RN33 Newsletter
ESA Research Network 33
Women’s and Gender Studies

Dear RN33 Members,

We are pleased to present our second RN 33 Newsletter. You are most welcome to contribute to the Newsletter. We would like to especially thank you for supporting this network. The RN33 is one of the biggest research networks of the ESA, currently counting 141 active members.

We are so much looking forward to meeting many of you in Milano.

Who are we?
In this section we would like to present our members, your research interests, activities and current projects. We are looking for volunteers 😊

What’s new?
You are welcome to send us information about your recently published articles, books, conference papers. Please, send us short descriptions of the publications. It would be great if you could share with us notes on the seminars, webinars and conferences. We would be also happy to publish calls for conference papers.

Articles and books

Sirazhudinova, Saida (2021). The Women Organizations and Activism in Combating Domestic Violence in the North Caucasus. Journal of International Women’s Studies, 22(11), 57-63. Available at: https://vc.bridgew.edu/jiws/vol22/iss11/6

Call for conferences/conference programmes
ESA RESEARCH NETWORK 33 WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES
Programme for mid-term conference in Milan, Italy, June 13th-14th 2022
General programme

Plenaries and evening event

Parallel paper sessions

Call for abstracts

Religions

The Special Issue of the journal Religions aims to offer an interdisciplinary space for reflection and debate in which the issue of interreligious dialogue, its current transformations, and future perspectives can be explored. We consider interreligious dialogue as a significant component of multi-faith societies facing increasing levels of cultural pluralism (Giordan and Lynch, 2019).

The issue of interreligious dialogue is of crucial importance in understanding the future of religion. The religious profile of the world is rapidly changing, driven mainly by differences in fertility rates, the size of youth populations among the world’s major religions, as well as by people switching faiths and migration processes (Pew Research Center, 2015). Interreligious dialogue has become an increasingly visible topic in the global religious landscape. At a time of growing global tensions, recurring crises, risks, and uncertainties, interreligious dialogue is a key policy tool to combat social conflicts attributed to religion, intolerance, discrimination, racism, sexism, and strengthen peace building. Many religions promote interreligious engagement and interreligious learning and teaching.

This Special Issue intends to reflect on the concept of interfaith dialogue and its future. How interreligious dialogue can address emerging global social and political issues; the role of new social actors, such as women, young people, ethnic minorities, and activist groups; the potential of interreligious dialogue in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and how to promote interreligious dialogue in the context of COVID-19 pandemic. We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers on one of more of the following topics:

- how different religions understand interreligious dialogue;
- sociodemographic trends and interreligious dialogue;
- the role played by women and the younger generations in promoting interreligious dialogue;
- interreligious dialogue and gender equality;
- interreligious dialogue as a peacebuilding tool in conflict situations;
- interreligious dialogue and migration;
- interreligious dialogue and sustainable development;
- new religious movements and interreligious dialogue;
- interreligious dialogue and emerging information technologies;
- the potential of interreligious dialogue to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- new theoretical and methodological perspectives for the study of interreligious dialogue;
- interreligious dialogue and the future of religion.

We request that, prior to submitting a manuscript, interested authors initially submit a proposed title and an abstract of 400–
600 words summarizing their intended contribution. Please send it to the guest editors (elisabetta.ruspini@unimib.it; rassa.ghaffari@unimib.it) or to the Religions editorial office (religions@mdpi.com). Abstracts will be reviewed by the guest editors for the purposes of ensuring proper fit within the scope of the Special Issue. Full manuscripts will undergo double-blind peer-review.

Tentative completion schedule:

Abstract submission deadline: May 30th, 2022
Notification of abstract acceptance: June 30th, 2022
Full manuscript deadline: December 15th, 2022

Manuscript Submission Information

Manuscripts should be submitted online at www.mdpi.com by registering and logging in to this website. Once you are registered, click here to go to the submission form. Manuscripts can be submitted until the deadline. All submissions that pass pre-check are peer-reviewed. Accepted papers will be published continuously in the journal (as soon as accepted) and will be listed together on the special issue website. Research articles, review articles as well as short communications are invited. For planned papers, a title and short abstract (about 100 words) can be sent to the Editorial Office for announcement on this website.

Submitted manuscripts should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere (except conference proceedings papers). All manuscripts are thoroughly refereed through a double-blind peer-review process. A guide for authors and other relevant information for submission of manuscripts is available on the Instructions for Authors page. Religions is an international peer-reviewed open access monthly journal published by MDPI.

