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**RC 32 Newsletter
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Editorial



Greetings to our RC 32 community from Australia! Happy New Year to you and yours – and wishing you a year of peace, good health and happiness.

In our December newsletter, we have great scholarly contributions from our RC32 members highlighting some of the major national and global socio-cultural and economic changes and challenges shaping women's access to resources and opportunities in these current times we live in. Topics discussed include:

- International Appeal: Support Fund Drives to Philippines by Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge, RC32 Board Member
- A New Directive of the European Parliament and Council? By Laura Alipranti-Maratou, European Parliament Expert, EIGE EXPERT FORUM, RC32 Board Member
- Women in Politics in Greece by Maria Stratigaki, Panteion University

We also celebrate our RC32 members' publications in this newsletter – and I welcome more contributions for this section for the next newsletter. And finally we also have our exciting RC32 program for the upcoming **XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19, 2014**. I look forward to meeting you all there!

Thanks to all who have contributed to this newsletter – and I look forward to more contributions for the next newsletter

Cynthia Joseph
RC32 Newsletter Editor

Message from the Chair



Dear RC 32 Members and Friends,

As I am writing this letter in anticipation of the holiday season, I want to start by extending my best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to everyone. 2013 has been a tough year from the point of view of freedom, equality, peace, security and social justice on a global scale, culminating with a terrible environmental / human disaster, the Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest tropical cyclones on record, that hit the Philippines and Vietnam in early November. Let us work and hope that 2014 marks some new and promising beginnings on all of these fronts.

I would like to brief you on the status of our program for the XVIII ISA World Congress in Yokohama: We have worked really hard to put together an exciting and high-quality program for RC 32. We are proud at this stage to have completed the most challenging task of programming for the conference, i.e. the submission of our preliminary program to the ISA via the CONFEX system. Sessions and roundtables have been sorted out, fine-tuned and finalized, abstracts vetted and formal acceptance / rejection letters sent. Further fine-tuning is expected later in April, once we know for sure how many people are planning to attend and registered for the conference. A synopsis of our RC 32 program is included in this newsletter. A number of our sessions are already scheduled by the ISA (roundtables and joint sessions), but the majority of regular sessions still remain to be scheduled in January / February. We are still missing a few chair assignments in sessions and especially roundtables. If interested (and eligible, based on the ISA rules for formal participation), please let me know by a personal email at evie.tastsoglou@gmail.com

My list of thanks so far is extensive and certainly not exhaustive. A heart-felt thank-you from all of us to session coordinators: without your ideas and initiatives to propose sessions, to mobilize your colleagues working in the respective fields, to adjudicate abstracts, to respond to various requests, to struggle with technology and deadlines, to not give up, to write letters, to coordinate with paper presenters and me, our program would have been simply impossible. In particular I want to thank members of the RC 32 Executive who came forth immediately with offers for session and roundtable assistance: the Co-Chairs Elect, Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo, who besides their own proposed sessions, offered invaluable support with roundtable organizing (demonstrating great skill, flexibility, work, ethic and team effort as they are preparing to assume as Co-Chairs in Yokohama); newsletter Editor, Cynthia Joseph, being always forthcoming for the least pleasant organizational tasks in both sessions and roundtables as needed; our Secretary and Treasurer, Bandana Purkayastha for being available for mid-night consultations and extra tasks as required or requested; our former RC 32 Co-President and current ISA VP for Research, Margaret Abraham, for ongoing wise counsel on the RC 32 program and issues despite tons of other obligations; the rest of the RC 32 Executive, the majority of whom are also involved in session organizing, chairing, and giving papers (to the maximum of allowable roles, according to ISA rules). In conclusion, I am very proud to present to you in this newsletter the RC 32 program in brief, as a truly collective effort.

In sum, our finalized program consists of 20 regular sessions, a Business Meeting, a Reception / Awards meeting, two roundtable sessions (of five parallel roundtables each), and seven sessions joint with other Committees (two of which are hosted by RC 32). In addition, RC 32 has co-organized two competitively won integrative sessions for ISA.

