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Dear Members of the Swiss Sociological Association,

The first bulletin in every year presents the proceedings and reports of the Swiss Sociological Association (SSA) and its research committees. Therefore, you will find the annual report, the minutes of the general assembly in 2021 and the reports of the research committees in this bulletin. Also, the bulletin includes a report about the last SSA congress.

My term as president of SSA ended at the end of 2021. In the general assembly in 2021 a new president was elected. It is a pleasure to have Claudine Burton-Jeangros (University of Geneva) as new president of SSA from the beginning of this year (see the following editorial of the new president).

Since 2018 the members of the SSA board collaborated with me in advancing our society. Some achievements can be reported as the implementation of a permanent secretary (since 2019), the collection of SSA archive documents and their permanent storage at the University of St. Gallen (from 2022 on). This is mainly due to the engagement of Thomas Eberle at St. Gallen. Also, SSA switched more and more to English as language for its meetings and for the bulletin. This has

facilitated SSA's internal communication, but this also has enhanced the international visibility of SSA. It was important to approach the topic of journal costs, which was discussed in the last general assembly and will be a task for the next president and the board. Since March 2021 a new group of editors takes care of the Swiss Journal of Sociology. The group was first built up by Jörg Rössel (University of Zurich) and me. Since the beginning of 2022 Roman Gibel (University of Lucerne), Kenneth Horvath (Zurich University of Teacher Education) and Stephanie Steinmetz (University of Lausanne) are new members of this group.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of SSA for supporting this society. I am thankful for the coordinating activities of the research committees. And – last but not least – it is the engagement of the board members, which did excellent work not only in tackling with the “everyday business”, but also in approaching many additional tasks and problems, which the board is solving step by step.

Rainer Diaz-Bone (former president of SSA)
Lucerne, March 2022

Dear Members of the Swiss Sociological Association,

I am very honored to have been elected as the new president of the Swiss Sociological Association. Since I was not a member of the board in the last years, the proposition came as a surprise. However, I decided to accept it since I felt I knew enough about the Association and its environment to be able to take over the task. I first got involved with SSA in the mid-1990s' through activities with the health sociology committee. At that time, I understood the importance of SSA as a national body representing sociologists, working in different settings and regions across the country. In 2006, I joined the board of the SSA, then chaired by Christoph Maeder and I stayed in the board as Eric Widmer took over the presidency. From 2012 to 2021, I sat in the board of the Swiss Academies for Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW/ASSH), the umbrella association to which SSA is related. Over the years, I thus have had the opportunity to collaborate with the persons in Switzerland who are committed and supportive to the work conducted by SSA.

While we are constantly urged to broaden our analyses of society through interdisciplinary research, I firmly believe in the importance of core disciplines, hence of sociology. Indeed, I consider good interdisciplinary work is only possible when scholars have a solid foundation in one core discipline, as a condition necessary to develop fruitful interdisciplinary formats, in which researchers can then gain from each other by bringing together different conceptual frameworks and analytical tools. The role of SSA is in my opinion to strengthen and consolidate research, training and the visibility of sociology in Switzerland.

Indeed, the role of sociological understanding is crucial to tackle contemporary challenges, as shown by the COVID-19 pandemic. This major crisis revealed how

much diseases are social matters, impacting all groups of the population and all sectors in society. Epidemiologists, virologists, clinicians have long been at the forefront of the response, while providing limited insights on the impact of the pandemic on society and its institutions. The recently initiated NFP80 "Covid and Society" will be able to produce important findings in that respect, despite a late launch reflecting the slow acknowledgment of the contribution of the social sciences to the understanding and management of the pandemic.

With regard to research in general, our discipline is like others exposed to a changing landscape, with encouragements to international collaborations, hampered by the political position of Switzerland within the European Union, injunctions to open access to publications and data that are difficult to reconcile with data protection regulation, bureaucratization of ethical reviewing associated with accountability concerns. These transformations reflect new relations between science and society in general. We must on the one hand acknowledge their benefits, such as a better dissemination of findings and transparency. At the same time, we must be wary of their shortcomings, such as a reduced research freedom when some topics are considered too controversial or ethical reviewing obligations keeping students from conducting fieldwork. As a professional association, we must respond to these transformations, showing our commitment to produce good and solid science while defending the specificity of our methods, conceptual lenses and research topics. In that respect, the capacity to mobilize sociologists at the national level to defend our collective interests is important.

In respect of teaching, current societal issues, notably climate change, global health crises, rising social inequalities, will channel students towards our discipline that provides conceptual, methodological and analytical tools to address these challenges. SSA can play a role

in the training of the next generations of sociologists, reinforcing coordination across institutions and strengthening the attractiveness of the discipline. Besides, attention has to be paid to the uncertain trajectories of younger scholars. Therefore, I consider important that SSA develop further efforts towards the integration of students and postdoctoral researchers in its activities. As I am starting my term as president of SSA, I definitely see a number of challenges ahead. The most pressing relates to The Swiss Journal of Sociology reform discussed

during the last General Assembly. Participants to the assembly voted for the constitution of an enlarged working group that will work in 2022 to make propositions to the next General Assembly. I am looking forward to initiating this enlarged process, and in parallel to addressing other challenges, with the help of the motivated board members of SSA.

Claudine Burton-Jeangros (new president of SSA)
Geneva, February 2022

Annual Report of the President

1. Scientific activities: The scientific activities of the Swiss Sociological Association (SSA, <https://www.sgs-sss.ch/>) in 2021 still were hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many planned workshops and conferences of the research committees had to be postponed and only some were proceeded (see the reports of the research committees).

The Swiss Sociological Association had three issues of the Swiss Journal of Sociology published with 23 articles. (See for open access <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/sjs/sjs-overview.xml>).

Again, two bulletins were published (open access as pdf, see homepage). The first bulletin includes the proceedings and reports of the society and the research committees (RCs). The second bulletin was edited by Milena Chimienti (HETS Geneva, HES-SO) and devoted to "digitizing academia".

End of June 2021, the SSA congress entitled "Social Justice in Times of Uncertainty" was organized in collaboration of the University of Geneva and the Geneva School of Social Work (HES-SO). It has been the first time of such a promising cooperation and the congress was very successful (see report in this bulletin). The congress had to happen as a digital congress due to the pandemic situation.

2. Cooperation and international relations: As in the last years, SSA has been an active member of the European Sociological Association (ESA, <https://www.europeansociology.org/>) and the International Sociological

Association (ISA, <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en>). Members of the SSA are part of sections of ESA and ISA.

3. Public relations: SSA provides information on its homepage (<https://www.sgs-sss.ch/de/>), which is still important for information about news, job offers, conferences as well as activities of the research committees. A newsletter was sent three times in 2021. The newsletter is available for download on the home page at <https://www.sgs-sss.ch/en/the-association/newsletter/>.

