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INCASI Newsletter is the bimonthly newsletter of the INCASI research and training network, made up of 29 academic and non-academic organizations from Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean that develops the European project "*A New Measure of Socioeconomic Inequalities for International Comparison*" (INCASI2, HE-MSCA-SE-2022, GA-101130456)

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Presentation

With the Christmas period in between, we lower the intensity of our activities and regain strength to face the new year 2026.

One of the main events of the year will be the meeting we will have on the occasion of the Third Global Meeting of the INCASI2 project. It will be held in Seville between May 20 and 24. These meetings are scheduled to bring together all the principal investigators of the 29 organizations of the INCASI network and undertake the tasks of coordination and balance of the project management activities carried out, work on the different lines of research, as well as plan future tasks in accordance with the defined objectives.

We make these meetings coincide with a scientific activity where we can have the opportunity to present the progress of our research. On this occasion, the project INCASI2 simultaneously organized the Spring Meeting of the Research Committee 28 of Social Stratification of the International Sociological Association under the title "*Addressing Social Inequalities in the Global North and South*" (<https://eventos.upo.es/go/RC28-Spring2026>). We have received 560 proposals for communications, and the organization involves an important effort that all the members of the research and organization committee are preparing with intensity. We hope that the conference will be a success.

The network continues with its different activities: plan of stays, publications, seminars, etc. In this last period, the accumulated data are as follows: we have been carrying out 208 months of research stays carried out by 128 researchers (52.3% women), the INCASI Living Lab sessions held so far are 118: 104 seminars, 7 Methodological Issues, 7 Dialogues, plus 4 Article Parties and 15 seminars where INCASI has participated. With respect to the training courses on comparative analysis of socioeconomic inequalities, we have 128 people enrolled and 372 course registrations.

INCASI Coordination



Audiovisual pills

This section includes various videos with a small dose of the synthesis of the contents of the seminars given in the context of the INCASI Living Lab.

- ✦ [Regulating migration: Comparative insights from Chile and Finland.](#) Anitta Kynsilehto, Tampere University (TAU).
- ✦ [Dialogues: Changes in the labor market in Argentina and Spain. Labour inequalities and the impact of digital transformation:](#) Inequalities in the labour market and social models. Notes on the Spanish case. Pedro López Roldán (UAB), Sandra Fachelli (UPO), Antonio Martín Artiles (UAB); Risks and development of the digital economy in Argentina. Possible policies in the face of the labour reform. Carolina Mera (IIGG-UBA), Eduardo Chávez Molina (IIGG-UBA), Pablo Molina Derteano (IIGG-UBA)
- ✦ [Exploratory study on the profile of repeating students in the Province of Buenos Aires and the Canary Islands: a comparative analysis.](#) Francisco Santana Armas, University of La Laguna (ULL).
- ✦ [Unequal access to social benefits in rural France: Are digitalization and decentralization of social policies the way forward?](#) Nadia Okbani, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès (UT2J).
- ✦ [Methodological proposal for the joint analysis of absolute and relative social mobility.](#) Sandra Fachelli, Pablo de Olavide University (UPO); Ildefonso Marqués-Perales, University of Seville (US); Pedro López-Roldán, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB).
- ✦ [The appropriation of Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) by university students: uses, experiences and subjective tensions in unequal educational contexts in Argentina.](#) Sebastián Benítez Larghi, Universidad Nacional de la Plata (UNLP).

INCASI Living Lab

The **INCASI Living Lab** (ILL) is an open space for reflection on socioeconomic inequalities that promotes scientific cooperation, exchange and transfer of knowledge through seminars and meetings between the academic and socio-political spheres, national or international, with the aim of disseminating and discussing analyses, diagnoses and recommendations that serve to guide public policies.

At the time of writing this issue, we have held 118 sessions since the beginning of the project, with three different modalities: the **Seminars**, which are organized mainly on the occasion of each research stay; the **Methodological Issues**, where various methodological contents will be presented, both in a qualitative and quantitative or mixed perspective, linked to the objectives of the project; and the **Dialogues**, which encourage open dialogue beyond academia.



These are the seminars held until January 31, 2026:

ILL112. Regulating migration: Comparative insights from Chile and Finland. Anitta Kynsilehto, Tampere University (TAU). Held on December 02, 2025, at the University of Chile. Video available [here](#).

