

# Newsletter

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## Editorial - *Welcome!*

Dear Colleagues,

We relaunch the RC47's newsletter both ways to give and, secondly to circulate information among us. In this number you will find information on two of coming important association's events. First of all, the RC47 and the RC48 are organising a meeting in February 9th and 10th, 2012, *From social to politics. New forms of mobilization and democratization.*

This will be the occasion to discuss about North Africa and

Middle East mobilisations for Democracy, Asian, European and African social and ecological conflicts. Moreover, we will also discuss new migrations and people precariousness.

The second event is our participation to the II ISA Global Forum that will be held in Buenos Aires in August 2012. You can find the RC47 program schedule both on our website and in this newsletter.

Moreover, other activities on communication and

dissemination of our scientific debate will be improved in the near future.

I invite you to visit our website that is updated regularly.

I hope this newsletter it will be a real and effective participation tool for all of you and RC47.

Antimo L. Farro

RC47 President

### Inside this Issue:

**II ISA FORUM** - International Sociological Association organize its second Forum in Buenos Aires, Argentina, next summer 2012. RC47 will be there.

**CONFERENCES** - RC47 is organizing a conference with RC48 in Bilbao, next February 2012.

**NEW CULTURAL FRONTIERS** - An online review to promote the work of our network and beyond. Sponsored by the RC47

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## RC47 II ISA Forum of Sociology

## Session Schedule

The RC47 Session Proposal - and the **call for papers** for each session - are listed on our website at the following address:

<http://www.isarc47.org/ii-isa-forum/>

RC47 holds 14 sessions, including a plenary session with a keynote speaker on **Globalisation, cosmopolitanism and the individual** and three joint sessions with RC21 "Regional and Urban Development", RC24 "Environment and Society" and RC48 "Social Movements, Collective Actions and Social Change".

Most of the sessions allow to present papers in English, Spanish and French.



## ISA RC47 - Social Classes and Social Movements

### ISA RC48 - Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change

## **FROM SOCIAL TO POLITICS. NEW FORMS OF MOBILIZATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION**

*University of Bilbao – Spain 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012*

Objective of this conference is to foster theoretical reflections and to present empirical evidences regarding some of the recent mobilizations that took place in the Mediterranean area and that have two very clearly distinguished threads. On the one hand, there are the mobilizations that reveal the need to open space to democracy by asking for political reforms and democratization processes in countries such as Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco, Libya and Syria, among other. On the other hand, numerous discontent displays regarding the political management of economical crisis and the shrinking of the Welfare State in South Europe triggered mobilizations such as 15-M in Spain, “Indignez-vous” in France, Italy and Greece and other protests organized by young people and students in England and Belgium.

Bringing together different networks and orientations around social movements, expressed by the two ISA Research Committees 47 and 48, this conference offers the opportunity to debate around the changes and the meanings of social movements of the twenty-first century. In special, we are interested in analysing the antecedents, the influence of social and political conditions, the movement’s nature regarding organization, forms of protest, claims, causes, protagonists, role of social media and to spot the meaning of these relatively new forms of protest beyond the action repertoire.

### **ORGANIZATION**

The general structure of the Conference has provided different ways for participation. One of them is the organization of academic sessions. Each thematic session will consist of the presentation of a guest lecturer for 20 minutes, four oral communications for 15 minutes each, and five communications presented in poster format.

The final constitution of these thematic sessions will be a posteriori, when all communications are received and the Scientific Committee has made the selection of oral communications and posters. All communications will have the same status for the issuance of participation certificates. A prerequisite for presenting a communication is to be properly enrolled in the Conference. Regarding a possible publication –still in consideration- of the full papers participants must adapt the texts to a model that will be sent later..

Continue reading on RC47 website: <http://www.isarc47.org/bilbao/>

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# New Cultural Frontiers

*On-Line Sociological Review*

New Cultural Frontiers is a new peer-reviewed International On-Line Journal, sponsored by RC47 that intends to fulfill a particular niche in academic publishing.

It is a peer-reviewed publication for researchers from different disciplines. The principle aim of the Journal is to diffuse the work of sociologists and social science scientists within the International Sociological Association (ISA) and beyond. It will combine high quality academic/scientific research with the speed and visibility of

the web.

The editors are researchers with representation from all over the world. The journal has an ambitious perspective: It hopes to become a point of reference and network for young sociologists within the ISA with vastly different backgrounds, fieldworks and interests.

The intellectual stance of New Cultural Frontiers can be captured in the themes and issues that have been faced and investigated by the Research Committee 47 of International Sociological

Association (ISA). New Cultural Frontiers will focus on socio-cultural and transnational practices, with particular attention paid to the relationship between social actors and society, both at global and local level.

Follow the project of the review New Cultural Frontiers on its website:

[www.newculturalfrontiers.org](http://www.newculturalfrontiers.org)

Visit our website! You can find more updated information about the work and the activities of our Research Committee and its members: <http://www.isarc47.org>

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