



From the Editor

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the third issue of 2021.

This December issue includes a new section entitled “Sociological Briefings” with the aim to disseminate to society the sociological contributions that can be of interest for very diverse stakeholders, ISA members, and society at large. We encourage submissions to bring the sociological knowledge published in journals to different agents of society. On this occasion, *e-Symposium* includes sociological briefings on two topics of the public debates: COVID-19 and gender violence. Furthermore, “In conversation with Professor Rhoda Reddock” provides inspiring reflections about interdisciplinarity and gender and the essay “Government failure and informality” approaches the reader to the realities of urban cities in Zimbabwe.

The first contribution is a conversation with Rhoda Reddock, Professor Emerita of the University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad and Tobago. The experience and reflections shared in the interview will inspire the future works of sociologists, especially in the field of gender studies. The interview is conducted by Ragi Bashonga, lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Johannesburg, who currently serves as a youth representative to the United Nations for the International Sociological Association (ISA).

The contribution by Tapiwanashe Hadzizi of the University of Zimbabwe (Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology), is an essay that approaches

the pivotal role played by informal trading in the process of meeting the needs of the people. It is a mainstay process that deserves adequate recognition till distributive-inclusive development reaches its full potential in developing countries.

The two final contributions are sociological briefings that summarize the findings of the contributions “Conclusions: Towards a sociology of pandemics and beyond” and “The Concept and the Name of Isolating Gender Violence”, the first one being published in *Current Sociology*. The dissemination of the main messages of both academic works is aimed at diverse audiences and will spread knowledge created in the sociological field in these two topics.

As in previous issues, I would like to invite sociologists from all over the world and in different stages of their careers, to send their proposals for publication in *e-Symposium*. If you have proposals, suggestions, works in progress or other ideas, do not hesitate to share them with me and I will be very pleased to provide feedback.

I wish all the readers of *e-Symposium* a Happy New Year 2022!

Gisela Redondo-Sama
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