ILL113. Dialogues: Changes in the labor market in Argentina and Spain. Labor inequalities and the impact of digital transformation:

- **Inequalities in the labour market and social models. Notes on the Spanish case.** Pedro López Roldán (UAB), Sandra Fachelli (UPO), Antonio Martín Artiles (UAB).
- **Risks and development of the digital economy in Argentina. Possible policies in the face of the labour reform.** Carolina Mera (IIGG-UBA), Eduardo Chávez Molina (IIGG-UBA), Pablo Molina Derteano (IIGG-UBA)

Held on December 9, 2025, at the University of Buenos Aires. Video available [here](#).

ILL114. Exploratory study on the profile of repeating students in the Province of Buenos Aires and the Canary Islands: a comparative analysis. Francisco Santana Armas, University of La Laguna (ULL). Held on December 10, 2025, at the University of Chile. Video available [here](#).

ILL115. Social determinants of vaccine hesitancy: between structural and cultural factors across international contexts. Simone Sarti, Università degli Studi di Milano (UNIMIL). Realizado el 17 de diciembre de 2025 en Sciences Po. Sin video disponible.

ILL116. Unequal access to social benefits in rural France: Are digitalisation and decentralisation of social policies the way forward? Nadia Okbani, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès (UT2J). Held on December 19, 2025, at the University of La República. Video available [here](#).

ILL117. Methodological Issues: Methodological proposal for the joint analysis of absolute and relative social mobility. Sandra Fachelli, Pablo de Olavide University (UPO); Ildefonso Marqués-Perales, University of Seville (US); Pedro López-Roldán, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). Held on January 27, 2026, at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Video available [here](#).

ILL118. The appropriation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by university students: uses, experiences and subjective tensions in unequal educational contexts in Argentina. Sebastián Benítez Larghi, Universidad Nacional de la Plata (UNLP). Performed on January 29, 2026. Video available [here](#).



Network Secondments

Secondments are research stays, of a minimum of one month, carried out by the researchers of the network in a Latin American and Caribbean or European research centre. The research stays carried out in the last two months are presented:

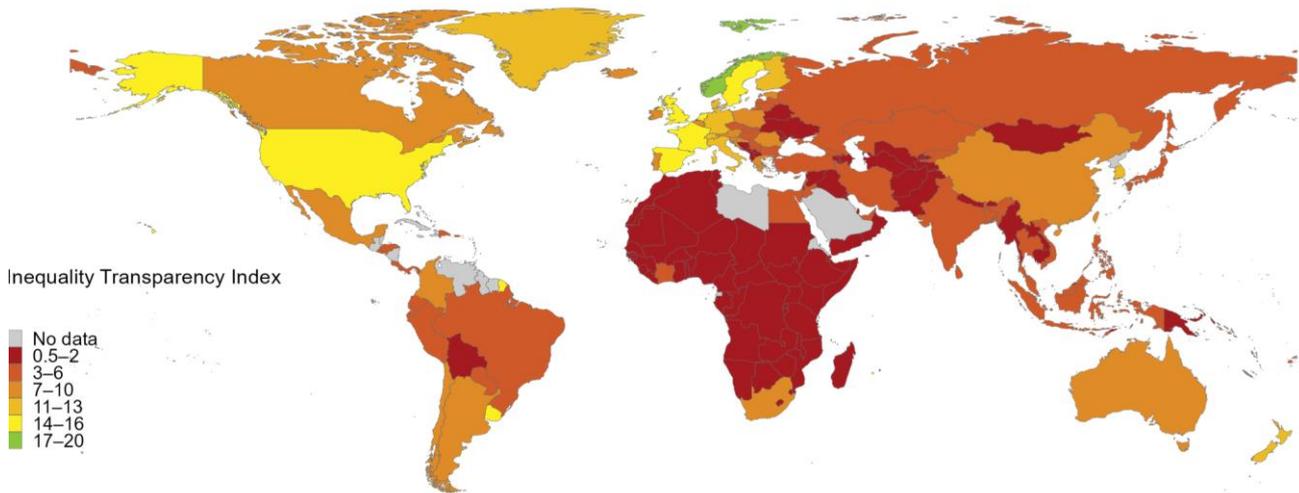
Secondment	University	Center	From	Up to
Postdoctoral research stay of Sandra Fachelli (Pablo de Olavide University, Spain)	Economic Commission for Latin America, Chile	Social Statistics Unit	29 - 11 - 2025	28 - 12 - 2025
Postdoctoral research stay of Pedro López-Roldán (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)	Economic Commission for Latin America, Chile	Social Statistics Unit	29 - 11 - 2025	28 - 12 - 2025
Postdoctoral research stay of Sebastián Benítez Larghui (National University of La Plata, Argentina)	Pablo de Olavide University, Spain	Department of Sociology	01 - 12 - 2025	30 - 12 - 2025
Predoctoral research stay of Damián Mux (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina)	Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès, Francia	Centre for Study and Research Work, Organisation, Power	04 - 12 - 2025	03 - 02 - 2026
Postdoctoral research stay of Sandra Fachelli (Pablo de Olavide University, Spain)	University of Buenos Aires, Argentina	Gino Germani Research Institute	08 - 12 - 2025	07 - 01 - 2026
Postdoctoral research stay of Pedro López-Roldán (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)	University of Buenos Aires, Argentina	Gino Germani Research Institute	08 - 12 - 2025	07 - 01 - 2026
Postdoctoral research stay of Leticia Muñiz Terra (National University of La Plata, Argentina)	Universitat de Barcelona, Spain	International and Interuniversity Group "Welfare, Community and Social Control"	10 - 12 - 2025	09 - 01 - 2026
Postdoctoral research stay of Sebastián Benítez Larghui (National University of La Plata, Argentina)	Complutense University of Madrid	Department of Sociology	07 - 01 - 2026	006 - 02 - 2026
Postdoctoral research stay of Leticia Muñiz Terra (National University of La Plata, Argentina)	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain	Institute of Labour Studies	10 - 01 - 2026	08 - 02 - 2026
Postdoctoral research stay of Emilio Ayos (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina)	Sciences Po, France	Centre for Research on Social Inequalities	20 - 01 - 2026	19 - 02 - 2026
Postdoctoral research stay of Andrés Matta (National University of Cordoba, Argentina)	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain	Institute of Labour Studies	26 - 01 - 2026	25 - 02 - 2026



