

Bandana Purkayastha organized two special sessions at the American Sociological (ASA) conference in Seattle, Washington in August 2016 in her capacity as ASA's representative to the International Sociological Association. Both sessions were very well attended and received many accolades.

The special session "**Movements Matter: Connecting the Local and Global in Addressing Violence Against Women**" featured *Margaret Abraham*, Hofstra University, President, International Sociological Association, talking about violence against women which is her theme for the ISA. The panel also featured *Eleanor Lyon*, University of Connecticut, Winner of the 2015 ASA award for Distinguished Contributions to the Practice of Sociology for her work on violence against women. *Yakin Erturk*, Middle East Technical University, Former Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women delivered her remarks remotely since she was not able to attend in person.



Vrushali Patil, Bandana Purkayastha, Margaret Abraham and Raewyn Connell ASA Executive Officer, Sally Hillsman (center)

The special session "**Whose Knowledge? Who Benefits?**" featured *Vrushali Patil*, Florida International University, Secretary Sociologists for Women in Society, USA, and *Raewyn Connell*, University of Sydney. *Sujata Patel*, University of Hyderabad, Former Vice President, National Associations ISA, and Current President, Indian Sociological Society presented via a recording of her remarks.

ISA was also featured at the reception for scholars working on international issues. Several ISA members attended, including ISA President Margaret Abraham.

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