The next ISA Forum will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in July 14-18, 2020. Porto Alegre with its history of the World Social Forum and a major hub for global justice movements around the world is a particularly important place for social movement scholars. Social movements as key agents for change, struggling against inequality and discrimination, and constructing alternative visions of the future will not only be discussed within our Research Committee, but are directly linked to the main theme of the Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology Challenges of the 21st Century: democracy, environment, inequalities, intersectionality: https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020

We are therefore pleased to announce that RC47 will host 16 sessions in different formats: paper presentation sessions, panels, invited sessions, roundtables and joint sessions with other RCs on topics of common interest. The call for session proposals is open until March 15, 2019. We encourage session proposals on topics on the following topics:

- Social Movements and their relationship with Inequality, Precarity and Social Stratification
- Neo-authoritarianism and Contemporary Conservative and Reactionary Movements
- Struggles against Violence and Repression
- Knowledge Production and Social Movements Practices
- Movements and Intersectionality
- Conflicts over some of the Major Struggles of our Historical Time: Natural Resources, Territories, Social Rights, Memory, Migration, Social Inclusion, …
- Mobilization of Minorities, Marginalized and Ethnic Groups
- Youth, Generation and Emerging Activisms
- Digital Media, NTICs and Mobilization
- Transnational Networks, Global Resistance and the Politics of Scale
- Social Movements, Prefigurative Politics and the Construction of Alternative Futures
- Re-thinking Democracy in Contemporary Social Movements
- Social Movement Theories: new approaches and perspectives

Aiming at diverse composition of sessions and panels, we also strongly encourage thematic session proposals across regions, gender, social or ethnic origins. RC47 members have priority on RC47 panels. Click here to become a member or check the status of your membership: https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In
Click [here](https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2020/cfs.cgi) to submit your proposal: https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2020/cfs.cgi

There are four steps to submitting a session at the ISA FORUM: (1) **Select RC47** as the Primary (host) committee you would like to submit to. If you are proposing a joint session, use the Secondary column to select the co-host committees; (2) **Setup session**: enter the title of the session, the session format, the languages and a description to be included on the ISA website during abstract submissions if your session is accepted; (3) **People**: enter the Session Organizers for this session; (4) **Session Description**: enter a description of your session to be used by the Program Coordinators during review. This description will only be used in review and will not appear on the ISA website if accepted.

The results of the approved sessions will be announced on April 10. Depending on the content of the proposals, Program Coordinators may suggest merging similar proposals. Once the list of sessions is completed, abstracts submission will be open from April 25 to September 30, 2019. Session coordinators should work together with the Program Coordinators in this process. More detailed information on the role of session engineers and deadlines here: [https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/guidelines-for-program-coordinators-and-session-organizers-2020](https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/guidelines-for-program-coordinators-and-session-organizers-2020)

If you have any questions about possible topics of interest for a session, or want to submit a joint session, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Another motivation to join RC47 in Porto Alegre: in addition to the main ISA Forum, we will organize two-day long a **RC 47 Pre-conference**, just before the ISA official conference. With this preconference we would like to reconnect with the World Social Forum original spirit, almost twenty years after the first edition, and again build bridges to generate fertile dialogues between different knowledge, places and traditions of thought. The open ISA pre-con will be free of charge and we also aim at proving very affordable housing. It is possible to register for both the ISA Form and the pre-conference, but you can also only participate in one of the two events. More details coming soon! See you in Porto Alegre!

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