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Colleagues,

The XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto is coming soon. I believe all of you have reserved flight ticket and accommodation? Don't forget we have Pre-Conference on Saturday, July 14th and Sunday, 15th in the University of Toronto. Debra, thank you for your great efforts to organize the Pre-Conference. Then, from Monday, 16th, we have total 26 sessions: 21 regular sessions, three joint sessions, two roundtable sessions and the business meeting. This is the maximum by the ISA rule. Visit the online program of the Congress site (<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogram/start.html>). In addition to the RC24 sessions, a National Association session and an Ad Hoc session deal with environmental topics. Japan Sociological Society will provide a session on the Local Commons and the Environment, 15:30 – 17:20 p.m. on Thursday, July 19th. Special guest discussant is Dr. Margaret McKean, Duke University who is the co-founder and the former President of the International Association for the Study of Common Property. See <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogram/Session9052.html>. Our Korean and Taiwanese colleagues, Dr. Dowan Ku and Dr. Tien-Kuei Chou hosts the Ad Hoc session on Global Risk and Energy Democracy, 17:30 – 17:20 p.m. on Friday, July 20th. See <https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogram/Session11488.html>. Also, don't miss our RC24 Business Meeting, 17:30 – 19:20 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17th, when the 2018 recipient of the Buttell Distinguished Scholar award will be announced!

Toronto is a charming Canadian city with a lot of ethnic diversity, natural surroundings and generosity. Let us join and have exciting days of *sociological football* in Toronto. See you soon in Toronto!

A Note from the Secretary

Debra Davidson
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Did everyone notice the new logo at the top of the newsletter? We were instructed by the ISA to use this new logo on all communications, however, we think an official farewell to our previous logo is in order:



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This logo was created by Alexander Vlassov, at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS): Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building for designing the new RC-24 logo. The design was selected in 2010, after a competition that was initiated by RC-24 member Ian McGregor and was overseen by Darrall Thompson, Senior Lecturer in the School of Design at the University of Technology, Sydney. Perhaps we can make some T-shirts or coffee mugs to memorialize it! Any suggestions?

Following on Koichi's comments above, I'd like to provide a bit more information on the upcoming Pre-Conference in Toronto. We are all very excited about this special two-day event devoted to environmental sociology, and we have presenters coming from all over the world to share their work. The pre-conference will take place at The Bahen Centre at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus, in downtown Toronto. There is no registration fee but we would like to keep track of number of attendees, so if you plan to attend, and haven't done so already, please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rc24-pre-conference-tickets-45417618319>

Below is an abbreviated version of the program:

Day 1: July 14, 2018

12:30-12:45PM Welcome and Introductions (Debra Davidson)

12:45-2:00PM Keynote: Environmental Sociology and Oceans: New Analytical Directions. Dr. John Hannigan, University of Toronto. (Introductions and Q&A facilitation by Debra Davidson)

2:00-3:45PM Concurrent Sessions

1 Living With and Adapting to Changing Climates

Chair: Mihai Sarbu, University of Ottawa

2 Climate Change Policy and Governance

Chair: Ralph Matthews, University of British Columbia

3:45-4:15PM Refreshment Break

4:15-6:00PM Concurrent Sessions

3 Critical Sustainability Approaches Consumerism and Its Costs

Chair: Kenneth Caine, University of Alberta

4 Consumerism and Its Costs

Chair: TBD

7:00PM Dinner. We will make reservations at a nearby restaurant (TBA) at reasonable cost for those interested in dining together.

Day 2: July 15, 2018

9:00-10:45AM Concurrent Sessions

5 Risk, Disaster and Environmental Justice

Chair: John Hannigan, University of Toronto

6 Natural Resource Management and Conflict

Chair: Mark Stoddart, Memorial University

10:45-11:15AM Refreshment Break

11:15AM-12:45PM Panel: *Paradigm Change? Catton and Dunlap's Call for an Environmental Sociology 40 Years On*. Organizers: Jordan Fox Besek and J.P. Sapinski

Panelists: Ray Murphy, University of Ottawa; Hannah Holleman, Amherst College; Sandra Marquart-Pyatt, Michigan State University; Randy Haluza-Delay, The King's University

Discussant: Riley Dunlap, Oklahoma State University

12:45-1:15PM Closing Remarks: Koichi Hasegawa, President, RC24

Upcoming Conferences

XV International Seminar of the Network of Nanotechnology, Society and Environment

November 21 to 23, 2018

São Paulo, Brazil, Fundacentro Headquarters.

This Seminar promotes the meeting of researchers, students, workers, representatives of NGOs related to environmental issues, human rights and science and technology.

This is an event held by the Nanotechnology, Society and Environment Network - Renanosoma, and it is itinerant. Each year is held and hosted by a different institution and location. Renanosoma was created in 2003 by Dr. Paulo Roberto Martina, current coordinator, and brings together researchers, teachers and interested in the theme and aims to raise awareness of the advances, gains and care with this new technology. Although created by a sociologist and having as field Social Sciences, it brings together people with different backgrounds and experiences, as it is guided by a cross-disciplinary view of knowledge.