4. Administration: It is mainly the SSA board, which proceeds the administration of SSA. The office is built by the president, the vice-president Jörg Rössel (University of Zurich) and the treasurer Oliver Nachtwey (University of Basel). Oliver Nachtwey resigned in 2021 and Regula Julia Leemann (University of Applied Science Basel-Muttenz) took over the position of the treasurer. Although planned as meeting in person (at University of Bern), the general assembly had to be proceeded as Zoom meeting, because of the anew quickly increasing infection rates of the COVID-19 virus in Switzerland. Claudine Burton-Jeangros was elected as the new president for the term 2022–2023. Ben Jann (University of Bern) was elected a new revisor (replacing Claudine Burton-Jeangros). Philip Balsiger (University of Neuchâtel) was elected as new board member. (See also the minutes of the general assembly.)

Rainer Diaz-Bone (University of Lucerne), President (until 2021)

Report of the 2021 SSA Congress “Social Justice in Times of Uncertainty”

Milena Chimienti (HETS GE) and Marlyne Sahakian (University of Geneva)

From June 28–30, 2021, the biannual congress of the Swiss Sociological Association (SSA) on “Social Justice in Times of Uncertainty” was hosted for the first time entirely in a virtual format, and through a partnership between The University of Geneva and the Geneva School of Social Work (HES-SO). The theme of “Social Justice in Times of Uncertainty” takes as a starting point the health pandemic that erupted in 2020, which led societies across the world to cope with disruptions in the provisioning of goods and services, means of livelihood, and fundamental freedom – not least, that of movement. The crisis also revealed global and local inequalities, translating into who has the right to live or not, and raised new questions around (in)justice in the contemporary world. In light of the turmoil experienced, as a globalized society and within our communities, the congress emphasized the relevance of social and environmental justice in the making of a fair society, asking the question: in times of uncertainty, what does it mean to live a good life in a just society?

Overview on the congress and its participants

The virtual format of the congress was a sign of the times, as the pandemic did not allow us to meet and gather in person. There were clearly limits to meeting virtually; we have all experienced, these past two years, the challenges associated with sharing and interacting online. And yet, the virtual format allowed for more people to participate in the congress than ever before: a total of 480 participants including 110 PhD students attended the congress, breaking all previous records. In all, we received 300 abstracts for paper presentations organized around 92 sessions, 20 semi-plenary proposals. Many of the research networks of the Swiss Socio-

logical Association were present with paper sessions, such as Economic sociology, Gender studies, Health and medicine sociology, Life course, Migration and minorities, and Sociology of education, to name but a few. Transversal themes also emerged as paper sessions, including food, environment, and consumption. More than in previous years, the congress also boasted an international audience: 28 countries were represented. We also welcomed four keynote speakers from different continents: India, North America and Europe.

We welcomed atypical proposals for sessions: besides the paper sessions and semi-plenaries, the congress hosted book presentations, film screenings, and round tables, which yielded vivid discussions. The diverse contributions to this congress demonstrated the different ways in which injustice manifests itself in relation to health, economic means, mobility, exclusion, among other issues – unravelling the problematic invisibility or inaudibility of certain forms of injustice. They highlighted the complex causes of inequalities at the intersection of different power relationships, but also normative dimensions which either promote or hinder inequalities. What would our discipline be without publications? Through our web portal, we placed a spotlight on publishers based in Switzerland, inviting ten publishing houses to highlight their most recent publications related to the theme of sociology and social justice. We hope this list, which remains visible online, will inspire colleagues to think globally and publish locally. Recognizing that the arts and culture scene in the city of Geneva had suffered due to the pandemic, we wanted to support the scene – as well as the sociologists who also happen to be artists – by showcasing six artistic productions, from photo exhibitions to dance perfor-

manes. We hope it gave the ‘visitors’ to the congress web page a flavor of the vibrant art scene in our city.

Keynote speakers reflecting on social justice in the Anthropocene

While there is no ideal term to describe uncertainty at a global scale, the concept of the Anthropocene has come to represent an era whereby human activities are a geological force, capable of disrupting earth systems. Distinguishing what is human from what is nature is, of course, unsatisfying, and the term has been criticized as being a representation of the world that remains too anthropocentric. But it is difficult to confront the issue of justice today without reflecting on how human activities, as socio-technical as they might be, are yielding unequal repercussions through feedback loops that are anything but fair: some regions, some beings, and some generations of people are and will be more affected by the climate crisis, while others bear more of the responsibility for the atmospheric emissions at the source of this crisis. Most all of our keynote speakers reflected in one way or another on this central question, of what it means to live in a just society in the Anthropocene. Ota de Leonardis, from the University of Milano-Bicocca argued that uncertainty has called for more preparedness, meant as “the societal capacity to respond to, and be prepared for critical events that are at the same time inevitable and unpredictable”. She demonstrated how this preparedness paradigm creates opposite images: exacerbated control on the one hand, and recognition of interdependence between human and nature, with ethics of care, on the other hand. Peter Wagner from the Catalan Institute for Research and Advanced Studies (ICREA) and the University of Barcelona provided a historical overview of the passage to modernity, how it has neglected the significance of biophysical resources and what risks this omission entails in terms of global

justice. Amita Baviskar, from Ashoka University gave us an overview of the alarming situation in India – due to the COVID-19 crisis – while debating precarity and the path to ecological justice. She argued that mutual dependence in crises could result in a positive and joint outcome, such as having a basic income for all. Less focused on the Anthropocene this time, Michèle Lamont from Harvard University discussed her empirical work on redefining worth and the sociology of recognition. Her interviews with cultural change agents opened up interesting discussions on the tensions between individual and more collective forms of representation.

Highlights of the semi plenaries

In addition to the prolific paper sessions, four semi-plenary sessions were proposed over the three days. The first day included the following five contributions. For *Racism in Europe: a cross-national perspective*, the different contributions discussed the everyday experiences of racism and the macrosocial racialized structures attached to singular national cases. For *Producing Insecurity and Exclusion at the Intersection of Immigration and Poverty Policies*, the issues of migration and poverty are tackled conjointly through three contributions that present empirical evidence from different contexts (Switzerland and USA). For *Sustainable Consumption and Social Justice*, three speakers discussed the question of consumption in relation to both environmental impacts, but also procedural justice – in asking what voices are included or excluded from the debate. For *Culture in Times of Crisis: the Music Sector Facing Covid-19*, both the constraints and opportunities from lockdown measures were debated, with labor precarity a central concern.

During the second day, among the seven semi-plenaries, the session on *Migration and Minorities* discussed the impact of transnationalism of risks and mobilities on

persons and the necessity to envisage justice beyond national borders. The semi-plenary on *Family and Law: Relationship Breakdown and Gender Inequality* highlighted how judicial practices affect the reproduction of gendered patterns. The Sociology of organization hosted a round table with students, lecturers, and civil society, presenting the empirical findings collected during a one-year module on research during Covid-19, studying the reorganization of work and organizations, the patient-physician relationship, and the risk communication on an international scale by comparing five countries. The semi-plenary on *Social problems* which discussed *Housing as a human right*, showed that homelessness is an ongoing and unresolved injustice in all European countries, as housing policies have failed so far to address the causes and only focus on emergencies. *Economic sociology* questioned *What are the implications of financialization for procedural, distributive and social justice in contemporary Switzerland and beyond?* Contributions demonstrated that, while some investments could become more responsible, financialization is not a modernization process but rather a combination of bureaucracy and neo-patrimonial logics. There were also two plenaries organized around books: « Endettement et surendettement en Suisse: regards croisés » by Caroline Henchoz (Harmattan) and « Créer la ville. Rituels territorialisés d'inclusion des différences » by Fiorenza Gamba, Sandro Cattacin et al. On day three, out of the eleven semi-plenaries, the Economic sociology session discussed the approach of the economics of convention, arguing that a plurality of institutional logics increase fairness. Two sessions were organized by the research committee Health and medicine sociology: on justice as the principle that governs health care and biomedical ethics, and on the difficulty to implement such a principle in medical communication – in particular in relation to the access of

certain vulnerable groups, such as older adults, during the Covid-19 pandemic. One of the highlights of these semi-plenaries was the session organized by Serge Paugam and Eric Widmer as a round table discussion on *À quoi sert la sociologie aujourd'hui?* In light of the critiques towards sociology, the session aimed to reflect on the role of this discipline in times of uncertainty and in regard to injustice.

