Politics of gendered Work and Diaspora: New Directions in the Sociology of Mass Removals.

Author: Magdalena Barros Nock (Mexico) (mbarros55@hotmail.com)  
Title: Mexican Women Entrepreneurs in California: Gender and social Transformations.

Author: Larisa Kosygina (University of Birmingham, UK) (lkosygina@mail.ru)  
Title: Gender, Ethnicity and Russian Migrants’ Adaptation in the receiving Society.

Author: Mehmood Shahid Essop Vawda (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa) (vawdas@ukzn.ac.za)  
Title: Foreign Women Migrants to South Africa: New Patterns and Opportunities.

Author: Maniemai Thongyou and Dusadee Ayuwat (Khon Kaen University, Thailand)
Title: Social Networks of Transnational Lao Migrants in Thailand.

**Distributed Papers:**

Author: Mridula Udayagiri (California State University, USA) ([mridula@saclink.csus.edu](mailto:mridula@saclink.csus.edu))
Title: The Silicon Valley Nexus: South Asia’s Software Engineers in the Making of Sacramento’s Economy and Society.

Author: Roland Verwiebe (University of Hamburg, Germany) ([soea013@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:soea013@uni-hamburg.de))
Title: Europeanization and Transnational Mobility

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**RC09 – Session 11**
**Social Transformations in Asia**

**Organizers/Chairs:**
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**TO BE SCHEDULED: Friday 7/28 15:45**

**Presenters:**

Author: Yi-Tung Chang, Taiwan, (University of Marburg, Germany), [elias@alumni.nccu.edu.tw](mailto:elias@alumni.nccu.edu.tw)
Title: Taiwan and Korea: Similarity and Difference between two Post-colonial Societies

Author: Jennifer Jarman, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, [socjj@nus.edu.sg](mailto:socjj@nus.edu.sg)
Title: Employment Standards and Protections in the Global Call Centre Industry: Comparisons from India, Singapore and Canada

Author: Xiulian Ma, Sociology Department, University of Utah, USA, [Xiulian.ma@soc.utah.edu](mailto:Xiulian.ma@soc.utah.edu)
Title: The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Urbanization in China

Author: Nihal Perera, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, USA ([NPERERA@bsu.edu](mailto:NPERERA@bsu.edu))
Title: Beyond Post-Colonial: Emerging Trends in Asian Planning

Author: Rachel M. Safman, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, [socrache@nus.edu.sg](mailto:socrache@nus.edu.sg)
Title: Operating a Medical System in Quarantine: The Impact of Economic Isolation and Political Turmoil on Myanmar’s Health
Distributed Papers:

Author: D.Venkateswarlu Department of Sociology, Sri Venkateswara University, INDIA (profvenkatesh@yahoo.com )
Title: Policy of Empowerment of People through Welfarism – An Evaluation of India’s Welfare Policy (Distributed Paper)

Author: Fei Wang, Beijing Jiaotong University, China, Email: (ktwefdk@hotmail.com )
Title: Relevance of China’s Experience of Development for Selected African Countries.(Distributed Paper)

Author: U.S.Pandy, Department of Sociology, S.R.K.(P.G.) College Firozabad, Agra, India (us_pandey123@rediffmail.com )
Title: Agriculture and Rural development in India (Distributed Paper)

Author: Durgadas Munhopadhyay University of Delhi, Delhi, India, (spartaindia@yahoo.com )
Title: Folk Knowledge, Values and Culture in the Era of Globalization (Distributed Paper)

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RC09 – Session 12
Migration and the Emergence of Transnational Networks in the Global South

Organizer/Chair:
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TO BE SCHEDULED: Saturday 7/29  13:30

Presenters:

Author: M. Basilia Valenzuela V. , Departamento de Estudios Regionales-Ineser, CUCEA, Universidad de Guadalajara, mbasilia@cucea.udg.mx
Title: "Hometown Associations From Rural Mexico in the U.S.: Between Political Participation and the Search for Economic Development"

Author: Dina Lopes, Department of Sociology, Universite Laval Quebec, dina.lopes.1@ulaval.ca
Title: "The Sub-Saharan Diaspora in Canada: Composition, Organization, and Relations with Their Home Countries"
Author: Fiona B. Adamson and David Hudson, Department of Political Science, School of Public Policy, University College London, f.adamson@ucl.ac.uk and d.hudson@ucl.ac.uk
Title: "Diasporas and International Development: Mapping Network Structures to Harness the Developmental Power of Remittances"

Author: France Bourgouin, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, france.bourgouin@free.fr
Title: "African Transnationalism in Johannesburg: The Circulation of Capital and Labour and the Making of a Global City"

Author: Stian Ho Yong Thoresen, Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia, s.thoresen@postgrad.curtin.edu.au
Title: "The HIV/AIDS Pandemic, Human Rights, and Brain Drain: Ensuring Sustainable Healthcare in Thailand"