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***XXIII International Conference of the
Society for Human Ecology
Navigating Complexity:
Human –Environmental Solutions for a Challenging Future
Lisbon, Portugal
July 7 - 10***

***113th Annual Meeting of the
American Sociological Association
Feeling Race: An invitation to Explore Racialized Emotions
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 11-14***

View the roster of confirmed sessions here: <http://www.asanet.org/annual-meeting-2018/program-information>.

***Fourth Energy and Society Conference
Energy Transitions in a Divided World
Midterm conference of the European Sociological Association
Research Network 12 - Environment and Society
University of Exeter, UK
3 – 5 September***

The Energy & Society Conferences have been aiming at inspiring and providing networking opportunities for researchers interested in energy and society issues. Following the success of the three previous conferences, a fourth Energy & Society conference will be hosted in Exeter. We hope this can be a great occasion for developing the sense of community that has been emerging from these meetings, as well as from the conferences of the European Sociological Association. In order to provide a lively forum for insightful debates, the conference will include other formats besides keynote presentations and sessions for oral presentations. Participants will also be able to present and discuss their research in roundtables and in poster sessions. The conference will also offer workshops proposed and organized by participants. Moreover,

participants are invited to propose informal meetings, which will be announced during the conference. We hope that the social events will also contribute to make this a pleasant and friendly conference.

Find out more about The Energy and Society Network and how to become a member:
<http://geography.exeter.ac.uk/energyandsociety/network/>

Recent Member Activities: Books, Special Issues, Book Chapters and Articles.

New Books:

Boström, Magnus and Davidson, Debra J. (Editors). 2018. *Environment and Society: Concepts and Challenges*. Palgrave-MacMillan: Palgrave Studies in Environmental Sociology and Policy. ISBN 978-3-319-76414-6; ISBN 978-3-319-76415-3 (eBook). <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-76415-3>; <https://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9783319764146>

This book offers a critical analysis of core concepts that have influenced contemporary conversations about environment-society relations in academic, political, and civil circles. Considering these conceptualizations are currently shaping responses to environmental crises in fundamental ways, critical reflections on concepts such as the Anthropocene, metabolism, risk, resilience, environmental governance, expertise, commons, environmental justice, environmental democracy, social practices and others, are well-warranted. Contributors to this volume, working within environmental social science, scrutinize underlying worldviews and assumptions, asking a common set of key questions: What are the different concepts able to explain? How do they take into account society-environment relations? What social, cultural, or geo-political biases and blinders are inherent? What actions or practices do the concepts inspire? The transdisciplinary engagement and reflexivity regarding concepts of environment-society relations represented in these chapters is needed in all spheres of society—in academia, policy and practice—not the least to confront current tendencies of anti-reflexivity and denialism.

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Davidson, Debra J. and Matthias Gross (Editors). 2018. *Oxford Handbook of Energy and Society*. New York: Oxford University Press.
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/oxford-handbook-of-energy-and-society-9780190633851?cc=ca&lang=en&>

The Oxford Handbook of Energy and Society presents an overview of this expanding area that has evolved dramatically over the past decade, away from one largely dominated by structural, political economic treatments on the one hand, and social-psychological studies of individual-level attitudes and behaviors on the other, toward a far more conceptually and methodologically rich and exciting field that brings in, for example, social practices, system complexity, risk theory, social studies of science, and social movements theories. This volume seeks to capture the variety of scales and methods, and range of both conceptual and empirical analyses that define the field, while drawing particular attention to indigenous peoples, poverty, political power, communities and cities. Organized into seven sections, chapters cover social theory and energy-society relations, political-economic perspectives, consumption dynamics, energy equity and energy poverty, energy and publics, energy and governance, as well as emerging trends.

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Frey, R. Scott, Paul K. Gellert and Harry F. Dahms, eds. 2018 [forthcoming]. *Ecologically Unequal Exchange: Environmental Injustice in Comparative and Historical Perspective*. Palgrave MacMillan. <https://www.palgrave.com/jp/book/9783319897394>

Description:

At a time of societal urgency surrounding ecological crises from depleted fisheries to mineral extraction and potential pathways towards environmental and ecological justice, this book re-examines ecologically unequal exchange (EUE) from a historical and comparative perspective. The theory of ecologically unequal exchange posits that core or northern consumption and capital accumulation is based on peripheral or southern environmental degradation and extraction. In other words, structures of social and environmental inequality between the Global North and Global South are founded in the extraction of materials from, as well as displacement of waste to, the South. This volume represents a set of tightly interlinked papers with the aim to assess ecologically unequal exchange and to move it forward. Chapters are organised into three main sections: theoretical foundations and critical reflections on ecologically unequal exchange; empirical research on mining, deforestation, fisheries, and the like; and strategies for responding to the adverse consequences associated with unequal ecological exchange. Scholars as well as advanced undergraduate and graduate students will benefit from the spirited re-evaluation and extension of ecologically unequal exchange theory, research, and praxis.