A unique partnership in the City of Geneva

To conclude, a word on the beginnings: the idea for this conference emerged as an extension to the Geneva Sociology Platform. Over the past three years, sociologists from different institutions working in Geneva have met on an annual basis in a forum to discuss common research themes and interests. Building on the momentum of this platform, two main institutions came together to organize the 2021 edition of the SSA congress: the University of Geneva and the Haute École de Travail Social de Genève (HETS GE/HES-SO). In addition, colleagues from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies were an integral part of our scientific committee. To reflect this novel format, the congress opened with a panel discussion among the three rectors / directors of these institutions: Yves Flückiger, Rector of the University of Geneva; Luciana Vaccaro, Rector of the HES-SO, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland; and Marie Laure Salles, Director of IHEID The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, who is also a sociologist. Moderated by Marylène Lieber from the University of Geneva, the discussions touched on the role of higher education institutions in promoting social justice, through research programs, but also recruitment policies – from teaching staff to students. All of the speakers spoke to the role of their institutions in the pandemic in ensuring the wellbeing of their different

stakeholders, but also in opening up their buildings as public spaces to welcome those in need of shelter. This unique partnership in Geneva meant that the congress was not hosted by one institute, but rather by several institutes in one same city. We can only encourage the organizers of the next congress to be inspired to do the same, in seeking collaborations with sociologists working at universities, institutes, and schools of applied sciences, thus further strengthening

our community. We are convinced by the importance of the congress for bringing sociologists together, in Switzerland and from among neighboring countries, to reinforce our discipline within and across national and language borders. Thus, we thank all those who participated, and we look forward to seeing you – in the flesh and in three dimensions, this time – at the next edition.

Protocol of the General Assembly 2021

of the Swiss Sociological Association SSA

26 November from 14.00 to 17.00 as Zoom-meeting

30 Members present during the online-meeting: Rainer Diaz-Bone (SSA board member, president), Jörg Rössel (SSA board member, vice president), Regula Julia Lee-mann (SSA board member, treasurer), Marlyne Sahakian (SSA board member), Oliver Nachtwey (SSA board member), Leen Vandecasteele (SSA board member), Milena Chimienti (SSA board member), Patrick Aspers (SSA board member), Achim Edelmann (SSA board member), Christoph Maeder (Revisor), Nicolas Baya Laffite, Roland Becker-Lenz, Achim Brosziewski, Felix Bühlmann, Claudine Burton-Jeangros, Valeska Cappel, Sandro Cattacin, Sandra Da Rin, Thomas Eberle, Peter Farago, Florian Elliker, Franziska Dörig, Fiorenza Gamba, Ben Jann, René Levy, Oliver Moeschler, Peter Rusterholz, Guy Schwegler, Muriel Surdez, Sebastien Vincent.

Remark: As individual participants left the Zoom meeting during the course of the meeting, the total for the votes is less than 30.

Agenda

1. Acceptance of agenda
2. Protocol of last general assembly
3. Report of the president
4. Accounting 2020 and budget 2022
5. Discharge of SSA board
6. Journal reform (proposal for mandate)
7. Membership fees (simplifying its structure and reasonably reducing fees)
8. Election of new president, revisor, and board
9. Varia

Rainer Diaz-Bone welcomed all participants. Due to the development of the pandemic and related problems of members (with COVID-19 symptoms) to be able to attend the general assembly, the meeting had to be

switched from in-person at the University of Bern to an online meeting (via Zoom).

1. Acceptance of agenda

Agenda was accepted.

2. Minutes of last general assembly

Minutes were accepted.

3. Report of the president

Bulletins

158: It contains an overview on the proceedings, the annual reports of the research committees for 2020 and planned activities 2021 as well as the protocol of the general assembly 2020.

159: Milena Chimienti coordinated the bulletin on digitizing academia. It will be published at the end of 2021.

Journal

The editors are Rainer Diaz-Bone and Jörg Rössel since April 2021. They stepped in as the former editors resigned. Some information had been given in the newsletters. The board and the president accepted their resignation and thanked them for their engagement. Issues of this year are published. For report on the content of the three issues see SJS 48(1), 2022. The three issues for 2022 are in preparation. The issues for 2023 and 2024 are already planned. See <http://szs.sgs-sss.ch/>

Archive of the SSA documents

Thomas Eberle has organized that the SSA documents currently stored at Seismo can be stored at the University Archive of St. Gallen. A contract will be concluded within the next weeks between the SSA and the University Archive regulating the procedure and periods of storing and giving access to the members

of the SSA and the public in general. Many thanks to Thomas Eberle for this engagement!

In the future electronic documents will be gathered by a member of the board on switch drive (currently by Regula Leemann).

Events

Due to the pandemic many events were postponed or held online.

a) Congress (Geneva, online)

The president thanks Marlyne Sahakian, Milena Chimienti, the congress team, and the two universities for the professional organisation of the online congress in Geneva "Social Justice In Times of Uncertainty", June 28–30, 2021. Despite the difficult circumstances, the event was a great success. A report will be published in the bulletin 160.

b) Research Committees

See Bulletin 160 for the annual reports 2021 and planned activities 2022 of the research committees. Planned and financially supported by the SAHS for 2022 are two conferences: a) Educational institutions in Switzerland and their paradoxical contribution to social cohesion and disintegration; b) Reinvent yourself! New ways of doing art in the face of the pandemic.

4. Accounting 2020 and budget 2022

Presented by the president

Accounting 2020

Outgoings

Real costs were lower than planned due to lower costs of the bulletin, cancelled conferences, and nearly no travelcosts (pandemic). In 2020, the costs for the journal increased again as in the year before. The increase between 2019 and 2020 from around 94 000 to 112 000

amounts to nearly 18 000 CHF. The bulletin on the other hand was produced with much lower costs (7000 CHF). Part of the outgoings to the SAHS: SSA had to pay back money as it received money by mistake.

Incomings

The SSA did not receive the total sum for the Journal from the SAHS (40 000 instead of applied 43 000).

In 2020, the membership fees declined again as in the year before. The loss between 2019 and 2020 amounts to 4000 CHF.

The donations increased by 4000 CHF because the board members sent letters to institutions of sociology asking for funding.

