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LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9371249/>

## 1. ATLAS Annual Conference 2024: 25 Jun 2024 - 28 Jun 2024 Breda, The Netherlands

This year's ATLAS Conference asked perspective participants to consider the future of leisure and tourism, so that we prepare for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

<https://www.buas.nl/en/event/atlas-annual-conference-24>

In June, three of our RC50 Board members, Anke Winchenbach, Erdinç Çakmak and Rami Isaac attended the ATLAS annual conference. Here Anke shares some of her personal highlights:

Unlike other academic conferences, ATLAS, combined with CBTS conference, held an Industry Day and workshops. Industry speakers seemed committed to sustainability and shared some insightful examples of good practice and planned future initiatives, and stressed the importance of data. Industry workshops then tackled issues such as indicators for measuring resident benefits and other social factors, AI as cure for overtourism, and how the industry can attract and retain workforce and how to close existing skill gaps and what skills are needed in the future. I very much liked that this day was focused on how academics and practitioners can work together to create impact, I truly think that's the only way to move the dial towards a more sustainable tourism future.

The conference days were packed with parallel sessions, with several of them related to Tourism Sociology, sustainability and impact assessment. Erdinç presented insights from their project 'Cross-Re-Tour: Scaling up European tourism SMEs for a green and digital transition', and Anke shared preliminary findings from her joint project with Blanca Camargo in Mexico 'How can tourism maximise the positive impact and dignity for Indigenous people?: A Capabilities Approach'. I personally found Erica Sao Joao and team's research on 'Strategies to facilitate work-person-life balance amongst women chefs in the hospitality industry' really insightful, especially the discussion that followed and how the recommendations can be put into practice. Another highlight was Jim Butcher's critique on 'Regenerative Tourism as Sustainable Development', where he unpacked the concept of regenerative tourism, and how it offers a different perspective (or not). Finally, in her Keynote on "The Future of Tourists-AI Relationships and Mobile Co-Intelligence", Iis Tussyadiah took us on a fascinating journey to imagine how travel and tourism can be co-created by humans and AI. I'm excited about seeing how this will work in practice!



**1. RC50 member Dr Marxiano Melotti delivers keynote at the X International Conference of the "Mediterranean Association for the Sociology of Tourism" (AstMED), in Bertinoro, Italy (19-21 June 2024)**

AstMED is an important (and historic) network, founded in 1987, that brings together scholars who examine and discuss sociocultural changes, trends, and the main critical issues of tourism in the Mediterranean area (<https://www.astmed.net/>).

A member of the RC50 board, Marxiano Melotti, was invited to the conference as a keynote speaker. In his speech, he discussed the relationships between RC50 and AstMED and highlighted the significant role played

by Marie Françoise Lanfant, who was among the founders of both AstMED and RC50 and also served as the president of RC50.

The theme of the conference was "Beyond Tourism: Travel and Travelers in the (Post)Covid Society." The rich program saw the participation of over 40 scholars from various universities and Mediterranean countries. They engaged in lively discussions on numerous topics, including: new challenges for the regeneration of internal areas and their role in developing a sustainable economy; post-Covid tourism; the use and attractiveness of fragile and remote tourist areas; new perspectives and methodologies in tourism management in Protected Natural Areas; new tourists and innovative practices based on experiences; main challenges in island tourism; mobility trends in the Mediterranean and their impact on languages and intercultural communication.

Particular attention was paid to the growing importance of the so-called "roots tourism," consisting of migrants and descendants of migrants who decide to visit the countries and regions of their origin. This form of sustainable and quality tourism is capable of promoting the recovery or development of internal and less touristy areas.

Marxiano Melotti, in his speech entitled "Tourism Beyond Crisis: Towards a New Cultural System?", offered



reflections on the main socio-cultural trends of tourism and the challenges awaiting tourism scholars. While tourism has meant economic growth, social inclusion, and widespread well-being for at least a part of the population for decades (if not a defining element of Western civilization), it has now become a serious problem.

