



RC-32 NEWSLETTER



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Report from Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Margaret Abraham, Co-Presidents, RC32 (3/17/08)

As the term of our co-presidency almost reaches the mid-point, we look back on 2007 as a busy and fruitful year for RC32. In last November's newsletter, we informed you about the first interim of the ISA-RC32 International Conference in Athens and RC32's participation in the Women's Worlds 2008 conference program in Madrid, Spain. At the end of 2007, we undertook the unexpectedly huge task of organizing the ISA First World Forum (ISA-WF) to be held in Barcelona, Spain on September 5-8, 2008.

The ISA-WF is a new initiative and challenge. It is the first attempt by the ISA itself to develop a way to gather together many RCs and other working groups for a joint interim conference in Spain. The key theme for the event is "Sociological Research and Public Debate." When we announced this new international conference initiative to the RC-32 Executive Board and its membership, we received numerous constructive suggestions for organizing 5 independent sessions and 6 joint sessions with other RCs. In this way we can enrich feminist scholarship and research within RC32, while also forging links with other RC programs dealing with women's issues. It provides us an opportunity to collaborate in advancing all RC agendas and activities.

Consistent with the key 2008 ISA-WF theme, we chose a specific theme for RC32, "Weaving Spheres of Knowledge and Action: Sociological Research and Women in Society."

We received an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response to the “Call for Papers,” and obtained 176 paper abstracts. From these, we accepted 148 abstracts. The result was a substantial increase from 11 to 19 paper sessions (11 independent sessions and 8 joint sessions) plus one business/reception session. The active participation of many board members and regional representatives, particularly those from Africa and the Middle East, has immensely enriched our RC32 program, encouraging a strong push forward on the intellectual frontiers of women/gender scholarship worldwide (see RC32 program of the ISA-WF later).

Our organizing experience over the last two years has demonstrated the critical importance of “team work” in decision-making and functioning within RC32. Working as a team of two Co-Presidents has had both gratifying and challenging moments. We check, validate, and share ideas, perspectives, and ways of leading the organization. Establishing a clear division of labor between the co-leaders has greatly enabled expanding our activities in the past two years. At the same time, a great amount of time, effort, and intellect goes into reaching consensus and coordinating program activities effectively.

An enlarged notion of teamwork also means more broadly involving an active group of board members and the RC32 general membership. We acknowledge Bandana Purkayasha’s relentless dedication and commitment to publishing the past three issues of RC newsletter. We also appreciate the numerous members’ initiatives in sending us their news items. Together we strive toward achieving RC32’s mission and goals, with constructive input and strong support from our membership at large.

Our treasurer, Cynthia Bogard, dutifully informs us about our financial accounts and our updated membership list. The number of members has increased steadily from 203 in August 2006 to 225 in early March of 2008. At the RC32 business meeting in Durban, South Africa, we talked about each of us taking a more proactive role in recruiting new members for RC32. We strongly encourage you to invite colleagues to become members of both RC32 and the ISA by launching a membership drive in your respective country. The RC32 web page information on the ISA web site serves as a good introduction for membership mobilization. Please go to the ISA/RC32 website and download the current membership forms from <https://secured.com/~f3641/formisa.htm>. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Cynthia Bogard at cynthia.j.bogard@hofstra.edu

Finally, we want to end by reiterating that as Co-Presidents, we are committed to promoting the goals of RC32 inside and outside of the ISA. We continue to work at building scholarship enrichment, research collaboration, and professional networks with the board and all of you. Your voices and support, as driving forces, are essential to determining our current and future pursuits. We hope that you all will play an active role in shaping RC32 in the years to come.

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News...COUNTRIES

GREECE:

1. Institution of quotas in the electoral lists for the National Parliament.

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR) and the Greek League for Women's Rights (GLWR) took the initiative to start to fight for the institution of quotas in the electoral lists for the Parliament. Finally 24 women's organisation signed the petition. In the article of the recent Law (23/November 2007) is included the "Proposed Provision and Preamble for the Participation of Women by at least 1/3 in the electoral lists of national Elections. www.mfhr.org, www.parliament.gr, www.isotita.gr

2) New Law promoting Gender Balance on National Research Councils in GREECE.

