

Vera Toepoel (President)



Assistant Professor Methods and Statistics, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
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Main Methodological Research Interests

Survey research, online surveys, mobile surveys

Main Substantial Research Areas

Marketing, leisure, social integration

Selected Publications

- Toepoel, V. (2016). *Doing Surveys Online*. (280 p.). SAGE
- Toepoel, V. & Emerson, Hannah (2017). Using experts' consensus (the Delphi method) to evaluate weighting techniques in web surveys not based on probability schemes. *Mathematical Population Studies*, 24 (3), (pp. 161-171).
- Toepoel, Vera & Couper, Mick P. (01.03.2011). Can verbal instructions counteract visual context effects in web surveys? *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 75 (1), (pp. 1-18) (18 p.).

Selected Academic Functions

I have been the President for the Dutch and Flemish Platform for Survey Research in the past ten years.

Relationship to RC33:

I have been a member of ISA and RC33 since 2010. I was program coordinator of RC33's program at the ISA World Congress in Japan and Toronto. I have been RC33 Secretary from 2014-2018. I have produced activity reports and was responsible for grants. Jointly, we have renewed RC33's website.

Plans for the next four years:

We will have a Vice-President for Grants. I would like to introduce two different RC33 grants: one for best published paper and one for best young scholar. In addition, I would like to digitalize presentations to make them available for people who are not able to attend conferences.

Martin Weichbold (Secretary)



Assoc. Prof. for Sociology and Empirical Social Research, University of Salzburg, Austria
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Main Methodological and Substantial Research Interests

Generally spoken, data quality; more specifically: intercultural survey research, data construction, quality assessment for various data collection instruments.

Selected Publications

- Martin Weichbold (2015): In between Cultures: Empirical Social Research in the Intercultural Context. In: Martin Weichbold (Ed.): Zwischen den Kulturen. Sozialforschung im interkulturellen Kontext. Themenheft der Österreichischen Zeitschrift für Soziologie, Heft 3/2015, S. 243 -246
- Reinhard Bachleitner/Martin Weichbold (2015): Concerning the Foundations of Visual Sociology: Perception and Seeing, Observing, and Gazing. In: Forum Qualitative Social Research, 16(2), Art. 10 <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:0114-fqs1502100>

Selected Academic Functions

I'm currently Dean of the faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences of the University of Salzburg and President of the Austrian Sociological Association, but both functions will end next year.

Relationship to RC33:

I am member of RC33 since 2010 and board member since 2014 (vice president responsible for the coordination of the ISA Global Forum 2016 in Vienna).

Plans for the next four years:

Continue a lot of projects started in the last years (e.g. website, regional conferences), organize attractive programs for the upcoming ISA- and RC33-conferences, and improve accessibility for interested scholars from category-3-countries.

Wander van der Vaart (Vice President for Finances)



Associate Professor for Social Research Methodology, University of Humanistic Studies, The Netherlands

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Main Methodological Research Interests

My interests are in social, communicative and cognitive aspects of survey methodology, in particular as focused on data collection in hard-to-study populations. Central is developing flexible and interactive interviewing methods that fit to survey research.

Main Substantial Research Areas

At the University of Humanistic Studies my research is embedded in research programs on meaning in life and well-being in older populations and people receiving long-term care.

Selected Publications

- Van der Vaart, W. (2004). The Time-line as a Device to Enhance Recall in Standardized Research Interviews: A Split Ballot Study. *Journal of Official Statistics*, 20 (2), 301-317.
- Van der Vaart, W. & Glasner, T. (2011). Personal Landmarks as Recall Aids in Survey Interviews. *Field Methods*, 23 (1), 37-56.
- Quetulio-Navarra, M., Van der Vaart, W. & Niehof, A. (2015). Can 'Third-Party Help' Improve Data Quality in Research Interviews? A Natural Experiment in a Hard to Study Population. *Field Methods*, 27(4), 426-440.

Further Biographical Information and Selected Academic Functions

My background is in quantitative and qualitative research methodology, political science and psychology. I'm reviewer for several social research methods journals, member of the editorial board of Survey Methods and active in evaluation committees for scientific funding.