He drew attention to the series of rhetorics that have characterized tourism studies in recent years. Initially, the pandemic seemed like an event destined to transform tourism deeply and define new paradigms; sustainability, like resilience before it, often appears to be just a buzzword connected to funding schemes, political narratives, and green

marketing. On the other hand, he addressed some crucial and ethical issues that remain largely unaddressed, such as the paradoxical relationships between tourism and migration. Particular focus was given to the use of tourism in political narratives and the process of building a new tourist gaze, specific to the post-postmodern context we are entering. This new gaze combines pre-postmodern and postmodern elements and impacts local communities. An interesting (and unsettling) aspect is the process of exacerbating cultural stereotypes and self-folklorization induced by tourism: a well-known phenomenon rooted in the Grand Tour gaze, which characterized the postmodern tourist gaze and continues to characterize contemporary tourism, even in its most innovative forms, with a significant impact on cultural heritage.

The AstMED conference was not only a highly interesting occasion to reflect on tourism trends and the perspectives of tourism sociology in Mediterranean countries but also a wonderful opportunity to strengthen collaboration between networks dedicated to tourism, such as RC50 and AstMED. As a result, at the V ISA Forum in Rabat (July 6-11, 2025), a joint session between AstMED and RC50 dedicated to the sociology of the sea is planned. Those interested can see the call for abstracts for this session here:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2025/webprogrampreliminary/Session21736.html>

## 2. V ISA Forum of Sociology July 7 - 11, 2025

One of the upcoming events of 2025 is the V ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY. The event is expected to attract ca. 6000 participants and stretch its program across 5 days.

The current announcement by ISA can be found here: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025>

Below you can find the sessions organized by the RC50  
Call for Papers: 15 August-30 September 2024  
(Only in-person presentations)



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V ISA Forum of Sociology 6-11 July, 2025  
#ISAforum25 #Morocco

## A. The Sea. Tourism between the Coast and the Maritime Space. an RC50 - Astmed Joint Session

**Language:** English, French, Spanish

**Research Committee:** RC50 International Tourism (host committee)

### Session Description:

The sea is an almost completely absent topic in classical sociology (with some exceptions such as Tonnies 1897 and Elias 1950). Furthermore, sociologists who deal with maritime phenomena have rarely contributed to the construction of reference paradigms, even if in recent years, there has been a growing interest in the sociological analysis of the sea (Cocco, 2014; 2016; Longo, Clark 2016; Hanningan, 2017; Grassmeir, Kolodziej-Durnas and Sowa, 2022). However, the topic is marginal if compared to other ones, such as urban or inner areas. Nonetheless, it can be a prominent one for sociology, given the numerous related social phenomena: the growth of ecological awareness, the growth of maritime mobility, fishing, the deindustrialization of seaside areas, migrations, digitalization and innovation of maritime jobs, the disappearance of maritime cultural heritage. Tourism and the numerous related aspects, then, require increasingly consistent and systematic reflection on the relation between sea and coast as well as on maritime issues and rest of society.

This session, organized in collaboration with ASTMed (Mediterranean Association for the Sociology of Tourism), aims to stimulate debate on the sea and its sociological declinations on tourism all over the world. Both theoretical and empirical proposals on the aforementioned topics will be considered, but the chairs are available to evaluate other ones on topics which are not mentioned but are considered fitted with the focus of the session.

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## B. Tourism, Cities and Global Change

**Language:** English, French, Spanish

**Research Committee:** RC50 International Tourism (host committee)

**Session Description:**

Tourism, as a main expression of contemporary society, includes and reflects its main paradoxes and ambiguities. It means freedom, hope, creativity, development, inclusion in global processes, and even a powerful tool of definition, negotiation and (re)invention of individual, collective, local, global and glocal identities. Yet it means also exploitation, exclusion, loss of identity, perpetuation of colonial gazes, cultural stereotypes and social inequalities.

In the same way, it can be a tool of enhancement of cultural heritage and a mechanism of heritage crystallization; a practice related to nature and a fact entailing environmental exploitation.

Its rapid recovery after the pandemic has had unexpected effects. What initially seemed like an unprecedented event, destined to transform tourism and define new paradigms, after a few years appears to have caused only a minor disruption without significant consequences. The main critical issues remain largely unaddressed.

