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Factors Associated with the Representation of Countries in Conferences Hosted by the International Sociological Association

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ISA Conferences since 2008



First ISA Forum of Sociology

Sociological Research and Public Debate
Barcelona, Spain, 2008



XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology

Sociology on the Move
Gothenburg, Sweden, 2010



Second ISA Forum of Sociology

Social Justice and Democratization
Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2012



Example of official listing of attendance by country (Sweden 2010)

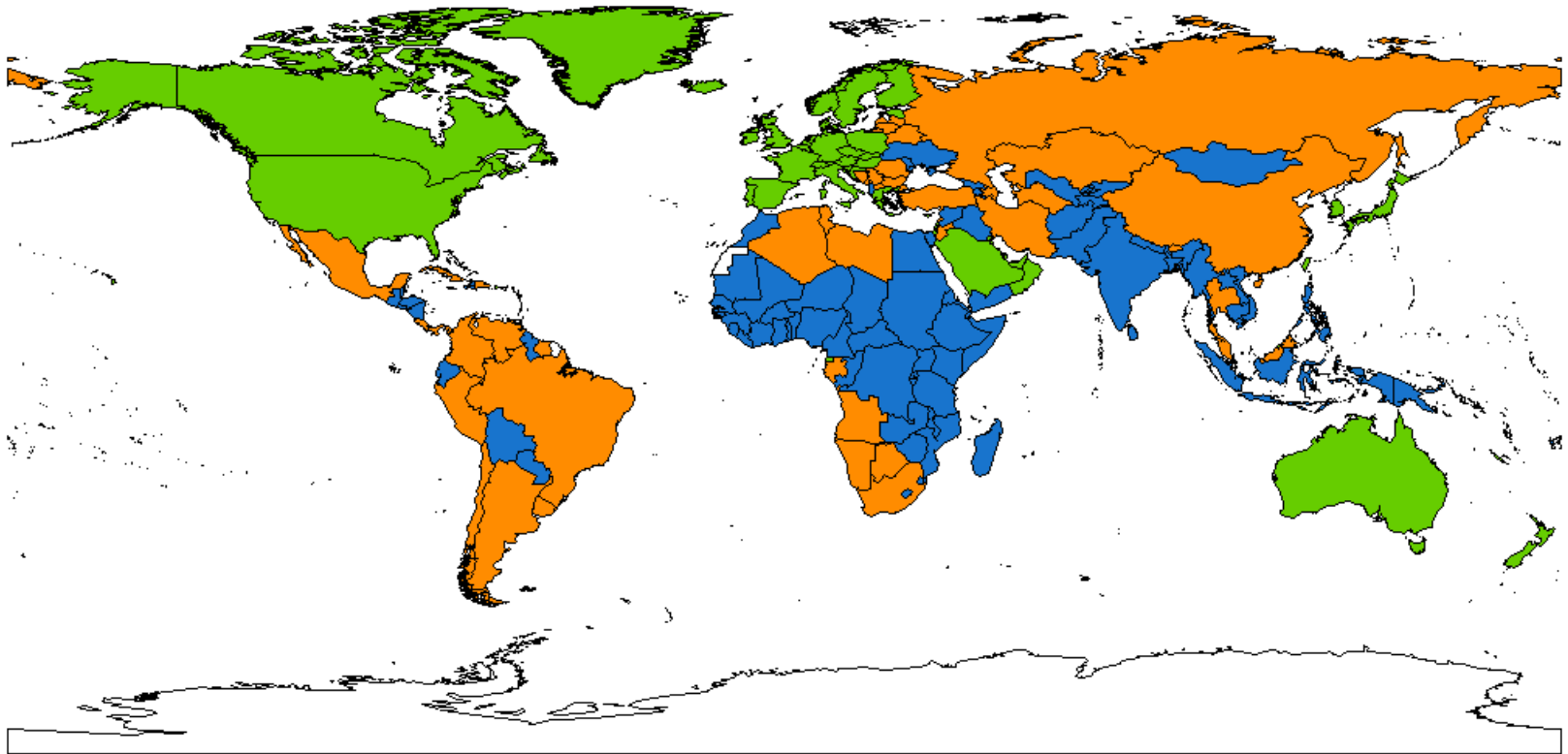
Country	No. of participants
Albania	1
Algeria	2
Angola	1
Argentina	39
Armenia	3
Australia	162
Austria	72
Azerbaijan	3
Bangladesh	2
Barbados	2
Belarus	2
Belgium	66
Brazil	185
Bulgaria	9
Cameroon	2
Canada	176
Chile	14
China	31
Colombia	14
Congo, Democratic Rep.	2
Costa Rica	4
Cote d' Ivoire	1
Croatia	11
Cyprus	2
Czech Republic	17
Denmark	46
Ecuador	1
Egypt	2

“While the United States had the largest number of registrants (517), this number should be kept in perspective by underscoring the economic, political, and social factors that limit participation from poorer countries.”

-- “Sociology on the Move in Gothenburg: International Sociological Association XVII World Congress of Sociology” by ISA VP Margaret Abraham in *Footnotes: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association*

“The choice shall give due attention to the need for diversity of locations over time, as well as to local organisational resources and physical capacity; unlimited admission to the country of all participants, regardless of nationality, is essential.”

