

Dear Colleagues,

With this fifth letter I am sending you the new issue of [Global Dialogue](#), now appearing in 10 languages, the latest addition being Persian. It includes articles on real utopias, accounts of global labor from South Africa, China and Mexico, water politics from Latin America, land politics from India, the real democracy movement in Spain, counter-terrorism in the UK, sociology in Iran and Catalonia, a celebration of Robert Merton, the technique of cow-dung sampling from Africa and much else.

The articles can be read below by clicking on the corresponding article, or at the ISA [website](#) or on [facebook](#). The translation work has been done through an amazing collaboration of dedicated teams of sociologists across the world. In this issue we introduce you to the Paulista team from Brazil.

This concludes the first year (volume one) of *Global Dialogue*. It has progressed by leaps and bounds and I am open to further suggestions as to how it might be improved. The experimental course, *Global Sociology, Live!* has also been completed successfully and can be viewed on video at the [ISA website](#). All these items on [Digital Worlds](#) are free and open to everyone so please spread the word, and share them with your colleagues.

Good reading, good viewing!

Michael Burawoy, ISA President

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