In many countries, overtourism is becoming a major problem with its interrelated issues (gentrification, housing crisis, touristification, Disneyfication etc.) deeply transforming the quality of life and the socio-cultural context, sparking reactions and even fueling anti-tourism behaviour. We welcome papers addressing the following topics, primarily but not exclusively: Tourism and:

- globalization and cultural change
- crisis and recovery, creativity and resilience
- environmental and socio-cultural sustainability
- impacts of overtourism on urban culture and social life
- sustainable practices and urban planning to deal with overtourism
- touristification, identity, and local communities
- anti-tourism behaviour
- cosmopolitanism and democracy
- co-existence at the same time and place of social forms of national and international experiences

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**C. Tourism and Migration: A Difficult Relationship**

**Language:** English, French, Spanish

**Research Committee:** RC50 International Tourism (host committee)

**Joint Session** with RC31 Sociology of Migration

**Session Description:**

The panel delves into the intricate and paradoxical interplay between tourism and migration, fostering a deeper sociological understanding of the complexities and tensions arising when spaces of leisure and suffering coexist.

The theoretical framework of this panel is the concept of "alterity" and the notion of "otherness", which paradoxically intertwine the realms of tourism, characterized by pleasure and leisure, with migration, marked by pain and death. This exploration seeks to understand how the "tourist gaze" can encompass both idyllic beaches and harrowing scenes of human distress, questioning the moral and ethical dimensions of such coexistence. The panel will consider several critical aspects:

- Tourist Behaviour and Awareness
- Otherness, Leisure and Death

- Relationships Between Tourists and Migrants
- Coexistence and Best Practices
- Socially Sustainable Tourism

By bringing together various sociological perspectives, this panel aims at fostering a comprehensive dialogue on the complex relationship between tourism and migration. The goal is to contribute to the development of more ethical and socially responsible tourism practices that acknowledge and address the profound human realities in these shared spaces.

We welcome papers addressing different aspects of this complex relationship:

- Theoretical reflections; tourism and otherness
- Relationships between migrants, tourists and local communities
- Case studies (e.g. Mediterranean region and islands; Greece, Italy, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey; Global South; Central and North America)
- Best practices and community-based projects
- Social and cultural sustainability of tourism in migratory contexts

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## C. Evolving Tourism: New Trends, Diverse Travelers, and Innovative Experience Models

**Language:** English, French

**Research Committee:** RC50 International Tourism (host committee)

### Session Description:

Starting from the last few decades, a profound transformation of the tourist experience has begun, affecting both its forms and contents, as well as the number and type of individuals accessing it. On one hand, tourism has increasingly been characterized as a search for experiences and emotions, the authenticity of places and their history, and atmosphere. On the other hand, there has been an expansion and diversification of the desire for travel, now sought after by categories for whom it had long remained a niche experience. Older adults, differently abled individuals, people in temporary non-ability conditions, solo travelers, roots tourists - a list by no means exhaustive - are increasingly demanding access to the tourist experience, even claiming it as a right.

Each of these categories of "new tourists" is characterized by a deep internal differentiation and requires diversified offers through the provision of dedicated and specific packages to avoid isolating experiences. This change and this complexification of "tourist objects" have profoundly altered the destinations chosen and, within these, the places sought by tourists and especially by travelers.

The session is open to theoretical and/or empirical contributions that present and discuss the new forms of tourism and especially the new types of tourists with reference to the categories of individuals mentioned earlier and to specific experiences carried out in the territories, also, but not only, in a comparative key.

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### 3. ISA RC50 Interim Conference 2025

**Theme: HUMAN RIGHTS IN TOURISM**

**Location: Fujisawa, Japan**

**Dates: 19-22 June 2025**

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Research Committee on International Tourism (RC50) of the International Sociological Association proposes an opportunity for those involved in the interdisciplinary social science of national/international tourism to engage with a plethora of salient human rights issues in tourism studies and thereby develop possible pathways for action and research on those subjects. The RC50 Team will organise a spectrum of sessions devoted to both empirical and conceptual studies on these subjects vis-à-vis travel, tourism, hospitality and events at the coming interim conference.