A few important and upcoming deadlines in preparation for the Congress are:

- Application for financial support deadline: January 31, 2014
- Submission of proposed grant recipients: March 1, 2014
- Registration deadline for presenters: April 1, 2014
- Final modifications: April 14 - May 1, 2014

For more about the Yokohama World Congress you can consult the website at: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you on the RC 32 Program for the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama.

With best wishes,

Evie Tastsoglou

RC 32 Chair

Notes from the Treasurer & Secretary

RC 32 FUNDING FOR ISA WORLD CONGRESS, 13-19 JULY 2014, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

Dear Colleagues,

I realize many of you are anxious to know about our funding for Yokohama. Here are the guidelines and application for funding for our next ISA meeting in Yokohama.

As members of ISA and RC-32 you can apply for one of two categories of funding: Either the ISA registration grant or the RC-32 travel grant. Please note that ISA and RC-32 have limited money to disburse so funding will be competitive. As in earlier cycles of funding, the amounts are unlikely to cover your entire travel so please plan accordingly.

Please note that ISA has announced a **new rule** that only members in good standing--*individuals who have been members of ISA for 2 years at least*--are eligible for funding. ([/www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/guidelines-for-grant-application-submission.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/guidelines-for-grant-application-submission.htm))

For RC-32 funding:

- RC-32 will provide a small number of awards **up to** a maximum of \$700. (Please note the range is from \$500-700, so \$700 is not guaranteed).
- You have to be a member of ISA and RC-32;
- Priority will be given to scholars from B and C countries, and for students in B & C countries. In addition, after we make our initial shortlist of people who might get funded, we will also prioritize people who have been RC32 members for at least two years
- Scholars and students from A countries will be supported for funded, if we have money remaining. Among them, priority will be given to scholars from countries that have experienced significant financial crises over the last five years
- We will assign the money after all the applications are in, not on a first-come-first-serve-basis.
- The money awarded can only be used for support of travel and /or hotel. Money will be disbursed after receipts have been submitted at the end of the conference. ISA will require original receipts. If receipts are required for other funding sources outside ISA, then copies of those funding requests have to be submitted to show that the RC-32 money is required to cover some of the travel/accommodation costs.
- We have now moved RC-32 money to the ISA central office so all disbursement will follow the process set by ISA.

For rules for funding *directly from ISA* (i.e. not from our research committee) please look at the ISA announcement below. Note those applications go through RC-32 (i.e. will be submitted to RC-32, but we will simply choose the applicants and send the names to ISA).

We will accept applications for funding till January 31, 2014. Please send these to Purkayastha.Bandana@gmail.com with a cc to Evie.Tastsoglou@gmail.com

The announcements of who receives funding will be finalized by February 28, 2014.

THANK YOU,
Bandana Purkayastha,

RC-32 Secretary /Treasurer

International Sociological Association:

Eligibility

1. Registration grants can be allocated to individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who have paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference).
2. Applications for registration grants must be sent by the participants directly to the RC/WG/TG Program Coordinators by January 31, 2014. Applications for a grant can be submitted to only one RC/WG/TG. The ISA Secretariat will advise the RC/WG/TG if someone has applied to, or has been recommended by, more than one group for the grant.
3. Registration grants for Program Coordinators. Each RC/WG/TG will receive one registration grant based on the criteria below:

A Program Coordinator from category B and C will receive a full registration fee

A Program Coordinator from category A will receive 50% of the registration fee Note: In the event of multiple program coordinators in an RC/WG/TG, only one grant will be provided. Only Program Coordinators who are individual ISA members in good standing (i.e. who have paid the individual membership fee at least two years before the month of the ISA conference) are eligible for a registration grant. Program Coordinators must submit a request to receive this grant to the ISA Secretariat isa@isa-sociology.org by January 31, 2014.

Selection process

1. Each RC/WG/TG will select candidates and allocate the funds available for that group.
2. The Program Coordinator shall decide on allocation in consultation with the RC/WG/TG President and Secretary and the results shall be published at the ISA conference website <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>.

Note:

2(a) A backup list of potential grant recipients in order of priority shall also be prepared to be used in case someone cancels participation or has been allocated a grant by another RC/WG/TG.

Each Research Committee (RC), Working Group (WG) and Thematic Group (TG) is responsible for allocating registration grant(s) to person(s) selected by its Board, following the criteria established by the ISA.