Relationship to RC33:

I became an active member of RC33 as a PhD-student, more than 25 years ago. I organized conference sessions on questionnaire design and data quality for each RC-33 conference since 2004 (Amsterdam, Napels, Sydney, Leicester, Taipei) and ISA world conferences in Yokohama (2014) and Toronto (2018). Since 2014 I'm Vice-President of Finance for RC33. Together with other board members I realized a new payment system and new operating server to host the system. Also we developed a new RC33 website in which this system is integrated. Meanwhile the RC33 membership costs were kept low.

Plans for the next four years:

In the next years one focal point is to differentiate membership fees and conference fees for students and members from low national income countries. Aim is to make our conferences as accessible as possible to all. As such we seek to realize special funds for students to visit conferences and for best methodological student papers.

Inga Gaižauskaitė (Vice President for Membership)



Junior Researcher, Lithuanian Social Research Centre (Lietuvos Socialinių Tyrimų Centras), Lithuania

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Main Methodological Research Interests

Realities of field work and data collection both in quantitative and qualitative research. Research ethics.

Main Substantial Research Areas

Research on trust, institutions and democratisation. Research on ageing and intergenerational relationships. Research on academic integrity.

Selected Publications

- Gaižauskaitė, Inga; Valavičienė, Natalija. Socialinių tyrimų metodai: kokybinis interviu : vadovėlis = Social research methods: qualitative interviewing: a handbook / Mykolo Romerio universitetas. Vilnius: Registrų centras, 2016. 394 p. ISBN 9789955302056. Available at: <http://ebooks.mruni.eu/pdfreader/socialini-tyrim-metodai-kokybinis-interviu/2/interviu>
- Mikėnė, Svajonė; Gaižauskaitė, Inga; Valavičienė, Natalija. Qualitative interviewing: field-work realities // Socialinis darbas : mokslo darbai = Social work : research papers / Mykolo Romerio universitetas. Vilnius: MRU. ISSN 1648-4789. 2013, t. 12, Nr. 1, p. 49-62. Available at: <https://www3.mruni.eu/ojs/social-work/article/view/362/350>
- Gaižauskaitė, Inga. The use of the focus group method in social work research // Socialinis darbas : mokslo darbai = Social work : academic papers / Mykolo Romerio universitetas. Vilnius: MRU. ISSN 1648-4789. 2012, Nr. 11(1), p. 19-30. Available at: <https://www3.mruni.eu/ojs/social-work/article/view/503/466>

Further Biographical Information and Selected Academic Functions

I am Administrative Head of Institute of Sociology in Lithuanian Social Research Centre and sociology lecturer at Vilnius university, Institute of Sociology and Social Work (Vilnius, Lithuania).

Relationship to RC33:

I am a new member of RC33 ISA since August 2018.

Plans for the next four years:

To develop and implement plan of expansion of membership in ISA RC33. To coordinate and promote ISA RC33 membership. To be actively involved in other organisational activities of ISA RC33. To regularly take part in ISA RC33 events (conferences, etc.).

Karl M. van Meter (Vice President for Information)



Emeritus Research, Ecole Normale Supérieure, France

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Main Methodological Research Interests

All types of social science methodologies

Main Substantial Research Areas

Social Networks Analysis, Textual Analysis, Structure of Human Societies

Selected Publications

- A First History of the BMS, BMS, 2018, 137-138
- First of French Social Network Research, Springer Encyclopedia, 2018
- Structures of Human Societies, Sociology Mind, 2014

Further Biographical Information

Several books in French and in English on Political Science, plus journalist and writer.

Relationship to RC33:

Since early 1980s Secretary, then President, and since then Vice President for Information (Newsletter).

Plans for the next four years:

Find someone to take my place as Vice President.

Claire Wagner (Vice President for Online Communication)



Associate Professor in Psychology, University of Pretoria, South Africa, South Africa
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Main Methodological Research Interests

Any methodological aspects of research as well as teaching research methods.

Main Substantial Research Areas

Human-environment interaction (in particular pro-environmental behaviour). Teaching research methods.

Selected Publications

- Wagner, C., & du Toit, J.L. (in press). A qualitative study of interdisciplinary near-peer research mentoring in professional training. *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*
- Wagner, C. (2016). Reflections on the state of social science research on the African continent. *Bulletin de Méthodologie Sociologique*, 130, 90-96.
- Wagner, C., Garner, M., & Kawulich, B. (2011). The state of the art of teaching research methods in the social sciences: Towards a pedagogical culture. *Studies in Higher Education*, 36(1), 1-14.