We are still missing the following topics:

- migrant workers,
- disasters & recovery,
- language issues like lingua franca,
- gender & work-related issues in Asian economies,
- human rights issues in tourism education, non-binary identities in the broadest sense,
- Settler & colonialism in tourism studies
- symbolic violence, and inequality.

The deadline for session proposals is 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Please send your proposals with a brief statement (max. 500 words) and preferably also a list of colleagues interested in the subject matter to

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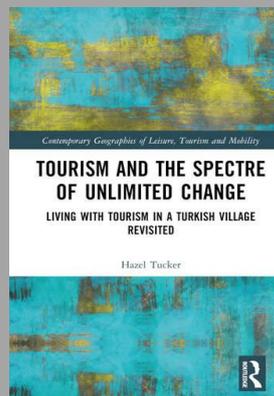
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## 4. Current Publications

### Monographs



Tucker, H. 2024. *Tourism and the Spectre of Unlimited Change: Living with Tourism in a Turkish Village Revisited*. Routledge.

Available in hardback and as an eBook: <https://www.routledge.com/Tourism-and-the-Spectre-of-Unlimited-Change-Living-with-Tourism-in-a-Turkish-Village-Revisited/Tucker/p/book/9780367429577>

This insightful volume forms a sequel to *Living with Tourism: Negotiating Identities in a Turkish Village*, tracking the tourism development and associated social change in the small town of Göreme, in Turkey's Cappadocia region, within the last two decades. Carefully crafted chapters explore the significant changes in the tourism forms, place identity, and social relations in the town.



#### 4. Current Publications

CONT... On one level, tourism business and Göreme's 'living with tourism' has matured and thrived: the place has, due largely to its booming hot-air ballooning sector, become an 'Instagram sensation'; some Göreme families have become very wealthy; and tourism has enabled many local women, as well as men, to 'craft new selves'.

On another level, new inequalities and tensions constantly emerge: some families remain poor; gentrification and hotel developments in the older 'cave-house' neighbourhoods have led to the disintegration of community; and many people, including those who are now wealthy, talk often with a sense of nostalgia and regret about what Göreme has become. This book is a groundbreaking longitudinal account, recounting the story of the place and people of Göreme 'still living with tourism' after 40 years, showing how broader contemporary tourism trends, such as changes in tourism markets and use of digital technology, and increased security fears, manifest at the local level in tourism destinations.

#### Articles & Special Issues

Tzanelli, R. & Claudia Melis (Call for Papers Closed) [Special Issue Guest Editors]. Worldmaking and world makers: in memory of Keith Hollinshead. *Tourism Culture & Communication*. Special Issue Collaboration between TCC & RC50

Melis, C. & Panayiotopoulos, A. (forthcoming, 2024) [Special Issue Guest Editors]. Tourism Studies and Partnership Fields. *Tourism Culture & Communication*.

NOTE: These Special Issues are collaborative publications between TCC and ISA (The International Sociological Association) through the Research Committee (RC50) on International Tourism. The Special Issue Commissioning Editors are Rodanthi Tzanelli (TCC) and Rukeya Suleman, Jasmine Zhang & Hazel Tucker (RC50 / ISA).

## 5. Forthcoming Opportunities of Interest to RC50 Members

**Sociology - Call for Special Issue Proposals:** The *Sociology* journal Editorial Board welcomes proposals for special issues from prospective guest editors to be submitted by 26 September 2024, 17:00 BST. Proposed special issues should be exciting, engaging and offer new insights into a specific topic area, as well as to sociology as a discipline, through theoretical, methodological, conceptual or empirical innovation.

Find out more in the [Call for Proposals](#).

**BSA Annual Conference 23-25 April 2025:** We are delighted to announce that next year's Annual Conference will mark our permanent return to a face-to-face format. Join us for three dynamic days of plenary talks, special events, paper presentations and lively conversations centred around the theme of Social Transformations. We'll also be returning to the vibrant city of Manchester, a favourite of our 2023 conference. The venue offers great spaces for networking, presentations and exhibitions and is perfect for accommodating a conference of our size. We can't wait to see you all and bring the sociological community together again, fully immersing ourselves in the very latest sociological research. Behind the scenes, the team is working diligently to create a memorable event for you.

