

## Call for Papers (Deadline September 30th, 2015)

### The Complex Discursivity of Global Futures in the Making: Analyzing Transnational Orders of Discourse

RC33 - RC 14 - WG02 joint Session at III ISA Forum of Sociology (10-14 Jul, Vienna, Austria, 2016):

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

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#### Session Abstract:

Global and transnational civil society, the proliferation of arenas and organizations involved in the definition of ‘world problems’, the burgeoning economic power of the BRIC-states as well as general recognition of a ‘post-colonial constellation’ together constitute a new and challenging reconfiguration of transnational or global orders of discourse. The joint session addresses sociological tools for analyzing the complex discursivity of such sites of discourse, communication, and knowledge production. This complexity is a result of the hybrid constellations of the actors and knowledge claims involved, interconnections of heterogeneous arenas of dialogue and negotiation, diverse cultural rationalities of factuality, evidence, and legitimation, and also of translation between epistemic cultures and languages from around the world. In order to address these challenges, the session focuses on the reach of sociological tools for analyzing transnational and global discourses as knowledge-making activities which will profoundly shape the future. It intends to strengthen genuinely sociological methodologies of discourse research – a task which, according to sociologist Adele Clarke, is at the center of our discipline today. The session welcomes contributions which refer to theories, methodologies, and methods of discourse research designed especially for sociological research as well as presentations of empirical research that are related to these questions.

Paper proposals (200 words, English) have to be submitted via the ISA website <http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/> - see ‘**joint sessions**’ RC14 Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture, RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology (host committee) and WG02 Historical and Comparative Sociology **by September 30th, 2015, and you will be notified, if your abstracts have been selected by December 15th, 2015.**