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Remarks from the RC09 Chairs

The topic of our Research Committee contributes to the move that the next World Congress represents for sociology as a discipline! We received a large number of interesting abstracts that focus on a wide spectrum of critical topics and important themes such as the socio-economic crisis, globalization, inequality, civil society organizations and development, labor markets and labor migrations, and governance and sustainability. Sociologists from all continents are on the move, tackling questions such as: What are the most pertinent approaches to study social crises? What are the consequences of the current crisis for societies? Which factors contribute to social transformations and economic, political and social development? The sessions provide space for a broad spectrum of empirical and theoretical approaches as well as interesting collaborations with other social sciences or other sub-fields of sociology.

You will see from the detailed program listed below that we accepted more papers than we expect to be presented due to last minute cancellations. Please inform your chair(s) as soon as possible if you have a problem with coming so that we may accept papers for presentation that are otherwise listed as distributed to the audience.

We look forward to seeing you all in Gothenburg in July and extend a kind invitation to you to join us for the Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, at 17:45, followed by a Reception!

Ulrike Schuerkens and Nina Bandelj, Program Coordinators and RC 09 Co-chairs

See inside for the preliminary program for RC09 sessions!

Join us in Gothenburg, Sweden in 2010 for the XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology

The theme of the World Congress is “Sociology on the move”

Determinism is dead in the social sciences. Despite a strong interest in social structures, social mechanisms, forms of reproduction, we are all aware that human beings are not completely dominated by them. The world changes, and this change to a large extent depends on human action and imagination.

If sociology is to be useful, it has to contribute to an understanding of change – and it has to change itself. It is on the move and has to be on the move because the world, the societies, collective and individual actors are on the move.

“Sociology on the move” means that our discipline contributes to an understanding of our world by defining new objects of research, devising new approaches and reevaluating its rich heritage. It implies a new openness with regard to other disciplines and to normative questions. The International Sociological Association offers an enormous variety of perspectives – in terms of cultures, gender and generation. They all contribute to the vitality of our discipline.

Michel Wieviorka, ISA President
Hans Joas, ISA Vice-President, Programme
Ulla Björnberg, Chair, Local Organizing Committee

Preliminary Program of RC09 Research Committee on Social Transformations and Sociology of Development

****Please report changes/corrections to your session chair(s) until May 15th, 2010****

Please note that this is a preliminary program and that some changes may occur. Details on registration, due dates, presentation format, and travel logistics are included at the end.

Daily Schedule (information on session times and presenters follows)

Monday, July 12

Session 1: Crisis and Social Transformations, Part I

Session 2: Crisis and Social Transformations, Part II

Session 3: Hiring Queues and Sourcing Sites in the Global Economy

Tuesday, July 13

Session 4: Socio-Economic Transformations in Postsocialist Societies

Session 5: Social Inequalities in Postsocialist Countries

Session 6: Business Meeting

Session 7: Reception

Wednesday, July 14

Session 8: Civil Society Organizations and Development, Part I

Session 9: Global Economic Crisis, Varieties of Capitalism and Social Inequality-
Theoretical, Historical and Comparative Perspectives [Joint RC09/TG02]

Session 10: Civil Society Organizations and Development, Part II

Joint Session: Climate Change, Governance and the Sustainability of Cities [Joint
RC23/RC09]

Thursday, July 15

Session 11: Labor Markets on the Move: Out-Migration from the Caucasus to the Russian
Federation

Joint Session: Social Transformations and Changing Leisure Patterns [Joint RC13/RC09]

Session 12: Futures after the Crisis: Theoretical, Historical, and Comparative Perspectives
[Joint RC07/RC09/TG02]

Friday, July 16

Session 13: Internal Migration in China

Session 14: Labor Migration, Governance and Global Development



Session 1: Crisis and Social Transformations, Part I

Monday, July 12, 15:30-17:30

Chair: Ulrike Schuerkens (EHESS, France) uschuerkens@gmail.com

Presenters:

Peter FLASCHEL (Bielefeld University, Germany) and Sigrid LUCHTENBERG (University of Duisburg – Essen, Germany): Stabilizing Unsustainable Capitalist Societies Towards New Social Structures of Accumulation in a Globalized World