Full details will be available soon, but in the meantime put the dates 23-25 April 2025 in your calendar!

Opportunities for PhD students and early career researchers to present their research in **BSA Everyday Society:** Everyday Society was launched in order to extend the reach of sociological research - to the public, government bodies and beyond. Contributors are invited to respond to real-life events from a sociological perspective, through different lenses and intersections. There is no formal reviewing process, but all articles are considered for suitability for an editorial piece.

More information about contributions, guidelines and how to submit are accessible at: [Contribute - Everyday Society - The British Sociological Association \(britsoc.co.uk\)](#)

**Sociological Research Online Special Issue Call for Proposals:** *Sociological Research Online* (SRO) is inviting proposals for a special issue of the journal to be published in 2027. Deadline to submit proposals: 3 October 2024, 17:00 BST. This is an open call, and proposals can be on any theme. The proposed special issue should offer an exciting contribution to emerging sociological debates by bringing together conceptually, empirically, and/or methodologically innovative interventions within a specific topic area. The proposed special issue should build on the journal's reputation for publishing high quality, critical and reflexive applied sociological research in innovative and expansive ways.

For more details visit: [https://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/26599/srosi\\_cfp\\_dl031024.pdf](https://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/26599/srosi_cfp_dl031024.pdf)

**ODA Global Innovation Fellowships 2024:** The objective of the ODA (Official Development Assistance) Global Innovation Fellowships is to provide opportunities to UK-based early- and mid-career researchers from across the humanities and social sciences to develop their skills, networks and careers in the creative and cultural, public, private and policy sectors to address challenges that require innovative approaches and solutions. Through the ODA Global Innovation Fellowships, researchers in the SHAPE community will be supported to create new and deeper links beyond academia, so enabling knowledge mobilisation and translation, as well as individual skills development.

Earliest start date: 1 Mar 2025

Scheme opens date: 13 Jun 2024

Deadline date: 06 Nov 2024 - 17:00 GMT

Duration of award: 12 months

For more information please visit: [ODA Global Innovation Fellowships 2024 | The British Academy](#)

**British Academy Mid-Career Fellowships:** <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/mid-career-fellowships/>

The Mid-Career Fellowships are designed both to support outstanding individual researchers with excellent research proposals, and to promote public understanding and engagement with humanities and social sciences.

Earliest start date 1 Sep 2025 Scheme opens date 3 Jul 2024 Deadline date 21 Aug 2024 - 17:00 BST

**British Academy Talent Development Awards:** <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/talent-development-awards/>

The Talent Development Awards are available to promote the acquisition and advancement of skills in relevant areas by UK-based researchers, promoting innovative research methods, be that through skills development, collaboration, or dissemination.

Earliest start date 1 Mar 2025 Scheme opens date 19 Jun 2024 Deadline date 11 Sep 2024 - 17:00 BST

**British Academy Early Career Researchers: Research Collaboration Symposium:**  
<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/the-centre-national-de-la-recherchescientifique-cnrs-and-the-british-academy-knowledge-frontiers-symposium/>

The British Academy and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) are inviting applications from early career researchers in the humanities and social sciences to attend a research collaboration symposium on the broad theme of 'Governance.'

Thursday 14 - Friday 15 November 2024, Paris, France

Scheme opens date 3 Jul 2024 Deadline date 11 Sep 2024 - 17:00 BST

**British Academy Post Doctoral Funding:**  
<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/postdoctoral-fellowships/>

Earliest start date 1 Sep 2025 Scheme opens date 3 Jul 2024  
Deadline date 02 Oct 2024 - 17:00 BST Duration of award Three years

The British Academy is inviting proposals from early career researchers in the humanities and social sciences wishing to pursue an independent research project, towards the completion of a significant piece of publishable research. The British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship offers outstanding early career researchers the opportunity to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in an academic environment. This scheme aims to help develop the award holder's curriculum vitae and boost their prospects of obtaining a permanent academic post. The primary emphasis is on the completion of a significant piece of publishable research, and the integration of the award holder into the community of established scholars within their field. The Fellowship is non-renewable. Funded by the Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT)

For all open British Academy funding calls see: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/>

## 6. Membership Information for Prospective and Current RC50 members

The RC50 welcomes new membership applications but also encourages existing ISA members to join the RC50.