There is again a negative difference between incoming and outgoing for 2020. The deficit amounts to 15 000 CHF. This is a structural deficit the SSA faces more or less every year.

Budget 2022

The board aims at reducing the costs for the journal to 100 000 CHF. Nevertheless, the board expects again a substantial deficit of 13 000 CHF. The SSA has a structural financial problem since several years.

The board is in charge of the financial situation of the SSA and was reminded at the GA 2020 to approach the task to reduce costs. A first evaluation of other production opportunities shows that the journal can be run with 70 000 CHF on a higher standard. Seismo has been informed about this.

Questions and remarks of the GA

The planned costs for the bulletin (8900 CHF) could be reduced. It is up to the board not to allow costly figures in the layout (Maeder).

Membership fees are underestimated. In 2021, they are already higher. (Rusterholz).

Journal costs should be compared over several years. These had already been high in the past (Bühlmann). The budget was accepted by the general assembly (20 acceptance, 1 no acceptance, 8 abstention).

5. Discharge of SSA board

Agreed on with unanimity.

6. Journal reform (proposal for mandate)

Presented by the vice-president

The Board has concluded that there is a need to reform the production of the Journal SJS for a number of reasons and has formulated a request for a mandate.

Aims

- › Cutting of costs due to a budget deficit over several years. The journal is the biggest part of the expenses (assignment by the GA in 2019, 2020)
- › Increase international visibility (indexing) by inclusion in Web of Science Impact factor (assignment by the SAHS).
- › Increase efficiency (e.g. submission platform as support for editors and secretary).
- › Comply with OA standards of SNSF and SHAS
- › Becoming an even more important platform for the discussion of Swiss sociology

Mandate

- › Give a mandate to an internal working group within the board
- › Negotiate with different publishing houses (Seismo included) and compile propositions for the production of the SJS based on the above-mentioned aims

On the basis of these premises, the SSA board works out recommendation(s) to the SSA general assembly, which will decide about this outcome in the next general assembly in 2022.

Discussion

Eberle: Appreciates the initiative to start a working group for the evaluation of the situation of the journal but requests that first all options should be scrutinized with and together with Seismo. Seismo was founded at the end of the 1980ies by the SSA to publish its own the journal due to various problems with external publishing houses. Since then, the journals production and the publishing house is a success story. The close cooperation between the board, the SSA members, and Seismo therefore should continue. The journals aims and scope is the state of Swiss Sociology and the topic of Swiss society, and therefore does not need an inclusion in the Web of Science. In case of changing the publishing house Seismo would be weakened economically and symbolically, and demolished. He proposes to change the mandate: Managing director of Seismo and other experts must be included in the working group. Different scenarios for the production of the journal by Seismo need to be worked out.

Diaz-Bone: The aim of the SSA should be advancing sociology first, to find the best solution for scientific purposes, and not funding and supporting Seismo. Moreover, the cooperation in the last years with Seismo was rather difficult and not productive. Nevertheless, Seismo is not excluded in the mandate and we aim for transparency by comparing options.

Rössel: Strong relation of SSA and Seismo is a fact. But including one publishing house into this working group that has to negotiate with several publishing houses would be strange. Regarding Web of Science: Internationality of the journal is important especially for younger scholars to make a career.

Dörig: Summarizes the quality that Seismo has guaranteed so far in the publication production process. Mentions problems with international publishing houses

that can be expected. Explains future opportunities to integrate a submission platform.

Nachtwey: The production was so far very professional, good quality of the journal, but Seismo was not very transparent and open to his questions as a treasurer regarding optimising the cost structure of the production. If Seismo makes an offer that is comparable to other offers in terms of cost structure, visibility etc. we should stick to Seismo. But Seismo cannot be part of a working group that has to decide on this.

Elliker: The SJS is a steppingstone for younger scholars. Making it an international journal would inhibit this. It is necessary to have explicit and reflected criteria. In a first step the working group should go with Seismo and a documented process should report why it didn't work with Seismo if this were the case. This report should be sent out to the members before a decision is taken by the GA.

Cattacin: To his experience with the journal of political sciences the costs will rise when changing the publishing house. Introduction in the SSCI costs. DORA declaration stresses that impact factor is not the main evaluation criteria.

Diaz-Bone: We are aware of the traditions and relations to Seismo. But we should not exclude other options as several speakers propose. Who is afraid of transparency? There are no pre-decisions made.

Asper: The group should not make up with Seismo, i.e. preset this option but work closely together in evaluating the opportunities of reforming the production process.

Maeder: He does not agree with the mandate which is treating Seismo in a market game like any other publisher although the SSA is owning the majority of the shares of Seismo. Cost cutting is a weak argument. We should negotiate with SAHS to get more money. The mandate is an intransparent attack to Seismo. It

would weaken sociology and the SSA. The working group must be broader.

Farago: Supports the proposal for enlarging and compose the working group wisely. We should analytically entangle three topics: The future of the journal, the editor, and the SSA.

Levy: Seismo and the journal are one of the main pillars of the SSA. It was hard to build them up and stabilize them. The SSA should try to involve more the academics of the universities of applied sciences as members. The working group should be enlarged and the collaboration with Seismo should be prioritized.

Eberle: There is not much identification of the board members with Seismo. There is much more support for Seismo in the GA than it is in the board. Therefore, there should not only be board members in the working group but experts, e.g. Felix Bühlmann, and Seismo. It is our own publishing house, our asset.

Surdez: The expert group should collect and compare the costs of other associations concerning the costs they have for their journal. SAHS finances less if we reduce the costs.

Vincent: Emphasizes the importance of this decision on the reform for sociology in Switzerland.

None of the members submitted a written proposal adding or revising the proposal of the board.

1. Voting: Mandate as presented or revised procedure

If no → revised procedure to be decided in 2. Voting

8 participants for the mandate as presented

17 participants for a revised procedure

1 participant abstention

2. Voting: Enlarged expert group or internal (within the board) working group

19 participants for an enlarged working group

7 participants for an internal working group

0 participant upstention

7. Membership fees (simplifying its structure and reasonably reducing fees)

- › Streamline the categories: 50 CHF students, 160 CHF regular members (plus 50 CHF for the hardcopy of the journal), 300 CHF for the institutional academic members.
- › Increase institutional outreach to expand institutional donations (letters have gone out this week)
- › Devise a communication strategy in 2022 for attracting and retaining members, including benefits given to (institutional/individual) members.
- › Conduct a survey to gauge interest in receiving the hardcopy of the journal, from among members, along with other questions on membership expectations.

As the time was quite late, this point of the agenda was only briefly presented by Marlyne Sahakian. She explained that there will be a new strategy to attract new members, especially young members. Institutes are also to be asked for more donations. There was no further discussion due to lack of time.

8. Election of new SSA board members and revisors

Rainer Diaz-Bone and Oliver Nachtwey are leaving the board at the end of 2021.

Elections:

New president: Claudine Burton-Jeangros (Geneva): 2022–2023) has been elected with 27 votes and one abstention. She accepts the election.

Revisors:

Christoph Maeder (Zurich)

Ben Jann (Bern)

They were elected as revisors for the period 2021–2022 with one abstention and 26 votes in favour.