2(b) It is recommended to avoid repetition of the same persons who have previously received grants.

3. A list of selected individuals and registration grant amounts must be sent by the Program Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat (isa@isa-sociology.org) before March 1, 2014 for verification and posting at the ISA conference website <http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/>.
4. Registration grants will be handled directly by the ISA Secretariat prior to the early registration deadline of the conference, April 1, 2013.
5. The application form for registration or travel grant for the ISA meeting in Yokohama, July 2014 was sent out to all RC32 members on the members listserv.

International Appeal: Support Fund Drives to Philippines

Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge, RC32 Board Member

On November 8, 2013, super typhoon Haiyan (Philippine code name Yolanda) with 1,800 sq. km span and 275 kph wind gusts left over 10,000 people dead in Tacloban City and more casualties, missing and displaced persons in other parts of Eastern, Western and Central Visayas. The aftermath of typhoon Yolanda, considered the strongest ever recorded in history and is considered equivalent to category 5 hurricane or three times that of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 in the US, is unimaginable. The images of the destruction and the flattening of a city in a matter of hours brought us to question the state of our environment. While the Philippine archipelago regularly braces about 20 typhoons each year, none in their living memory seems to fathom the ferocious winds, heavy rains, and the storm surge all at once.

Philippines is the number one source of migrant workers and immigrants found in over 160 countries and territories. They are the nurses, doctors, teachers, hotel staff, domestic workers, caregivers, nannies, construction workers, seafarers, among others, who maintain the expected comfort in the living standards of these countries, often at an exploitable wage and less protection on their rights and welfare. The situation and stories of Filipinos worldwide become subjects of our scholarly work and researches. In a global labour interface, it is time to lend support to the recovery, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of areas hit by super typhoon Yolanda. Contact your local Red Cross offices or humanitarian coalitions of reputable international organizations for your donations. Share this information to your friends, network, and associates ---because we live in one world, one planet--- it is Philippines today, another country next.

Europe: A NEW DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL?

Women on Boards: improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges

Laura Alipranti-Maratou, European Parliament Expert, EIGE EXPERT FORUM, RC32 Board Member

In order to promote gender equality, especially with regard to women in leadership positions in Europe, the European Commission has taken important initiative for a legislative Directive. As it is stated in the “Explanatory Memorandum” of the European Commission (Brussels, 14.11.2012 COM(2012) 614 final) Company boards in the EU are characterised by persistent gender imbalances, as evidenced by the fact that only 13.7% of corporate seats in the largest listed companies are currently held by women (15% among non-executive directors). Compared to other areas of society, especially to the public sector, the under-representation of women on the boards of publicly listed companies is particularly significant. Member States and the EU institutions have undertaken numerous efforts in the course of several decades to promote gender equality in economic decision-making, notably to enhance female presence in company boards, by adopting recommendations and encouraging self-regulation.

Two Council Recommendations (in 1984 and 1996) encouraged the private sector to increase the presence of women at all levels of decision-making, notably by positive action programmes, and called upon the Commission to take steps to achieve balanced gender participation in this regard. National self-regulation and corporate governance initiatives were aimed at encouraging companies to appoint more women into top-level positions.

However, progress in increasing the presence of women on company boards has been very slow, with an average annual increase in the past years of just 0.6 percentage points. The rate of improvement in individual Member States has been unequal and has produced highly divergent results. The most significant progress was noted in those Member States and other countries where binding measures had been introduced. Self-regulatory initiatives in a number of Member States have not yielded any similarly noticeable changes. At the current pace it would take several decades to approach gender balance throughout the EU. So, subsequent to the Commission’ initiative for a legislative directive on improving gender balance among non-executive directors, FEMM “Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality” and JURI for legal affairs of the European Parliament adopted this proposal.

