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## Dear Colleagues:

Amidst preparations for this newsletter, we learned with sadness about the passing of Jürgen Habermas. While we mourn the loss, especially in this critical time, his immense oeuvre lives on to inspire the struggle for democracy and nourish the hopes for achieving better futures for all through free and inclusive deliberation.

With this newsletter, we are pleased to share plans for our next activities and to invite participation, including proposals for the World Congress next year in Gwangju.

**XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology, 4-10 July 2027, Gwanju, South Korea:** RC07 is planning a series of sessions on “Futures in Turbulence.” This theme is meant to emphasize a forward-orientation and to resonate with the congress’s general motto of “Global Sociology in Turbulent Times.” The erosion of democratic institutions in countries around the world, the concentration of power and wealth amidst technological transformation, the rise of expulsion, militarism and warfare, the sidelining of human rights and international norms, and the lack of concerted global action on climate change and environmental degradation create turbulence in the present and let us expect yet more turbulence for the future. Strictly speaking, the challenge for conceptualizing futures relates not merely to the turbulences from disruptive or convulsive changes but also to their deep uncertainty, novelty, and ambiguity. Outcomes are not predetermined, but are shaped by courageous resistance against oppression and creative seizure of opportunities. The stakes call for empirically and theoretically rigorous, imaginative sociological futures research. All RC07 members are cordially invited to submit proposals for sessions on this theme or on any other future-related topic. Details on the format of proposals are listed below.

**Lecture series:** The Futures Research lecture series will continue in the second half of this year with exciting speakers from across academic disciplines addressing the roles of imagination and anticipation in the construction of futures. The recent webinar we held in collaboration with several other groups on the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in the social research process is now online (see detailed description and link below).

**Publication projects:** Many thanks go to the authors and reviewers of revised papers from the Forum that are earmarked for publication in two volumes. We are also happy to present several other recent publications by members, not only in English, but also in French and Spanish.

**Newsletter:** The Board is taking turns in preparing upcoming newsletters and has still room to include items such as short thought-pieces on a current topic, notes on new publications and upcoming activities as well as conference and session reports, which you may send to the dedicated email: [isarc07news@gmail.com](mailto:isarc07news@gmail.com)

**Website:** Please visit our website at <https://www.isarc07.org> and feel welcome to submit content.

**Other Activities?** Although participation in the quadrennial World Congress and a mid-term symposium are typically our major activities, please do feel welcome to think of additional possibilities, such as sessions in the context of national or regional association meetings. Your suggestions and initiatives are most welcome!

Last but not least, thanks to all for your many contributions!

Best regards,  
Markus S. Schulz, ISA-RC07



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## FUTURES IN TURBULENCE

### XXI ISA World Congress 2027 in Gwanju, South Korea

**4-10 July 2027**

The ISA Research Committee on Futures Research (RC07) is planning a series of sessions on “Futures in Turbulence” at the World Congress in Gwanju, South Korea, 4-10 July 2027, and welcomes proposals related to future-oriented social research. Proposals that engage the theme of “Futures in Turbulence” are particularly encouraged.

A session will last 105 minutes, except for a few of 80 minutes. The standard format consists of the presentation of five papers followed by discussion. Other formats can be suggested too.

Sessions may be held in any of the ISA’s three official languages English, French, or Spanish. To promote exchange across linguistic divides, session organizers are encouraged to find creative solutions for including presentations in more than one language, such as full sequential translation by a volunteer; translation on Power Point slides; or live projection of typed summary translations.

Please note, the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology 2027 will be on-site only; no online participation will be available.

#### **Registration fees and policies:**

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/world-congress/gwangju-2027/registration-27>

**Session proposals** submittable until **25 June 2026** (23:59 UTC) via

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2027/rc/cfs.cgi?>

**Paper abstracts** submittable: **3 August to 14 October 2026** (23:59 UTC)

The Call for Papers will become available on or around **3 August 2026**.

Relevant organizational information and instructions can be found on the ISA website at:

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/uploads/imagen/2517-guidelines-for-the-scientific-programme-of-sessions-organised-rcwgtg.pdf>

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## In memoriam: Jürgen Habermas (1929-2026)

[mss] On March 14, 2026, at the age of 96, Jürgen Habermas, one of our time's greatest intellectuals, has passed away at his home in Starnberg, Germany. We mourn this immense loss, especially in this time of world-wide polycrisis. Jürgen Habermas's prolific work spanned decades and fields across the social sciences and humanities, at its core the concern for a creating better futures through inclusive deliberation.