Board members:

New board member: Philip Balsiger (Neuchâtel): from the beginning of 2022 on and for the term until the end of 2023.

Reelection: Milena Chimienti, Jörg Rössel, Marlyne Sahakiana and Leen Vandecasteele from the beginning of 2022 on and for the term until the end of 2023.

23 votes, 4 abstentions.

Therefore, in 2022 the SSA board will be:

Patrick Aspers (St. Gallen), Philip Balsiger (Neuchâtel), Claudine Burton-Jeangros (Geneva, president), Milena Chimienti (Geneva), Achim Edelmann, (Bern), Regula Julia Leemann (Basel, treasurer), Jörg Rössel (Zurich, vice-president, representative of the journal editors), Marlyne Sahakian (Geneva) and Leen Vandecasteele (Lausanne).

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The vice-president thanked Rainer Diaz-Bone for his engagement and his great commitment in the last years as a member and as president of the SSA.

Sociologie économique /

Wirtschaftssoziologie / Economic Sociology

Coordinators

Philip Balsiger (University of Neuchâtel) and Léna Pellandini-Simányi (Università della Svizzera italiana)

The highlight for the Economic sociology RC in 2021 was the organization of an international conference on the topic "Markets and Power in the Digital Age". It took place September 16–17, at the University of Neuchâtel. On the first day, a keynote speech by José Van Dijk (Utrecht University) reflected on the politics of the platform society from a European perspective. The second day was kicked off by a keynote by Philipp Staab (Humboldt University Berlin) who talked about the political economy of Digital capitalism at the age of platform power. Around these interventions, the hybrid format gathered 21 scholars from Switzerland, Germany, France, Turkey, Brazil, Hungary, UK, Spain, Austria, Italy and Israel, presenting 15 papers on various aspects of the digital economy. A significant on site and online audience joined the vibrant discussions.

The conference was a great success for the RC. It attracted international attention and was also an opportunity to bring together on site many Swiss scholars working in the field of economic sociology.

Besides the Neuchâtel conference, which drew a lot of this year's energy, the Economic sociology RC was also involved in organizing a semi-plenary at the Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association in Geneva on the topic of Sustainable consumption. Furthermore, the committee participated in the organization of a plenary at the DGS-ÖGS Soziologiekongress 2021 in Vienna (online); the plenary was organized in collaboration with the economic sociology sections of the Austrian and German sociology associations.

At the board meeting of the RC, which took place on September 16, Lena Pellandini Simányi, Associate Professor in the Institute of Marketing and Communication Management of the Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, was elected as a new co-coordinator of the RC. The members present at the conference decided to hold a midterm conference also in 2022, which will take place at the University of St. Gallen and will be organized by Patrik Aspers. After this, we plan to organize conferences every other year. We also discussed closer collaboration with regard to PhD training in economic sociology, as both a way to further foster the Swiss economic sociology community and improve the prospects and training of young scholars. As a start, the 2022 St. Gallen conference will feature a day devoted to PhD students.

Finally, 2021 was marked by the departure of Michael Nollert, who stepped down from his position as co-coordinator of the RC economic sociology. Michael Nollert had been coordinator of the committee since its inception in the early 2000s. We would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for his commitment over all these years and for everything he has done to keep the Swiss economic sociology community alive and vibrant.

Anyone who is interested in the activities of the economic sociology research committee is invited to get in contact with us. Please also send us information on talks, workshops, conferences you organize in the field of economic sociology. We will send the information to the members of the RC through our mailing list. If you wish to be included on the mailing list, just let us know.

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Geschlechterforschung / Etudes genre / Gender Studies

Sociology Congress in Geneva

What is the meaning of gender relations in times of crisis? And which are the risks and opportunities in times of crisis for a more just society? The manifold and sometimes contradictory social implications and consequences of social crises for gender relations and gender constructions have been the topic of two paper sessions, which we organized at the congress "Social Justice in Times of Crisis" from June 28 to June 30, 2021 in Geneva. The call for abstracts of our research committee resulted in numerous highly interesting abstracts from all over the world, which mostly reflected on the recent crises caused by COVID-19.

Conference of the German, Austrian and Swiss research sections (D-A-CH)

The joint congress of DGS and ÖGS on "Post-Corona Society? Pandemic, crisis and their consequences" in August 23–25, 2021 at Vienna University of Economics and Business also addressed the COVID-19 crises. In this context our research committee was part of setting up a plenary session and a section event of the Women's and Gender Studies Section of the DGS and the Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section of the ÖGS. The focus of these activities was set on "solidarity(ies) in the context of multiple inequality relations". Sadly, we received only one abstract from Switzerland ...

Publication

The anthology «Zeitdiagnose Männlichkeiten Schweiz», edited by the "AG TransforMen" in 2021, involved three members of the committee as editors and/or authors. The publication bundles research contributions on masculinity(ies) in Switzerland for a first time.

Planned activities 2022

The research committee will organize a conference in 2023, which will be dedicated to challenges and opportunities of the digital transformation driven by the Covid-19 pandemic from a gender perspective. The conference invites to discuss current changes in work and working conditions, and their consequences for the reconciliation of paid and unpaid care work or gender roles. The conference is planned to take place at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences – Social Work at the 7.–8. September 2023. The call for paper is going to be published end of 2022.

Organisational issues

We won new members for the committee in 2021 and are looking forward to a lively scientific community. From now on we plan for 2–3 committee meetings per year, of which 1–2 virtual and 1 face-to-face (in summer). The dates of our (virtual, face-to-face) meetings will be listed on our homepage.

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Interpretative Sociologies / Sociologies interprétatives / Interpretative Sozialforschung

Coordinator

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In 2020 and 2021, most activities of the RC Interpretative Sociologies took place online, due to the measures to contain the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The uncertainty of both the severity and type of future measures prompted many event organizers to have their workshops or conferences held online. Other

events such as the German edition of the Swiss Methods Festival, co-organized by the coordinator of the RC, were postponed in order to be held in physical copresence at a later stage.

The RC continued its international cooperation by supporting a conference in 2020 in Kassel (Germany) and by co-organizing a special session and a semi-plenary at the ESA conference in 2021 in Barcelona. The conference in Kassel built on past discussions on unexplored realities in qualitative research (launched at the 2018 conference in St.Gallen), focussing on the sensory aspects of qualitative methodologies. Titled "Seeing and the Other Senses – Making Sense of the Senses Through Language" (held online from 25–28 August 2020), the conference focussed on the visual dimensions of qualitative research and the corresponding methodological opportunities and challenges.

In a joint effort with the Research Network 20 "Qualitative Methods" of the European Sociological Association (ESA), the RC organised a special session on the "State and Future of Qualitative Methods" at the ESA conference 2021 in Barcelona (in August) with over 300 colleagues participating. The panel consisted of Paul Lichterman (University of Southern California, USA), Ann Mische (University of Notre Dame, USA), and Anne Ryen (Agder University, Norway). The panellists' inputs and the ensuing discussion in the audience focused on issues such as the challenge of doing ethnography in a time when more people mistrust intellectual "experts" and may not want to have them in their midst, consequently discussing modes of defining sociological work in adequate terms (e.g., not in the most precise or unchanging terms). The discussion also revolved around the insights gained by qualitative methods through investigating social reality in physical co-presence, i.e. through a study of realms that are not transposed into digital space. The first of these "state

and future sessions" was organized in 2019 at the ESA Manchester Conference with panellists Uwe Flick (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany), Paul Atkinson (Cardiff University, UK), Ulrike T. Kissmann (Universität Kassel, Germany), and Silvia Cataldi (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy).