In the meantime and in order to highlight the importance of this issue and to collect and analyse comparable EU data on quotas systems, **Policy Department C** of the European Parliament has prepared four significant studies. It has also organised for the FEMM and JURI Committees a Workshop last March (20/3/2013) on “Gender balance in corporate boards and top-management”. The debate was based on the contribution of experts who presented the main aspects and the causes of gender imbalance in top-management and the crucial question on legal quotas or voluntary regimes in Member States. The four studies which have been prepared for this purpose are the following:

1. Member states without legislation on quotas: three case studies
2. Gender Quotas in Management Boards
3. Legal instruments for Gender Quotas in Management Boards
4. The Psychology and Economics of Women in Leadership
5. The recruitment practices in top management and non-executive directors’ positions in Europe.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/studies.html>

In addition, two EP members, co-rapporteurs from the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality FEMM (Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou) and JURI Committee on Legal Affairs (Evelyn Regner) were in charge to prepare a joint report with Parliament's position for this important issue. The draft report for this sensitive proposal was adopted by the members of the two parliamentary committees last October. However, the whole procedure is still pending and the vote on the Parliament's legislative proposal is expected for next October 2014. We hope that the Directive will finally be voted by the European Parliament setting out new rules to reach a better gender balance in companies listed on stock exchanges.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/gender-equality/news/121114_en.htm

The Directive text:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2012:0614:FIN:en:PDF>

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/femm/home.html>

WOMEN IN POLITICS IN GREECE

by Maria Stratigaki, Panteion University

[This is the second part of the article “Impact of the European Economic Crisis on Women in Greece” by Maria Stratigaki that appeared in the June issue of the RC32 Newsletter]

Women continue to be under-represented in politics, political parties, the Greek Parliament and the government. Important legislative regulations were adopted in 2001 and 2006 for the promotion of gender equality in politics: the implementation of quota for participation of women as a third (1/3) of the total number of **candidates** in national, municipal and regional elections. However, election results at all levels show that gender stereotypes continue to be prevalent in Greek politics with male-domination.

Greek women's participation in the National Parliament has increased from 16% (2007), to 17.3% (2009) and to 21% (2012). In the last elections there was a significant move of the electorate to the left and a neo-Nazi right wing party (Golden Dawn) had emerged for the first time in the Greek Parliament. As it happens traditionally, left parties are better in gender balanced than right wing parties. Indicatively, the percentage of elected women for the radical left (Syriza) and the communist party (KKE) are the highest: 35,21% and 33,33% respectively. Women elected in the conservative party of New Democracy is 13,95%, which is the highest for this party since 1996. There was a rapid decrease of elected women for the socialist party (PASOK), from 21,3 (2009) to 9,09% (2012) due to the drastic decrease of PASOK's performance in the Parliament.

In the Government, among 39 members, there is only 1 woman Minister and 1 woman Vice-Minister (**5,1%**). The percentage of female ministers in the cabinet has dropped drastically since 2009 (**21%**).

The impact of economic crisis in politics reduced the power of the two large parties that governed before the crisis and are considered to be responsible for the crisis, strengthened the left radical party and opened the Parliament to the extreme right wing. In this move, there were more opportunities offered to the youth and women. Traditional parties saw the number of seats reduced and this trend hindered women's presence as women failed to compete successfully with men in the rally for fewer seats.

The new Party “Golden Dawn”, a street-fighting fascist gang capitalized on widespread anger at Greek austerity measures and obtained 18 seats in the Greek parliament. Golden Dawn developed anti-migration actions, organized attacks against immigrants and continue to cultivate a culture of fear amongst Greek citizens. Based on the belief that women are inferior to men, the Golden Dawn members are presented as the traditional model of “macho” man behaving violently, giving bombastic speeches, and “embracing” their extremist role. A recent example of such behaviour is when a Golden Dawn male candidate at a pre-electoral talk punched a woman candidate of the Communist Party and assaulted another woman candidate of the radical left party Syriza.