If you already have an ISA membership and you want to add the RC50 membership to your account:

Log into your ISA account. You will see a page that you can populate with your personal information. Below the details of your registration, you can also find a link to all your RC/WG/TG Memberships, which is expandable. **Do click on this link to check what memberships you have already purchased.**

The page has space allocated for you to upload your photo. on the right side, you will find a link in blue marked as **JOIN/RENEW YOUR ISA/RC/WG/TG MEMBERSHIP**. Click on this link to open **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**.

The new page provides a list of membership options. Make sure you click on the appropriate **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES OPTION** (i.e., if you do not want to join the ISA because you already have membership status but want to purchase the RC50 membership or do not want an ISA membership click on 'I do not wish to renew my membership at this time'). Then scroll down.

On the same page **after** the **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES OPTION**, you will find **AFFILIATION TO RESEARCH COMMITTEES, WORKING & THEMATIC GROUPS (4 YEARS)**. The RC50 option is toward the end of the list. It looks like this: **RC50 - International Tourism \$**. Press/click on it (it will be ticked) and scroll down again.

At the end of the same page, after the RC/WG/TG list, you will find **PAYMENT DATA**. Please complete the required info and click on **SUBMIT**.





**RC50 Membership**

**Regular member: USD 60**

**Discount: USD 40**

**Students: category A USD 20; category B and C USD 10.**

[Table of countries per category](#)

To become a member, submit a membership application from your user account: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/login>.

To feature a key event of relevance to the RC50 community in our Newsletter, please contact Rodanthe Tzanelli at [r.tzanelli@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:r.tzanelli@leeds.ac.uk)

## 7. The C50 undersigns ISA's Statement on the Situation in Israel and Palestine

The RC50 (International Tourism) undersigns the International Sociological Association's Statement of October 19, 2023:

*The International Sociological Association (ISA) expresses its deep concern about the horrific events of October 2023 in Israel and Palestine as the human carnage there is unfolding in plain view. There have been far too many victims in this and previous cycles of violence. War and violence are never acceptable solutions and are against all the values we uphold. We stand by and respect the UN resolutions concerning this situation and share the call by many of our Palestinian and Israeli colleagues for an immediate release of hostages, exchange of prisoners, and the ending of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.*

*The ISA stands in solidarity with the Israeli and Palestinian social scientists who have defended human rights and raised their voices against the killing and kidnapping of civilians, the bombing of civilian infrastructure, including residential areas, hospitals, and universities, and occupation and war in general. The ISA condemns the massacre of Israeli and Palestinian civilians. We share the repeated denunciation by our colleagues in the Israeli Sociological Society of the violence against Palestinians and the illegal colonies in the Palestinian territories over the past few years.*

*We also express our deep concern about and condemn the rise of antisemitism, Islamophobia, and xenophobia globally and the everyday acts of violence these entail. We are particularly alarmed by the political backlash within the international academic community. The ISA cannot remain silent as spaces of public and academic debate are shrinking and increasingly policed. Today, more than ever, we require critical interventions by social scientists. Academic freedom needs to be protected and promoted. Well-informed and nuanced debate and a historicized and sociological understanding of the events that have led to the October 2023 atrocities are required to forestall further catastrophic loss of life. As stated by the Department of Historical and Cultural Studies at the University of Toronto, "it is not only permissible, but it is essential for scholars to situate the current war in its broad historical contexts, including those of settler colonialism." Our duty as sociologists is to maintain spaces of debate and foster discussion during such a critical moment.*

*The ISA, as an international community of more than 5,000 sociologists, declares its commitment to maintain the resolve of its global membership, strengthen international dialogue, particularly with and among those of our colleagues who are affected by this war, make critical voices heard in our global scientific communities, and facilitate the dissemination of critical analyses in its publications and scholarly events.*

Text originally published on the official website of ISA: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/about-isa/isa-human-rights-committee/statement-on-the-situation-in-israel-and-palestine>

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