



**RESEARCH COMMITTEE 23: SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**VIENNA**

**Wednesday, 13 July 2016 14:15-15:45**

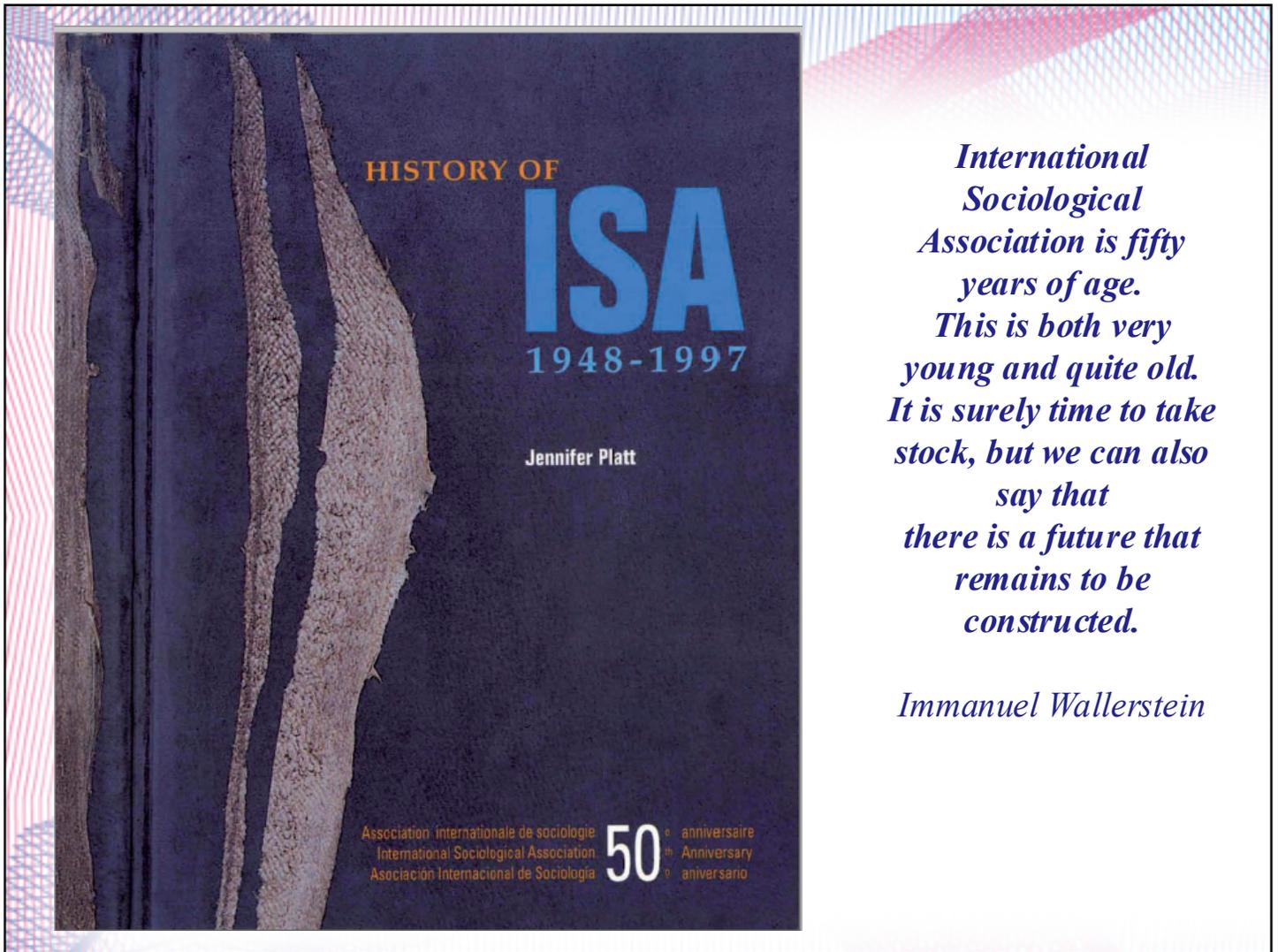
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## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Roll-Call (2 minutes)
2. **RESEARCH COMMITTEE 23 OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION IS 50 YEARS OF AGE** (Nadia ASHEULOVA) (5 minutes)
3. ISA Executive Committee has approved the establishment of Research Committee on Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23) award:  
***The Robert Merton Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Sociology of Science and Technology*** (Alice ABREU) (10 minutes)
4. President's Report (Nadia ASHEULOVA) (30 minutes)
  - Newsletter of RC23/ Special Issue for the Anniversary of RC23
  - Active position of RC23 Board Members
  - Web site of RC23
  - Improve communication and exchange in the field - Social Networks (Facebook, RC23sociotube)
  - Relation with National associations, professional associations and "sister" international associations
  - Policy for early carrier researchers
  - Membership of RC 23– striving to improve it
  - Future plans (RC23 application for an activity grant for the period 2015-2018 was approved by the Research Coordinating Committee)
  - RC23, ISA Interim Workshop August, 2017, St Petersburg, Russia.
  - Theme: "Using Science Policy to Facilitate Innovation, Excellence and Global Cooperation"
  - Special Issue of *Sociology of Science and Technology* (Results of RC23, ISA Interim Workshop)
  - Current Sociology Monograph series
  - Motion to Receive
5. Treasurer's Report (Nadia ASHEULOVA) (5 minutes)
  - Discussion and Consideration of future spending
  - Motion to Accept
6. Report on Registration Grants (ISA Forum) (Gary BOWDEN) (5minutes)
7. Open discussion