In order to achieve a better gender balance in the field of Scientific Research the recent Framework Law for Scientific Research in Greece 2/2008 article no 57, requires national committees including the National Research Councils, to have a minimum 30% of each sex. The introduction of quotas system is a very significant development for women scientists working in the academic and research sectors in Greece. It will be applied from 1/1/2009. The Greek Network on Women and Science called "PERKTIONI" was the organisation that has proposed and insisted for the inclusion of this article to the recent law. www.perictioni.gr, www.parliament.gr, www.isotita.gr

Reported by Laura Alipranti

NEWS..... MEMBERS

Esther Ngan-ling Chow gave a lecture, "Critical Globalization Studies and Gender," at the Women's Studies Institute of China of the All-China Women's Federation," Beijing, China in September 2007.

NEW BOOKS

Laura Maratou-Alipranti, (2007) Female Migration in Greece. Results from a Panhellenic Survey. Athens : KETHI. Research Centre for Gender Equality.

Laura Maratou-Alipranti, (2008). Old and New Professions. An analysis related on gender. Athens : KETHI. Research Centre for Gender Equality.

A. Koronaiou, (2007), The Role of Fathers in Balancing Professional and Family-Private Life. Athens : KETHI. Research Centre for Gender Equality.

Esther Ngan-ling Chow published a book chapter, “Empowerment of Women Migrant Factory Workers in South China: Opportunities and Contradictions” in a book Global Empowerment of Women: Responses to Globalization and Politicized Religions edited by Carolyn Elliot (New York: Routledge Press) in 2008. Included in this volume are other book chapters by two other RC32 members, “Understanding Masculinities, Empowering Women: What Have Boys in Ghana Got to Do With It?” by Akousa Adomanko Ampofo (co-authored with John Boateng) and “Gender, Nation and the Dilemmas of Citizenship: The Case of the Marriage Acts of Trinidad and Tobago” by Rhoda Reddock. These book chapters are based on three individual research projects funded by Fulbright New Century Scholars research grant program.

Assassinato De Mulheres E Direitos Humanos (Murder of Women and Human Rights) by Eva Blay: How could one explain the fact that, despite the many progresses on the fight for gender equality, there has been an increase in the number of women’s murder in Brazil in the last decades? Based upon an accurate research of press news, police reports and criminal processes, and counting on her theoretical coherence and solid history of compromise with women’s cause, Eva Blay has brought out a work which is by no means a cold and distant survey. On the contrary, it tries to understand the history behind every case, giving body to its characters and examining the relations between victims and aggressors, their families’ environment, the way violence establishes and perpetuates itself even beyond the private sphere, and how it reflects and is nourished by the hegemonic ideology. Furthermore, it examines a series of cases to show that, in spite of the efforts of many of its sectors, Brazilian Justice is still far too soft and slow when crimes against women are concerned. It also makes clear that the old ideology producer of judicial fallacies such as “legitimate defense of honour”, which gave men the right to invalidate women’s right to life, is still alive, even if disguised. For all that, this book constitutes a reference work for everyone who deals with the problem of violence against women and violence in general, from public policies managers to researchers and anyone interested in taking part on/in the urgent reflections to overcome such problem.

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Reproductive Justice Anthology – Call for Papers

SisterSong is excited to announce that the creation of a special anthology on Reproductive Justice is currently underway. Please accept this invitation from SisterSong to submit a contribution to be considered for this ground-breaking anthology.

Reproductive Justice is the complete physical, mental, spiritual, political, social, and economic well-being of women and girls, based on the full achievement and protection of women's human rights.
– Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice

The theory, strategy and practice of Reproductive Justice was created by African American women in 1994 because we were looking for a way to articulate the needs of our communities of color that face multiple forms of reproductive oppression. We needed an intersectional analysis defined by the human rights framework -- based on the practice of self-help -- that would be inclusive and applicable to everyone. SisterSong's three core Reproductive Justice principles developed since our founding in 1997 reflect the theory and practice we collectively learned and shared. We believe that every woman has the right to:

1. Decide if and when she will have a baby and the conditions under which she will give birth
2. Decide if she will not have a baby and her options or preventing or ending a pregnancy
3. Parent the children she has with the necessary social supports in safe environments and healthy communities, and without fear of violence from individuals or the government.

The struggle for Reproductive Justice and the well-being for women of color, young women, LGBTQI individuals, women of the diaspora, poor women, and women with a range of abilities is a multi-varied issue/engagement. We would like to address the multiplicity and the polyvocality of this struggle by bringing together works from across our movements produced by women and individuals working in communities as well as at the academic level in order to birth this anthology. All contributions are sincerely welcomed and would greatly add to the understanding of the complexity faced by communities and as individuals. We welcome creative submissions including poetry, art, and manuscripts that have not been previously published, especially work by young writers.