"*Ecologically Unequal Exchange*, the title of this book, stands for what is now widely recognized as a key area of investigation in environmental sociology. In this varied collection, R. Scott Frey, Paul K. Gellert, and Harry F. Dahms bring together a number of interesting essays on the topic, adding to this burgeoning literature, and in a way that will undoubtedly influence the further development of the field." - John Bellamy Foster, Professor of Sociology, University of Oregon; author (with Paul Burkett) of *Marx and the Earth*

“State-of-the-art theory and analysis of global inequality and power in the web of life. *Ecologically Unequal Exchange* offers a series of creative, insightful, and empirically-grounded accounts of how capitalism forges destructive and unequal developments, with gruesome impacts on humans and the rest of nature.” - Jason W. Moore, Professor of Sociology, Binghamton University; author, *Capitalism in the Web of Life*

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Klintman, Mikael. 2017/2018. *Human Sciences and Human Interests: Integrating the Social, Economic, and Evolutionary Sciences*. London: Routledge.

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Description

Within the disciplines of social, economic, and evolutionary science, a proud ignorance can often be found of the other areas' approaches. This text provides a novel intellectual basis for breaking this trend. *Human Sciences and Human Interests* aspires to open a broad debate about what scholars in the different human sciences assume, imply, or explicitly claim with regard to human interests.

Mikael Klintman draws the reader to the core of human sciences – how they conceive human interests, as well as how interests embedded within each discipline relate to its claims and recommendations. Moreover, by comparing theories as well as concrete examples of research on health and environment through the lenses of social, economic, and evolutionary sciences, Klintman outlines an integrative framework for how human interests could be better analysed across all human sciences.

This fast-paced and modern contribution to the field is a necessary tool for developing any human scientist's ability to address multidimensional problems within a rapidly changing society. Avoiding dogmatic reasoning, this interdisciplinary text offers new insights and will be especially relevant to scholars and advanced students within the aforementioned disciplines, as well as those within the fields of social work, social policy, political science, and other neighbouring disciplines.

Mikael Klintman is Professor of Sociology at Lund University, Sweden, and Visiting scholar at London School of Economics, Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science in the UK. He studies obstacles to knowledge exchange across the human sciences in issues of environment and health. Klintman's previous publications include *Citizen- Consumers and Evolution* (Palgrave, 2013)."

Salehi, Sadegh and Zahra Pazokinejad. 2017. *Society and Climate Change*. Tehran: Research Center for Culture, Arts and Communication (in Persian).

Book Description:

"Climate Change and Society" is the first book in Persian language which looks at climate change issue sociologically and tries to explore its socio-cultural dimension. Nowadays, climate change issue goes beyond the countries' borders and has been a global phenomenon which has affected all human societies including developed as well as developing countries. Global climate change occurrence and its effects demonstrates clearly that human activities play significant role. Based on this rationale, social sciences, specifically sociology tries to explore human roles in creating climate change problems and to design strategic mechanism and effective to combat with global climate change.

In Islamic Republic of Iran, climate change seems important issues, because the state has already accepted Kyoto Protocol, inner laws and requirements and specifically for combating with massive negative outcomes of climate change issue. At highest level, Iranian environmental policy approved by the Supreme leader to actualize needs to culturalize people in participating for adaptation policy. So far, what has been considered in Iran scientifically, was technical aspects of climate change and human aspects was neglected.

One specific feature of this book is to devote one independent chapter to climate change issue in Iran and identified the final chapter, namely chapter seven title: "climate change and

adaptation policy in Iran". Iran as a semi-arid country is facing with different environmental problems resulted from climate change issue. Of these problems, drought, water scarcity, CO2 dust particle which distributed in the western and southern districts, non-seasonal flood is threatening most Iranian provinces and create some damages. These are signs of climate change which are considered in this book. The book also covers sociological aspects of climate change in Iran including political economic aspects, production and consumption, cultural and meaning systems of climate change, policy making process, environmental justice, study of disaster and demographic aspects if disasters.

Another specific feature of the book is not to be limited only on explaining socio-cultural dimensions of climate change issue, but it paid enough attention to solution of the problems in explaining climate change policies. Policy making in management, policy making in risk, policy making in consumption culture and specifically state roles in combating with climate change issue, are considered in this book as a scientific mechanism for adaptation with climate change.

Special Journal Issues:

Special issue on "Society and Natural Resources in an Illiberal World," *SNR* 31(5), 2018, guest edited by David A. Sonnenfeld and Peter Leigh Taylor. Just published, the issue is available *Free Access* for a limited time.

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Räthzel, Nora, Dimitris Stevis and David Uzzell (eds) “Labour in the Web of Life.”
Special issue of *Globalizations* 15(4). <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rglo20/current>

This special issue of *Globalizations* (2018, 15, 4) is a contribution to environmental labour studies, which aims to investigate the practices and theories that integrate labour and nature, by focusing on labour environmentalism. Environmental labour studies can be a way of studying not only the intersections between social and environmental justice, climate change and working conditions but can also contribute to building a bridge between environmental theory and practice.

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