

# Third ISA Forum of Sociology

## Call for Abstracts

14 April 2015 - 30 September 2015 24:00 GMT

Anyone interested in presenting a paper should submit an abstract on-line to a chosen session of RC/WG/TG



The abstract (300 words) must be submitted in English, French or Spanish

## **THE FUTURES WE WANT:**

### **Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World**

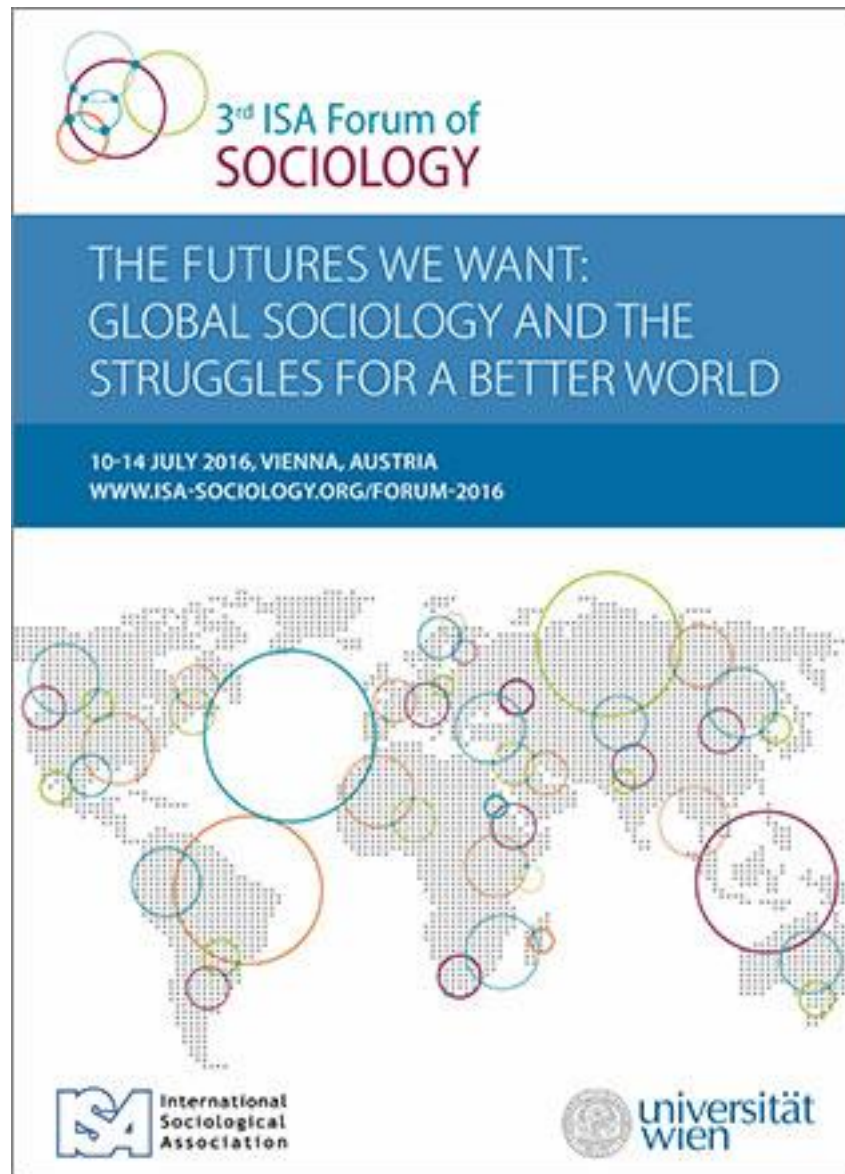
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The Third ISA Forum will be convened in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 July 2016 on the theme “The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World.” This theme encourages a forward-orientation in empirical, theoretical, and normative research to tackle the problems and opportunities that often cut across borders.

Protests around the globe have challenged inequality, oppression, and ecological destruction, and have insisted on the possibility of another, better world. Intensifying uncertainties demand innovations in methods and theories. Tomorrow no longer appears as pre-determined by inevitable trends but as a rather contingent outcome of complex, typically multi-scalar dynamics that vary in their intensity of contentiousness. Social actors aspire, desire, envision, expect, fear, imagine, plan, project, reject, sustain, and wage war over futures. What can sociology contribute to these broader debates? How do assumptions and aspirations about the future influence daily routines and long-term collective lives? How are risks identified, avoided, mitigated, transferred, or shared? What closes and opens the horizons of social imaginaries? How are different forces positioned to shape futures? How can the making of futures be democratized? What can be learned by comparing struggles in different countries and settings? How do emancipatory movements and everyday practices at the grassroots overcome discipline, exploitation, and misrecognition? What visions for alternative futures are imaginable, desirable, and achievable? What are viable roadmaps for social transformation?

This general theme provides a platform for dialog among ISA’s many participating Research Committees (RCs), Working Groups (WGs), and Thematic Groups (TGs). It calls for research on the full range of sociological topics from the tiny worlds of micro situations to the broad macro dynamics affecting the entire planet. It encourages inquiries into the multiplicity of possibilities, projects, and visions. It welcomes diverse approaches, including comparative and interdisciplinary collaborations.

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## Hunger, Food Waste, Food Security and Wellbeing

RC55 Social Indicators (host committee)

Language: English

Hunger has always been a problem in our world. Although these last years have seen significant improvements, 850 million people are still suffering from starvation and malnutrition. The richer part of the world instead wastes huge quantities of food, discarded because not eaten or because of production defects. According to the World Health Organization, food security exists “when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to maintain a healthy and active life”. If people do not have access to enough food, then they face different problems in their health dimension of life, but also in others such as their capacity to work, to learn, or to relate with others.

Hunger, food waste and food security are influenced by a wide range of social, economic and cultural factors, and by various institutional and collective actors (e.g. states, supranational organizations, NGOs, civil society actors).

This session invites papers that deal with these themes, in a theoretical, empirical or methodological perspective. The contributions could deal with the impact of hunger and food waste on different life domains, either from objective or subjective perspectives. Issues such as evaluation of different kinds of hunger (chronic or transitory) in people’s lives, the effect of hunger in an early age on people’s human development, the rise of hunger in countries severely affected by crises, food governance and the role of the various governmental, social and collective actors, hunger policy implications, comparative analyses, but also indicator and measurement issues are welcome in this session.

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