The value of the work being done by women of color in this arena is immeasurable and must be disseminated and celebrated. Thus the goal of the anthology is to bring together the various concerns and issues that are involved with building an inclusive movement that simultaneously addresses

Reproductive Justice issues in their full array. By ‘de-centering the center’ as Narayan and Harding state, and placing issues faced by women occupying differing and intersecting positions as the focus, the anthology intends to present an innovative critical analysis that works across borders and broadens the understanding of theory and activism as it relates to Reproductive Justice, sexuality, and health.

Guidelines for submission are available at www.sistersong.net. Submissions should include: 1) a completed cover page with identifying information (please remove all headers, footers, notes, and bibliographic entries from manuscript that might identify the authors); 2) three (3) copies of the manuscript formatted according to the *Chicago Manual of Style* (14th edition) and printed on standard U.S. paper (8 1/2 x 11); and 3) three (3) copies of an abstract.

DEADLINE for submissions is no later than **June 1st, 2008.**

We understand that submitting a manuscript can be a daunting and often intimidating process. We would like to extend our help in putting together your contribution for this anthology. If you have an idea, a sketch of ideas, or a rough draft for consideration please feel free to contact any one of us so that we can help you through the process. For questions about your submission, please contact one of the co-editors below. Please send submissions to one of the following addresses:

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Remembering the conference in Greece, summer 2007.....courtsey Laura Alipranti.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

RC32 WOMEN IN SOCIETY

First ISA World Forum of Sociology

Barcelona, Spain

September 5-8, 2008

**Conference Theme: Weaving Spheres of Knowledge and Action:
Sociological Research and Women in Society**

Session #1. Talking the Talk, Walking the Walk: Feminist Research and Practice and Women and Society

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This session will focus on the role of Feminist sociological research in the production and consumption of knowledge and its transformative potential in challenging patriarchy and shaping social structures within which women are located. It will critically explore the ways in which scholarship and practice combine to address women's multiple social realities and inequities of power based on the intersections of race, class, gender and citizenship. Papers will address the ways in which feminist sociological research and practice have engaged with key issues such as health, education, violence, poverty, women's empowerment and agency in mainstream and marginalized communities. It will also address how feminist research has engaged publics beyond the academe, contested power structures, influenced communities, impacted on public policies, changed pedagogical approaches and shaped the world in which we live. Has feminist sociological research talked the talk and walked the walk? What are its pitfalls and possibilities in a globalizing world?

Session #1A. Talking the Talk, Walking the Walk: Macro Contexts and Regional Trends in Feminist Research and Practice

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Global Citizenship Performed: Feminism, Otherness and the Practice of Reflexivity
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Women's Economic Citizenship in Grass-Roots Activist and Academic Feminist Publications in Five National Contexts: The Invisible Intersections of Gender, Class and Race?
3. Kalpana Kannabiran, NALSAR University of Law, India,
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The Rule of Law, Rights Discourse and Separate Spheres
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The Burdens Of Theory: Feminist Research And Activism In Pakistan
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Between Work and Family: Women's Battle Against Time, Overburden, and Stress
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Women as Change Agents in Kerala, India
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Feminist Studies and the Poverty Reduction Policies in Brazil.
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Fukuzawa Yukichi and Japanese Women's "Rights": The Transformation of Western Feminist Ideas in Meiji Japan
9. Nellie Krasiuk, The Belarusian women's Information-Coordination Center, Republic of Belarus wodan@mail.belpak.by
The Picture of the Belarusian Women in the Sociological Survey

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Pitfalls and Possibilities of Action Research in Addressing Domestic Violence
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Feminist Sociological Research and Self-Employment: Issues, Problems And Possibilities
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Globalizing Action-Oriented Research in Feminist Scholarship: Linking Knowledge with Praxis
4. Laura Corradi, Università della Calabria, Italy, laura.corradi@unical.it
Feminist Research-Action on Health and Environment
5. Cynthia Joseph, Monash University, Australia, cynthia.joseph@education.monash.edu.au
Unravelling Ethnic Politics in Research: Positionings with a Postcolonial Feminist “Malaysian” Ethnography
6. Ellen Kuhlmann, University of Bath, UK, e.c.kuhlman@bath.ac.uk and Ellen Annandale University of Leicester, U, eca7@leicester.ac.uk
Changing Policies, Changing Professions: Comparing the Space for Feminist Action in Healthcare in Britain and Germany

