



International Sociological Association
Research Committee on Environment and Society

President's Column

by **Stewart Lockie**, President of RC24

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Colleagues,

You may have noticed an increasing stream of announcements on the RC24 listserv concerning initiatives that originate with the International Social Science Council (ISSC) or the International Council for Science (ICSU). ISA President Michael Burawoy and I have been doing whatever

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Scientific Planning and Review. This committee meets twice a year to plan and review international research collaborations including the new Future Earth program. I was impressed

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While the pathways to much of the international science community to engage more collaboratively with social scientists on issues of global environmental change. I will keep passing on whatever information

feed back to the organization.

Within this newsletter you will see details on the next ISA World Congress of Sociology, to be held in Yokohama from 13 to 19 July 2014. RC24 will be hosting over twenty sessions under the theme of *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Environmental Sociology*. Thank you to all the RC24 members who responded to our call for session proposals! For everyone else, please note that online abstract submission is scheduled to open on 3 June 2013 and close on 30 September 2013 (see <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/rc/rc.php?n=RC24>). The sooner you make your submissions the easier it will be for the RC24 program committee and session organizers to coordinate the program.

Please also note that RC24 member, Koichi Hasegawa, is leading the Local Organizing Committee and doing a tremendous job. Thanks Koichi!

At the last RC24 Business Meeting in Buenos Aires there was considerable interest in progress towards establishing a flagship journal for environmental sociologists. The journal subcommittee established back in 2010 has been negotiating with publishers, debating alternatives etc. actively since then with a view to launching the journal, if possible, at the Yokohama Congress. There are still a few hurdles to overcome. However, I expect to be able to let you know whether and how we will be proceeding with the journal within the next couple of months.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to announce that I will be leaving The Australian National University at the end of the year and taking up a new post as Director of The Cairns Institute at James Cook University.

considering sabbaticals, study leave, postgraduate study etc. in Australia should be thinking tropical north Queensland and JCU!). I will attempt to minimize disruption from the move but experience tells me that ISA is likely to schedule program milestones for the upcoming Congress close to Christmas when Australian universities are closed and I will be in the middle of a 3000 km relocation. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Notes from the Editors

by **Mikael Klintman** (Dept. of Sociology, Lund University, Sweden), and **Magnus Boström**, School of Natural Sciences, Technology and Environmental Studies, Södertörn University, Sweden; and from 1 August 2013, School of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences, Örebro University, Sweden). **Co-Secretaries of RC-24 and Editors of the Newsletter**

This issue of the Newsletter does not have a particular theme. Nor is it marked by one particular environmental catastrophe. It rather shows the important and remarkable business-as-usual among members of RC24. In this global community, efforts are continuously made to understand and communicate preconditions for more environmentally sound institutions and practices at all levels of society. Among the rich variety of work presented in this Newsletter, space permits us to highlight only a few examples here:

Pedro Roberto Jacobi (Universidade de São Paulo), **Julia Guivant** (Universidad Federal de Santa Catarina), have, together with a number of other co-editors, made the Brazil-based journal *Ambiente e Sociedade* available online. Its articles range from providing general insights on environmental problems globally to giving an understanding of regionally specific issues of South America – warmly recommended to everyone! Luckily for all of us who did poorly in our Portuguese classes, this journal is bilingual (Portuguese & English).

Bálint Balázs is one of the members of the project steering committee of *Initiative for Equality*, which is coordinating a series of activities to ensure that diverse individuals and communities from every region are able to give effective input into the Post-2015 and Sustainable Development Goals dialogue.

Furthermore, we cannot avoid mentioning that RC24-member **Debra Davidson and Jeffrey Andrews** (University of California, Santa Barbara) have published a paper in *Science*, in March this year – congratulations! In this article, they describe a phenomenon rarely discussed before, the increasing use of minerals for decades, but the escalating ecological implications for doing so demand research and policy attention. The level of consumption will have an increasingly large ecological

footprint the more scarce the resources are. It is very positive that such insights from the area of environmental sociology get the effective spread that they deserve, via Science Magazine.

We are helping us make the list serve and the Newsletter useful. You do this by communicating with us about any relevant news about upcoming events, vacant positions, new publications, etc., that we in turn spread worldwide. In addition to brief notes, you are very welcome to provide 1-3 pages of reflections of any kind that are of interests to scholars in environmental sociology. Please do also continue to visit the RC24 website, at www.environment-societyisa.org. Moreover, we should also take the opportunity to remind everyone that the very basis for the Research Community on Environment and Society is paid

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away!