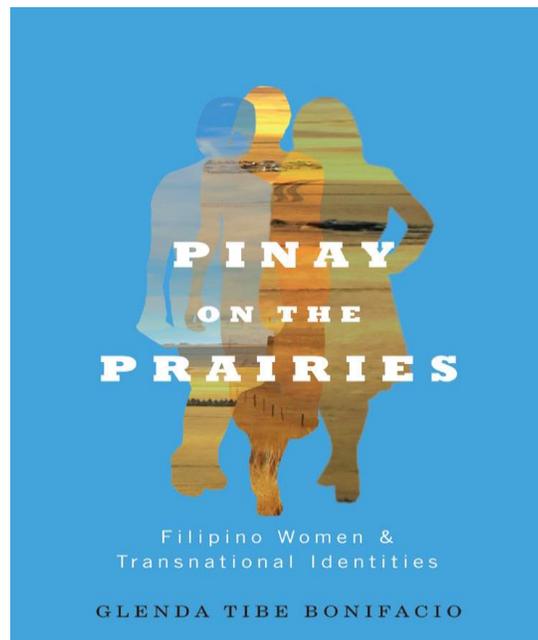
Political extremism in Greece and the emergence of the Golden Dawn hinders the advancement of women in politics, but also in the public sphere in general. However, the role of extreme right wing ideology is not only regressive for gender based equality. It is also catastrophic for the democratic and justice principles of the Greek society. Criminal actions that are invested with political terrorism damage all aspects of the social life and citizens' participation in the process of overcoming the economic crisis in Greece.

In conclusion, in the crisis gender roles and stereotypes are seriously challenged and women seem to have more chances to keep their work. However, the shrinking of social welfare state creates, once more, more burdens for working women who have to take care of their children's survival in crisis. More women in politics would be a positive outcome of the redistribution of power among political parties. However, the

question remains: will this trend succeed to sustain, when party politics are more stabilized and men politicians prove to be stronger than women in the political arena?

Let's hope that in these fragile and uncertain times for gender relations, women will organize personal and collective strategies to overcome problems by creating new types and methods for social cohesion and solidarity among them, but also among all vulnerable social groups.

New Publications / Members Publications



Glenda Tibe Bonifacio (2013)
Pinay on the Praires: Filipino Women and Transnational Identities.
University of British Columbia Press.

http://www.ubcpres.ca/search/title_book.asp?BookID=299174180

For many Filipinos, one word – *kumusta*, how are you – is all it takes to forge a connection with a stranger anywhere in the world. In Canada’s prairie provinces, this connection has inspired community building and created both national and transnational identities for the women who identify as *Pinay*. This book is the first to look beyond traditional metropolitan hubs of settlement to explore the migration of Filipino women in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan. Based on interviews with first-generation immigrant Filipino women and temporary foreign workers, *Pinay on the Prairies* is a revealing study of identity and community in Canada and an exploration of feminism, transnational identities, migration, and diaspora in a global era.

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Gender and Rural Migration: Realities, Conflict and Change
London: Routledge

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415817387/>

Gender and Rural Migration: Realities, Conflict and Change explores the intersection of gender, migration, and rurality in 21st-century Western and non-Western contexts. In a world where heightened globalization is making borders increasingly porous, rural communities form part of the migration nexus. While rural out-migration is well-documented, the gendered dynamics of rural in-migration - including return rural migration and the connectivity of rural-urban/global-local spaces - are often overlooked. In this collection, well-grounded case studies involving diverse groups of people in rural communities in Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Norway, the United States, and Uzbekistan are organized into three themes: contesting rurality and belonging, women's empowerment and social relations, and sexualities and mobilities. As demonstrated in this anthology, rural areas are contested sites among queer youth, same-sex couples, working women, young mothers, migrant farm workers, temporary foreign workers, in-migrants, and return migrants. The rich expositions of various narratives and statistical data in multidisciplinary perspectives by emerging and established scholars claim gender and rurality as nodal points in contemporary migration discourse.

Cynthia Joseph & Julie Matthews (Eds) (2014)
Equity, Opportunity and Education in Postcolonial Southeast Asia
London: Routledge

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415834216/>

Equity, Opportunity and Education in Postcolonial Southeast Asia addresses the ways in which colonial histories, nationalist impulses and forces of globalization shape equity and access to education in Southeast Asia. Although increasingly identified as a regional grouping (ASEAN), Malaysia, Indonesia, Burma, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines are known for their vastly different state structures, political regimes, political economies and ethnocultural and religious demography. The expert contributors to this volume investigate educational access and equity for citizens, ethnic and religious minorities, and indigenous people within these countries. The subject of education is framed within the broader national and local challenges of achieving equity and social justice. This book examines the dimensions of (post)colonialism, nationalism, and globalisation as played out within different international educational contexts