The map of inequality

Inequality Transparency Index

It estimates the reliability of the information available about inequality in each country.

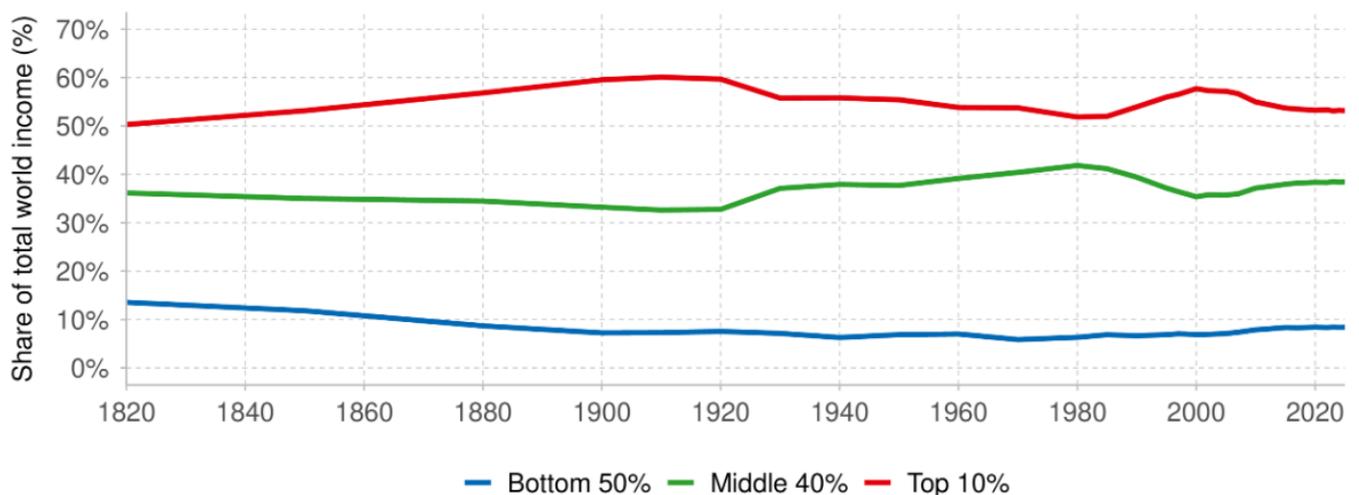


Fuente: <https://wir2026.wid.world/methodology/>.