S. A. Hamed HOSSEINI (University of Newcastle, Australia): The Globalists' March to Chaos: Towards a Chaos-Complexity Theory of 2008 Global Financial Crisis

Hakem NANKOE (Stony Brook University, USA): Crises and Transformations of Policy Paradigms

Jee Young KIM (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR) and Gilsung PARK (Korea University, The Republic of Korea): Indigenizing Neo-liberalism in Korea: Anti-Business Sentiment Discourse in the Aftermath of the Economic Crisis

Kokichi SHOJI (University of Yokyo, Japan): Crisis and Social Transformations: Japan's Case

Mikhail GORSHKOV (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia): Russian Society as a New Social Reality in the Face of the World Financial Crisis

Montserrat Simo SOLSONA and Gemma Vilà BOSQUED (University of Barcelona, Spain): Social Effects of the Crisis in Spain: Impacts upon Middle Classes and Urban Sprawl

Session 2: Crisis and Social Transformations, Part II

Monday, July 12, 17:45-19:45

Chair: Ulrike Schuerkens (EHESS, France) uschuerkens@gmail.com

Presenters:

Eva Sotomayor MORALES and Veronica Diaz MORENO (University of Jaén, Spain): Risks of Social Vulnerability of Spanish Families in an Economic Crisis Context

Mei-Ling LIN (National Open University, Taiwan): Social Change and Economic Life Initiative: Search of Excellence Reinventing Government Nexus of Economic Growth, Employment, and Poverty Reduction



S. R. AHLAWAT (Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, India): Economic Reforms and Emerging Social Crisis in India

Dirk KOHNERT (Giga-Hamburg, Germany): Drivers of Change or Cut-Throat Competition? Competing Cultures of Innovation of Chinese and Nigerian Migrant Entrepreneurs in West-Africa

Mehmet MEDER (Pamukkale University, Turkey): The Socio-Economic Effect of the 2008 Economic Crisis on Different Classes in Turkey

Yuriy SAVELYEV (National University & Kyiv-Mohyla-Academy, Ukraine): Global Economic Crisis as a Stress Test for Modernizing Societies: Responses to the Challenges of Globalized Capitalism

Charles WOOLFSON (REMESCO, Linköping University, Sweden): The Economic Crisis and Migration: Exploring the Failed Trajectory of Neo-liberal Post-communism in Terms of 'Exit', 'Voice', and 'Loyalty'

Session 3: Hiring Queues and Sourcing Sites in the Global Economy

Monday, July 12, 20:00-22:00

Chair: Frederick F. WHERRY (University of Michigan, USA) ffwherry@umich.edu

Presenters:

Adi JEBATU (University of Indonesia, Indonesia): The Transformation of Labor Movement in the Post-New Order Indonesia

Kuang-chi CHANG (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA): Friends on the Road: Social Networks in the Process of Business Relocation

Juana AFANADOR (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France): Transnational Relations through the Banana Case

Annie TUBADJI (University of Regensburg, Germany) and John HALL (Portland State University, USA): The Culture-Based Development Hypothesis

Michelle F. HSIEH (Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan): The Ascent of Latecomers in the Global Value Chains: A Case Study of the Taiwanese Bicycle Industry

Frederick F. WHERRY (University of Michigan, USA): Forces, Flows, and Frames in Global Sourcing Sites



Session 4: Socio-Economic Transformations in Post-socialist Societies

Tuesday, July 13, 10:45-12:45

Chair: Nina BANDELJ (University of California, Irvine, USA) nbandelj@uci.edu

Presenters:

Maksim KOKUSHKIN (Kalamazoo College, USA): Back to the Future or Forward to the Past? Parallels between the Economic Policies of Bulgaria's 1980s and 2000s

Olga GUROVA (State University – Higher School of Economics, Russia and Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Finland): Transforming Consumption in Contemporary Russia

Herwig REITER (University of Bremen, Germany): Social Transformation and Citizenship Uncertainty in Post-socialist Societies