7. Patricia Leavy, Stonehill College, USA, Pleavy7@aol.com
Feminist Methodological Practices and Arts-Based Research: Connections and Possibilities
8. Ann Pederson, Amy Salmon, and Laurel Dykstra, British Columbia Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, Canada, apederson@cw.bc.ca
Conducting Community-Based Participatory Action Research (PAR) by, with, and for Women Who Use Drugs in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside
9. Aparna Rayaprol, University of Hyderabad, India, arss@uohyd.ernet.in, arayaprol@yahoo.com
Has Feminist Research Changed Pedagogical Approaches in Social Science? Are we Actually Walking the Talk?

Session #1C. Talking the Talk, Walking the Walk: Sociological Research and Practice in Addressing Violence Against Women

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Talking About the Tabu: Woman As Under The Pressure Of Honor, Crime And Traditional Identity
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Sexual Violence –Ups and Downs in Talking and Walking– a Still Inconvenient Truth
4. Lidia Puigvert, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain;
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Research on the Preventive Socialization on Violence Against Women

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Gender Violence and Legal Context

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Examining the Interwoven Relationships Between Feminism and Confucianism

Session #2A. Obstacles to and Strategies for Doing Sociology for Women.

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The purpose of this session is to learn from the experiences of academic sociologists regarding activism. Does working within the academy make it hard to create knowledge that is activist-oriented? How well rewarded is sociology that serves social change? If you have tried to be an activist sociologist, what impact has that had on your scholarship and/or activism? If you would like to be more activist than you are, what do you see as the main barriers you face? What would make the work of being an activist easier to integrate with the work of being an academic sociologist? The goal of this session is to share experiences so that in our dialogue can learn how to organize our institutions to be places that foster scholarship that is both high quality and promotes justice for women.

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Has The Professionalization Of Gender Knowledge And Gender Analysis De-Politicized Them?
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Linking Gender Equality Theory and Policy Practice: can 'Gender Training' be 'Feminist'?

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Private Property and Knowledge: The Case of Intellectual Property Rights And Genetic Resources
4. Sandy Welsh, University of Toronto, Canada, **welsh@chass.utoronto.ca**
Hiding Activism: Participatory Action Research Projects and the Academy
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Problematic Academic-Labor At UNAM: A Look to the Condition Of Women Researchers
6. Joey Sprague, University of Kansas, USA, **jsprague@ku.edu**
Gendered Barriers to a Sociology for Women in the U.S.
7. Raluca Soreanu, University College London, UK, **r.soreanu@ucl.ac.uk**
Feminist Creativities and Disciplinary Change: Lessons from the Case of Academic International Relations
8. **Diana Papademas, SUNY/Old Westbury, USA, dianapapademas@worldnet.att.net**
Empowerment of Women Globally - A Necessary Link between the Academy and the UN

Session #2B. Women, Pedagogy and Academe: Persistence and Change

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From Gender Theory to Feminist Epistemology: An Effort to Deconstruct the Falogocentrism
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Women Politics and Pedagogies: A Case Study from Southern Punjab Pakistan

3. Tamar Hager, The Academic College of Tel-Hai, Israel, hagart@telhai.ac.il
Transgressing Cultural Boundaries and Institutional Hierarchies: Jewish And Arab Women Cooperate Inside and Outside The Classroom
4. Nitza Berkovitch, Anat Waldman and Niza Yanay, Ben Gurion University, Israel, nberko@bgu.ac.il
Still a Man's Place?! Representing Women in University Publications
5. Abe W. Ata, The Australian Catholic University, Australia, a.ata@patrick.acu.edu.au
The Role Of Gender, Religion And Friendship In The Perception Of The "Other": An Investigation Of Secondary Students In Australia
6. Cynthia B. Bragg, Morgan State University, USA, cbragg@mindspring.com
Strategies of Studying Black Churches as Gendered Organizations for Social Change: An Academic Using "Outsiders-Within" Perspective
7. Julia Rozanova, University of Alberta Edmonton, Canada, rozanova@ualberta.ca
Deconstructing the 'Ideology of Domesticity' Through Studies of Older Rural Women's Social Participation
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Women in Brazilian Self-Help Books

**Session #3. Researching Women in Africa and the African Diaspora:
New Social Science Perspectives**

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Over the past two decades, feminist and gender studies scholarship on the status and roles of women in African and the African Diaspora has grown exponentially in theoretical and empirical contexts. While some of the broader issues in feminist and gender studies scholarship have been subjects of research in the Global North, such as family, work, social and political movements, transnational migration, health, sexuality, information technology, human rights and popular culture, these issues have been largely ignored or at least marginalized until recently. This panel will explore new theoretical and empirical discourses in feminist /gender studies and social science scholarship on African and African diasporic women and will work within the paradigms of feminism, intersectionality, and transnationalism.