Please visit the Instructions for Authors page before submitting a manuscript. The Article Processing Charge (APC) for publication in this open access journal is 1200 CHF (Swiss Francs). Submitted papers should be well formatted and use good English. Authors may use MDPI’s English editing service prior to publication or during author revisions.

Elisabetta Ruspini
Rassa Ghaffari
Guest Editors

THE EUROPEAN SOCIOLOGIST

The European Sociologist opens a call for contributions to issue #48

Beginning with Issue #48, The European Sociologist will (re)turn to the format of non-thematic issues. As a general rule, there will be no specific theme around which to collect papers. The sections of the magazine will instead offer a venue for contributions on any topic of concern that may fit their purposes, as described below.

A basic aim of the magazine is, in fact, to provide a picture and a means of exchange, as updated and wide-ranging as possible, about debates and work sociologists all over Europe are conducting. To this purpose, a major role is assigned to Research Networks, as the main site for ESA members to collaborate and communicate on cutting-edge questions, these are the best channels of information and scholarship of relevance to the whole ESA community. This call emerges at a particular moment, one that is bound to have long-lasting consequences for European societies and the entire world. With the pandemic crisis hardly over and climate change proceeding at an accelerated pace, a new cloud has materialized with the Russian attack on Ukraine. Though, after the fall of the Berlin Wall military operations of various character and definitions (international police, humanitarian wars and so on) have succeeded one another with no break in continuity, engendering a host of impacts on
European societies, from terrorist attacks to forced migrations, the Ukrainian war has entailed a quantum leap in both its actual implications and public perception. We all hope that the crisis will soon find a solution and that peace reigns by the time that this Issue of The European Sociologist will be online. Yet, the main task of intellectuals, and social science scholars in particular, is to reflect on the grounds, features and consequences of this war—for Europe, to which both Ukraine and Russia belong, and the planet—and to exert our sociological imaginations for devising ways out of and recovery from profound social wounds. With all the limits of the closeness to events, such contribution is urged now. There will be time in the future for more accomplished analyses. For this reason, The European Sociologist invites “rapid response” papers for a special section devoted to the Ukrainian crisis.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

• Contributions should be proposed by ESA Research Networks (RNs) and National Associations (NAs).

• Authors interested in contributing to one of the sections below should contact RN coordinators or NA representatives.

• RNs and NAs may propose to the European Sociologist up to two contributions per each of the sections below. RNs and NAs should be responsible for collecting and selecting the contributions from individual authors.

• Contributions must be sent to European Sociologist by June 15th, 2022. Publication is expected by September 2022.

• Papers will not be peer-reviewed. However, The European Sociologist Editorial Board, composed by the Chair and members of ESA Communications Committee, will carry out an editorial review, and may get advice from external experts. It may ask for modifications of the papers and reserves the right to take the final decision over their publication.

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SECTIONS

DISCUSSION

This section is open to contributions to topics and debates of general concern for the ESA and broader social science audiences, or of specific relevance to RNs or NAs. This may include, for example, commentaries to debates developed in recent events (workshops, conferences etc.) organized by RNs or NAs, overview articles addressing emergent issues and literatures, critical notes. Contributions should not exceed 2,500 words (including references).

DOING SOCIOLOGY

Contributions to each of the following sections should not exceed 2,500 words (including references).

A) SPOTLIGHT

This section is open to summaries of PhD theses and work in progress of early-career scholars.

B) PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

This section is open to papers concerning research with direct public impact or other public outreach initiatives.

C) INTERVIEWS

This section is open to interviews with prominent or emergent scholars, concerning their career, theoretical and methodological approach and reflections on the topics of their concern.

SPECIAL SECTION: THE EUROPEAN CRISIS AND THE EMERGENT WORLD ORDER

The Russian attack on Ukraine has raised a host of discussions among citizens and intellectuals in Europe and the world over. Sociologists are called on to provide their own insights and reflections. The closeness to events may increase difficulties in, but should not prevent, developing considered, if by necessity provisional, assessments. This section is thus open to “rapid response”
papers addressing the political, social and economic causes and consequences of the war, as well as the features of the war itself in its similarities and differences to both “traditional”, twentieth-century wars and new formats of military operations which have emerged with the global disorder following the breakdown of the post-WW2 world order.

Contributions to this section should not exceed 3,000 words (including references)

**Miscellaneous**

*This section is for you.* If you would like to share something with the others, you are more than welcome.