The inequality data

Overall revenue share of the top 10%, middle 40% and bottom 50%

The top 10 percent of the population has owned about 50 to 60 percent of the wealth for two centuries, and the bottom 50 percent share has consistently declined.



Fuente: <https://wir2026.wid.world/methodology/>.



Publications

Recent publications of the network linked to the INCASI2 project:

- ✚ Camarero Rioja, Mercedes (2025). The impact of the MeToo Movement on the social sanction of sexual violence and the approval of the "Law of only yes is yes": the persistent need for awareness. *International Journal of Political Thought*, 20: 267-285. <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/articulo?codigo=10530451>

The current MeToo Movement brings together the efforts of social, political and academic activism that, since the mid-seventies of the twentieth century, has been determined to banish sexual violence: expressing empathy, showing solidarity with the victims and denouncing sexual relations without consent as a crime. This article argues that this powerful movement, catalyzed by its media projection in the last decade, has contributed in Spain to promoting a high social consensus among the population and to the approval of the Law on the Comprehensive Guarantee of Sexual Freedom. To test this, we analysed data from three representative statistical surveys on the "social perception of sexual violence": Eurobarometer 85.3 (2016); Study CIS-3182 (2017); Study CIS-3393 (2023). It concludes that, although much progress has been made in terms of raising awareness among the population, the awareness-raising measures contained in the law are still necessary until a unanimous consensus is reached that any sexual intercourse without consent, in addition to being socially unacceptable, should be reported and legally sanctioned.

- ✚ Trenta, M., Gutiérrez Barroso, J., Rodríguez Peñate, L., and Crespo García, E. (2025). Europe on edge: mapping right-wing influence and public sentiment across the EU. *Administratie si Management Public*, 45, 6-26. <https://doi.org/10.24818/amp/2025.45-01>

The concatenation of several crises and challenges in Europe (financial crisis, pandemic, war, housing and higher prices, digital challenges like artificial intelligence, ageing population and migrations) is reshaping the European political landscape and discourse. The entire morphology of party systems in each country radically changed with respect to the last days of the past century. New political forces appear at both sides of the political spectrum. On the other hand, digital technologies provide the most prominent political scenarios for interaction and opinion where public concerns meet new political proposals. This article explores the intersection between public concerns, the political messaging of new leaders and parties, and political polarization within the EU. The main goal of the research is to conduct an exploratory analysis of online search trends across the 27 European countries, many of which have experienced increasing political polarization in recent years. In this first attempt, the focus is on the growing influence of right-wing parties that are gaining political momentum across Europe. Regarding public concerns, several key topics are explored, driven by factors such as economic uncertainty, immigration concerns, and dissatisfaction with traditional political elites. In order to deeply analyse these trends,

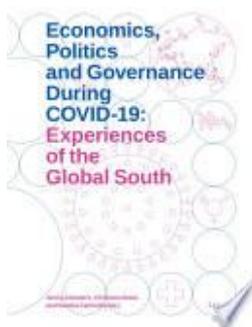


the work goes beyond traditional time series techniques. Using ARFIMA (Autoregressive Fractionally Integrated Moving Average) models, this research captures long-memory patterns in online search trends, providing a perspective on the temporal persistence and predictability of political topics on the Internet.

✚ Dominguez Amorós M., Almeda Samaranch E. & Vivancos Sánchez C. (2025). The social reorganization of care in a pandemic: well-being, community and gender. *Cuadernos de Relaciones Laborals*, 43(2), 271-287. <https://doi.org/10.5209/crla.102183>

This article examines the social reorganisation of care in Spain during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting its impact on the deepening of inequalities of gender, class and origin. Based on the RESCUPAN research project, which includes in-depth interviews and discussion groups with women caregivers and social entities in different territories, the return to the home of many previously outsourced care tasks is analyzed. There is an increase in the burden of unpaid work assumed mostly by women, as well as the crucial role of community networks in the care of vulnerable groups. The results show the fragility of the public care system and the need for structural policies that recognize, value and equitably redistribute these tasks. The pandemic is revealed not only as a health crisis, but also as a crisis of vital sustainability and social reproduction.