**RESEARCH COMMITTEE 23 OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION IS  
50 YEARS OF AGE**



*International  
Sociological  
Association is fifty  
years of age.  
This is both very  
young and quite old.  
It is surely time to take  
stock, but we can also  
say that  
there is a future that  
remains to be  
constructed.*

*Immanuel Wallerstein*



\* supplement to  
sociological abstracts  
**isa bulletin 29**

ÉTÉ 1982

SUMMER 1982



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.

## MEETINGS

The first meeting of the Research Committee of which we have notice is the one during the Seventh World Congress of Sociology (Varna, September 1970). The program included 3 sessions for discussion of papers:

- Session 1: The Institutionalization of Science (11 papers)
- Session 2: X (8 papers)
- Session 3: Science Policy (9 papers)

These papers were presented by people coming from 10 countries: USA (11), USSR (4), Bulgaria (3), England (3), France (2) GDR (1), FRG (1), Hungary (1), Israel (1), Poland (1).

In 1972 (September 11-15), the Research Committee held a meeting at the City University, St. John's Street, London (UK), under the auspices of the British Sociological Association. Albert L. Mok was the organizer and Walter Hirsch (USA) took the responsibilities of chairing the Conference. There were 32 members present, representing 13 countries; 30 papers were read in 7 sessions:

- Session 1: Macro Theories of Science
- Session 2: Studies of Scientific Communities
- Session 3: Metaphysics and the Study of Science: Criticism of the Positivistic Conception of Science
- Session 4: The Science of Science
- Session 5: Studies of Research Areas
- Session 6: Science in Society
- Session 7: Institutional Developments in Science

A meeting was held in Warsaw on April 10-13, 1973. It was made possible through the invitation by the Polish Academy of Sciences and organized by Zdislav Kowalewski.

The Research Committee held 4 sessions during the Eighth World Congress of Sociology (Toronto, August 1974):

**«Social processes of scientific development» (1974)  
Richard Whitley (ed.)**

## Chapters

Stuart S. Blume & Ruth Sinclair, Aspects of the Structure of a Scientific Discipline.

Janos Farkas, The Science of Science as a New Research Field and its Function in Prediction.

Thorvald Gran, Elements From the Debate on Science in Society: A Study of Joseph Ben-David's Theory.

Cornelis J. Lammers, Mono-and Poly-Paradigmatic Developments in Natural and Social Sciences.

Albert Mok & Anne Westerdiep, Societal Influences on the Choice of Research Topics of Biologists.

Wouter van Rossum, The Development of Sociology in the Netherlands: A Network Analysis of the Editorial Board of the Sociologische Gids.

Richard Whitley, Cognitive and Social Institutionalization of Scientific Specialties and Research Areas.

## Review

Reviewed Work: *Social Processes of Scientific Development* by Richard Whitley

Review by: Diana Crane

*Theory and Society*

Vol. 3, No. 1 (Spring, 1976), pp. 138-141

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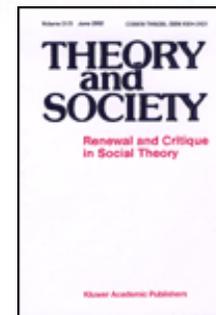
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Richard Whitley (ed.). *Social Processes of Scientific Development*, Routledge and Kegan Paul (London and Boston), 1974.