Selected Academic Functions

I was acting head of department for Psychology as well as Sport & Leisure Studies and an executive member of the Faculty of Humanities' Research Committee.

Relationship to RC33:

I have been a member of RC33 since the first conference in Cologne, Germany in 2000. From 2010-2014 and from 2014-2016, I served as Vice-President at Large and from 2016 I have been the Vice-President for Online Communication. I managed the development of the new website for RC33 (www.rc33.org)

Plans for the next four years:

To keep the website current

Henrik Andersen (Vice President for Awards)



Research Assistant, Technische Universität Kaiserslautern, Germany

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Main Methodological Research Interests

Structural equation modelling, response latencies, panel analysis, multilevel modelling

Main Substantial Research Areas

Social desirability, xenophobia, attitude research

Selected Publications

- Andersen, H., Mayerl, J. (2018). Attitudes towards Muslims and Fear of Terrorism. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 41(15) (expected Dec. 2018).
- Andersen, H., Mayerl, J. (2017). Social Desirability and Undesirability Effects on Survey Response Latencies. *Bulletin of Sociological Methodology*, 135, 68-89.

Relationship to RC33:

Member since 2016

Plans for the next four years:

Introduce RC33 awards for best paper/researcher

Iasonas Lamprianou (Vice President for Conferences)



Assistant Professor for Quantitative Methods of Analysis, University of Cyprus, Cyprus
www.ucy.ac.cy

Main Methodological Research Interests

Rasch models and Item Response Theory, Rater and coder effects

Main Substantial Research Areas

Social and Political trust, far right parties, large scale educational assessment

Selected Publications

- Lamprianou, I. (2018). Investigation of rater effects using Social Network Analysis and Exponential Random Graph Models. *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, 78(3), 430-459
- Lamprianou, I., & Ellinas, A. A. (accepted, in Press). Emotion, sophistication and political behavior: Evidence from a laboratory experiment. *Political Psychology*
- Theodosiou-Zipiti, G., Lamprianou, I. (2016). Factors Influencing Attainment Levels among Ethnic Minority Students in Cyprus: Some Methodological Considerations. *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, 37:8, 1229-1250

Selected Academic Functions

I am a member of the Council of the Association for Educational Assessment – Europe. I am also on the Board of the RN21 (Quantitative Methods) of the European Sociological Association (ESA).

Relationship to RC33:

I have been a member of RC33 for years and I participate regularly in the RC33 conferences. I am the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the RC33 conference in Nicosia, Cyprus in 2020.

Plans for the next four years:

I am currently organizing the RC33 conference in Nicosia, Cyprus in 2020. I aspire to organize a successful conference with some innovations e.g. I am planning to stream online some conference presentations or keynote speeches, or workshops, although we may need to overcome some legal issues regarding personal data etc. I also aspire to take initiatives to increase the membership of RC33.

Adriana García-Andrade (Vice President at Large for Latin America)



Professor for Sociological Theory, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico

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https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Adriana_Garcia_Andrade

http://sociologia.azc.uam.mx/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55

Main Methodological Research Interests

Epistemology and its influence in the construction of concepts. Concept translation between theories and disciplines. Bridging the theory-methodology divide (at least in Mexico).

Main Substantial Research Areas

Sociology of Love. Sociology of Emotions and Neuroscience of Emotions. Philosophy of Science and Theoretical Comparison.

Selected Publications

- García-Andrade, A and O. Sabido-Ramos (2018) “The invisible ties We share: A relational analysis of the contemporary loving couple” in A. García-Andrade, L. Gunnarsson and A. Jónasdóttir Feminism and the Power of Love. Interdisciplinary Interventions. Routledge, London.
- García Andrade, A and O. Sabido Ramos (2017) “El estudio sociológico del amor corporeizado. La construcción de un objeto de estudio entrelazando teorías y niveles analíticos” [The sociological study of bodily-love. The construction of a study subject with multiple theories and analytical levels] in Estudios Sociológicos. (35, 105: 653-670). <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/articulo?codigo=6068569>
- García Andrade, Adriana (2013) Giddens y Luhmann: ¿opuestos o complementarios? [Giddens and Luhmann: Opposite or Complementary Theories?] Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana , Mexico.