Jürgen Habermas was born 18 June 1929 in Düsseldorf, Germany. He experienced the end of World War II at the age of 15. After studies at the Universities of Bonn, Göttingen, and Zürich, he obtained his PhD in 1954 with a dissertation on Schelling. He became subsequently an assistant to Theodor W. Adorno in Frankfurt but wrote his *Habilitationsschrift*, a kind of post-doc thesis, under Wolfgang Abendroth in Marburg. First published as *Strukturwandel der Öffentlichkeit* in 1962, it was translated into English only in 1989 with the title *The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere: An Inquiry into a Category of Bourgeois Society*. Soon after, he became professor in Heidelberg, but left in 1964 to take Max Horkheimer's chair for philosophy and sociology in Frankfurt. After co-directing in Starnberg the Max Planck Institute for the Study of the Scientific-Technical World, he returned to Frankfurt until his emeritation in 1994.

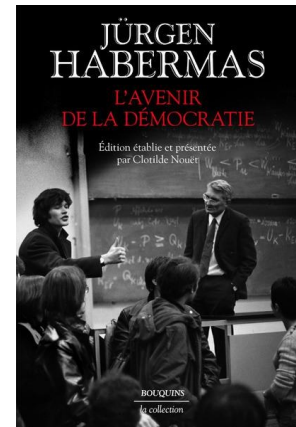
In 1981, Habermas published the grand-theoretical two volumes of *Theorie des kommunikativen Handelns* (1981; *The Theory of Communicative Action*, vol. 1: 1984, vol. 2: 1987). Drawing on Marx, Weber, Lukacs, Durkheim, Mead, Parsons, Kohlberg, Piaget, and many other theorists and empirical studies, Habermas developed his theses of a “de-differentiation” between the “lifeworld” (taking a concept from Husserl and Schütz) and “systems” that are integrated through action consequences via the steering media of money and power and that are eventually “colonizing the lifeworld” due to their expansive logic, thereby damaging those social spheres that are reliant on coordination through action orientations.

With his next major work, *Faktizität und Geltung* (1992; in English: *Between Facts and Norms: Contributions to a Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy*, 1996), Habermas developed a philosophy of right and a theory of deliberative politics. He built hereby on the “linguistic turn” that he began in the 1970s by drawing on Austin, Searle, Peirce, Chomsky, Gadamer, and Apel. At its core, Habermas suggested that human communication has to assume an orientation to seek understanding. Even if an “ideal speech situation” is largely counterfactual, it does provide, according to Habermas, a normative yardstick on which critique can be based on.

In 2019, Habermas published yet another major work: *Auch eine Geschichte der Philosophie* (2 vols, 2019; in English: *Also a History of Philosophy*, 3 vols, 2023-25), in which he sought a deep engagement between religion and post-metaphysical thinking, building on his prior debate with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine

of the Faith of the Holy Office, who later became Pope Benedict XVI (2004; English: *The Dialectics of Secularization: On Reason and Religion*, 2004).

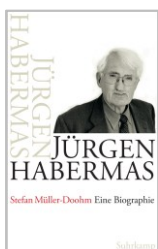
Throughout his career, Habermas engaged in scholarly and political debates. Early on, he joined Adorno in the *Positivismusstreit*, the dispute with the critical rationalist approach of Karl Popper and Hans Albert over the role of normativity in the methodology of the social sciences (Adorno et al., 1969). Major later disputes were with Niklas Luhmann over system theory, with French poststructuralism over the pursuit of what he called the “unfinished project of modernity” (cf. *Der philosophische Diskurs der Moderne*, 1985; English: *The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity*, 1987), and the *Historikerstreit* with nationalist historians over Germany’s Nazi past (cf. Kattago, 2001). His scholarly writings inspired democratic movements across Eastern Europe, Latin America, and other regions (e.g. Cohen and Arato, 1994). Political statements less grounded in theorizing or empirical evidence prompted contest (e.g. Bayat, 2023). Feminist philosopher Nancy Fraser (1989) provided important correctives on the role of gender, while his former assistant Axel Honneth (1990, 1992) sought to remedy excessive linguistification and addressed social pathologies caused by misrecognition in civil society (see also Fraser and Honneth, 2003). In the early 2000s, Habermas intervened in the then emerging debate over the regulation of biogenetic technology (*Die Zukunft der menschlichen Natur* (2001; English: *The Future of Human Nature*, 2003).