Carolyn SMITH KELLER (Ohio State University, USA): Gender Differences of Meritocratic Allocation in Poland: 1988-2008

Ishita CHATURVEDI (Robert Kennedy College-Zurich, Switzerland): Environmental Friendly Development: Socio Economic Analysis of Central and East Europe

Nina BANDELJ (University of California, Irvine, USA): Liabilities of Neoliberalism in Postsocialist Europe

Session 5: Social Inequalities in Post-socialist Countries

Tuesday, July 13, 15:30-17:30

Chair: Nina BANDELJ (University of California, Irvine, USA) nbandelj@uci.edu

Presenters:

Ilze KOROLEVA, Ritma RUNGULE, Ieva KARKLINA, Sigita SNIKERE and Aleksandrs ALEKSANDROVS (University of Latvia, Latvia): The Problem of Social Exclusion in Latvia: Analysis of Risk Factors and Future

Svitlana BABENKO (Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, Ukraine): Social Inequalities Shifts in Post-Communist Capitalism: Ukraine in East European Social Space 1989-2009

Elena DANILOVA (Russian Academy of Science, Russian Federation): What Defines 'Losers' and 'Winners' of Reforms in Russia and China

Cosima RUGHINIS and Roxana TOADER (University of Bucharest, Romania): Education and Scientific Literacy in European Societies

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Inta MIERINA (University of Latvia, Latvia): Learning Political Helplessness: The Vicious Circle of Political Socialization in Latvia

Aliye SERGIYENKO (Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation): Social Position of Rural Inhabitants in Russia

Līga RASNACA (University of Latvia, Latvia): Labor Market Relations in Post-Communist Countryside: Latvian Case

Session 6: Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 17:45-19:45

Session 7: Reception

Tuesday, July 13, 20:00-22:00

Please stay tuned for a possible dinner to follow the reception.

Session 8: Civil Society Organizations and Development I

Wednesday, July 14, 10:45-12:45

Chair: Wade ROBERTS (Colorado College, USA) wroberts@coloradocollege.edu

Presenters:

Fergal RHATIGAN (NUI Maynooth, Ireland): Development Workers' Understanding of Development: A Case Study of Irish Practitioners

Anthony J. SPIRES (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong): Learning to Be 'Professional': Foreign-Funded Training Programs, Study Tours, and China's Emerging Civil Society

Neema NOORI (University of West Georgia, USA): Civil Society Organizations and Local Government Reform in Uzbekistan

Oya ACIKALIN (Yüzüncü Yıl Univ, Turkey): Contradictory Paths for Civil Society Organizations in Botswana

Xiaoyi SUN (City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong): From 'Work Unit' to the 'Community': The Transformation of Residents' Committees in Shanghai in the 1980s

Suzan ILCAN (University of Windsor, Canada): Humanitarian Aid, Dividing Practices, and Social Transformations

Manoj Kumar TEOTIA (CRRID, India): Water and Forest Management through Voluntaristic Development (Revisiting Sukhomajiri Village in Shivalik Foothills of Himalaya)

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Session 9 [Joint RC09/TG02]: Global Economic Crisis, Varieties of Capitalism and Social Inequality—Theoretical, Historical and Comparative Perspectives

Wednesday, July 14, 15:30-17:30

Chairs: Willfried SPOHN (University of Goettingen, Germany) willfried.spohn@sowi.uni-goettingen.de and Ulrike Schuerkens (EHESS, France) uschuerkens@gmail.com

Presenters:

Ulrike SCHUERKENS (EHESS, France): Migrants' Remittances, Development, and the Crisis

Papa Amadou SARR (EHESS, France): Crisis and Migration: The Implications of the Crisis on Remittances for Senegal

Dmitry IVANOV (St. Petersburg State University, Russia): Transformations after Globalization: Glam Capitalism and Alter-Capitalism

Frank MEYER (Oslo University College, Norway): Comparing Working and Living Conditions at Two Nodes of a Transnational Commodity Chain: The Cases of Porto Trombetas (Brazil) and Ardal (Norway)

Angelica WEHRLI (University of Bern, Switzerland): (Re)challenging Norms and Values in (Post-)Socialist Vietnam: Decision Making Strategies within the Ho (Household) and Beyond