Finally, one of us, **Magnus Boström**, would like to make a personal announcement: I will be changing positions, leaving Södertörn University for a professorship in Sociology at Örebro University, Sweden. This will happen on August 1 this year, preceded by a fairly long vacation. Mikael Klintman and I will do our best to continue the dissemination of information through the list serve as usual, and without disruption. But to repeat what Lockie said in his Column: Thank you in advance for your patience (if any unexpected, temporary disruption, for example due to changes of e-mail systems, nevertheless happen)!

Upcoming Conferences (in chronological order)

Land Transformations: Between Global Challenges and Local Realities (GLP-OSM 2014), March 19-21, 2014, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany:

Deadline for submitting abstracts: 30 June 2013

See the conference website, at <http://www.glp-osm2014.org/>

The 2014 Global Land Project Open Science Meeting will synthesize and discuss the role of the land system as a platform for human-environment interactions, connecting local land use decisions to global impacts and responses.

Main conference themes:

1. *Rethinking land change transitions*: drastic changes in land cover and subtle changes in land management
2. *Local land users in a tele-connected world*: the role of human decision making on land use as both a driver and response to global environmental change
3. *Impacts and responses*: land systems changes to mitigate global environmental change impacts and adapt to increasing demands for food, fuel and ecosystem services
4. *Land governance*: the ways in which alternative approaches to governance of land resources can enhance the sustainability transition

Symposium: Practicing Practice Theory: Exploring the Relevance for Social Change. June 3, 2013, Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands:

The aim of this symposium, which is held in the Leeuwenborch building, is to bring together, and discuss the work of, leading practice theorists at the international level, to compare applications from diverse fields, and to discuss the merits of practice theory for future social science research and governance. Invited keynote speakers: Prof. Theodore Schatzki and Prof. Elizabeth Shove. If you wish to participate register as soon as possible by sending an email to Machiel Lamers (create hyperlink: machiel.lamers@wur.nl)

The XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology: *Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology*, July 13-19, 2014, Yokohama, Japan

Deadline for submitting abstracts: September 30, 2013. The on-line abstract submissions open on June 3, 2013.

See the ISA World Congress website: www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/

A full listing of RC24 sessions for next year's ISA World Congress of Sociology is now available on the congress webpage. Abstract submission will open 3 June 2013. Please see: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/rc/rc.php?n=RC24>

The Local Organising Committee in Yokohama has posted some useful information on the cost of travel in Japan. As they say, it may be more affordable than you expect. Please see: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/practical-information.htm>

Nexus 2014: Water, Food, Climate and Energy Conference, March 3–7, 2014, Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina, NC, USA:

Deadline for submitting abstracts: September 27, 2013.

See the conference website, at <http://nexusconference.web.unc.edu/>

The Conference, hosted by The Water Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will bring together researchers and practitioners working in government, civil society and business, focusing on the nexus approach. Building on the *Water, Food and Energy Nexus Conference held in Bonn, Germany in 2011*, this Conference aims to address the connected, but distinct, relationships between water, food, climate, energy, security, sustainability and development.

The themes for the 2014 Conference will be:
Economics and Finance of the Nexus
Politics, Policy and Regulation

Announcements (in alphabetical order)

Job opening: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) specialized in climate and energy policy/governance, The Environmental Policy Group, Wageningen University, Wageningen, the Netherlands.

Deadline for applying with letter of motivation, CV, and list of publications: June 1, 2013.

We are looking for

a sociologist, political scientist, or candidate from a similar social science discipline, to become Assistant Professor with a specialisation in climate and energy policy/governance, preferably related to urban settings.

As an Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) you will be offered regular assessments and participation in training programmes. You will carry out research; supervise PhD and Master students; lecture and coordinate courses and education programs (especially in the Master programmes Climate Studies and in Urban Environmental Management); and initiate, acquire and manage research projects and building up a leading international position.

We ask for

an ambitious and enthusiastic social scientist and a team player, devoted to research and education in the field of Climate Governance.