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African Women in the New Diaspora: Transnationalism and the (Re)Creation of Home
3. Tayo Ola George, Covenant University, Nigeria, tayo.george@yahoo.com
Rethinking African Culture and Widowhood Practices in the Yoruba Tradition
4. Bette Dickerson, American University, USA, bdicker@american.edu
Black Senior Women and Sexuality
5. Marlese Durr, Wright State University, USA, Marlese.Durr@Wright.Edu
*Braiding, Slicing, and Dicing: African American's Women Home
As A Site of Work in the Global Economy*
6. Deevia Bhana, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, bhanad1@ukzn.ac.za
*"Girls Hit Girls!" Constructing and Negotiating Violent African Femininities
in a Working Class Primary School*
7. Akosua Adomako Ampofo, University of Ghana-Legon, Ghana,
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In My Mother's House : Mothering and Race Work in Ghana
8. Annie Stopford, University of Western Sydney, Australia,
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Transnational Research: The Challenges of Epistemological Frameworks

Session #4. Middle Eastern Women's Movements and Activism in the Globalized World: Research and Action.

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The focus of this comparative session will be on women's movements and activism in the Middle East and the ways in which these are shaped by a myriad of local and global factors. The session aims at exploring recent local and global challenges encountered by women when they participate in social movements in the Middle East. We are interested in the interplay between state policies, women's activism, and everyday life and strategies of women in tackling these challenges.

Moreover the scholarship on women in the Middle East predominantly makes use of binaries such as tradition/modernity, fundamentalism/imperialism, religious/secular etc. The session especially welcomes papers that engage critically with these binaries and investigate their implications for women's movements and activism in the Middle East.

This session seeks to serve as a forum for sharing experiences, recognizing the common issues, and theorizing new strategies for dealing with these issues. Some of the topics of the papers may deal with but are not necessarily limited to: Women's movement, definition, challenges and strategies; Women at the intersection of Feminism, Islam, and the State; The interaction between State and women's movements; Feminism inside Academia and on the field; Public/Private reciprocity.

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The Image of the Moslem Woman: Religion or Culture?
3. Nayereh Tavakoli, Payame Noor University of Iran, Iran, nayertavakoli@gmail.com
A Typology of Dominant Patriarchies in the Middle East: A Comparative Perspective
4. Somayeh Shafiei, Alameh Tabatabaei University, Iran, mehraveh1358@yahoo.com
Iranian Women's Movement; A Signifier of Collective Identity, Demands and Networks
5. Masoor Moaddel, Eastern Michigan University, USA;

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Women's Attitudes toward the Women's Movement, Political Activism, and Human Rights and in an Islamic Context

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Democratic Social Movements and Women Activism in the Republic of Yemen
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A New Islamic Woman Literature: Toward a Muslim Feminist Theology
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Negotiating the International and Local: Islamic Family Law Reform in Morocco

Session #5: Transnational Migration, Land and Resources Sustainability in Africa

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Migration across national borders is increasingly being seen as a strategy to alleviate poverty, reduce vulnerability to crises, and support recovery once a disaster like famine, flood, drought, accident, business failure occurs. Conditions in which women are exposed to especially in developing countries are quite volatile. For example, the feminization of migration is a serious gender issue in Africa given that women suffer more. As women and as migrants, they have little access to land, which is the principal source of livelihood for most African poor. And since traditional land tenure systems, colonial, and early post-colonial laws that regulate land rights neglected women; they thus tend to work on land without any secured rights. Consequently, they will not carry out any sound investments that can ensure sustainability on land they do not own. This situation has implications on their productivity and natural resource management. The session seeks papers on: women and transnational migration; women and resource sustainability; women and dimensions of urbanization; migrant women, land rights and land tenure system; poverty and struggle for survival; crises, resource conflict and resolution.

