

ISA World Congress

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Theme - Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for a Global Sociology

RC22 theme is "Religion and Social Inequality"

Call for Papers: (Non)religion in Question: Ethics, Equality and Justice.

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to submit an abstract for possible inclusion in this session.

Recent research shows how in different parts of the world expressive nonreligiosity goes hand in hand with aims for social reform. Competing visions of ontology and normative orders are played out in societal battles over education, sexual rights, gender equality and social justice. For a number of outspokenly nonreligious groups in Europe, the United States, but also the Philippines, India and other regions, demonstrating the secular nature of our world is a key strategy in socio-political activism.

Concurrently, the normative and ontological base of secularism has been criticized as a culturally specific yet powerful form of moderating legitimacy. Secularism has thus been discussed in relation to the legal and moral reshaping of colonial states. In a similar take political liberalism has been the subject of considerable debate regarding its potential to grant equal access to the public sphere to both secular and religious citizens.

More research about how (non)religious ways of 'being in the world' and social activism are linked is needed. The panel therefore provides space to discuss the multiple entanglements of (non)religion with questions of justice, equality, and ethics. Conceptual contributions, as well as empirical research from different regions are welcome.

Chair and Discussant: Johannes Quack and Jonathan VanAntwerpen

Deadline for submission is September 30th 2013 as laid out in the conference guidelines.

Please submit the abstract (max 300 words) at:

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/rc/rc.php?n=RC22>.

We wish to thank you in advance for your interest and look forward to your contributions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting us.

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Best regards,

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