Author: Freek Cronje, North West University, South Africa and Charity Chenga, University of Kent, sosjfc@puknet.puk.ac.za
Title: "The Impact of Alternative Migrant Activities in a South African Mining Community"

Distributed Papers:

Author: Senia Bastos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, senisbas@anhembi.br
Title: "City, Citizenship, and Immigration in the Middle of the 19th Century in Sao Paulo, Brazil" (Distributed Paper)

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RC09 – Session 13
Migrant Remittances and Development in the Global South

Organizer/Chair:
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Discussant:
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TO BE SCHEDULED: Saturday 7/29 15:45

Presenters:

Author: Patricia Zamudio-Grave, CIESAS-GOLFO, Veracruz, Mexico, "When the Locals, zamudiograve@ciesas-golfo.edu.mx
Title: “Take the Initiative: Remittances and Wellbeing Projects in the State of Veracruz, Mexico"

Author: Mtra. Leticia Hernandez-Vega, Centro Universitario de la Cienega, Universidad de Guadalajara, vega2907@yahoo.com
Title: "Social Effects Produced by the Collective Remittances Sent by Two Hometown Associations of Jaliscienses in Their Communities of Origin in Jalisco, Mexico: Jamay and Tecolotlan"

Author: Hein de Haas, International Migration Institute, University of Oxford, h.dehaas@maw.ru.nl
Title: "Internal and International Migration, Remittances and the Education of Household Members Left Behind: Evidence From Morocco, Turkey, Egypt, and Tunisia"

Author: James Loveday, Oswaldo Molina, and Carlos Rueda, Universidad del Pacifico, Peru, molina_o@up.edu.pe
Title: "Migration and Remittances as a Development Strategy For Peruvian Households"

Author: Aaron Litvin, University of Sao Paulo, aaronlitvin@gmail.com
Title: "Japanese-Brazilian Transnationalism: Migration to Japan and Remittances to Brazil"

**Distributed Papers:**

Author: Monica Gordon, Walden University, gordon61@bellsouth.net
Title: "Migration, Globalization, and Social Development in Post-Colonial Societies in the Caribbean: Transformation Issues for the 21st Century" (Distributed Paper)

Author: Tamara Potemkina, Russian State Social University, safrin@mail.ru
Title: "Migratory Processes in the Modern System of International Relations" (Distributed Paper)

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RC09 together with TG02 and TG06 will also organize the following semi-plenary:

**Integrative Session**
Transformations of Social Structures in Africa and Beyond: Local Life Worlds and Global Forces

Organizer: Ulrike Schuerkens

TO BE SCHEDULED: Tuesday 7/25  9:00

**Session Chair:**
Edward Webster (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa) (webstere@social.wits.ac.za )

**Presenters:**

Author: Ulrike Schuerkens (ÉHÉSS, France) (Ulrike.Schuerkens@ehess.fr )
Title: Local Socio-economic Characteristics in a Globalized African Continent.
Dear RC09 Members Attending the Durban Congress:

You are all cordially invited to join us for the following two events:

RC09 Business Meeting – Tuesday, July 25, 2006 – 18:00-19:30

RC09 Reception (joint with RC36) – Friday, July 28, 2006 – Before the Beach Party

You shall receive an email message closer to the Congress date, confirming the dates and providing further details about the venue.

We look forward to meeting or re-connecting with many of you in Durban!

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New and Recent Titles


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**Call for References to be Published on RC09 Website**

We you to suggest interesting books or your own publications to be included in a list of references to be published on our website. This would provide nice exposure and permit interested scholars to have a quick overview of our research topics. We also expect the list to be a useful reference for teaching and research in the field of Social Transformations and Sociology of Development. Please e-mail your contributions to nbandelj@uci.edu.

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RC 09 Board Elections

This year is the RC09 Board Election year. You will receive the election ballot via e-mail but will be asked to send it back to RC09 Secretary via postal letter. We will provide further information about this shortly after the Durban Congress.

News from our Members

Send us your news! We would be delighted to receive more information on your current research projects, recent publications and teaching experiences in order to inform other members of RC 09 and to encourage collaborations among our members.

Membership

We are happy to report that RC09 membership is growing steadily. Please encourage your colleagues and friends to join as well! The membership fee is quite low compared to other RCs. For a four year period the fee is 10 $ US for countries of category C and 25 $ US for countries of category A and B. Members receive RC09 Newsletter and can participate in the committee’s activities during conferences. Furthermore, RC09 members benefit from the network on scholars interested in the topic of Social Transformations and Sociology of Development.

The application form can be found on the International Sociological Association website: http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/memb_i/index.htm
If this Newsletter was of interest to you and if you wish to contribute to our activities, please send us some information about yourself, such as your scholarly interests, your university affiliation and titles of recent publications. E-mail to nbandelj@uci.edu.

We wish to all of you a productive and enjoyable spring. We look forward to reading you soon and to meeting you in Durban!

This Newsletter was prepared by Ulrike Schuerkens and Nina Bandelj.