At the same conference, the RC again co-organized a widely attended semi-plenary titled "Civic Action: Creating and Living Alternative Futures" with Paul Lichterman and Ann Mische. The semi-plenary's aim was to discuss the conference theme "Sociological Knowledges for Alternative Futures" from a micro- and meso-perspective, emphasising that alternative futures do not only emerge through mass media and mass publics, but through commitment in (physical) copresence that is often established in groups and movements. The speakers addressed questions such as: What are the key structural properties of such movements? What are the various "group styles" that shape the culture of deliberation, discussion and interaction in such groups? How is attachment to the group and commitment to its purposes created, particularly (yet not only) through the interplay of various forms of physical and digital copresence?

For the 2021 congress of the Swiss Sociological Association in Geneva (held online from 28–30 June), the RC proposed a session on interpretive perspectives on Corona measures titled "Uncertainty and the Ill/legitimacy of Knowledge and Dissent". Somewhat surprisingly, however, the call for papers did not prompt enough submissions and could thus not be held. The RC continues to maintain its ties with the DGS section "Sociology of Knowledge", although no concrete joint activities were held during 2020 and 2021. – In 2021, the RC Interpretive Sociologies continued to have about 60 members.

Planned activities for 2022

As in the past years, the RC continues its international cooperation and is supporting the upcoming conference in Copenhagen on "Contemporary Challenges for Qualitative Sociology: Digital Developments, Ethical Requirements, Quality Standards". The conference will take place from 24–26 August in physical copresence, with preconference workshops being held from 22–23 August. The research committee also supports the Swiss Methods Festival, the German edition of which will be held in physical copresence from 7–8 September in St. Gallen. The festival programme will be available on the website of the Swiss Network for Qualitative Social Research (<https://qualitative-research.ch>).

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Migration-Minorités / Migration-Minoritäten / Migration-Minorities

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Website

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In 2021 we continued to organized panels at conferences to facilitate scientific exchange in the sociology of migration and minorities. A special issue in the Swiss Journal of Sociology takes stock of the sub-discipline and provides an outlook of how we expect the field to develop.

Special Issue

- › Special issue on the Sociology of Migration: past, present, future in the Swiss Journal of Sociology, 2021, edited by Milena Chimienti, Claudio Bolzman, and Didier Ruedin.

Conferences in 2021

- › Co-organization of the 2021 Sociology Congress in Geneva, 28–30 June
- › Co-organizing a panel at the Joint Conference in Vienna
- › Conference on discrimination and racism in the labour market, 5 panels, 7–9 July, IMISCOE
- › Panel organized at the ECPR, Innsbruck

Forthcoming conferences

- › The research network Migration and Minority will be present at the IMISCOE conference in Oslo with several panels, 29 June to 1 July 2022.

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Soziale Probleme / Problèmes sociaux / Social Problems

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Activities 2021

In the context of the congress of the Swiss Sociological Association on "Social Justice in Time of Uncertainty", which took place in Geneva from 28 to 30 June 2021, the research committee "Social problems" organized a panel "Who deserves what? Social policy and deservingness in times of crisis". The aim of the panel was to discuss the notion of deservingness in the light of the crisis of COVID-19. We are very pleased with the echo of our call as we accepted eight contributions. Consequently, we split the panel in two sessions, one discussing "deservingness" in the context of the pandemic and another one discussing this notion before/beyond the crisis.

Members of the committee also attended a paper session on the nexus between youth and corona («Jugend und Corona – zwischen Problematisierung und Krisenbewältigung») organized by our German sister organization "social problems and social control". This paper session took place in August 2021 in the context of the sociological congress «Post-Corona-Gesellschaft? Pandemie, Krise und ihre Folgen.» organized jointly by the Austrian and German sociological association.

Planned Activities 2022

The research committee will organize for the second time a workshop for young researchers at the social work department BFH Bern in June 2022 to promote exchanges and networking. The aim of the workshop is to bring together young researchers from the German and French-speaking parts of Switzerland who deal with social problems, social policy, social insurance, institutions, discourses (etc.).

The committee is currently adjusting its strategic focus. We identified three areas of activities we want to pursue. Firstly, we want to continue our efforts to connect young researchers who deal with the topic of

"social problems" in Switzerland. Second, we want to facilitate bridge building between organizations and individuals pushing forward applied and fundamental research. Thirdly, we aim at making sociological research within the Swiss context more visible internationally. A retreat is planned in August 2022 to plan future events of the committee.

Other

A final note on the current composition of the board of the committee: In 2021, Prof. Oliver Hümbelin (BFH) informed us of his decision to leave the committee. Besides, we welcomed two new members to our research committee: Prof. Dr. Lucia Lanfranconi (HSLU) and Prof. Dr. Michelle Beyeler (BFH).

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Kunst- und Kulturosoziologie, (Foko-KUKUSO) / Sociologie des arts et de la culture (CR-SAC) / Sociology of Arts and Culture (RC-SAC)

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Activities 2021

In this second year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, the RC-SAC – also known as Foko-KUKUSO according to its German acronym – again held several activities:

1. Workshop on "Artistic Creation" (Nantes, 18 June 2021–online). Planned for January 2021, this *journée d'études* organised by Thibaut Menoux, Valérie Rolle (Centre nantais de sociologie CENS, UMR 6025, University of Nantes) and Olivier Moeschler (UNIL) was finally held in June in an online format. The workshop's focus was the act of creation, an aspect relatively rarely examined from a sociological perspective. Through recent or ongoing work in France and Switzerland, several topics were discussed during this study day, such as the socialisation to the production of artistic works, their conditions of production, as well as the mechanisms relating to their consecration in the social space. Entitled « Créer. Perspectives croisées sur la création dans les arts plastiques et les arts de la scène », the workshop confronted socio-historical perspectives on several aspects of creation in the visual and performing arts:
 - › *Artistic formation*: Carole Christie, sociology (UNIL); Deborah Laks, art history (University of Bourgogne), discussion: Olivier Moeschler (UNIL)
 - › *Work production*: Rita Freda, theatre studies (UNIL); Mathilde Legeay, art history (University of Nantes) (discussion: Bernard Lehmann, University of Nantes)
 - › *Collective creation*: Robin Casse, sociology (UNIL); Thibaut Menoux, sociology (University of Nantes) (discussion: Bernard Lehmann, University of Nantes)
 - › *Artistic consecration*: Pierre-Emmanuel Sorignet and Marc Perrenoud, sociology (UNIL); Marjorie Glas, sociology (ENS Lyon) (discussion: Valérie Rolle, University of Nantes)