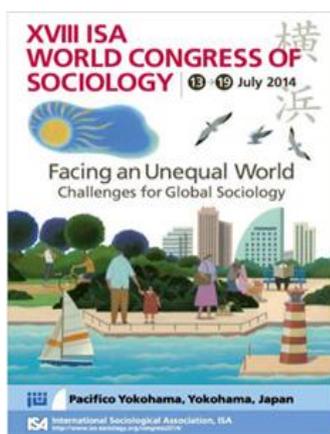
Cynthia Joseph (2014)
Growing up female in multi-ethnic Malaysia
London: Routledge

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415629225/>

This book provides a rich, detailed analysis of the experiences of young women growing up in post-colonial, rapidly modernizing Malaysia. It considers the impact of ethnicity, socio-economic status, and school experiences and achievement. It discusses the effects of Malaysia's ethnic affirmative action programmes and of the country's Islamisation. It sets out and compares the life trajectories of Malay, Indian and Chinese young women, making use of interview and questionnaire data gathered over a long period. It thereby depicts individuals' transformations as they experience maturing into adulthood against a background of social and economic changes, and varying levels of inter-racial tension.

ISA World Congress, Yokohama Japan 2014

XVIII ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY (Yokohama, July 13-19, 2014) Theme: Facing an Unequal World



RC 32 Program in Brief

Program Theme: Women and Gender in an Unequal World: Challenges and Promises for Global Sociology

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RC32 Roundtable Session I. Women's Experiences in Labor Markets, Families and Households in Globalized Society

[44 abstracts, organized in five parallel roundtables, as indicated below]

- A. Housewifery at the Intersection of Productive and Reproductive Labour: Local, National and Global Challenges [Organizers: Ayse Saktanber, F. Umut Bospinar, A. Idil Aybars]
- B. Sexual and Gender-Based Violence [Organizers: Shobha Hamal Gurung and Melanie Heath]
- C. Women's Experience of Inequality and Empowerment in a Globalized World: Households, Labor Markets and Social Policies [Organizers: Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo]
- D. Contextualizing Women and Gender in Global Labor Market Structures [Organizers: Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo]
- E. Women and Gender in Organizations and Professions [Organizers: Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo]

RC32 Roundtable Session II. Women and Gender in an Unequal World

[42 abstracts , organized in five parallel roundtables, as indicated below]

- A. Development, Migration and Displacement [Organizers: Evangelia Tastsoglou and Cynthia Joseph]
- B. Cultures of Patriarchy and Masculinity: Gendered Effects and Forms of Resistance [Organizers: Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo]
- C. Politics of Gendered Bodies, Food, Culture, and Research [Organizers: Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo]
- D. Work and Family Life Balance [Organizers: Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo]
- E. Women's Empowerment: Economic, Social, and Political Contexts and Contradictions [Organizers: Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo]

Joint RC sessions and RC32 Panel sessions

- 3. Looking at Inequalities through the Intersectional Prism: Potentialities and Challenges
Organizers: Bula Bhadra and Laura Corradi [16 abstracts]
- 4. Women Negotiating Work and Family (*Joint Session with RC 06 –Host Committee*)
Organizers: Maitreyee Bardhan and Anita Dash [13 abstracts]
- 5. Women, Leisure and Gender Politics in Globalising Times (*Joint Session with RC 13 – Host Committee*)
Organizers: Ishwar Modi and Cynthia Joseph [8 abstracts]
- 6. Representation and Restoration of Women's Experiences: Navigating Between Colonial History and Postcolonial Present in the Asian Context (*Joint Session with RC 38 –Host Committee*)
Organizers: Hee-Young Yi, Gabriele Rosenthal and Bandana Purkayastha [6 abstracts]
- 7. Constructing Gender within Youth Activism (*Joint Session with RC 34 – Host Committee*)
Organizers: Anna-Britt Coe and Darcie Vandegrift [7 abstracts]
- 8. A Cross-National Comparative Approach to CEDAW As an Instrument to Effect Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Organizers: Solange Simoes and Manisha Desai [10 abstracts]
- 9. Author Meets their Critics
Organizer: Glenda Bonifacio [1 film abstract]
- 10. Confronting De-Professionalization, Deskilling and Inequality: Immigrant Women's Alternative Strategies for Survival
Organizers: Patience Elabor-Idemudia and Guida Man [6 abstracts]
- 11. Contested Citizenship: Transnationalism, Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality (*Joint Session with RC 05. Host Committee: RC 32*)
Organizers: Patricia Tomic and Lloyd Wong [10 abstracts]