You also have

- a PhD in sociology or political sciences
- strong research experience and internationally refereed publications related to climate and/or energy governance
- experience with project management
- experience with acquisition of research funding
- excellent communication skills in English
- good didactic qualities and experience with international academic education and enthusiasm for teaching and working with students

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training and coaching are provided and interdisciplinary (international) cooperation is stimulated. You will also be given the chance to build up your own research line.

We offer you a temporary full-time contract for three years (1,0 fte), which can lead to a

Dutch Universities), based on full time (1,0 fte) employment and dependent on expertise and experience.

Additional information about the vacancy can be obtained from:

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Telephone number: +31 317 484452

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Additional information on the institution can be obtained through:

[About the chairgroup \(http://www.enp.wur.nl\)](http://www.enp.wur.nl)

Application:

To apply, please send your letter of motivation and your CV, including a list of publications to Machiel Lamers, **before June 1, 2013**.

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The Environmental Policy Group is an internationally leading and dynamic centre of expertise in the environmental social sciences. Theoretical and empirical research and undergraduate and post-graduate education are focused on the following themes: sustainable consumption and production; sustainable natural resource use; and global environmental change. We have a solid disciplinary background in sociology and political sciences, and cooperate in research and education with other disciplines as well. The Group participates in two graduate schools, and is an active member and/or chair of a large number of international research networks. The group has 15 faculty members, some 45 international PhD students and annually 25-30 international master students.

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ideas into reality, on a global scale.

Call for Equity & Sustainability Field Hearings Partners

Time period: April 2013 – April 2014

See the website, at <https://www.initiativeforequality.org/index.php/equity-sustainability-field-hearings/goals-approach-of-the-field-hearings>

We invite your participation in a global project that will enable people in poor communities around the world to have a voice in the global discussion on equity and sustainable development. *Initiative for Equality* (IfE), in collaboration with partner organizations, is coordinating a second

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communities from every region are able to give effective input into the Post-2015 and Sustainable Development Goals dialogue.

Cooperating academic programs and civil society groups in many countries will use a standard questionnaire to conduct interviews, focus groups or public meetings to learn what people are thinking about their future. What are the main problems faced by their community? What are some possible causes? Solutions? What is needed in order to have a decent, equitable and sustainable future? The responses will then be compiled and presented to the UN and other decision-makers in written and video format.

Last year we 5345)
with 60 coauthors and based on interviews in 34 communities
with over 2700 individuals. These results were then presented at a side event of the Rio+20 Summit in Brazil, June, 2012.

* Report and photos from 2012:

https://www.initiativeforequality.org/images/wtbh_link_page.pdf

* Flyer: <https://www.initiativeforequality.org/images/FieldHearingsFlyerMarch2013.pdf>

* Questionnaire:

<https://www.initiativeforequality.org/images/FieldHearingsQuestionnaireMarch2013.pdf>

If you are interested in contributing to the new report by conducting one-on-one interviews, focus groups, or public meetings in one or more local communities, please read about the project, see the questionnaire, and then email us at info@initiativeforequality.org. We will be glad to discuss how you can participate in this global collaboration during the upcoming year.

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Brian J. Gareau, 2013. *From Precaution to Profit: Contemporary Challenges to Environmental Protection in the Montreal Protocol*. Yale University Press.

The Montreal Protocol has been cited as the most successful global environmental agreement, responsible for phasing out the use of ozone-depleting substances. But, says Brian Gareau in this provocative and engaging book, the Montreal Protocol has failed – largely because of neoliberal ideals involving economic protectionism but also due to the protection of the legitimacy of certain forms of scientific knowledge. Gareau traces the rise of a new form of disagreement among global powers, members of the scientific community, civil society, and agro-industry groups, leaving them relatively ineffective in their efforts to push for environmental protection.

For more information on this book, see

<http://yalepress.yale.edu/yupbooks/book.asp?isbn=9780300175264>

Recent Member Articles, Special Issues & Conference Proceedings

Special collection of journal articles on Africa, curated by Routledge/Taylor & Francis: To mark Africa Day on 25th May, celebrating African unity, Routledge/Taylor & Francis has curated special collection of journal articles on Africa and "Climate Change, Environment, Sustainability; Development and Innovation; Gender, Race and Culture; and Urbanism, Architecture and Economy".

For more information on this collection, see

<http://explore.tandfonline.com/content/pgas/africa.php>

The bilingual journal *Ambiente e Sociedade* is now online with its first volume of 2013- vol. 16/1.