Other publications by colleagues in the network:



Chesters, J.; Suter, C.; Fachelli, S. (2026). *Economics, Politics and Governance During COVID-19: Experiences of the Global South*. Münster: LIT Verlag Münster. [9783643804242.pdf](https://doi.org/10.15358/9783643804242)

This collective book analyzes the multidimensional impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing not only on its health consequences, but especially on the economic, social, and political effects derived from the measures adopted to contain it. From a global and comparative perspective, the initial chapters examine the unequal distribution of the impact of the pandemic among countries, questioning traditional assumptions based on the level of economic development, and propose useful analytical tools for the formulation of public policies in crisis contexts. Likewise, theoretical reflections on governance and the exercise of political control during the health emergency are developed, identifying different models of state response and their implications for democracy. The second part of the volume presents case studies from countries in the Global South—Mexico, Indonesia, the Philippines, Nigeria, Mongolia, and Timor-Leste—that explore how the pandemic affected the daily lives, subjective well-being, mental health, education, and economic resilience of particularly vulnerable populations. Through empirical and qualitative approaches, the chapters show



how pre-existing structural inequalities conditioned the experience of the pandemic and limited the effectiveness of many response and recovery policies. Overall, the work provides comparative evidence and conceptual frameworks that allow us to better understand the long-term consequences of the pandemic and draw relevant lessons for the management of future global crises.

Call for papers



Inequality of opportunities in Higher Education

Collection of Books of the Working Groups. GT Comparative Social Inequalities: Social Class, Gender and Ethnicity.

From a joint collaboration between CLACSO and INCASI this call is launched for researchers to present original chapters that provide empirical evidence and theoretical reflection on the relationships between education and work in Latin America and Europe.

Deadline: February 20, 2026.

Submission of abstracts to: desigualdadesocialescomparadas@gmail.com

Activities

Conference: The Future of Social Mobility

On December 3 and 4, the international conference *The Future of Social Mobility* was held in Santiago de Chile, organized by the Center for the Study of Conflict and Social Cohesion (COES) within the framework of the COES-Julius Baer social mobility project.

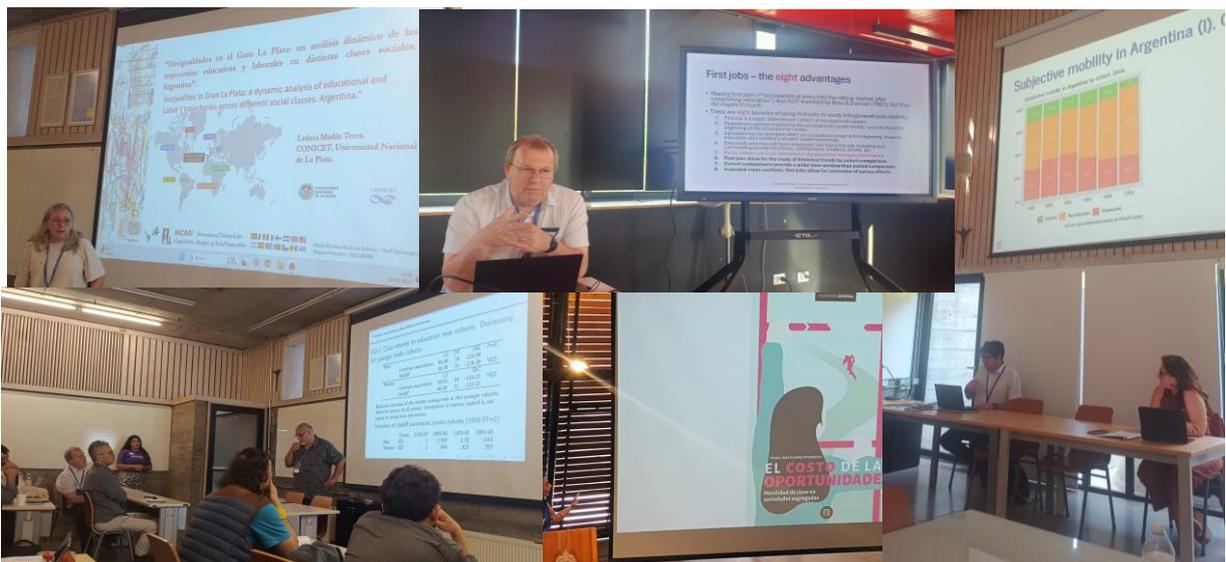
The aim of the conference was to exploit today's most pressing challenges around social mobility. The conference set out to bring together leading figures from academia, the public and private sectors, philanthropic organizations, NGOs and other key actors, to foster cross-sectoral dialogue around innovative approaches to understanding and addressing the relationships between inequality and social mobility.

