Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction
2024 ANNUAL MEETING

IDENTITIES, BOUNDARIES AND SOCIAL DIVISIONS. RECONCILING COMPETING FRAMES

June 5th-7th, 2024 – University of Pisa, Italy

Final Program

June, 5th	
8:30	Registration Desk
9:30	**Plenary Session: Conference Introduction and Welcome**
	Institutional Welcomes
10:00	**Introductory Panel: Identities, Boundaries and Social Divisions**
Aula A	*The Limits of Knowledge and Real Boundaries. Sociological Dilemmas and Perspectives* Paolo De Nardis, Emeritus Professor, Sapienza University of Rome *The Classical Roots of Peace Sociology: The Contribution of Jane Addams and Symbolic Interactionism* Vessela Misheva, Uppsala University *Population Mobility and the Everyday Dynamics of Frontier Medicine* Joseph A. Kotarba, Texas State University Chair: Irene Psaroudakis, University of Pisa
11:15	Coffee Break
11:45	**Parallel Sessions I**
Aula A	**Advances in Methodological Theory and Practice 1** Chair Viðar Halldórsson	- *From Little Things, Big Things Grow: Building a Grounded Theory Research Community of Practice* - Wendy De Luca, Yazdan Mansourian, Charles Sturt University, Australia - *The Validity of Photographs as Analytical Data* - Viðar Halldórsson, University of Iceland - *Becoming a Grounded Theory User* - Gerben Moerman, University of Amsterdam - *Pushing the Boundary Too Far: Some Thoughts on Autoethnography* - Stefania Tusini, University for Foreigners of Perugia
Aula B	**Theorizing in Symbolic Interactionism** Chair Dirk vom Lehn	- *"Quiet Sustainability": How to Introduce the External Categories in Social Theorizing* - Anna Kacperczyk, University of Lodz - *The Hobbesian Problem of Order from a Symbolic Interactionist Perspective* - Vessela Misheva, Uppsala University

		- *On the Production of Common Sense and the Reproduction of the Social Order* - Matteo Puoti, Sapienza University of Rome - *Experimenting with Sociology. New Iowa School and Ethnomethodology's Breaching Procedures as Alternative Sociologies* - Dirk vom Lehn, King's College London
Aula C	**Migrations Processes and Integration Dynamics** Chair Andrea Laurent-Simpson	- *Usera Between Urban Transformations, Borders, and Multiculturalism* - Costanza Gasparo, University of Florence - *"200 Million People in The U.S. and You Had To Import Someone?": Stigmatization of Intercultural Relationships On 90-Day Fiancé* - Beth Montemurro, Andrea Laurent-Simpson, Penn State University, Abington, USA; Southern Methodist University, USA - *Collective Narratives and Meta-Stories: How Iranian Immigrant Groups Emerge and Function in the Atlantic Canadian Cities?* - Foroogh Mohammadi, Acadia University
13:15	Light Lunch	
14:30	**Parallel Sessions II**	
Aula A	**The Social Construction of Media** Chair Nicholas Baxter	- *SI and Environmental Sociology: The Role of Symbolic Interaction in Theorizing the Human-Environment Relationship* - Nicholas Baxter, Indiana University Kokomo - *The Construction, Maintenance, Weaponization, and Defence of Migrant Identities on Social Media* - Luke Roach, Bath Spa University - *Home, Boundaries and Privacy: A Comparative Study of The Representation of Privacy and Home in The Pre- and Post-Revolutionary Iranian Cinema* - Pouya Morshedi, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador - *Designers' Social Media Experiences during Cloud Transformation* - Julija Naskova, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University School of Design
Aula B	**Combining Methods** Chair Andrea Salvini	- *The Dark Path of German Terrorist Fighters. Radicalization Processes, Social Network and Jihadist Preachers as Important Key Players* - Kristin Weber, Center for Criminological Research Saxony - *(Co-)Creating Meanings of Experiencing the Social Researcher's Profession in a Contemplative Interview* - Hanna Kroczak, University of Lodz
Aula C	**Artificial Intelligence and Human-Machine Communication** Chair Patrick Williams	- *Automating Interaction Order? Continuity and* Change - William Housley, Cardiff University School of Social Sciences - *Mundane AI intelligibility: 'Lay' Explanations of the Social Implications of Automated Systems* - Patricia Jimenez, Paderborn University, Germany - *Social Magic and Its Decadence. How Technological Rationalization Is Undermining Human Communities* - Viðar Halldórsson, University of Iceland
16:00	Coffee break	
16:30	**Parallel Sessions III**	
Aula A	**Gender and Identity Work** Chair Irene Psaroudakis	- *The Moral Order in Gender Issues. What Role Do Male Issues Play?* - Alessandro Vetrano, Sapienza University of Rome - *Sex Education at School: The Italian Case* - Ramona Cavalli, University of Verona