### DIANA CRANE

In the last few years, interest in the sociology of science has increased considerably in Europe, particularly in England. European sociologists of science have been developing a new orientation toward the field. This volume, a collection of papers presented at a conference of the International Sociological Association's

Research Committee on the Sociology of Science, provides an opportunity to assess their work. In his introduction to the volume, Richard Whitley, the editor, describes this new orientation to the sociology of science as follows: "the sociology of science (concerns) itself with the content of a science, the different modes of development in different sciences, and the connections between scientific developments and cultural and institutional factors." He opposes this approach to that of the American school identified with the work of Robert K. Merton and his students, which has examined norms, reward structures, communication pat-





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Biographical / Historical Note: Established in 1949 in Oslo under the auspices of the UNESCO; the ISA is a non-political organization with a scientific purpose; its aims are to promote sociological research, to develop personal contacts among the sociologists of all countries and to ensure the exchange of sociological information; it consists of a Council, a Research Council, an Executive Committee, organizational committees and research committees (7 to 50 according to the years) on a wide variety of sociological topics; organizes World Congress of Sociology every three years till 1962, since 1962 every four years; first president was Louis Wirth; periodicals: Current Sociology/Sociologie Contemporaine, International Sociology, World Congresses Transactions, Sage Studies in International Sociology.

### Similar Items

- International sociology : journal of the International Sociological Association. Association Internationale de Sociologie.
Newsletter / International Sociological Association, Thematic Group on collective behavior and social movements.
International bibliography of the social sciences : international bibliography of sociology = Bibliographie internationale des sciences sociales : bibliographie internationale de sociologie

## International Sociological Association Archives, International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam

**784-787.**

**Research Committee on Sociology of Science.  
1970-1994.**

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**NB. The Research Committee on Sociology of  
Science was founded in 1966 and renamed  
Research Committee on Sociology of Science  
and Technology in 1993.**

**784-785.**

Correspondence. 1970-1994.

**786.**

Papers presented at the international conference  
concerning the sociology of science held in  
London, 1972. 1972.

**787.**

Programme of the international conference  
concerning the sociology of science held in Varna,  
Bulgaria, 1984. 1984.

**885-886.**

Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23).

1995-2006.

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Reports. 1995-2006.

**886.**

Newsletters. 1996, 2000, 2002.

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## Robert K. Merton papers, 1928-2003 [Bulk Dates: 1943-2001].

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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Robert K. Merton was one of the most influential 20th-century sociologists. His work shaped the discipline for more than a half century. A prolific writer, editor, teacher, and scholar, Merton examined a broad variety of topics from a sociological perspective while developing concepts and theories aimed at linking particular phenomena to more general social patterns. Well known for identifying and analyzing self-fulfilling prophecies, unanticipated consequences, influentials, and role models, Merton significantly contributed to sociological thought through extensive writings, studies, lectures, and research projects. While most of Merton's career was spent at Columbia University, defining the Sociology Department and the Bureau of Applied Social Research, he was also affiliated with a wide range of professional and scholarly organizations. Merton was born

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ISA Executive Committee has approved the establishment of Research Committee on Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23) award:  
*The Robert Merton Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Sociology of Science and Technology*



The award will be granted every four years 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

<http://rc-23.nw.ru/rc-23-award>

*approved  
by ISA Executive Committee  
May, 2016*

**Alice ABREU**

# Newsletter of RC23/ Special Issue for the Anniversary of RC23



## RC23 President's report, March 2015 By Nadia Asheulova

Dear Colleagues,

Allow me to begin my first address in our Newsletter by extending my warmest greetings to everybody. I welcome everyone in our team!

Let me introduce the new RC23 board for 2014-2018:  
President: Nadia ASHEULOVA, Institute for History of science and technology, RAS, Russia

Vice President: Alice ABREU, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Secretary: Gary BOWDEN, University of New Brunswick, Canada

Board Members: Matthias BROSS, Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research, Germany

Jaime JIMÉNEZ, UNAM, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, México

Hisao HATSUDAOTO, University of Tokyo, Japan

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Antonio MORAIS, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany

Leandro RAIZER, Instituto Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Czarina SALOMA-ALFENDONIU, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

Juha TUUHINEN, University of Helsinki, Finland

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for the next four years. I especially want to express gratitude to our former president Ralph MATTHEWS for their leadership and wise advice that helped our RC grow and prosper.