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An Analysis of Language Behavior of Women in Transnational Migration Situations
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A Conceptual Exposition of Migrant Women from Western Sahel Region to Nigeria
3. **Lotsmart Fonjong, University of Buea, Cameroon**, lotsmart@yahoo.com
Dynamics and Implications of the Migration of Female Nigerians across the Western Cameroon-Nigeria Borders on the Socio-economic Landscape of Anglophone Cameroon
4. Tassang Celestina Neh Fru, University of Buea, Cameroon, celesfru@yahoo.com
Globalization and the Dialectics of Movements: Innovative Household Adjustment Strategies of Women in Cameroon
5. Tayo George, Covenant University, Nigeria, tayo.george@yahoo.com
Women, Environment and Food production: The Challenge of the Niger Delta
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Women and resource sustainability: A Gender-Based Analysis of the Legal and Policy Framework Governing the Agricultural Sector in Zimbabwe
7. Justine Etah Ayuk, University of Buea, Cameroon justineayuk@yahoo.com
Migrant Women, Wives and Land Rights in Southwestern Cameroon: Situating Gender Beyond the Household in the Debate over Migrant Women's Access to Land and Ownership Rights
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The Dynamics of Female Migration in Nigeria

Session #6A. Women, Work, Family

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Labour Market Position of Ethnic Minority Women in an International-Comparative Perspective: The Intersection of Gender and Ethnicity.
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Boss' Wife of TaiShang: Wife or Boss, Before and After
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New Meanings of the Family in Europe: Gender Relations Between Ideology and Practice
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The Traditional Uzbek Family As The Body Of Local Self-Government
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Sociological Questioning in Uzbekistan: A Woman and Family in Mirror of the Public Opinion
7. Clara Cortina Trilla and Thaís García Pereiro, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, thagape@hotmail.com and tgarcia@ced.uab.es
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Power in Couple Relationships Analysed Through the Couples' Narratives
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Gender and Work: The Effects of Telework on Women's Work-Life Balance

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Private Women, Public Police: A Socio-Historical Analysis Of Policewomen In Nicaragua
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The Role of Associations in Women's Access to Public Space by the Work Side
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Women's Labour Market Participation in Taiwan

Session #6C. Women, Migration, Civil Society and Development

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Poverty In Cameroon: How Women Survive
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Women Civil Society And Communal Conflict Management: Umuada, The Concept Of Iko Mmee And Conflict Management In Umuleri, Anambra State, Nigeria
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Society, Politics and Gender in the Republic of Belarus
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Countering Poverty in a Least Developed Country: How BRAC Manages Anti-Poverty Program in Bangladesh
6. Oya Açıklın, Yüzüncü Yıl Üniversitesi, Sosyoloji Bölümü Kampüs, Turkey,
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The Gender Perspective Of The Eastern Anatolia Development Programme (EADP)

RC-32 JOINT SESSIONS

RC 32 JOINT SESSIONS #1 by RC 05 (Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations and RC 32 (Women in Society): Women: Intersectionality and Diasporas

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Focusing on women living in a Diaspora, this session invites contributions which use intersectional analysis to examine the women's experiences. Without limiting the range of social positions which are incorporated into the intersectional analysis, gender, ethnicity and the fact of being part of a Diaspora will necessarily be included. Comparative analyses are welcome. Papers may concentrate on theoretical or empirical analysis, or a combination of the two.

This joint session is dedicated to the late Helen Ralston, who was a long-time and active member of both RC05 and RC32. Its theme is informed by interests that she addressed in her own research in Canada on first and second generation immigrant women from India.

Joint Session #1A. Women, Intersectionality and Diasporas: Challenges and Resistance

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Gender, Islam, and National Identity Formation through Immigrant Integration Policies: the Cases of the Netherlands and Germany
3. Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut, USA,
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Interrogating Intersectionality: Contemporary globalization and racialized gendering in the lives of highly educated South Asian Americans and their children

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Changing Locations and Transnational Identities
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Gender, Resistance and Identity: Jewish Immigrants in Brazil
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*Different Shades of Whiteness: White migration and re-imaginaries of race, gender
and class in the case of first generation Swedish women in the U.S.*
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*Intersecting paradigms of redistribution and recognition: ethnic and gender division of
labour in the hotel industry*

**Joint Session #1B. Women, Intersectionality and Diasporas: Negotiating identity,
negotiating family dynamics in the Diaspora**

