



RC-23 'Sociology of Science and Technology'  
International Sociological Association (ISA)

## CALL FOR SESSIONS

### THIRD ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY

#### **THE FUTURES WE WANT: GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY AND THE STRUGGLES FOR A BETTER WORLD**

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#### **Call for Sessions:**

We invite you to propose RC 23 sessions for the THIRD ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY.

Session proposals must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

The right to propose sessions is restricted to members of RC 23 'Sociology of Science and Technology'. If you are not a member and wish to propose a session, please join RC 23 through the ISA website. Members of other ISA Research Committees who wish to propose a joint session may contact any RC23 member to propose the session jointly.

**Session proposals must be submitted on-line via the Confex platform at the ISA website between the dates of 2 February, 2015 and 15 March, 2015 24:00 GMT**

RC 23 has been awarded a total of 14 Sessions, including one for our business meeting. A small proportion of these sessions may be jointly organized with other ISA Research Committees.

Session proposals should relate either to the theme and subthemes of the Forum as these apply to the topic of science and technology and/or to the main themes and topics framing the regular activities of RC 23 such as:

- Social Studies of Science;
- Science & Technology Studies;
- History of SST;
- Research Policy;

- Science, Technology, Innovations and Society;
- Public Understanding of Science;
- Globalisation of Science and Technology;
- International Cooperation and Mobility of Scientists;
- Future of Universities and Academies: New Public Management;
- Communications in Science and Technology;
- Gender and Science and Technology;
- Social Positions and Social Roles of Scientists;
- Research Funding and the Dynamics of Science;
- Research Career Development;
- Inequalities through Science and Technology.

Moreover, we encourage RC23 members to propose not only 'regular' open paper session topics (for which abstracts are then submitted), but also to propose other session formats, as described below:

**Regular Sessions.** Comprising four 15-20 minute presentations (or at most five 15 minute presentations) and 10-20 minutes of collective discussion.

**Roundtable Session.** In order to accommodate more papers, a regular session time-slot may be used for a maximum of 5 concurrent running *round table* presentations in one room (maximum of 5-6 presenters at each table). Five tables will be set up at the same time and in the same room. Each table will accommodate 10 persons including the presenters (suggested number of 5 presenters).

**Joint Session.** Joint Sessions are sessions organized jointly by two or more RCs, or an RC and a Working Group or Thematic Group of ISA, on a theme of overlapping interest. Please note that Joint Sessions must be included in the regular session allocation of one of the participating units. Joint sessions cannot constitute more than 50% of all sessions organized by a RC/WG/TG. RC 23 Members are invited to suggest topics on which to collaborate with other RCs/WGs/TGs.

**RC 23 will also organize a Young Researchers' Forum.** The Session is directed specifically to those more junior scholars. This includes Ph.D. students, post-doctoral fellows, and those in the first five years post Ph.D. and at the beginning of their careers in this field. The primary aim of the session is to give those new to the field of the Sociology of Science and Technology an opportunity to present their research proposals, their preliminary research finding, and their new ideas to an audience with experience in the field and an interest in their work. If you are interested in participating in the organization of this session please write to the program coordinators.

The Program Committee will review all proposals, and may suggest some modifications or combinations of proposals.

**The Final list of Sessions will be appear on the ISA webpage on or before 7 April, 2015**

Please note that individuals may not organize more than two sessions in the program.

More information on the Forum, including news and deadlines, can be found at the following website, which is regularly updated: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/>

We also recommend that you check the official ISA Forum website for RC23: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/rc/rc.php?n=RC23>

If you have any queries, please contact the RC23 *Co-Program Coordinators*

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