		- *Knowing My Name: Experiencing Names and Surnames in the Gender Transition Process in Poland: An Analysis of In-Depth Interviews* - Aleksandra Płaczek, University of Lodz, Poland - *The Biopolitics of Weight and Disordered Eating* - Alison Fixsen, University of Westminster
Aula B	**New Forms of Communities** Chair Thaddeus Müller	- *Buurland (Neighbour Land): Community as a Form of Transgression* - Thaddeus Müller, Lancaster University Law School - *The Brotherhood: Promoting Social Support through Group Identity* - Brandon A. Jackson, John Jay College, The City University of New York - *Micro-Solidarity in Superdiverse Neighborhoods* - Richard Cimino, Hans Tokke, University of New York
Aula C	**New Theories of Interaction** Chair Silvia Pezzoli	- *Cracks in the Interaction: The Unfolding of Social Life Dynamicity* - Selene Greco, Sapienza University of Rome - *Power, Domination, and Deformed Interaction* - Andrew Blasko, The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences - *P.O.V. on the Contested Identity Between Generalised Others. The Construction of Identity between School and Digital Media* - Silvia Pezzoli, Carlotta Bizzarri, University of Florence

	June, 6th	
9:30	**Parallel Sessions IV**	
Aula A	**Author Meets Critics: "Goffman and the Cold War"** Chair Dirk vom Lehn	Gary Jaworski – Author of the Book "*Goffman and the Cold War*" and winner of this year publication award by the ASA Section History of Sociology and Social Thought (HSST) Discussants: - Dirk vom Lehn, King's College London - Greg Smith, University of Salford - Stacey Hannem, Wilfrid Laurier University - Chiara Bassetti, University of Trento
Aula B	**Borders and Identity Construction** Chair Brenda Fedi	- *Identities, Boundaries and Land: Bridging Symbolic Interactionism with a Conflict Resolution Perspective* - Valentina Bartolucci, University of Pisa - *Cultural Practices in Border Areas: The Case of Gorizia* - Monica Pascoli, University of Udine - *Transformative Journeys: Chinese Students' Experiences in Sino-Foreign Joint-Venture Universities* - Marius Wamsiedel, Duke Kunshan University - *Monkeying Around: Animals, Borders and Nation* - Jon Ablitt, Cardiff University
Aula C	**Advances in Methodological Theory and Practice 2** Chair	- *Empathic Revelations: Shining a Light on Mental Illness Through Autoethnography* - Alison Fixsen, University of Westminster - *Symbolic Interactionist Duoethnography: An Exploration of the Borders Between Military and Civilian Life for Military-Civilian Couples* - Jennifer K. Gardner, Cubby L. Gardner,

	Alison Fixsen	American College of Education, Indianapolis, IN; University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD - *Grounded Theory and Symbolic Interactionism: An Encounter* - Irene Psaroudakis, University of Pisa
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:30	**Parallel Sessions V**	
Aula A	**People on the Move** Chair Martin Harbusch	- *Borders of Knowledge: Thoughts on Traveling Concepts for Ethnography* - Martin Harbusch, University of Siegen - *Fixed or on the Move? Identities and Reputation of Migrants and Their Groups* - Davide Donatiello, University of Turin - *Purposeful Escapism: Reexamining the "Tourist Gaze"* - Amanda Koontz, Ray Eddy, University of Central Florida - *One Border, But Two Polands? Examining Polish Media Discourse on The Humanitarian Crisis at The Polish-Belarusian Border: A Qualitative Analysis* - Natalia Ożegalska-Łukasik, Jagiellonian University
Aula B	**Prison and Total Institutions** Chair Charlie Barnao	- *No Bars, No Boundaries? Media as Home in the Prison Experience* - Aaron Bielejewski, Center for Criminological Research Saxony - *The Boundaries of Time: Meanings and Perceptions of the Temporal Dimension in the Words of Drug-Addicted Mothers* - Paola Di Carlo, University of Siena - *Autoethnography Behind the Bars: Culture and Self-Therapy in a Maximum Security Prison* - Charlie Barnao, University of Catanzaro
Aula C	**Music in the Air** Chair Jeffrey van den Scott	- *Howard Becker, Charles Seeger, and the Promise to Ethnomusicology* - Jeffrey van den Scott, Memorial University of Newfoundland - *Performing Protection: Chivalry, Vulnerability, and Gender in Heavy Metal Music Scenes* - Stacey Hannem, Christopher J. Schneider, Wilfrid Laurier University (Canada), Brandon University (Canada) - *Power of sound, power of authenticity. Radio reportage creation as interactive storytelling* - Rafał Wiśniewski, Izabela Bukalska, Grażyna Pol, Magda Ostrowska, University in Warsaw - *Gospel Choir as Group Life. Evidence from Italian Experiences* - Andrea Salvini, University of Pisa
13:00	Light Lunch	
14:00	**Parallel Sessions VI**	
Aula A	**Revisiting Central Concepts in Symbolic Interactionism** Chair Natalia Ruiz-Junco	- *Inverting Mead's Theory of Socialization: How Parents Decodify Their Children's Symbolic Conduct* - Vincenzo Romania, University of Padua - *Is There No Future? Planning in Times of Crises* - Piotr Statucki, University of Lodz - *Reifying Empathy: An Examination of an Interactionist Concept* - Natalia Ruiz-Junco, Auburn University
Aula B	**Social Media, Self, Society** Chair Elena Salamino	- *Dealing with Socio-Emotional Challenges Via Social Media: A Case Study Using Hermeneutic and Computational Methods to Study Social Action* - J. Patrick Williams, Samuel Judah, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore - *Anchoring the Self in the Vastness of Cyberspace: MBTI Subculture Among Chinese Social Media Users* - Wu Si, J. Patrick Williams, Nanyang Technological University