I am grateful to all colleagues for attending Sessions of RC 23 in Kusshara. The aim of such meetings is to have an open dialogue between our members about the challenges that are faced and discuss the opportunities for development. It is very important to share the ways STS are being organized around the world.

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## Forthcoming October 2015 Newsletter

Please send articles, book announcements and other material by 1 September, 2015 to:  
Gary Bowden, RC23 Secretary  
[gib@unb.ca](mailto:gib@unb.ca)



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# New section of the Newsletter “Remembrances”.

This section will be used to help preserve the memories and traditions of RC23 and create a sense of shared culture and tradition among us.

Remembrances will take a variety of forms:

Reflections

Historical documents

Some Remembrances from a Former RC23 President  
or Board Member

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

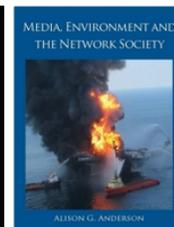


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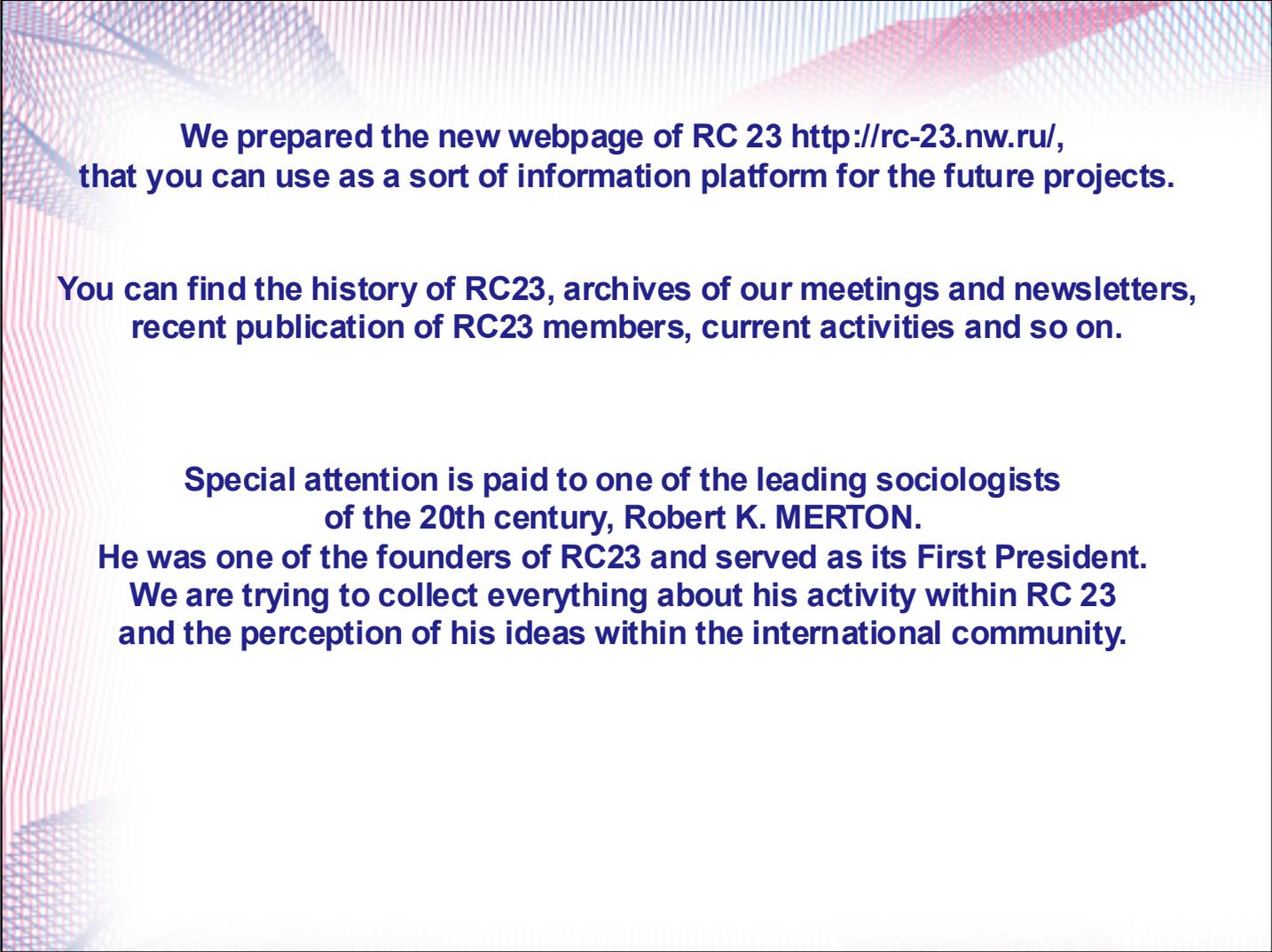
K. Prpić, I. van der Weijden and N. Asheulova (Eds.) (2014). *Researching Scientific Careers*.