<https://conferencias.coes.cl/futureofsocialmobility2025/>





The conference was attended by researchers from the INCASI network and a mixed session dedicated to the INCASI2 project, under the title "*Inequalities and social mobility in a comparative perspective between Latin America and Europe: the INCASI network*".



✚ **Interview with Rafael Rey (Udelar) "The role of social networks in the processes of educational and social mobility"**, organized by Sociology for the day to day and conducted by Luis Navarro Ardoy on December 3, 2025. More information [here](#).



✚ **Review of María Guevara's academic stay at the UdeC within the framework of the INCASI2 project.** More information [here](#).

✚ **Interview with Eduardo Chávez Molina: "Today Argentina is the kingdom of the 'big fish'. That is why poverty and inequality increase"**, organized by Tercera Dosis and hosted by Emmanuelle Bazoret and Juan Andrés Guzmán, published on January 12, 2025. Full interview [here](#).



- ✚ **Presentation Racial Discrimination in Helping Behaviors: A Field Experiment on the Interaction Between Racial and Cost Effects.** Organized by Colegio de México, within the framework of the Social Experiments: Causal Evidence on Inequality and Discrimination Series, given by Martín Aranguren (Science Po) on January 21.



- ✚ **II International Seminar on Law, Social Transformation and Education.** Organized by the Department of Philosophy of Law of the University of Seville, in collaboration with the University of Brasília and the Institute of Latin American Studies, on January 26 and 27, 2026. The seminar was attended by members of the INCASI network.



- ✚ **Interview with José Saturnino Martínez García "The high competition between private universities may put the sector at risk"**, organized by Espacios de Educación Superior and conducted by Miguel Velasco Almendral. Full interview [here](#).
- ✚ **Science, art, and public policy combined to communicate scientific findings. Manuel Herrera Usagre from INCASI talks with The SciArt Curator.** Full interview [here](#).



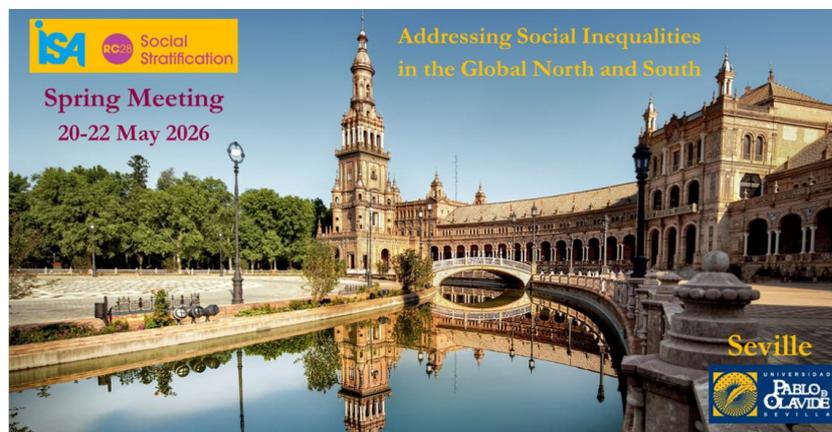
Upcoming activities

- ✚ **XVI Spanish Congress of Sociology – Bilbao, 15-17 July 2026.** The Spanish Federation of Sociology (FES) is organising its biannual Congress in Bilbao next July, under the slogan "Challenges, evidence, solutions". Full information on the FES website [here](#).

Call for communications until March 8.



- ✚ **RC28 Spring Meeting – Seville, 20-22 May 2026.** The ISA's RC28 Social Stratification will hold its next Spring Meeting at the Pablo de Olavide University, under the title "*Addressing Social Inequalities in the Global North and South*". Organized by the INCASI network of the Department of Sociology of the Pablo de Olavide University, and the DINAMOS group; co-organized by the Institut d'Estudis del Treball of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. More information [here](#).



<https://eventos.upo.es/go/RC28-Spring2026>



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