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*Mating, Dating and Marriage: Cultural Retention, Transformation and the
Construction of Diasporic Identities among South Asian Immigrants in Canada*
2. Maria Zubair, University of Reading, UK, maria.zubair@reading.ac.uk
*'Meri beti acchchi hey (My daughter is good)': Gender, Family Honour and Social-
Class-Based Variations in Identity-Negotiation within the Pakistani Muslim Diaspora
in Britain*
3. Karen Pyke, University of California at Riverside, USA, karen.pyke@ucr.edu
*Racialized Stereotypes, Cultural Essentialism, and Desire Among Asian American
Women*
4. Petra Heyse, Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium, petra.heyse@ua.ac.be

Images about Western husbands. On the Role of Imagination and Gender Dynamics in Marriage Migration of Eastern European Women

5. Suowei Xiao, University of California at Berkeley, USA, s_xiao@berkeley.edu
Cosmopolitan Girl v.s. Countryside Woman: Urban/Rural Division in the Contemporary 'Second-wife' Phenomenon in China
6. Suzana Koelet, University of Antwerp, Belgium, Suzana.koelet@ua.ac.be
Divorce among women of Turkish or Moroccan origin in Belgium (Flanders)
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Home and Away: Englishness as ethnicity examined out of context
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'I cannot be Siham the village girl I left': Identity Facades While Crossing Cultures on the Way to Higher Education

Joint Session #2 by RC10 (Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management) and RC32 (Women in Society): The Challenges of Women's Participation/Exclusion in Public and Private Contexts

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This session examines the causes, the barriers, the challenges and the facilitating factors in women's participation and exclusion in public and private contexts at different life stages and in various societies. An emphasis is given to how intersectionality of gender, age, race/ethnicity, and class (or other differences) matters in shaping or hindering various forms and outcomes of women's participation. Their activism and resistance against social exclusion in the public and private domains ranging from the family, organizational structure, and global governance will be explored.

Joint Session #2A. The Challenges of Women's Participation/Exclusion in Various Contexts

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Women's Participation in South Africa: Is Visibility Leading to Gender Equity?
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Gender and Political Power
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Gender (In)equality in Political Participation in Russia (a Case of Karelian Republic)
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The Change of Women's Workers Participation and the Social Construction of Labor Rights in Mexican Maquiladoras
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The Private Motivations of Public Action: Women's Associational Lives and Political Activism in Brazil
7. Maria Fregidou-Malama, University of Gävle, Sweden, Maria.Fregidou-Malama@hig.se
Women Leaders in Cooperatives

Joint Session #2B. The Challenges of Women's Participation/Exclusion in Social Movements

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Women's Movements in Developing Countries: Characteristics, Priorities and Issues
2. Anna-Britt Coe, Umeå University, Sweden, anna-britt.coe@soc.umu.se
Reproductive Rights Advocacy in Peru: Linking Political and Cultural Dimensions of Policy Outcomes
3. Bernadetta Siara, University of Westminster, UK, B.Siara1@westminster.ac.uk
Social Movement "Poland is a Woman" and its Early Political Activism – Analysis of Contemporary Gender Discourses in Poland
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Rethinking Gender Constructs: Towards a Substantive Political Leadership of Women
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Doing It with Class: Gender at the Pakistani University
7. Maria José Casa-Nov, University of Minho, Portugal, mjcasanova@iep.uminho.pt
Ethnicity and Dialecticity of Power in Gender Relations

Joint Session 3 of RC 14 (Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture), RC32 (Women in Society) and RC30 (Sociology of Work): Transformation in Communication and Work: The Cultural Construction and Reconstruction of Gender

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New communication technologies have led to several transformations in work (and “leisure”) with implications on existing notions of the public and private space and changing notions of gender. Work at “home”, until recently associated with women, often precludes “normal labor rules” such as security, standard hours of paid work, syndicalism and conviviality at the work place. These issues related to work at home are becoming of increasing concern to more and more people, particularly women and youth.

The ongoing transformations in communication and work are reflected in the roles of institutions and the ideas disseminated by the press. For instance, in the absence and inefficacy of social services, the mass media has become an important vehicle whereby issues of poverty, employment opportunities and “special” appeals for help are addressed. Today, TV acts as a “social mediator”, both locally and globally in culturally constructing and reconstructing the way we communicate, our attitudes to work (both at home and the workplace), and in shaping our notions of gender.