The last book Habermas published during his lifetime is a sequel to study of the public sphere in the mass media age. In *A New Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere and Deliberative Politics* (orig, 2022; English 2023), he warned of the erosive impact of the new digital media on the very conditions for a deliberative democratic culture.

Habermas’s oeuvre has inspired generations of social researchers to think critically about the conditions of our time, the potentials for change, and the future of democracy. Reaching out beyond the walls of academia, Habermas excelled also as a public intellectual with an impact in the wider world. (See Müller-Doohm (2014) for a comprehensive early biography and list of scholarly and political publications.)

In 2025, Jürgen Habermas received the ISARC07 Lifetime Achievement Award. The recommendation from the Jury and the subsequent endorsement by the Board were unanimous. It was just one among many prizes through which he was honored by scholars and foundations around the world. His legacy lives on and nourishes the critical pursuit of free and equitable democracy.



Recommended biography in German and English: **Stefan Müller-Doohm**: *Jürgen Habermas: Eine Biographie*. Suhrkamp, 2014, 784 pp. English translation: **Stefan Müller-Doohm**: *Jürgen Habermas: A Biography*. Polity Press, 2014, 456 pp.

Recommended compilation in French: *Jürgen Habermas: L’avenir de la démocratie [Jürgen Habermas: The Future of Democracy]*, edited and presented by **Clotilde Nouët**. Paris: Bouquins Editions, 2024, 896 pp.

# Jürgen Habermas: Things Needed to Get Better

## Conversations with Stefan Müller-Doohm and Roman Yos

In this book Jürgen Habermas offers a wide-ranging reflection on his life and work and on the factors that shaped the development of his thought. He discusses the motives behind his work, the circumstances under which it emerged and the changes it has undergone over the course of his long and productive career. He speaks about the events and the texts that played a decisive role in his thinking and he recounts key encounters with colleagues. The image that emerges is that of a richly intertwined network of relationships which covers large swathes of the intellectual map of the twentieth century and reaches through to the present day.

Looking back at the development of his thought, Habermas discusses the specific historical circumstances that shaped his generation, identifies key experiences with his intellectual mentors, explores recent historical tendencies and political beliefs and talks about his own scholarly works and their reception. Time and again we see the normative impulse that lies behind so much of Habermas's work: 'I view the attempt to make the world even the tiniest bit better, or even just to be part of the effort to stave off the constant threats of regression that we face, as an utterly admirable motive.'

Translated from the German original into English by Wieland Hoban.

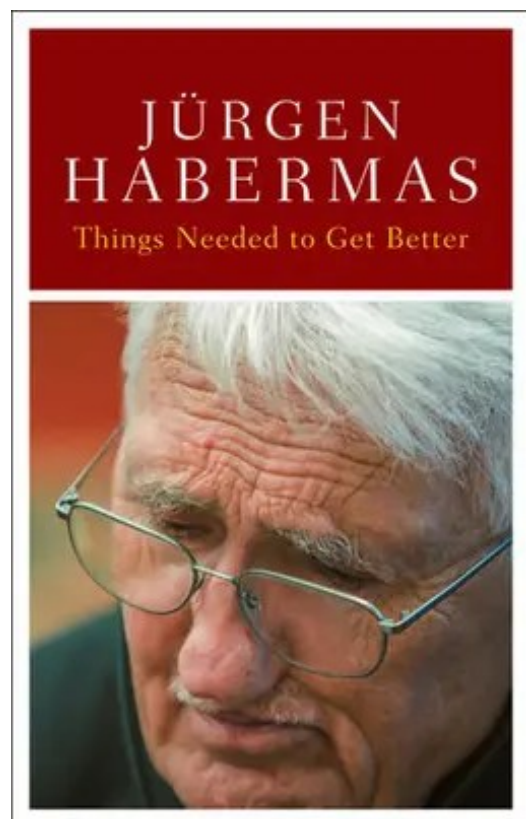
Published in German by Suhrkamp, 2025.