		- *Penelope's Web 3.0. Old and New Inequalities in the Fashion of the Future* - Michele Varini, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - *Rationalization of Work Process: Organizational Contexts and the Use of E-work* - Xiaoli Tian, Sining Wang, University of Hong Kong
Aula C	**Stigma in Contemporary Society** Chair Eve Gardien	- *Stigma as Contextured Phenomenon: Categorial Orientations to 'Stigma' in the Search for Help* - Robin James Smith, Cardiff University - *Marked Identities within Unmarked Work Practices: Revealing a Hierarchy of Disability in Singapore's Employment Context* - Kerri Heng Yi Ping, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore - *Non-Intersubjective Experiences: The Limits of Inclusion in Ordinary Life* - Eve Gardien, Rennes 2 University - *Stigma and Exclusion in Addiction Recovery Trajectories* - Max Dennehy, Thaddeus Müller, University of Lancaster
15:30	Coffee Break	
16:00 Aula A	**Plenary Session. Keynote Speech** ***Meaning-Making and Sense-Making: Distinctions, Delineations, and a Conceptual Model*** **Staci Newmahr, SUNY Buffalo State**	
17:30	SSSI Business Meeting - **Aula A**	
20:00	Banquet – Ristorante "Il Quore"	

	June, 7th	
9:30	**Parallel Sessions VII**	
Aula B	**Social Support and Social Work** Chair Deana Simonetto	- *Caregiving Narratives: Stories of Everyday Violence in the Home* - Deana Simonetto, University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus - *Practices of Destigmatization. Social Work in Homeless Assistance* - Saskia Amira Appel, University of Siegen - *More than 'Doing Death' and 'Doing Dying'? 'Doing Mortality' in Professional Practices of Social Work in Hospice Care Services* - Lisa-Marie Gewalt, University of Siegen - *Associations: Mirrors for People Living with Parkinson's Disease* - Lucia Landolfi, University of Salerno
Aula C	**Senses and Emotions** Chair Vincenzo Romania	- *Shpilkes and Other Needles: The Sensory Experience of Professional Tattoo Spaces* - William Ryan Force, California State University, Fresno - *Sociology of the Senses: Researching Lived Experiences* - Krzysztof T. Konecki, University of Lodz - *The (Ir)Relevance of Subjective Discomfort. Interactionist Perspectives on the Borders Between the Intimate and the Public* - Giuseppe Toscano, University of Catania - *Shameful Digital Traces: How the Internet Transformed the Social Emotion of Shame. A case study* - Vincenzo Romania, University of Padua - *Senses and emotions as social phenomena – a sociological performance* - Emma Engdahl, University of Gothenburg
11:00	Coffee Break	

11:30		**Parallel Sessions VIII**
Aula A	**Culture, Violence, War, and Democracy** Chair Eric O. Silva	- *Symbolic Interactionist Approaches to Cultural Conflict* - Eric O. Silva, Georgia Southern University - *Cultural Democracy Between Urban Borders and Peripheral Subjectivities* - Giulia Crippa, University of Bologna - *A Mirror of Society? The Alienation Between Police and People* - Lisa Düerr, Antonio Vera, German Police University - *Adult Self-Change from a Radical Interactionist* Perspective - Lonnie Athens, Seton Hall University South Orange, New Jersey
Aula B	**Social Construction of Health** Chair Beata Pawlowska	- *Making Ambiguity: How Diagnostic Categories Socially Organize Mothering Responsibility* - Dan Liu, University of Hong Kong - *Borders in Hospital Wards. The Job Relations of Medical Staff* - Beata Pawlowska, University of Lodz
Aula C	**Authenticity, Ethnicity, Identity Work** Chair Patrick Williams	- *The Workings of Authenticity: How and What Constitutes to 'Be Authentic'?* - Ramón Menéndez Domingo, UDIT - *'I Am Not a Conspiracy Theorist': Relational Identifications in the Dutch Conspiracy Milieu* - Jaron Harambam, University of Amsterdam - *The Crucible of Identity: The Precarity of National Identity in Southeast Asia* - Mohamed Haikel Fansuri Bin Mohamed Latiff, Forward College Berlin
13:15	Farewell speech - **Aula A**	
13:30	Light lunch	