-- ISA Statutes on the rationale for choosing the location of the World Congress (Article 11)



World Map of A, B and C Categories in the International Sociological Association's Table of Economies, 2012

A = Green
B = Orange
C = Blue

Country	Individual		Collective	
	<i>Regular (IR)</i>	<i>Student (IS)</i>	<i>Regular (CR)</i>	<i>Affiliated (CA)</i>
A	255	120	min. 300*	175
B	105	50	300	85
C	35	25	75	60

Membership Fees in U.S. Dollars (USD) for A, B and C Categories in ISA Table of Economies as of 2012

* 1% of the association's annual budget or 1 USD per each member per year.
Minimum USD 300.

Note: IR = Individual Regular, IS = Individual Student, CR = Collective Regular,
CA = Collective Affiliated

Country's Placement in ISA's Table of Economies in 2012	Attended All Three	<i>n</i>	Attended At Least One	<i>n</i>	Attended None	<i>n</i>
A	56	37	70	46	30	20
B	34	19	63	35	38	21
C	11	9	47	40	53	45
<i>All</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>86</i>

**Country Attendance at ISA Conferences, 2008-2012, by Category in
ISA Table of Economies (%)**

Concept	Measurement	Notes
Representation at ISA Conferences, 2008-2012	Dichotomous variables for each of: Attended all, at least one, none	What does ISA consider as a "country?"; What should be threshold of representation?; Data does not include Durban, S.A. (2006)
Economic resources	GDP per capita PPP	logged
Level of democracy	Freedom House, mean of political rights and civil liberties scores	
Visa burden	Dichotomous variables for each of: Need visa for all conference locations, for at least one, for none	How much of a burden is obtaining a visa?
Social science research infrastructure	In WVS/EVS (=1, else = 0)	Compatibility between what ISA and WVS consider as „country“; are there better measures?
Membership fee burden	Membership fee/GDP per capita PPP	Registration fee burden may be better measure
Collective membership in ISA	Dichotomous variable (yes =1)	Benefits of collective membership not clear

	Attended All	Attended at Least One	Attended None	<i>All Countries</i>
Population in millions Mean and (stdev)	76 (225)	53 (169)	7 (13)	34 (131)
GDP pc PPP in thousands Mean and (stdev)	26 (16)	19 (17)	15 (25)	17 (21)
Level of Democracy Mean and (stdev)	6 (2)	5 (2)	4 (2)	5 (2)
In WVS/EVS (%)	89	69	16	47
Membership Fee Burden Mean and (stdev)	0,8 (0,3)	1,1 (1)	1,6 (1)	1,3 (1)

	Attended All	Attended at Least One	Attended None	<i>All Countries</i>
<i>Visa Burden (%)</i>				
No visa needed	69,23	45,45	23,26	36,23
Need visa for all three	16,92	39,67	62,79	49,28
Collective or Affiliated Member (%)	75,38	51,24	3,49	31,40

	Attended All					Attended All			
	B	S.E.	Sig.	Exp(B)		B	S.E.	Sig.	Exp(B)
GDP pc PPP (ln)	0,94	0,26	,000	2,56		0,84	0,27	,002	2,33
Level of Democracy	0,35	0,15	,016	1,43					
Need Visa for None						1,00	0,53	,058	2,73
In WVS/EVS	2,42	0,55	,000	11,26		2,58	0,52	,000	13,15
Population (mlns)	0,01	0,01	,031	1,01		0,01	0,01	,031	1,01
Constant	-10,35	2,72	,000			-11,11	2,56	,000	
Nagelkerke R ²	0,63					0,60			
N	190					208			

Logistic Regressions of Attending All ISA Conferences, 2008-2012

	Attended					None			
	B	S.E.	Sig.	Exp(B)		B	S.E.	Sig.	Exp(B)
GDP pc PPP (ln)	-0,54	0,18	,00	0,58		-0,37	0,18	,04	0,69
Level of Democracy	-0,08	0,11	,45	0,92					
Need Visa for All						0,40	0,44	,37	1,48
In WVS/EVS	-1,57	0,41	,00	0,21		-1,73	0,39	,00	0,18
Population (mlns)	-0,06	0,02	,00	0,94		-0,06	0,02	,00	0,94
Constant	6,13	1,56	,00			4,19	1,77	,02	
Nagelkerke R ²	0,47					0,46			
N	190					208			

Logistic Regressions of Attending None of the ISA Conferences, 2008-2012

	Attended All				Attended None			
	B	S.E.	Sig.	Exp(B)	B	S.E.	Sig.	Exp(B)
Membership Fee Burden	-1,61	,47	0,00	0,20	0,36	0,16	0,03	1,43
Collective or Affiliated Member	3,07	,44	0,00	21,59	-2,84	0,63	0,00	0,06
Population (mlns)	0,01	0,00	0,21	1,01	-0,05	0,02	0,00	0,95
Constant	-0,59	0,46	0,20	0,55	0,36	0,28	0,19	1,44
Nagelkerke R ²	0,58				0,46			
N	207				207			

Logistic Regressions of Attending All ISA Conferences and Attending None, 2008-2012