Published in English by Polity Press, 2025, distributed by Wiley & Sons:

<https://www.wiley.com/en-us/shop/general-philosophy/things-needed-to-get-better-conversations-with-stefan-m%C3%BCller-doohm-and-roman-yos-p-9781509567270#download-product-flyer>.

"poignant" - *Financial Times*

"Philosopher, social theorist, political gadfly – no single phrase can suffice to summarize the enormous intellectual impact of Jürgen Habermas in the modern era. His contributions to critical theory have transformed our thinking both within and beyond the precinct of critical theory. In this wide-ranging interview, Habermas reflects on his development and his legacy. A truly indispensable volume." - Peter E. Gordon, Harvard University



# FUTUR ANTÉRIEUR

## LE PASSÉ, UN AVENIR DÉSIRABLE ?

**Jan Spurk**

(Université Paris Cité, France)

Le retour au passé et au « bon vieux temps » semble pour beaucoup le meilleur avenir possible. Par conséquent, on devrait « faire demi-tour ». C'est cela le projet « futur antérieur ». Il existe un véritable désir du passé largement soutenu, entretenu et instrumentalisé par des courants conservateurs et réactionnaires sur les plans politique, culturel et intellectuel. La référence au passé n'est cependant pas nécessairement réactionnaire. Pour développer un projet d'avenir émancipateur, on doit établir intellectuellement le lien entre le passé et le présent qui ouvre sur des avènements possibles. Comment comprendre et activer le potentiel d'émancipation? Comment comprendre et dépasser les facteurs qui empêchent cette émancipation? Jan Spurk cherche les réponses à ces questions dans la vie et dans les visions du monde contemporaines en s'appuyant sur la tradition de la Théorie Critique.

Professeur de sociologie émérite à l'Université Paris Cité Jan Spurk est l'auteur de nombreux ouvrages dans la tradition de la Théorie Critique dont *Contre l'industrie culturelle. Les enjeux de la libération*, Le Bord de l'Eau; *Critique et émancipation. Sur les traces d'Adorno*; *Le désir d'autorité*, Éditions du Croquant.

Publié pour Le bord de l'eau, collection « Altérité critique », ISBN 9782385192037, [https://www.editionsbdl.com/?s=Spurk&post\\_type=product&dgwt\\_wcas=1](https://www.editionsbdl.com/?s=Spurk&post_type=product&dgwt_wcas=1)



English translation for our anglophone audience:

### **Anterior Future: The Past, a Desirable Future?**

**Jan Spurk** (Université Paris Cité, France)

A return to the past and the “good old days” seems to many to be the best possible future. Consequently, we should “turn back the clock.” This is the “future perfect” project. There is a genuine desire for the past, widely supported, maintained, and exploited by conservative and reactionary currents in the political, cultural, and intellectual spheres. However, referring to the past is not necessarily reactionary. To develop an emancipatory future project, we must intellectually establish the link between the past and the present, which opens onto possible futures. How can we understand and activate the potential for emancipation? How can we understand and overcome the factors that prevent this emancipation? Jan Spurk seeks answers to these questions.

Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Paris Cité, Jan Spurk is the author of numerous works in the Critical Theory tradition, including *Against the Culture Industry: The Stakes of Liberation; Critique and Emancipation: In the Footsteps of Adorno; The Desire for Authority*, Éditions du Croquant.

Published in French by: Le bord de l'eau in the series *Altérité Critique*, ISBN 9782385192037, [https://www.editionsbdl.com/?s=Spurk&post\\_type=product&dgwt\\_wcas=1](https://www.editionsbdl.com/?s=Spurk&post_type=product&dgwt_wcas=1).

### **Íconos: Revista de Ciencias Sociales**

(*Social Science Journal Íconos*, published by FLACSO, Quito, Ecuador)

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## **MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES Y DEMOCRACIA EN AMÉRICA LATINA**

**Ligia Tavera-Fenollosa, Markus S. Schulz, Agnaldo de Sousa Barbosa**

El giro a la izquierda que se produjo en gran parte de la región durante las dos primeras décadas del siglo XXI ha dado paso a una recomposición del mapa político, caracterizado por una diversidad de Gobiernos de ideologías opuestas: coexisten el avance de Gobiernos de derecha, la ratificación de administraciones de izquierda y nuevos virajes progresistas. Este proceso se ha desarrollado en un contexto en el que las elecciones competitivas se han convertido en una práctica común, y la alternancia pacífica en el poder entre Gobiernos y oposiciones refleja un avance significativo en la institucionalización de la democracia en la región.