Alison G. Anderson (2014). *Media, Environment and the Network Society*. Palgrave Macmillan.

### News of RC23





**We prepared the new webpage of RC 23 <http://rc-23.nw.ru/>,  
that you can use as a sort of information platform for the future projects.**

**You can find the history of RC23, archives of our meetings and newsletters,  
recent publication of RC23 members, current activities and so on.**

**Special attention is paid to one of the leading sociologists  
of the 20th century, Robert K. MERTON.  
He was one of the founders of RC23 and served as its First President.  
We are trying to collect everything about his activity within RC 23  
and the perception of his ideas within the international community.**

## **GOALS**

**Improve communication and exchange in the field  
- Social Networks  
(Facebook, RC23sociotube)**

**Relation with National associations,  
professional associations  
and “sister” international associations**

**Policy for early carrier researchers**

**Membership of RC 23– striving to improve it**

## Future plans

RC23 application for an activity grant of Euro 1.120 for the period 2015-2018 was approved by the Research Coordinating Committee at its annual meeting (2016).

The grant will be paid in two instalments: Euro 560 can be paid now and the second instalment will be paid upon receiving a final report of activities for which the grant was requested.

# RC23, ISA Interim Workshop August, 2017, St Petersburg, Russia

Theme: "Using  
Science Policy to Facilitate  
Innovation, Excellence and  
Global Cooperation"



Special Issue of *Sociology of Science and Technology*  
(Results of RC23, ISA Interim Workshop)



RC23 will provide allocations  
of RC23 Sessions  
at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology  
(Toronto, Canada, 2018).



We invite you to propose RC23  
sessions and participate in these  
events.



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### Current Sociology monograph issues

Current Sociology monograph issues were introduced in 2001, as two extra issues per year of the journal Current Sociology; they highlight themes structuring the discipline in original and novel ways. Each issue has single or joint guest editor(s), and presents a selection of papers reflecting global concerns and critical debates within and outside ISA's Research and National Associational networks and conferences; the papers should include a strong introduction and/or conclusion exploring and developing the theme of the issue.

CS monograph issues are published in English and should include abstracts in French and Spanish. Each monograph issue is typically of 90,000 words including references; abstracts with translations, contributors list etc. and will therefore be approximately 72,000 words of actual text. Editor(s) may like to have short and long papers to ensure the maximum word length as mentioned above.



## Report on registration grants for the Third ISA Forum of Sociology (Vienna, Austria, 2016)

by Nadia ASHEULOVA,  
Co-Program Coordinator of RC23

According to the rules, Research Committee 23 Sociology of Science and Technology (RC23) was responsible for allocating **only registration grant(s)** to persons selected by Board of RC23.

Only Individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who have paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference) were eligible for registration grants.

RC23 decided to give one registration grant for the Program Coordinator from category B Country (Brazil): **Alice ABREU**

As to registration for **active members**, RC23 has received 8 applications from India (5), Mexico (1), Russia (1), France (1). But not all the colleagues could be eligible for a registration grant according the ISA and RC23 criteria. Moreover, according the rules of ISA's selection process, RC23 had opportunity to cover grants for 930 Euro.

RC23 decided to give registration grants for RC23 active members:

**Anatoly Ablazhey**, Russia  
**Jaime Jimenez Guzman**, Mexico  
**Sophie Nemoz**, France  
**Sambit Mallick**, India  
**Ku Manushi**, India