

# XX ISA World Congress of Sociology



**Resurgent Authoritarianism:**  
*Sociology of New Entanglements of  
Religions, Politics, and Economies*

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## **UON Sociologists representing at the International Sociological Association Conference, Melbourne**

Sociologists from a range of career stages, including current PhD candidates, represented the University of Newcastle at the International Sociological Association Conference, which was held in Melbourne in July 2023. The theme of the conference, Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies, aimed to focus on how sociologists worldwide can (and do) contribute to the understanding of the resurgent authoritarianism and analyze the new entanglements of religions, politics, and economies. It focused on how sociologists engage (physically and critically) in the formidable social movements we are witnessing today in different parts of the world and in a renascent civil society.

Sociologists from Newcastle working with international collaborators presented their research on themes ranging from climate politics and activism, far-right mobilisation, digital body image and wellbeing, and youth employment and educational opportunities.

Steven Threadgold was also selected to present in a Presidential Panel about 'The Sociology of Youth Today'. You can read the titles of the presentations below.

Dr Vanessa Bowden:

[Busy-Ness and Ignorance – the Political Inertia of Climate Politics in Australia](#) (Vanessa BOWDEN, Daniel NYBERG University of Newcastle, Australia, Christopher WRIGHT and Olivia HAMILTON, University of Sydney, Australia)

Dr Julia Coffey:

[Editing the Self: Understanding Young People's Digital Self-Image and Editing Practices](#)

[Solidarity, Belonging and Precarious Work in the Hospitality Industry](#) (David FARRUGIA, Deakin University, Australia, Julia COFFEY, University of Newcastle, Australia, Australia and Steven THREADGOLD, University of Newcastle, Australia)

Dr Julia Cook:

Presentation: [The Unfulfilled Promise of Education: A Longitudinal Analysis of Young Australians' Education and Work Experiences across Two Generations](#) (Quentin MAIRE, The University of Melbourne, Australia, Johanna WYN, Youth Research Centre, Australia and Julia COOK, University of Newcastle, Australia)

Session: [Post-Pandemic Futures: Affect, Responsibility and Materiality](#); (Panel session, Julia COOK1, Giuliana MANDICH2 and Julia COOK1, (1)University of Newcastle, Australia(2)University of Cagliari, Italy)

Session: [The Challenges and Affordances of Longitudinal Youth Research](#); (Panel session, organisers: Julia COOK, University of Newcastle, Australia, Johanna WYN, Youth Research Centre, Australia, Quentin MAIRE, The University of Melbourne, Australia and Hernan CUERVO, PhD, Youth Research Centre, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia)

Dr Jai Cooper:

['How Did Us Cutting Down Trees Fight Climate Change?' - Environmental Workfare and Disillusion;](#)

['A Jump into Cold Water' - Hysteresis in Youth Environmental Workfare'](#)

Tim Gentles (PhD Candidate, Sociology and Anthropology)

[The Curation of Affective Experiences of Nature- the Case of Two Far Right Groups](#)

Milo Kei (PhD Candidate, Sociology and Anthropology)

[Australian School Strikers' Everyday Acts of Political Participation and Resistance](#)

[Political Practices As Repertoires of Protest Action in Young School Strikers in Australia](#)

A/Prof Steven Threadgold

Presidential session: [Between Youth and Young People: Living Breathing Young People and Their Conceptual and Disciplinary Doppelgangers](#)

[Solidarity, Belonging and Precarious Work in the Hospitality Industry](#) (David FARRUGIA, Deakin University, Australia, Julia COFFEY, University of Newcastle, Australia, Australia and Steven THREADGOLD, University of Newcastle, Australia)