Fiorella MANCINI (El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico): Uncertainty and Work: A Comparative Study of Work Insecurity and Social Risks in Latin America

Luciana T. de SOUZA LEAO (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): Authority, Market, and the Brazilian National State: A Historical Perspective

Zenonas NORKUS (Vilnius University, Lithuania): Just a Financial Crisis? Coming 'Kondratiev Winter and Its Outcomes'

Session 10: Civil Society Organizations and Development II

Wednesday, July 14, 17:45-19:45

Chair: Wade ROBERTS (Colorado College, USA) wroberts@coloradocollege.edu

Presenters:

Jennifer Yuan-Jean HSU (University of Toronto, Canada): Layers of the State: Migrant Civil Society Organizations and the Chinese State

Freek CRONJE (North West University, South Africa): The Developmental Role of Civil Society in the Extractive Industry: A DRC Case Study

Michelle WILLIAMS (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa): Cooperatives and the Social Economy



Pierre-Olivier SIRE (Universite Toulouse, France): CSR and Social Organization: Civil Society as an Industrial Relation's Actor?

Artur BOGNER and Dieter NEUBERT (University of Bayreuth, Germany): Diffuse Boundaries: State and Civil Society Actors in Conflict Management and Post-Violence Development

Ana Maria ZULUAGA (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France): Viota: A Rural Community Experience of Local Development

Tim SCRASE (University of Wollongong, Australia): Neoliberalism, CSOs and the Reconfiguration of Empowerment: Challenges for Development Volunteers in Asia (distributed paper)

Joint Session [RC23/RC09]: Climate Change, Governance and the Sustainability of Cities

Wednesday, July 14, 20:00-22:00

Chair: Emma PORIO and Czarina SALOMA-AKPEDONU (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines)

Presenters:

Humberto ALVES (Brazil): Urban Sprawl, Socio-Environmentally Vulnerability and Climate Change: Urbanization Dynamics in Metropolitan Sao Paulo

Aytul KASAPOGLU and Zuhul Yonca ODABAS (Ankara University, Turkey): Water Shortage in Ankara, Turkey and Disaster Management Policy

Carmen Silvia MACHADO and Tania MACIEL (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): Urban Sustainability: A Case Study of Guanamara Bay, Brazil

Emma PORIO (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines): Vulnerability, Adaptation, and Resilience to Flood and Climate Change-Related Risks Among Marginal Riverine Communities in Metro Manila

Achwan ROCHMAN (University of Indonesia, Indonesia): the Governance of Disasters in Two Indonesian Cities

Czarina SALOMA-AKPEDONU (Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines): Building Like the Ancestors: Traditional Technologies of Construction and Climate Change

Gemma VILA and Jordi GAVALDA (University of Barcelona, Spain): Social Sustainability in Relation to Urban Forms: An Analysis of Metropolitan Barcelona



Session I I: Labor Markets on the Move: Out-Migration from the Caucasus to the Russian Federation

Thursday, July 15, 10:45-12:45

Chair: Nikolai GENOV (Free University Berlin, Germany) genov@zedat.fu-berlin.de

Presenters

Gevorg POGHOSYAN (Armenian Academy of Sciences, Armenia): Continuing Out-Migration from Armenia: Causes and Effects

Galina I. OSADCHAYA (Russian State Social University, Russia): Migrants from Armenia and Georgia at the Labor Market of Moscow Megalopolis

T. POTIEMKINA (Russian State Social University, Russia): Immigrants from the CIS Countries in Moscow: Benefit or Threat?

Nikolai GENOV (Free University Berlin, Germany): Triangulation in Studying Trans-Boundary Migration

Joint Session [RC I 3/RC09]: Social Transformations and Changing Leisure Patterns

Thursday, July 15, 15:30-17:30

Coordinators: Ulrike SCHUERKENS (EHESS, France) uschuerkens@gmail.com, Nina BANDELJ (University of California, Irvine, USA) nbandelj@uci.edu, and Ishwar MODI (India International Institute of Social Sciences, India) iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in

