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**RESEARCH COMMITTEE 23 OF THE
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**was founded
at the VI World Congress in
Evian (France) in 1966**



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Le président et les trois vice-présidents sortant de charge (ici à Jablonna en Pologne lors de la réunion du Conseil de recherche en août 1980). De g. à dr.: Fernando-E. Cardoso, Ulf Himmelstrand, Ralph Turner et Magdalena Sokolowska.

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RC 23 SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE

ORIGINS

The group which was to become the Research Committee on the Sociology of Science started its work at the Sixth World Congress of Sociology in Evian (1966). No formal papers were presented since plans for the establishment of the Committee were approved only after papers could have been solicited. Nevertheless, there was a very lively and successful discussion among sociologist-participants. Among them were: R. Aron (France), B. Barber (USA), J. Ben-David (Israel), I. Dubska (Czechoslovakia), S. Dedijer (Sweden), D. Goldschmidt (FRG), R.K. Merton (USA), A. Podgorecki (Poland), J.J. Salomon (France), A. Szalai (Hungary), E. Walter (Switzerland), A. Zvorikine (USSR), and others. A business meeting was held in which Robert K. Merton was elected President and J. Ben-David was elected Secretary.

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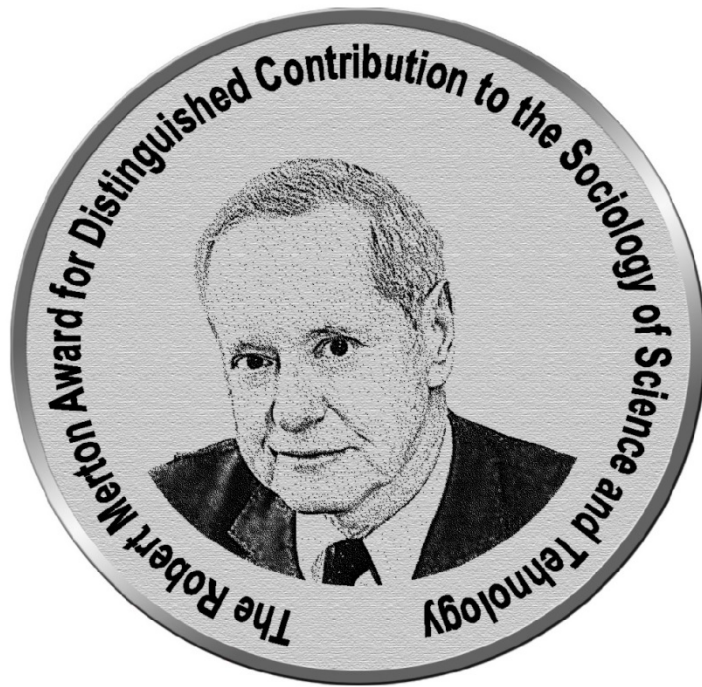
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**In honour and memory of Robert Merton – First President of RC 23,
the RC23 Committee has established**

**“The Robert Merton Award for Distinguished Contribution to the
Sociology of Science and Technology”.**

ISA Executive Committee approved it in May, 2016.

The first award was granted to **Dr. Francisco Sagasti** during the Session “In Memory of First RC23 President Robert K. Merton” at the XIX World Congress in Toronto (18 July 2018).



Dr. Harriet Zuckerman, Professor Emerita of Columbia University, the wife of Robert Merton, former board member of RC23, and a noted sociologist of science in her own right, came to this special event.



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*Special Issue in Honor and Memory of Robert K. Merton
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Forthcoming December 2019 Newsletter

Please send articles, book announcements and other material by September 1, 2019 to:

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THE FIRST ROBERT K. MERTON AWARD CEREMONY during the session "In Memory of First RC23 President Robert K. Merton"

at the XIX World Congress in Toronto (July 18, 2018)

Please find below speeches from the ceremony

Nadia Asheulova: Dear colleagues and distinguished guests! It is a great honor for us to open a special Session in Memory of the First RC23 President Robert King Merton. Robert Merton was one of the leading sociologists of the 20th century. The interest in his activity has not diminished. R. Merton's name is connected with many directions in sociological research, but first and foremost it turned into the eponym for sociology of science, the phrase the "Mertonian sociology of science" was widely accepted by the scientific community. In 1966, R. Merton became one of the founders, organizer and the first President of the Research Committee on the Sociology of Science (RC23) of the International Sociological Association. Merton's activity in this position was in many ways decisive for theoretical and institutional development of the sociology of science worldwide. In honor and memory of Robert King Merton, the RC23 Committee has established **The Robert K. Merton Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Sociology of Science and Technology**.

The Executive Committee of ISA approved the award in May, 2016 and it is intended to recognize and showcase the outstanding, long-term achievement of an individual researcher to the field rather than the excellence of an individual book or single idea. RC23 kindly invites Merton's students, senior researchers and younger scholars with an interest in Robert K. Merton's work to contribute. The session will reconsider Merton's legacy and attempt to link it with contemporary issues. RC23 produced the Silver Medal with a special design.



According to certificate, a single copy of the medal was produced on the 4th of July, 2018, which is also a special date, as it is the birthday of Robert Merton.