Selected Academic Functions

Part of the Core-Group in the Feminist Love Studies Network, and present co-convenor with Margaret Toye (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada). Web page: <http://feministlovestudies.azc.uam.mx/>

Relationship to RC33:

Member since 2012, Vice-President at Large since 2014. Achievements: Encouraging a table presentation: theory and methodology in Latin America (ISA Forum 2016). Making visible RC33 for metropolitan Mexican sociologists.

Plans for the next four years:

Contact with a Metropolitan Sociological Association in Mexico City, and with COMECOSO (Social Sciences Association in Mexico) for a future bond with the RC33.

Fumiya Onaka (Vice Presidents at Large for Japan)



Professor for Sociology, Japan Women's University, Japan

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Main Methodological Research Interests

I have been engaged in process-oriented methodology in synchronic and diachronic (or historical) comparisons. My interest in data archive derives from this methodology.

Main Substantial Research Areas

I have been researching on examinations and school aspirations. Studies on women's careers comes from these topics. I have found various local cultures play important roles in them.

Selected Publications

- Onaka, Fumiya 2015 "Sociological Methodology - BMS & RC33 - News from Historical and Comparative Sociology in Japan." Bulletin of Sociological Methodology/Bulletin de Methodologie Sociologique 128: 61-64, SAGE Publications.
- Onaka, Fumiya. 2013. "Aspects of Process Theories and Process-Oriented Methodologies in Historical and Comparative Sociology: An Introduction", Historical Social Research,38 (2): 161-171.
- Onaka, Fumiya. 2013. "Relating Socio-Cultural Network Concepts to Process-Oriented Methodology", Historical Social Research,38 (2): 236-251.

Relationship to RC33:

I have been a board member and a vice-president at large of RC33 since 2014. I have proposed a regular session in the 1st RC33 Regional Conference on Methodology at Taipei in 2017, and three joint sessions including RC33 in the XIX World Conference of Sociology at Toronto in 2018.

Plans for the next four years:

I am planning to propose a joint session including RC33 in the 3rd Forum of Sociology at Porto Alegre in 2020. The 2nd RC33 Regional Conference on Methodology is planned to be held at my university in 2021.

Pei-shan Liao (Vice Presidents at Large for East Asia)



Associate Research Fellow at the Center for Survey Research, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
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Main Methodological Research Interests

My main methodological research interests include questionnaire design, mode effect, and social desirability bias. Some of my work have been published in Taiwan (in Chinese) as well as in international journals (in English).

Main Substantial Research Areas

My main substantial research areas are individual well-being, environmental concerns, and their measurement issues.

Selected Publications

- Liao, Pei-shan, Willem E. Saris, and Diana Zavala. 2018, "Cross-national Comparison of Equivalence and Measurement Quality of Response Scales in Denmark and Taiwan." *Journal of Official Statistics*, accepted.
- Liao, Pei-shan. 2014. "More happy or less unhappy? Comparison of the balanced and unbalanced designs for the response scale of general happiness." *Journal of Happiness Studies* 15(6): 1407-1423.

Selected Academic Functions

As a methodologist, I have been involved with the methodology committee of International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) on behalf of Taiwan team to provide substantial comments on issues of survey methodology of the participating countries.

Relationship to RC33:

I have been a RC33 member since 2004 when presenting a methodological work at the conference held in Amsterdam. Ever since, I regularly attend ISA-RC33 to present my methodological work. I became a vice-president at large in 2014 for proposing to host the 1st RC33 Regional Conference on Social Science Methodology: Asia in 2017. It is a successful event and recruited 50 new members for RC33.

Plans for the next four years:

I plan to raise research interests in social science methodology in Taiwan and other Asian countries through conferences, research projects, and survey practices. Keep recruiting more new RC33 members.

Rima Wilkes (Vice Presidents at Large for North America)



Professor for Sociology, University of British Columbia, Canada

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Main Methodological Research Interests

Quantitative methods, visual analysis, discourse analysis.

Main Substantial Research Areas

Political sociology, Indigeneity, Race and Ethnicity: Even though the number of people who are overtly racist has declined in Western societies, racial and ethnic inequality persist. Why

is this? My research seeks to answer this question by considering how politics is related to racial and ethnic inequality.