Chairs: Habil Zsuzsanna BENKO (University of Szeged, Hungary) benko@jgypk.u-szeged.hu and Frederick WHERRY (University of Michigan, USA) ffwherry@umich.edu

Presenters:

André SUCHET, Dominique JORAND and John TUPPEN (Inst. de Géographie Alpine, CNRS/Univ. Grenoble, France): Social and Economic Restructuring and Individual Incidences of Transformations in the Economy of Mountain Areas Since 1960

Aretha OLUWAKEMI ASAKITIKP (Covenant University, Nigeria): Transformation of Leisure: An Analysis of Mass Media Presentations of Precolonial and Postcolonial African Societies

Iwan GARDONO SUJATMIKO, Irsyad ZAMJANI and Adrianus JEBATU (University of Indonesia, Indonesia): An Analysis of Several Moslem Professionals in Indonesia: The Meaning and Practice of Leisure and Recreation

Outi SARPILA and Pekka RASANEN (Turku School of Economics, Turku, Finland): Trends in Appearance-Related Consumption in Finnish Households, 1998-2006

Raul TORMOS (Centre d'Estudis d'Opinió, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain) and Liliana ARROYO (University of Barcelona, Spain): Post Traditional Religiosity in Europe: A Multilevel Approach

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Rosario RADA KOVICH (Universidad de la Republica –Uruguay/UNICAMP, Uruguay Montevideo XXI century): Cultural Cartography in the Africa´s Switzerland

Shinobu MYOKI (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan): The Feminization of Tourism and the Transformation of Erotic Museums (*hihōkan*) in Japan

Valeriu FRUNZARU and Loredana IVAN (College of Com. & Public Relations, National School of Political and Adm. St., Bucharest, Romania): Dancing Tango in Bucharest – A Way to Express Yourself in Leisure Time

Thibault DANTEUR (Université Paul Valéry / Université Mohammed V Agdal, Rabat, Morocco): Supermarkets and Malls in Morocco: An Exotic Leisure Activity for an Exotic and Modern Way of Consumption

Session 12 [Joint RC09/RC07/TG02]: Futures after the Crisis: Theoretical, Historical, and Comparative Perspectives

Thursday, July 15, 17:45-19:45

Chair: Markus SCHULZ (New York University, USA) markus.schulz@nyu.edu

Discussant: Willfried SPOHN (University of Goettingen, Germany)

Presenters:

Ulrike SCHUERKENS (EHESS, France): Crisis and Transformations: A Theoretical Overview

Valenine M. MOGHADAM (Purdue University, USA): Women and Economic Crisis Revisited

Edward WEBSTER (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa): The Dilemma of Militancy: Worker Responses to the Economic Crisis in South Africa

Edwin ZACCAI (Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium): Greening the Crisis: The Role of Environmental Factors in its Story and Aftermath

Willfried SPOHN, discussant (University of Goettingen, Germany): Futures after the Crisis: Theoretical, Historical, and Comparative Perspectives



Session 13: Internal Migration in China

Friday, July 16, 10:45-12:45

Chair: Kuang-chi CHANG (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA) kcchang@uwm.edu

Presenters:

Jessie FAN, Ming WEN, Lei JIN, and Guixin WANG (University of Utah, USA): Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage, Health Care Utilization, and Health Outcome: A Comparison between Rural-to-Urban Migrants and Urban Residents in Shanghai, China

Xiaoming LI, Liying ZHANG and Rong MAO (Wayne State University, USA): Health Status and Health Seeking Behavior between Interprovincial and Intraprovincial Rural-to-Urban Young Migrants in Nanjing, China

Lei JIN (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong): Social Support, Social Networks and Health among Migrants in Shanghai: Some Preliminary Findings

Yuying TONG (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong): Migrant Children's Well-being: The Case of Beijing and Shenzhen in China

Ming WEN and Danhua LIN (University of Utah, USA): Social Contexts of Child Development among Migrant and Non-migrant Families in Rural China

Session 14: Labor Migration, Governance and Global Development

Friday, July 16, 15:30-17:30

Chair: Habibul Haque KHONDKER (Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE) habibul.khondker@zu.ac.ae

Presenters:

Habibul Haque KHONDKER (Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE): Governance of Labor Migration: Colombo Process and Gulf Migration

Adeyinka Oladayo BANKOLE (Redeemer's University, Nigeria): Survival Mechanisms of Immigrants in the Emerging European Economies: The Case of African Immigrants in Poland

Juan-Ignacio MARTINEZ-PASTOR (Universidad Nacional de Educacion a Distancia, Madrid, Spain): Labor Migration and Inequality in Spain: Little Opportunities for Professional Development?