The first Lifetime Achievement Award will be granted during this Special Session. I kindly invite the Vice President of RC23 and Board member of the Award Committee Professor Emerita Alice Abreu to announce the decision.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022 AWARD

Research Committee 23 (Sociology of Science and Technology) of the International Sociological Association is seeking nominations for **The Robert K. Merton Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Sociology of Science and Technology** to be awarded at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia, July 24-31, 2022.

Eligibility

The award will be granted to a living scholar who is internationally recognized for significant contributions to the Sociology of Science and Technology that have been made over a period of at least two decades. Thus, the award is intended to recognize and showcase the outstanding, long-term achievements of an individual scholar to the field rather than the excellence of specific papers or books.

Currently serving members of the RC23 Board or the Award Committee are not eligible to receive the award.

Nominations

Nominations can be made by any member of ISA (excluding members of the Award Committee) and must be supported by at least two other members of RC23 and/or ISA in good standing.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee, a CV, the list of publications on which the nomination is based, and a cover letter that provides a rationale for the nomination.

Nominations should be sent by **July 31st, 2020** to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Jaime Jiménez Guzmán, at jjimen@unam.mx.

Award Committee

Jaime Jiménez Guzmán – Chair
Alice Abreu
Gary Bowden
Ralph Matthews
António Brandão Moniz

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Award Committee

THE ROBERT MERTON AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Jaime Jiménez Gúzman (Chair)

Alice Abreu

Gary Bowden

Ralph Mathews

Antonio Brandão Moniz

**RESEARCH COMMITTEE 23
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55 YEARS OF AGE

Grant for ISA Research Committees' activities during the period 2019-2022

Purpose of the international comparative study

RC23 is planning to research **the past and modern role** of ISA for boosting an academic career in sociological area, how its activity helps individuals and collective members **to cooperate and build academic networks.**

Methods for Gathering Data

A) Historical (compare the role of ISA in the past and nowadays), retrospective analysis

B) Sociological (through a questionnaire – database of ISA members; interview with emeritus and young members)

C) Scientometrics (Publons, SCOPUS ID, ORCID, ResearchGate – data about academic mobility, co-authorship, collaboration of individual sociologists members of ISA; analysis of ISA Journals, GMSSI – Global Mapping of Sociologists for Social Inclusion)

Sociological Survey

Online questionnaire

The approbation of the questionnaire starts using the database of RC23 ISA members

Blocks of the questionnaire

Questions about:

- **ISA (personal perception about history, modern role, future perspectives)**
- **Individual Academic Career /Mobility**
- **Collaboration/Co-authorship/Grants**
- **Individual productivity/Citation of the papers/Awards**
- **ISA Membership, participation in ISA activities, in GMSSI (to understand the impact of ISA membership on individual performance and organizing academic networks)**



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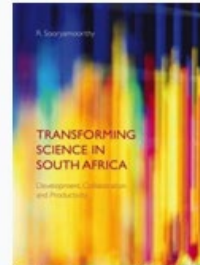
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Robert K. Merton interviewed by Albert K. Cohen, May 15, 1997
05 February, 2015

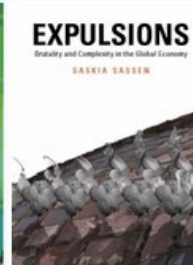


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Books RC23



R. Sooryamoorthy (2015) Transforming Science in South Africa. Development, Collaboration and Productivity. Palgrave Macmillan.



Saskia Sassen (2014). Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press/Belknap Book.

News of RC23



The IV ISA Forum of Sociology will be held online, starting on February 23, 2021



IV ISA Forum will be held online



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IV ISA Forum of Sociology in Porto Alegre (February 23-27, 2021)

One of RC23 goals is to secure and develop personal and collegial contacts between sociologists of science and technology throughout the world.

webpage of RC23
<http://rc-23.nw.ru/>

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GOALS of RC23 ISA

- Improve communication and exchange in the field
- Relation with National associations, professional associations and “sister” international associations



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of science and technology

Ziman Award
Amsterdamska Award
Freeman Award

[The 2020 EASST Awards – Call for nominations](#)

The call for nominations is open until June 15th. The awards will be presented at the virtual EASST/4S conference in August 2020.

[EASST letter to members concerning the “Prague conference,” May 2020](#)

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[EASST/4S 2020 CONFERENCE](#)



<https://www.4sonline.org/meeting/>

The call for Papers, Closed Panels, Roundtables, Making and Doing Presentations, Film and New Media Screenings, and Meet Ups is open through **March 8**.

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<https://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn24-science-and-technology>



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Interrelations between science, technology and society are in the focus of research interests of RN24 members.

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More than in other areas, scholars in the field of science and technology studies have made multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary efforts to combine

- theory construction on changing relations and co-constitution of science, technology and society,
- qualitative and quantitative empirical social sciences,
- sociological, philosophical, anthropological, historical, psychological, economic and political science analysis,
- science, technology and innovation policy studies.

Academic associations have evolved in the USA and Europe which reinforce this development. The field provides a stimulating and challenging environment for sociologists to bring in their disciplinary profile. In this context SSTNET offers a European platform for sociologists to meet, exchange ideas and strengthen their specific profile for interdisciplinary collaboration in order to study questions

Abstract submission extended to March 1st!



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