From vol. 16/1 on, *Ambiente & Sociedade* a quarterly publication of the National Association of Graduate Courses and Research in Environment and Society – ANPPAS, that contributes with the area of knowledge that articulates the interface between Environment and Society, within an interdisciplinary approach is published bilingually.

Editors: Pedro Roberto Jacobi (Universidade de São Paulo) and Associate Editors are members of RC24- Julia Guivant (Universidad Federal de Santa Catarina), Carmen Lemos (University of Michigan), Fabio Castro (CEDLA), Luisa Schmidt (Universidade de Lisboa), Marcel Bursztyn (Universidade de Brasilia), Leandro Giatti (Universidade de São Paulo), Jose Augusto Padua (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro and President of Anppas- National Association Of Graduate Studies and Research in Environment and Society), Antonio Aledo (Universidad de Alicante)

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Ambiente e Sociedade looks forward to receive submissions on line on its site -
http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php?script=sci_serial&pid=1414-753X&lng=en&nrm=iso

All the Best

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Scheme for the Comparative Analysis of Public Environmental Decision-making (SCAPE) now published online

The Research Group on Governance, Participation and Sustainability at Leuphana University Lüneburg announces the publication of its "Scheme for the Comparative Analysis of Public Environmental Decision-making" (SCAPE), which is now available online as an INFU Discussion Paper (available e.g. at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2245518>). The development of this analytical scheme has proceeded over several years of intensive research, discussions and application in various projects (ERC Starting Grant "EDGE", DFG project "ECOPAG"). The work has been led by Professor Jens Newig, with contributions from the members of work group and colleagues beyond. The scheme has now been successfully applied to some 150 coded case studies, and the group encourages fellow researches to test, critique and improve it.

Book and activities by the group on Climate Change, Social Movements and Public Policy of the Latin-American Social Science Council (CLACSO)

Early this year the working group on Climate Change, Social Movements and Public Policy of the Latin-American Social Science Council (CLACSO) published a book titled (translated from Spanish) *Climate Change, Social Movements and Public Policy: A Necessary Liaison*.

The book can be downloaded at:

http://www.clacso.org.ar/clacso/novedades_editoriales/libros_clacso/libro_detalle.php?orden=&id_libro=759&pageNum_rs_libros=0&totalRows_rs_libros=728

The working group has now submitted a candidature to CLACSO for the 2013-2016 period under the name Global Environmental Change, Climate Change, Social Movements and Public Policy. Twenty-eight researchers from ten Latin-American countries will be part of the working group for the 2013-2016 period, they are: Andrea Lampis (UNAL, Colombia) as coordinator, Pablo Chacón (ICAL, Chile) as co-cordinator, Mirta Geary (UNR, Argentina), Esteban Castro (UNR, Argentina), Patricia Medina (Jaina, Bolivia), Carlos Vacaflores (Jaina, Bolivia), Fernando de la Cuadra (Lviolenca, Brasil), Dimas Floriani (MST, Brasil), Suzana Lourenço (Prolam U. São Paulo, Brasil), Lira Benítez (Prolam U. São Paulo, Brasil), Gustavo Blanco (Ical/U. Austral, Chile), Astrid Ulloa (UNAL, Colombia), Javier Gonzaga (U. Caldas, Colombia), Alonso Brenes (FLACSO, Costa Rica), Alan Lavell (FLACSO, Costa Rica), Ramón Pichs (CIEM, Cuba), Julio Torres (CIEM, Cuba), Gladys Hernández (CIEM, Cuba), Giuseppe di Marzo (NGO, Italia), Angélica Rosas (UAM, México), María Griselda Günther (UAM, México), Guillermo Ortega (Base-IS, Paraguay), Augusto Castro (INTE-PUCP, Peru), Sofía Castro (INTE-PUCP, Peru), Beatriz Salazar (CEPES, Peru), Julio Postigo (CEPES, Peru).

The working group has recently collaborated to the on-coming World Social Science Report 2013, published by the ISSC in collaboration with UNESCO, which will be dedicated to Global Environmental Change and the Social Sciences.

Kindest regards,

Andrea Lampis

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The symposium consists of the following articles, all available in the *American Behavioral Scientist* <http://abs.sagepub.com/content/57/6.toc>

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