Ann VOGEL and Su Min TAN (Singapore Management University, Singapore): The Institutionalization of Migrant Money and the Emergence of Remittance Banking: The Case of Nepal

Ma. Reinaruth D. CARLOS (Ryukoku University, Japan): Managing Migration of Health Care Workers through Bilateral Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs): The Case of Filipino and Indonesian Caregivers (*Kaigofukushishi*) in Japan

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Yegor KIREEV (Russian State Social University, Moscow, Russia): Moscow City Migration Policy

Musa SEBUGWAWO and Wilson AKPAN (University of Fort Hare, South Africa): Filth and the City: Making Sense of the Impact of Street Trading on the South African Urban Ecology

Practical Information*

Congress Registration:

ISA requires all participants to pre-register for the congress by **May 4, 2010** through their website: http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/congress_registration.htm

Fees are discounted for ISA members and structured according to country category. For any registration queries please contact *Congrex Sweden* email isa2010@congrex.com or fax: +46 31 708 60 25

Abstract Catalogue:

Please submit a copy of your accepted abstract by **May 4, 2010** to *Cambridge Sociological Abstracts (CAS)* for inclusion in a printed congress catalogue and searchable database: <http://editweb101v.csa.com/socioabs/submit.php>

Papers Due:

All paper presenters and authors of distributed papers are expected to e-mail their papers by **May 31, 2010** to their respective session chair(s), unless specified otherwise by the session chair(s).

Presentation Format:

Unless specified otherwise by the Chair of your session and depending on the number of participants in your session, you may expect to have approximately 15 minutes time for your presentation. Following ISA procedures, your paper may have been designated as a "distributed paper". A distributed paper will be listed in the program and, provided the author(s) pre-register in time, the abstract will be included in the abstracts book. If a scheduled presenter does not show up, the first participant listed under distributed papers may be asked to present the paper. Rooms have not been determined yet, but we assume that PowerPoint projectors shall be available for all sessions.

Travel:

For airline discounts see http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/support_wording.htm.

Note that Gothenburg has two major airports, the Göteborg Landvetter Airport (GOT, 25km to the East) and Göteborg City Airport (GSE, 15km North-West from the centre). Both airports are well connected to the city by bus (US\$7-12). There seems to be some competition, so you may wish to compare air fares for both.

Accommodations:

Accommodations can be booked together with registration. A list of choices is posted at: http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/congress_accommodation.htm#. However, note that the rates there may or may not be the best available. Comparisons with commercial sites such as Kayak, Tripadvisor, Expedia, Travelocity, 1800Hotels.com, or direct booking options may be advisable. Venues for our sessions have not been determined yet, but are expected to be in either the Congress Center or a university facility, both located very centrally in Gothenburg (see map below).

*Thanks to Markus Schultz for compiling this information.

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Climate:

