



CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTER PROPOSALS

Subject: Relational Sociology

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INVITATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DEL ECUADOR (UCE) and FILOSÓFICA, Foundation for Political and Cultural Studies, invite the academic community to submit chapter proposals for a book that will address the current situation of Relational Sociology.

In last decades of twentieth century is visible a decisive turn in the field of Sociological Theory. The evidence of crisis of Functionalism, Interactionism critique, and Structuralist Marxism open a chance for a revision of theoretical tradition of Sociology to aim exploration of new interpretative alternatives. In the eighties this research conforms a constellation of heterogeneity theories that converge in both principles, the critical of sociological dualism of structure-agency or micro-macro in aim to a theoretical integration of this factors, and the emergence of a relative consensus about that "social relation" is a central concept and the principal object of research for Sociology.

This theoretical constellation can see like an intellectual movement and a very important research program too, it's not a marginal tendency, on contrary, some of the great names of Contemporary Sociology could be part of this program, Bourdieu, Giddens, Granovetter, Latour, Alexander, are some of them. The development of this program can be understood in two phases, the first one that centered on the necessity of theoretical integration of two large sociological tradition, and the former, which assumes the label of "Relational Sociology" and give more importance to the concept of social relation as a theoretical dispositive that make possible that integration.

As usual in times of theoretical reconfiguration on Sociology, this new research program implies a return to classics to found necessary fundamentals to a "relational solution". This return to the theoretical legacy of sociological field is in the base of a dominant debate that configure the field of relational sociology. The initial signs in relational proposes should be present in authors like Weber, Simmel, Tarde or Parsons, and in a significant minor measure in Marx. The influence of this perspectives about the tradition of classics in the theoretical reformulations of the Relational Sociology will define its diverse tendencies. Perhaps one of determinant points of differentiation between relational currents,



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like affirms Depelteau, is the debate about structures, specifically on the emergent properties. The radical relationalism like Latour or Emirbayer unknow that condition, meanwhile the more structuralist relationalism ratifies like the case of Bourdieu or Granovetter. Accord to Philippe Corcuff that distinction can understand like a separation between a group of theories that move from the interactions to structures, in the first case, and that follow the inverse path. Diverse critics to Relational Sociology, as that of Critical Realism and Evolutive Sociology, point of that precisely these differences reveal the failure on a satisfactory theoretical solution to the fundamental problem raised for Relational Sociology.


In this sense, the book isn't an exposition of a closure theoretical program, but that a theoretical debate field that includes the critics that has be made too from another theoretical programs that coexist with a Relational Sociology. On other side, is too a determinant objective project an evaluation of the current state of Relational Sociologies, is a program with a widespread possibility of expansion or should be arrive a higher point and should get a limit?


Is a priority interest of this book to get an approximation to the influence of Relational Sociology's debate on Latin America and Ecuador, what is the incidence of Relational Sociologies on our subcontinent? there is a local own tradition of Relational Sociology? what kind of Relational Sociology have a major presence? Which authors and which specifical currents was followed and in which research fields? But it's not interest of this book to stay only on a theoretical discussion, a huge important aspect to this publication is the use of relational approaches on the applied investigation, their methodological translations and, mainly the specific experiences of empirical studies.


The book will be edited by David Chávez, professor of FCSH of UCE that currently curse a doctoral study in the Doctoral Program of Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). It will be published by the COLECCIÓN FILOSÓFICA ACTUAL through the UCE University Press, the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, and Filosófica Editorial. The call is open to scholars mainly associated with Sociology but include too other Social Sciences and Humanities. Individual and co-authored proposals are welcome. Manuscripts may be written in English and Spanish.

This editorial project is carried out within the Project of Linkage with Society that the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences of the UCE has signed with Fundación Filosófica, in which teachers and students of this faculty will participate during the various phases of production, coordination, editing, and publication of the books.

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STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK

The book tries to offer a general panoramic view of the current debate about Relational Sociology, not only on theoretical level but on methodological and empirical too. Also is a lot of interest coming near to the influence and development of Relational Sociologies have been in Latin America. Therefore, the book has three parts: a) one centered on theoretical debate about the Relational Sociology (approach, typologies, currents, etc.), b) another focused on methodological discussion and the specific advances on empirical research inspired on relational approaches, and, finally, c) other one related with the presence of Relational Sociologies in Latin America and Ecuador.

MAJOR THEMES AND LINES OF RESEARCH

- Relational, transactional and processual fundamentals of Relational Sociology.
- The micro-macro or structure-agency debate and their theoretical approaches.
- Typologies and classifications of Relational Sociologies.
- Fields theory.
- Social network theory.
- Formalist theories.
- The interpretations of classics in Relational Sociology.
- Critical approaches to the Relational Sociologies.
- Methodological problems of Relational Sociologies.

METHODOLOGICAL SCOPE

The topics of the chapters may diverge from those proposed as major themes, these are merely referential. It's including both, general perspectives around the intellectual movement of Relational Sociology as hole, and a specific works about specifical authors and schools, in the same way, the proposals can be mainly theoretical and the result of the application of relational theories in the empirical research or methodological evaluation of relational approaches. To raise any objections or questions about the methodological scope, you are kindly welcome to write directly to jdchavez@uce.edu.ec

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATIONS

Send abstract to jdchavez@uce.edu.ec indicating in the subject: "Book chapter abstract". Important dates are in the following section. This abstract should not exceed 250 words, and the article should not exceed 12000 words and at least 9000 words excluding bibliography, which should clearly describe: purpose of the chapter, area of contribution, research question, hypothesis (if

applicable), methodology (if applicable) and an initial idea of the theoretical, empirical or comparative organization.

DEADLINES

- Start of abstract submission: 14 April 2025
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 14 June 2025
- Notification of selected proposals: 30 June 2025
- Deadline for submission of completed chapters: 01 December 2025

GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTED CHAPTERS

Chapters must follow the following rules for collaboration:

- The chapter should have only one main title, no subtitles.
- The author(s) should identify their current academic or institutional affiliation at the bottom of the page, including the biographical summary of each author(s).
- The first draft should include a summary and abstract in English, with a maximum length of 250 words.
- Manuscripts should not exceed 12000 words, excluding references.
- The draft and the final version should be written in Microsoft Word.
- Font: Times New Roman: 12 points.
- - Spacing: Text should be double-spaced and left-aligned, except for tables and figures. Two spaces after the final point of a sentence.
- Margins: 2.54 cm on the entire page.
- Indentation: five spaces in the first line of each paragraph.
- Tables do not have a line separating the cells.
- Footnotes should be in Times New Roman font, 10-point, single-spaced.
- Italics or italics will be accepted as font style for words of different origin from the chapter. Likewise, the use of bold or underlining is not allowed in symbols, words, tables or graphs.
- Tables and figures should have descriptive titles. All table notes should indicate sources immediately below the tables. Column headings will clearly define the data presented. Graphs and tables should be in black and white, so color images will not be accepted, in which case an editable Excel file should also be included, which will allow to adjust the size and typography.
- For citations in the body of the paper and bibliographical references only APA (7th edition) will be used.



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