12. Feminist Movement and (Women's) Human Rights (*Joint Session with RC 47. Host Committee: RC 32*)

Organizers: Angela Miles and Dai Nomiya [9 abstracts]

RC32 panel sessions

13. Gender and Work in a Global Context

Organizers: Shobha Hamal Gurung and Kumiko Nemoto [16 abstracts]

14. Gender in Sexual Minorities Research: Focus on Asian Scholarship

Organizers: Saori Kamano and Day Wong [14 abstracts]

15. Gender, Culture and Innovation in Knowledge-Intensive Industries

Organizers: Cynthia Joseph and Josephine Beoku-Betts [8 abstracts]

16. Gender, Violence, and Disaster: Research and Action

Organizers: Mieko Yoshihama and Azumi Tsuge [4 abstracts]

17. Gender, Violence, Human Rights, Peace: Activist / Research from Different Parts of the World

Organizers: Bandana Purkayastha and Akosua Adomako Ampofo [14 abstracts]

18. Gender, Work and Family under Globalized Economy: Asia and Beyond

Organizers: Esther, Ngan-Ling Chow, Yu-Hsia Lu, and Shirley Hsiao-Li Sun [11 abstracts]

19. Gendering Brics: To What Extent and How Have Economic Growth and Economic Development Been Translated into Increased Gender Equality in Emerging World Economies?

Organizers: Bila Sorj and Solange Simoes [8 abstracts]

20. Global Cities and Women's Emotional Labor

Organizers: Marlese Durr, Iris E. Harvey, La Pearl Logan Winfrey [8 abstracts]

21. Interrogating Gender and State in Local, National and Transnational Contexts

Organizers: Evangelia Tastsoglou and Margaret Abraham [6 abstracts]

22. Latin American Women's Agency and Resistance in a Globalized World. Acciones y Resistencia De Las Mujeres Latinoamericanas En Un Mundo Globalizado

Organizers: Alicia I. Palermo and Alicia Dambrauskas [7 abstracts]

23. Negotiating Gender and Generation in Transnational Cultures

Organizers: Marilyn Porter and Peruvemba Jaya [11 abstracts]

24. RC32 Awards / Reception

25. RC32 Business Meeting

26. Social Transformation of the Middle East and the Shaping of Gender and Family Relationships

Organizers: Suaad Zayed Al-Oraimi, Nazanin Shahrokni, and Rima Sabban [6 abstracts]

27. Thinking Gender on a World Scale: Prioritising Feminist Theory from the South

Organizers: Raewyn Connell and Laura Corradi [6 abstracts]

28. Women and the Economic Crisis: New Challenges and New Forms of Gender Inequalities

Organizers: Chrysanthi Zachou and Laura Maratou-Alipranti [11 abstracts]

29. Women in the Academic Workplace: Challenging the Dynamics of Gender, Power and Knowledge

Organizers: Smita Verma and Cynthia Joseph [12 abstracts]

30. Work, Women, Class and Care: Working Women in Contemporary European Cities

Organizers: Evelyn Mahon and Maria Kontos [14 abstracts]

31. Intimate Labor in Asia (*Joint Session with RC 44 –Host Committee*)

Organizers: Hae Yeon Choo and Pei-chia Lan [8 abstracts]

Announcements

The 12th International Interdisciplinary Conference on Women Call for Paper, Panel and Workshop Abstracts

<http://womensworld2014india.com/ws/>

The University of Hyderabad is organising the 12th Women's **World Congress, 2014, in Hyderabad, India from 17th to 22nd August, 2014**. Women's Worlds Congress (WWC) is an International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, held every three years. The focus of the congress is gender research and interdisciplinary scholarship. This congress is initiated by Worldwide Organization of Women's Studies –WOWS.

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