This event received a supporting grant from the SAGW-ASSH.
2. SSA Congress "Social Justice in Times of Uncertainty" (Geneva, 28– 30 June 2021–online). The Foko-KUKUSO organised one semi-plenary and three paper sessions within our biennial national sociological congress. The chosen topic, "Arts and Culture in Times of Crisis", allowed to explore the pressure put onto the world of arts and culture by the COVID-19 pandemic. Like in other societal and economic sectors, the ongoing health crisis endangers, questions, and reshapes cultural actors and industries already marked by precarious work conditions, deep inequalities, and uncertainty. These four Foko-KUKUSO sessions aimed at analyzing and discussing what is at stake for arts and culture in face of this as well as of other crises:
 - › Semi-plenary session – 28 June 2021: "The Music Sector Facing COVID-19" (chair: Olivier Moeschler, UNIL; Miriam Odoni, UNINE; Loïc Riom, UNIGE/ Mines ParisTech; Guy Schwegler, UNILU)
 - "'Diversity' in crisis: Inequalities in the classical music sector in light of the covid-19 pandemic" by Kristina Kolbe (Department of Sociology, University of Amsterdam)
 - "Precarious Labor in COVID Times: The Case of Musicians" by David Arditi (University of Texas at Arlington, USA)
 - "The Return of Umgangsmusik"? Musical Practices During COVID-19 Lockdown" by Melanie Wald-Fuhrmann (Max Planck Institute for Empirical Aesthetics, Frankfurt/M.)
 - Paper session 1–29 June 2021 (chair: Thibaut Menoux, University of Nantes)
 - › "What is art good for again? Cultural organizations' boundary work in times of crisis" by Paul Buckermann (Thematic Research Network 'Validity of Knowledge', Heidelberg University)
 - › "Arts and Culture in Times of Crisis in Portugal"

by Maria Teresa Lacerda (NOVA FCSH, INET.MD – Instituto de Etnomusicologia. Centro de Estudos em Musica e Danca, Lisboa, Portugal)

- › “Interdependencies – culture with active participation of older people” by Magdalena Popławska (Sociology Faculty, Adam Mickiewicz University AMU, Poznań, Poland)

Paper session 2–29 June 2021 (chair: Samuel Coavoux, Orange Labs/SENSE)

- › “La critique littéraire en ligne, une critique incertaine” by Clara Levy (Institut d’Etudes Européennes, University Paris 8, France)
- › “Flux of control: mapping the metamorphosis of music on YouTube” by Guillaume Heuguet (Laboratoire GRIPIC & Laboratoire Irmeccen, Sorbonne Nouvelle)
- › “Une histoire européenne de l’incertaine définition de la professionnalité en musique (1910–2020) by Marc Perrenoud (LACCUS, UNIL)
- › “Community Arts Institutions Under Duress” by Julia Rothenberg (Queensborough Community College, CUNY) (Note: this presentation is thematically linked to the following session)

Paper session 3–30 June 2021, chair: Valérie Rolle (University of Nantes)

- › “Creative workshops and access to artistic practices” by Florence Schenk (Department of Social Sciences Sociology Unit, UNIFR)
- › “Embracing uncertainty? How expected and surprising actors negotiate collaboration in participatory art practices” by Alice Neusiedler (Department of Management, Politics and Philosophy, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen)

These sessions were supported by the SAGW-ASSH.

3. DGS-ÖGS Congress (Vienna, 23–25 August 2021 – online). The binational sociological congress of

our German and Austrian sister associations on «Die Post-Corona-Gesellschaft? Pandemie, Krise und ihre Folgen» at the Wirtschaftsuniversität in Vienna offered another occasion to co-organize a paper session. Together with our colleagues of the AK Soziologie der Künste of the DGS (Uta Karstein, University of Leipzig; Nina Tessa Zahner, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf), the Foko-KUKUSO (Guy Schwegler, UNILU; Olivier Moeschler, UNIL) presented an “ad hoc group” as a joint event. Its aim was to discuss the manifold consequences, transformations and challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic for arts and culture («Kunst und Kultur im Griff der Pandemie. Transformationen, Herausforderungen und Folgen von Covid 19 für Kunst und Kultur»). Three online presentations were scheduled on 25 August 2021:

- › “Towards de-flexibilisation of the cultural work force after Covid?” by Johan Kolsteeg (Rijks University of Groningen) and Lisa Gaupp (Leuphana University Lüneburg)
- › «Musikberufe in der Pandemie» on music professions and the pandemic by Diana Betzler (SparsNet GmbH, Switzerland) and Dieter Haselbach (Zentrum für Kulturforschung, Berlin)
- › “Clubsterben reloaded? Die Auswirkungen der Covid-19 Pandemie auf Musikclubs in Deutschland» on the effects of the pandemic on German clubs by Jan Üblacker (EBZ Business School Bochum), Heiko Rüh (University of Köln), Katharina Huseljić and Johannes Krause (Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf), Niklas Blömeke (University Paderborn)

Planned activities 2022

This year, the RC-SAC is planning to hold the following activities:

- › The committee will be associated to the conference « Musiques sauvages » (Neuchâtel, 9–10 June 2022) co-organised by its scientific committee member Loïc Riom with Yann Laville (UNINE) and Alain Müller (UNIBA).
- › In relation to an injunction often addressed to artists and cultural institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foko-KUKUSO will organize a conference "Reinvent Yourself!" (Lucerne, autumn 2022). This event will be supported by a grant from the SAGW-ASSH.

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Conferences 2021

The Section has not organised a conference in 2021. However, members of the section organized two sessions at the SSA congress in Geneva:

- › Les enjeux de justice sociale en formation professionnelle (Organizers: Kerstin Duemmler, Barbara Duc, SFIVET)
- › Regionale Differenzen in den Bildungsangeboten, Zulassungsbedingungen und Bildungsverläufen in der Schweiz: Ursprünge, Governance und Folgen (Organizers: Regula Julia Leemann, University of Teacher Education / FHNW, Irene Kriesi SFIVET)

In addition, a session was jointly organized by the DGS/ÖGS/SGS Sociology of Education-Sections at the cross-national congress 2021 in Vienna:

- › Schüler*innen ohne Schule – (Bildungs-)Strategien Heranwachsender unter Pandemiebedingungen (Organizers: Alexandra König, Universität Duisburg Essen; Philipp Schnell, AK Wien; Mario Steinberg, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland)
- › The SSA partially funded the symposium «Former contre les inégalités» at the *Haute Ecole Pédagogique du canton de Vaud* (Lausanne), on 8th to 10th September 2021 (Organizers : Héroïse Durler and Philippe Losego).

Planned activities 2022:

Section conference

The network is organising its biannual conference at the University of Basel on 23 and 24 June 2022 in Basel (Organizers: Regula Julia Leemann (University of Teacher Education, FHNW) and Elena Makarova (University of Basel). The conference is dedicated to the topic "Educational institutions in Switzerland and their paradoxical contribution to social cohesion and disintegration". Educational institutions are co-responsible for the social cohesion, well-being, and prosperity of the population in Switzerland. Education is integrating, qualifying and enables the transmission of central values and knowledge to the next generation.