English: **SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA**

*The shift to the left that characterized much of the region during the first two decades of the twenty-first century has given way to a shift in the reverse direction and to a recomposition of the political map, now characterized by a diversity of governments of opposing ideologies: the advance of right-wing governments, the ratification of left-wing administrations and new progressive shifts coexist. This process has taken place in a context in which competitive elections have become a common practice, and the peaceful alternation of power between governments and oppositions reflects significant progress in the institutionalization of democracy in the region.*

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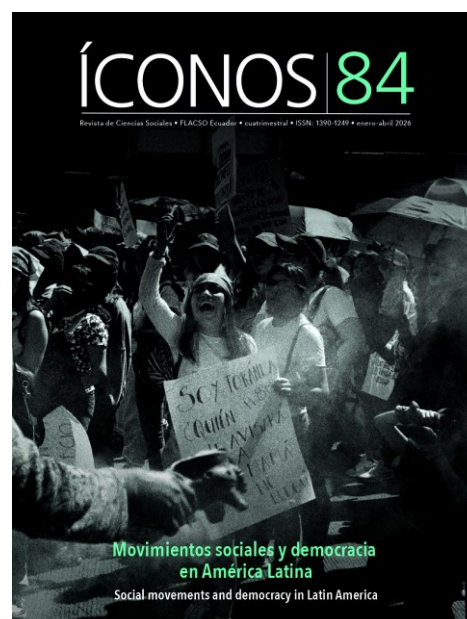
05. “Liberar la calle”: criminalización y represión de la protesta en la Argentina libertaria

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Ana Natalucci

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# Democratizing Participation

## Shared Governance in the Public School System of New York City

**Markus S. Schulz**

*Democratizing Participation* presents a critical examination of voter participation in the Citywide and Community Education Council (CCEC) elections of New York City, revealing deep disparities and systemic shortcomings in democratic engagement. Despite the 2021 expansion of voting rights to all public-school parents, all three elections held since then were marked by alarmingly low turnout. The parents of only three percent of the students voted, with Black, Hispanic, Native American, and economically disadvantaged communities significantly underrepresented.

Drawing on interviews with a wide range of stakeholders, the study identifies key barriers to participation, such as awareness, access, relevance, affordability, and trust, and presents a comprehensive set of reform options. These range from administrative improvements to legislative changes, including bold considerations such as Board vs Mayoral control, participation grants, and sortition.

By connecting the findings from New York to broader questions of democratic resilience, *Democratizing Participation* underscores the urgent need for institutional reform and inclusive governance. It is a compelling call to action for anyone invested in strengthening democracy through equitable participation.

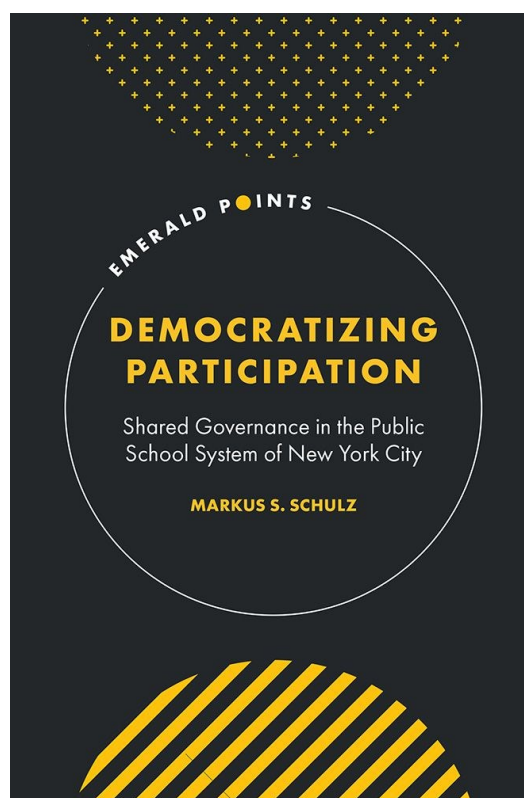
Markus Schulz provides a nuanced and compelling study of the promise and limitations of deliberative democracy in urban school districts. It stands among the very best books on the governance of New York City's public schools.