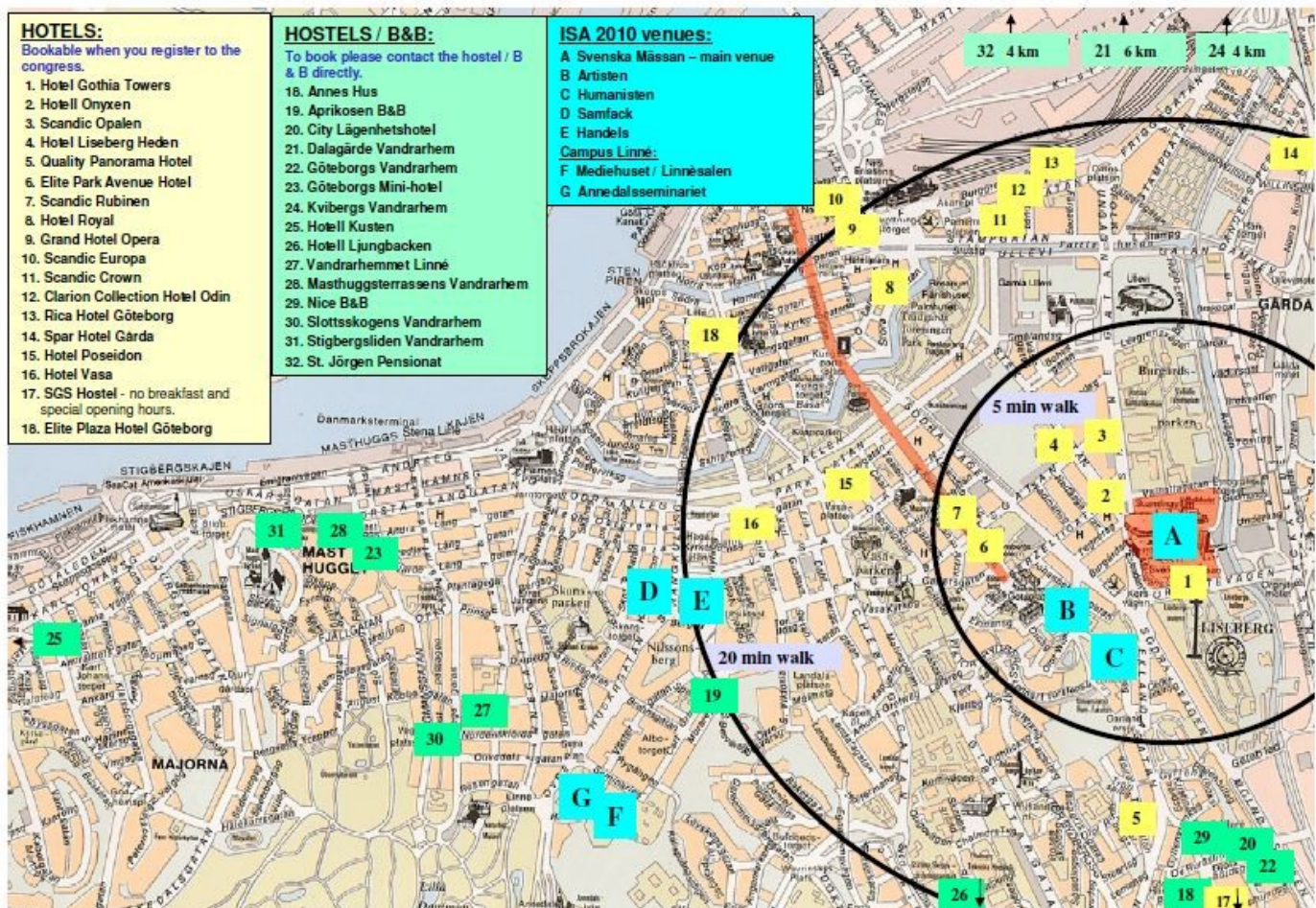
Gothenburg has an Oceanic climate that is relatively mild when considering its Northern latitude. July is mostly sunny and dry with only moderate precipitation. July temperatures average with lows of 13 and highs of 20 degrees Celsius (55 to 68 Fahrenheit), though it could also go up to 30 degrees Celsius (86 Fahrenheit).

Visa:

Sweden is one of the twenty-five signatory-states of the Schengen agreement. Nationals from the Schengen zone do not need a visa; nationals from the United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, Australia, Israel and the United States can currently remain in Sweden as tourists for 90 days without a visa. Others may be forced to obtain a visa. Keep in mind that current regulations can change. You can obtain further information from the Swedish embassy and consulates in your country. More information has been posted at: <http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.jsp>.

Further practical information:

One useful multilingual website to search for travel-related information seems to be Gothenburg official tourism site at URL: <http://www.goteborg.com>.



Do you have ideas for
future newsletters?

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