For this very reason, the sociology of education also critically asks under what conditions education fails to unfold this potential and through which structures and processes education can lead to stigmatisation, exclusion, and inequality, thus threatening social cohesion. Detailed information on the conference is available at the section website: https://education.sgs-sss.ch/education/?page_id=22.

Website and mailing list

The research network is continuously updating the section website (<https://education.sgs-sss.ch>). We provide our members with a monthly newsletter containing information on calls for papers, scientific events, publications, job offers, methods schools and data releases relevant to the Sociology of Education. Persons with an interest in publishing information in the newsletter write to education@sgs-sss.ch. The newsletter is edited by members of the coordination board with the support of Fanny Klafke at the FHNW School of Education (Basel). In addition, you can follow our section on Twitter (@sodeduc; <https://twitter.com/sodeduc>).

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Sociology of Health and Medicine / Sociologie de la santé et de la médecine / Gesundheits- und Medizinsoziologie

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Activities 2021

- › Our research committee (RC-SHM) was involved in the organization and/or coordination of several workshops with multiple sessions at the SSA 2021 congress "Social justice in times of uncertainty" (Geneva, 28–30 June 2021, online). Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the diversity of topics related to sociology of health and medicine was not surprising: "Personalized medicine and big data: what are the social issues raised by these medical and technological advances?" (Monica Aceti and Maria Caiata Zufferey); "Social Justice in Times of Uncertainty: perspectives from health and medical sociology" (Stéphane Cullati and Raphaël Hammer); "Healthcare use, access and inequalities in Switzerland and Europe: innovative methodological and theoretical approaches" (Vladimir Jolidon, Vincent De Prez and Stéphane Cullati); "Health, uncertainty and responsibility" (Irina Radu, Raphaël Hammer and Solène Gouilhers); "Social in/justice through data-driven healthcare technologies: empirical findings of early career researchers" (Martina von Arx, Laetitia della Bianca and Mélody Pralong).
- › Moreover, the RC-SHM was engaged in the joint congress of the German Sociological Association (GSS) and the Austrian Sociological Association (ASA) "Post-Corona-Gesellschaft? Pandemie, Krise und ihre Folgen" (Vienna, 23–25 August 2021, online): Together with the health and medicine sections of the GSS and the ASA the RC-SHM organized the workshop "Chancen und Risiken der Corona-Pandemie aus Sicht der Gesundheitssoziologie" (Nadine Reibling, Simone Grandy and

Michael Gemperle). At the invitation of the GSS-section “environmental sociology”, the RC-SHM also supported the plenary session «NachDerNatur: Plenum – Nach der Naturbeherrschung: Impulse der Covid-19 – Krise für eine globale nachhaltige Entwicklung?», together with the health and medicine sections of the GSS and ASA.

- › In addition, the RC-SHM was involved in the organisation of the «Dreiländerkongress» (Switzerland, Germany and Austria) «Gesundheitssystem der Zukunft – Zukunft der Gesundheit: alles neu nach Corona?» (Munich, 4–5 March 2021, online). Michael Gemperle chaired the session dedicated to «Gesundheitskompetenz und -verhalten in verschiedenen Lebenslagen».
- › The website of our RC-SHM has been updated. Along with versions in English, German and French, the Italian version is now available: <https://www.sgs-sss.ch/it/7569-2/>.
- › We regularly distributed information by email to our members (over a hundred members) on scientific meetings (conferences, congresses), call for papers or job opportunities in areas relevant to the sociology of health and medicine.

Planned activities 2022

- › The RC-SHM is one of the partners of the 7th international conference «Arbeit und Gesundheit»/“Work and health”, organized by the Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit FHNW (Olten, 10.–11. Februar 2022). Ursula Meidert is part of the Program Committee.

Anyone who is interested in the activities of the research committee “sociology of health and medicine” is invited to join our mailing list. Feel free to send us an email.

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Rechtssoziologie und Rechtswirklichkeitsforschung / Sociologie du droit / Sociology of law

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The Research Committee Sociology of Law prepared in 2021 the 5th Congress of the German Speaking Associations which will take place in Innsbruck (Austria). Members of the RC published in 2021 in print as well as online.

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Sportsoziologie / Sociologie des sports / Sociology of Sport

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Activity 2021

During the 2021 Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association (SSA) “Social Justice in times of uncertainty”, June 28–30 2021, University of Geneva, the research network “Sociology of Sport” organizes a paper session entitled Social Justice and Inequities in Sport and Physical Activity in Times of Uncertainty. Two sessions with 6 communications have taken place online.

New publication / Neueste Publikation / Nouvelle publication

Knobé S., Vieille Marchiset G., Aceti M., Grimminger-Seidensticker E., (2021) « Des arbitrages éthiques face aux injonctions à la pratique physique parmi des familles populaires dans des quartiers pauvres en

Europe », Dossier intitulé: L'activité physique comme objet de santé publique : fabrique, diffusion et mise en tension de nouvelles normes corporelles, SociologieS. <https://journals.openedition.org/sociologies/15872>.

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Sociologie urbaine / Stadtsoziologie / Urban Sociology

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Activities 2021

Annual meeting

The research committee Urban Sociology organized a meeting during the congress of the Swiss Sociological Association. We discussed in particular the relationship between the research committee and other groups within urban studies but affiliated to other disciplines such as geography or urban planning. The committee stressed the importance of maintaining a sociology-specific approach to urban studies, while maintaining interdisciplinary dialogue. We would like to continue this discussion at a meeting in 2022.

Conference

The joint conference of the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Soziologie (ÖGS), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für

Soziologie (DGS) and our SSS-SSS took place in Vienna in August 2021. The urban sociology committees and networks organised a joint session entitled « Corona-Krise und Stadt. Zwischen Neukonfigurationen des urbanen Lebens und (Re-)Produktion von sozialräumlicher Ungleichheit », chaired by Alexander Hamedinger (TU Wien), Heike Herrmann (Hochschule Fulda) and Luca Pattaroni (EPFL). Garance Clément and Maxime Felder, from the Laboratory of urban sociology (EPFL), presented a paper entitled "How the lockdown affected the circulation between public and private space".

Planned activities 2022

The committee welcomes a new co-coordinator, Maxime Felder (Ph.D. in sociology, University of Geneva, currently researcher at the Laboratory of Urban Sociology at EPFL). Luca Pattaroni and he aim to recruit new members in 2022, to organize an annual meeting to discuss the state of urban sociology in Switzerland, to continue the collaboration with German and Austrian networks, and to prepare at least one session at the next SSS congress.

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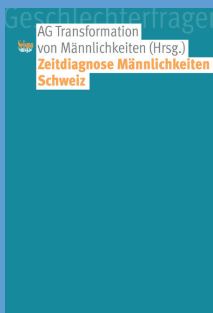


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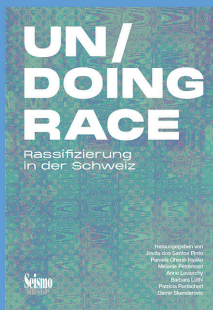
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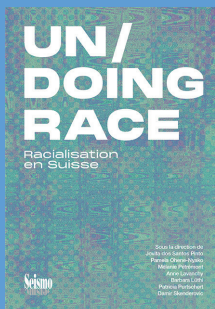
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