

The Futures We Want: Global Sociology
and the Struggles for a Better World



3rd ISA Forum of SOCIOLOGY



July 10-14, 2016
Vienna, Austria

Dear colleagues,

We warmly invite proposals for sessions to the Committee on Family Research CFR (RC06) program at the *Third International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology* to be held in Vienna, Austria (July 10-14, 2016). The theme of the Forum is “The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World”:

The Committee on Family Research, one of the largest and oldest ISA committees, fosters analytical and critical discussion of new research, ideas, and concepts. As such it is well-placed to respond creatively to the ISA Forum Call for better futures.

The CFR brings together scholars who wish to pursue family research in comparative and transnational contexts and constitutes basic networks of scientific research, intellectual debate, and professional exchange. The CFR seeks to understand the complex intersections of family life, social contexts and individual experience including how family life interfaces with social class, gender, race, ethnicity, and generation.

This ISA Forum theme encourages family researchers to take a forward-orientation in the presentation of both empirical and theoretical work so as to inform challenges and solutions to global problems. This general theme provides a platform for dialog among ISA’s many participating Research Committees (RCs), Working Groups (WGs), and Thematic Groups (TGs).

We invite papers using demographic, quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research. In particular, we welcome:

Paper presentation session

Each session will accommodate 4-5 papers.

Sessions can also **explore overlapping issues with** RC34 [Sociology of Youth](#); RC19 [Sociology of Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy](#); gender RC32 [Women in Society](#); RC31 [Sociology of Migration](#) and RC53 [Sociology of Childhood](#). We invite organizers for joint sessions with these or other RCs.

Author or Journal Special Issue Editor meets their Critics

Sessions where an author/ editor discusses a new book or a special journal issue with a range of critics.

Poster session

Posters can be the optimal format for early career researchers or for research in the early stage of development.

Roundtable session

Each table will accommodate 10 persons including the presenters (suggested number of 5 presenters).

Please submit your abstracts and proposals through the ISA electronic system (confex), available here:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/cfp.cgi>

Access to the confex system is also available here: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/>

For each session, you will have to select the research committee, submit your name, email address, and the language that will be used in the session (English, French or Spanish). The session description may not exceed 250 words and should describe the content and format (paper presentation, author meets critics, poster, or roundtable) of the session.

Deadline: 15 March 2015, 24:00 GMT.

The program coordinators (PCs) will facilitate integrating similar sessions and adjusting topics to best complete a well-rounded and comprehensive program. PCs have to provide a list of session to the ISA by April 7, 2015.

Other important deadlines:

Call for Papers: 4 April - 30 September 2015 (through the confex online system).
Abstract selection by session organizers: 4 October – 24 November 2015.

Websites:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/>

<http://isaforum2016.univie.ac.at/the-isa-forum/>

We are looking forward to seeing your session proposals!

Best regards,

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