Selected Publications

- 2018 Wilkes, Rima and Cary Wu. "Ethnicity, Democracy, Trust: A Majority-Minority Approach." *Social Forces* 97(1):465-494. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy027>
- 2018 Wu, Cary and Rima Wilkes "Finding Critical Citizens: A Response Pattern Model of Political Trust." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 59: 110-138.
- 2016 Wilkes, Rima. "Political Conflict Photographs and Their Keywords Texts." *Journalism Studies* 16: 703-729.

Selected Academic Functions

President, Canadian Sociological Association (2017-2018)

Relationship to RC33:

I have been a member of RC33 since 2010. This past year I served as the Vice-President for ISA World Congress Programme Coordination (I stepped in to cover for another member). I did session organizing, chairing, and organizing of a local meeting of the RC during the conference. I am very passionate about this RC as it is so open to everyone.

Plans for the next four years:

I plan to ensure that all tasks related to my position are accomplished in a timely manner. I would also work to facilitate the vision of the President of the RC.

Yashwant Deshmukh (Vice Presidents at Large for India)



Director-Research, Cvoter Foundation, India

www.cvoterindia.com

Main Methodological Research Interests

Exploring and testing various method to calculate multiple complex indicators for mapping the cusp of transitional societies.

Main Substantial Research Areas

Socio-Economic impact of Development, Disasters and Democratisation, more so when they tend to overlap with each other.

Selected Publications

- Conceptualisation and calculation of All (Anti-Incumbency Index) in FPTP transitional societies.
- Baseline for LRRD (Linkages of Relief, rehabilitation and development) after the 2004 India Ocean Tsunami.

Further Biographical Information

I have also been a Broadcast Journalist for long, before taking a plunge into Research full time.

Relationship to RC33:

Member for about last ten years. Have been Vice President at Large and communicated about the agenda and progress at RC33 to other Social Scientists from South Asia and South East Asia.

Plans for the next four years:

As the Vice President at Large for RC33 and President Elect of Wapor Asia, I intend to bring the two units closer during various conferences and promote the RC33 further in Asian societies.

Nina Baur (Past President)



Professor for Methods of Social Research, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

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Main Methodological Research Interests

Process-Oriented Methodology, Spatial Methods, Mixed Methods Research.

Main Substantial Research Areas

Market Sociology (especially Consumer Goods and Labour Markets), Sociology of Processes, Innovations and Risks, Sociology of Space

Selected Publications

- Baur, Nina (2017): Process-oriented Micro-Macro-Analysis. Methodological Reflections on Elias and Bourdieu. In: Historical Social Research (HSR) 42 (4). S. 43-74. DOI: 10.12759/hsr.42.2017.4.43-74
- Baur, Nina/Hering, Linda/Raschke, Anna Laura/Thierbach, Cornelia (2014): Theory and Methods in Spatial Analysis. Towards Integrating Qualitative, Quantitative and Cartographic Approaches in the Social Sciences and Humanities. In: Historical Social Research (HSR) 39 (2). 7-50
- Baur, Nina (2011): Mixing Process-Generated Data in Market Sociology. In: Quality & Quantity 45 (6). 1233-1251. DOI 10.1007/s11135-009-9288-x.

Selected Academic Functions

Board Member of the Special Research Field “The Re-Figuration of Spaces” (since 2017), Member of the Research Network “Mixed Methods and Multimethod Social Research” funded by the German Science Foundation (since 2017), Managing Editor of the Journal “Historical Social Research” (since 2014), Board Member of ISA WG02/RC56 (Historical and Comparative Sociology) (since 2010).

Relationship to RC33:

I have been a RC33 member since 2004 and first served as RC33 Secretary (2010–2014) and then as Secretary (2014–2018). During my time as Secretary, RC33 has rewritten its statutes, and we have organized the generational change of board members which is still ongoing. During my time as RC33 president, we have started internationalizing RC33, both by broadening the range of world regions or members and board members come from and by introducing new formats such as the Regional Conferences. Simultaneously, we have broadened the range of topics discussed in RC33, which at the last conferences have not only covered novel methods such as digital methods but also qualitative, historical and mixed methods.

Plans for the next four years:

To advise the new board concerning organizational matters. If possible, I would also help organizing a regional conference in Africa.