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Myths of the Gender and Women’s Image in Romanian Press
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Popular Culture as Political Communication: ‘Political Wives’ and ‘Female Politicians’ in Turkish National Elections of 2007
4. Kiril Sharapov, Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, Kiril.Sharapov@gcal.ac.uk
The ‘Business Case’ for Gender Equality: ‘Othering’ and ‘Normalising’ for Profit
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Happy Family Car: Ideal Family Represented in Automobile Commercials

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Communication, Politics and Women
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Displays of Nature in Commercial Advertisements
8. Maria Vergeti, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, mvergeti@eled.duth.gr
Media and Lifelong Education as Significant Factors in Enhancing the Quality of Life of Pomak Women in Greece
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I Do Not Wash Dishes Today: Constructing and Reconstructing the Contemporary Couples

**Joint Session 4 by RC32 (Women in Society) and RC38 (Biography and Society):
Biographical and Feminist Methods in a Global Framework**

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This joint session (RC38 and RC32) will bring together different perspectives on how feminist thought has influenced biographical methods and vice versa. In particular it will focus on the problems of how theory can sometimes get in the way of understanding how people (women and men) understand their own lives and how they communicate that understanding in biographical interviews.

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Women's life path in middle and lower classes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: a comparative analysis of gender and generation
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Making the Forked Tongue Speak: An Ethnography of Self

3. Paul Luken, Univ of West Georgia, USA, pluken@westga.edu and Suzanne Vaughan, Arizona State University, USA, svaughan@asu.edu
Putting Theory in Its Place: An institutional ethnography approach
4. Linda Christiansen Ruffman, Saint Mary's University, Canada, ruffman@smu.ca
IFUN's Model of Self-Presentation and Its Theoretical Implications for Sociology
5. Nighat Khan, Institute of Women's Studies Lahore, Pakistan, nskhan46@yahoo.com
Write it down the way I mean it
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An approach to the private space: Housewives' chores through life stories
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Appropriating the narrative of the "Other": Some critical reflections on feminist theory in a global context

Joint Session #5 by RC04 (Sociology of Education), RC07 (Futures Research), RC23 (Sociology of Science and Technology), and RC32 (Women in Society): Gender, Science, Technology and Innovation, and the Future

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3. Lisa Ann Richey, Roskilde University, Denmark, richey@ruc.dk: *Anti-Retroviral Technology in Africa*
4. Luisa Leonini, University of Milan, Italy, luisa.leonini@unimi.it: *New Media and Pornography: How the Internet has Modified the Sex Business*
5. Geneviève Paicheler, National Center of Scientific Research, France, paichele@vjf.cnrs.fr: *Randomized Clinical Trials on Microbicides in Africa: Empowering and/or Making Women Guilty?*
6. Nuria Valles, Fundació CIREM, Spain, n.valles@cirem.org: *Construction of gendered technological identities in the school space*
7. Helene Schiffbaenker, Joanneum Research, helene.schiffbaenker@joanneum.at: *Female career orientations in Science and Technology*
8. Ana M. González Ramos, Interdisciplinary Institute
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**Joint Session #6 by RC13 (Sociology of Leisure) and RC32 (Women in Society):
Gender and Leisure: Emerging Patterns**

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This session examines the relationship not only between leisure and gender but also explores the status of leisure in the context of women from different cultural backgrounds. The issues of women's leisure may also be examined in the context of "Pleasure and the Pains of Gendered Leisure."

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Erotization of Leisure or the Escape from Everyday Intimate Life
3. Susan Frohlick, University of Manitoba, Canada, frohlick@cc.umanitoba.ca
“Women Who Love Too Much”: Pathological Love, Female Tourists, and Global Sex Tourism
4. Angela M. Moe, Western Michigan University, USA, angie.moe@wmich.edu
Dancing Beyond the Belly: An Appraisal of Belly dance as Leisure
5. Ágnes Sántha, University of Transylvania, Romania, santhaagnes@yahoo.de
Young Singles and Their Friends: Shared Leisure Activities in Hungary and Germany
6. Kristin Surak, University of California at Los Angeles, USA, ksurak@ucla.edu
Gender and Leisure: Emerging Patterns
7. Julia Harrison, Trent University, Canada, jharrison@trentu.ca
Real Men do Real Work at the Cottage
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Gender and Leisure : Emerging Patterns in Rural India

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