—Gary Anderson, Professor Emeritus, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, New York University, USA

Paradoxically, at various times, New York City's public school system has been a national leader in both top-down and bottom-up accountability. This clear-headed and data-informed study closely examines the sometimes bewildering amalgam of centralization and decentralization its governance system presents today. It provides a wary, yet hopeful, set of insights for those who value both participatory democracy and professional expertise.

—Jeffrey R. Henig, Professor Emeritus of Political Science & Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, USA

Emerald: <https://bookstore.emerald.com/democratizing-participation-hb-9781806869022.html>



# Independent Africa, Dependent Science: Scientific Research in Africa

**Radhamany Sooryamoorthy**

(University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)

This book offers an examination of Africa's scientific landscape based on extensive empirical data encompassing fifty-four African countries. It traces the evolution of science on the continent, highlighting research areas, global partnerships, funding sources, research capacity, and the impact of science policies. Acknowledging that Africa relies heavily on external sources, particularly from the Global North, for scientific research, the book identifies and addresses obstacles hindering self-reliance and underscores the urgent need for revitalized partnerships and cooperation to bolster Africa's scientific autonomy. It offers valuable recommendations to promote self-reliance, making it an indispensable resource for scholars, policymakers, and practitioners.



"Independent Africa, Dependent Science, by Dr Sooryamoorthy, based on solid evidence and profound knowledge of research systems, takes a strong stand in defense of the necessity to revitalise scientific and higher education in Africa. The author identifies areas of interest for scientific research as well as barriers to stronger autonomy of African researchers. He convincingly advocates for more equilibrated partnerships, strengthening funding and policies favouring research to promote African-led research on the continent. His book will certainly become necessary for all who work for scientific research on the continent."  
 —**Rigas Arvanitis, Ceped, Université Paris Cité and IRD, France.**

"Sooryamoorthy's serious and engaged study of science in Africa is carefully balanced at the intersection of dependence and interdependence. This thoughtful work is based on extensive research and also looks forward."  
 —**Jan Nederveen Pieterse, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA.**

Palgrave Macmillan (Sustainable Development Goals Series)

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### ReCo Webinar on Youtube

## How to Use Generative AI in Sociological Research and Teaching?

This webinar focuses on generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) in the research process. Although to an extent AI in general has already been applied to various purposes in the research process (e.g. automated machine learning for text analysis), the rapidly accelerating advancement and accessibility of GenAI in recent years have produced novel benefits and challenges. It has the potential to reshape teaching, learning and the conduct of research in the future. The webinar examines both the use of GenAI in the process of learning about the research process (i.e. how students use it) and doing social research (i.e. how researchers use it). Another important question is whether and to what extent GenAI not only reveals itself as a research tool, but also how the technology has an imminent constitutive effect on the research process and the researchers themselves. The webinar explores where the boundary lies between the application of GenAI as an efficient tool in different steps of the research process and GenAI becoming a “substantial” contributor alongside (or in place of?) a researcher.

The webinar was collaboratively organised by Inga Gaižauskaitė (RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology), Michael Grothe-Hammer (RC17 Sociology of Organizations), Lutfun Nahar Lata (RC21 Urban and Regional Development), Dirk Michel-Schertges (RC36 Alienation Theory and Research), and Markus S. Schulz (RC07 Futures Research), and included further participation in form of presentations by Jens Peter Andersen (Aarhus University, Denmark), Aisha Naz Ansari (Aga Khan University, Pakistan), Oscar Fontanelli Espinosa and Ligia Tavera Fenollosa (Facultad Latino Americana de Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO, Mexico).

Watch on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfl2MchlfWU>

### Joint Activities:

## The Living Archive: Memory, Heritage, and the Imaginary as an Infrastructure of Remembering Call for Presentations, The European Fairy Tale Route Conference

### Call for Presentations

Call for Presentations for the 2026 edition of the European Fairy Tale Route conference on the theme "The Living Archive: Memory, Heritage, and the Imaginary as an Infrastructure of Remembering", to be held on 14 October 2026 in an online format:

Details at: <https://www.europeanfairytaleroute.eu/home/eftr-news-and-activities/>

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ISA RC07 Website: <https://www.isarc07.org>



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**Assume or question  
assumptions about the future?  
Contest predictions?  
Study risks and opportunities,  
for whom?  
Engage with stakeholders?  
Imagine alternatives?  
Futures are the focus of our research.  
Join the  
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