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Dear friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits, given all the challenges we have been facing these days. I use this phrase intentionally, in the interest of expressing my personal hope that we can move forward in mutually supportive and meaningful ways, in our personal lives, and in our work as scholars in environmental sociology. As I process the most recent of tragedies the world is now facing--the invasion of Ukraine and the deliberate targeting of civilians by Russian soldiers at the direction of their leader—like you I am outraged and horrified, but I also observe a degree of compassion and global cooperation I would not have thought possible just one month ago. To our friends, family and colleagues in Ukraine, RC24 stands with you in support and solidarity.

Our members continue to be active, including our RC24 Board and Executive, and I've got a few updates I want to share with you. First, our awards committee is currently evaluating nominations received for the Frederick Buttel award, and my work with the ISA Equity Diversity and Inclusion Task Force is proceeding. Third, I am very happy to report that we are making plans to hold a virtual conference in the coming year, most likely to occur in late summer or autumn, that will be jointly hosted by RC24 and the Environment and Society Section of the American Sociological Association. A number of us felt it was important to have an opportunity to meet and learn about each other's research activities, given the extended length of time we currently face before we have an opportunity to meet in person, in Melbourne in 2023. It will be great to connect with our colleagues in the ASA, this will expand the viewership for our presentations, and be an opportunity for people to meet new people and make connections. We have just formed a planning committee consisting of volunteers from both associations. If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know!

In addition, sadly, Dr. Stewart Lockie will be stepping down as Editor of our flagship journal, *Environmental Sociology*. The publisher, Taylor & Francis, is currently seeking expressions of interest in the Editorship. According to T&F, Applicants should have an academic background in environmental sociology, as well as the passion to drive the journal forward in an exciting period of change. It is a significant role, with a high profile, but one that is achievable within a continuing busy working academic timetable. *Environmental Sociology* is committed to ensuring diversity,

equity and inclusion within its editorial team and decision-making processes, and at this time the journal is specifically seeking applications from scholars around the world.

Applicants should develop a vision statement for the journal that addresses the following:

1. Your understanding of the research field from a global perspective.
2. Editorial plans and projections for the journal, including the applicant's potential suggestions for development of the journal
3. A description of what editorial work should cover in the next 3 years to help the journal thrive in the current, online-first, digital publishing environment.
4. If a co-editorship is proposed, a description of how the work will be managed.
5. A description of how the highest standards of integrity and robust peer review for articles (including controversial articles) will be maintained.

Application materials should also include a current curriculum vitae, including a list of publications and editorial experience. To apply, candidates should email the vision statement and a full CV to Erato Basea, Portfolio Manager for Sociology journals at Routledge, Taylor & Francis (erato.basea@tandf.co.uk). Erato is also happy to address any questions about the position. Closing date for applications is 31 March 2022.

Finally, the calendar of events regarding World Congress has been released, so I'd like to share some key dates with you:

May 10, 2022 24:00 GMT: Submission of proposals to the ISA Secretariat [isa@isa-sociology.org](mailto:isa@isa-sociology.org) for special sessions, including:

- Integrative Sessions which involve at least 3 Research Committees, 3 National Associations or a combination of the two
- Regular sessions by National, Regional, Linguistic and Thematic Associations
- Author Meets Critics sessions
- Ad Hoc Sessions

May 31, 2022: Program Committee decisions on accepted proposals will be announced

May 2 - May 31, 2022: Call for Sessions

June 1 - 26, 2022: Program Coordinators must finalize a list of sessions by this date.

July 1 - September 30, 2022: Abstracts submission

October 7 - November 7, 2022: Abstracts selection

November 8 – 25, 2022: Abstracts re-location

December 2, 2022: Notification letters: Confex sends notification letters to authors

December 15, 2022 – January 26, 2023: Sessions Scheduling

January 31, 2023: Applications for Registration Grants deadline:

March 22, 2023: Registration deadline for presenters

April 3 - 18, 2023: Session Organizer finalizes session schedule based on withdrawal of non-registered presenters

May 9, 2023: Online program published

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## A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

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Dear RC24 members,

More than half a year has passed since our last newsletter. For many of us it has been a challenging time once more, with many uncertainties occupying our minds. In addition to the ongoing Corona pandemic that continues to impact on people's daily lives in many parts of the world, the war in Ukraine has thrown up new challenges. Efforts to assist refugees from Ukraine are currently under way in many parts of Europe and beyond. The fact that we have Ukrainian students in our Bachelor and Masters programmes whose lives have been dramatically changed by the war and who have been willing to share their thoughts and experiences has added a very personal dimension. My university is offering help to staff and students from Ukraine who have been affected by the war.

What this conflict has also highlighted is the urgent need for thorough and critical social-scientific scholarship regarding key sustainability debates such as energy supply and demand. Our past newsletters have shown that the RC24 research community is contributing to these debates in significant ways, ranging from conceptual advancements concerning topics such as energy citizenship to empirical data on changes in energy use patterns in different countries, to name but a few.

Our next newsletter will be published in June 2022, and I very much look forward to members' contributions again. Please send me your input by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. In addition to information about new publications and upcoming workshops and conferences, I very much welcome research notes, reflections on current research themes and challenges, workshop summaries, or news of awards received (max. 200 words).

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

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### Households and Sustainability Workshop

October 26-28 2022, Prato, Italy

Monash University is hosting an international workshop bringing together interdisciplinary perspectives on household innovation and agency in sustainability transitions. It will be held at the Monash Prato campus in Italy.

Deadline for submission of papers: May 1, 2022

Call for Papers and full details [here](#).

## **International Online Symposium: Comparative Study on Climate and Energy Policy in Japan and India**

March 17, 2022

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3INDids>

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### **American Sociological Association Annual Meetings**

August 5-9, 2022

Los Angeles, California, USA

For details consult conference [website](#)

### **International Conference on Environmental Sociology ICES**

November 04-05, 2022, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Deadline for submission of papers: October 4, 2022

Call for papers and full details [here](#).

### **ISA World Congress of Sociology 2023**

June 25 – July 1, 2023, Melbourne, Australia (hybrid)

See ISA [website](#) and president's column above for details

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Please see also <https://conferenceindex.org/conferences/environmental-sociology> for additional conferences dedicated to environmental sociology.

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## **RECENT MEMBER PUBLICATIONS**

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- White, J. M., & Lidskog, R. (2021). Ignorance and the regulation of artificial intelligence. *Journal of Risk Research*, 1-13.

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## VIDEOS, TALKS ETC.

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### The Accelerating Treadmill of Fossil-Fuelled Practices and Assessing – Analysis and Action

RC24 member Prof. em. Dr. Raymond Murphy, University of Ottawa, recently offered a lecture to the Club of Rome, Canadian Branch, entitled “The Accelerating Treadmill of Fossil-Fuelled Practices and Assessing What to do about it.” The presentation and the discussion were recorded and placed on YouTube. Ray has kindly shared the [link](#) to the lecture recording.

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### New social scientific insights into (un)sustainable mobility practices: The case of non-cyclists

This short [video](#) summarises key findings from a three-year research project lead by RC24 member Henrike Rau that analysed barriers to cycling in Germany, focusing on people who rarely/never cycle (in German).

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## NEWS ON THE RC24 WEBSITE

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