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**RC 32 Newsletter  
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## Editorial



Greetings to our RC 32 community from Australia!

In our June newsletter, we report on some important RC32 events at the upcoming ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama (13-19 July 2014). We have our RC32 Business meeting on Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 3.30 to 5.20pm in room 303 at the Conference centre. Our RC32 reception follows from 5.30 to 7.20pm. Evie, our RC32 Chair has included the minutes from the 2012 and 2010 business meetings in this newsletter for this meeting.

We will also have the screening of a documentary film *It's a Girl Thing: Tween Queens and the commodification of girlhood* on Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9.35-10.20 in room 501 at the conference centre. This documentary film is produced and directed by our RC32 member, Shannon Silva. Our *Author Meet Critic* session organised by Glenda Bonifacio is on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5.30-7.20pm in room 302 at the conference centre. This session will showcase our RC32 members' publications. These are a few of the exciting RC32 events (in addition to our RC32 panels and roundtable sessions) at 2014 ISA World Congress of Sociology.

I wish to thank all RC32 members for your support and contributions over this year and last year towards the RC32 newsletter. I look forward to working with you all in my new role for the period 2014-2018.

See you all at the upcoming ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama!

Best wishes,  
Cynthia Joseph  
RC32 Newsletter Editor

## Message from RC32 Chair



Dear RC 32 Members and Friends,

Warmest greetings! As I am writing this last letter as Chair of RC32, I want to first extend my congratulations and best wishes to the new, incoming Board for 2014-2018: Co-Chairs Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo, new Chair-Elect Cynthia Joseph, Secretary-Treasurer Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, Newsletter Editor Nazanin Shahrokni, and Regional Representatives: Julie Matthews (Australia); Bula Bhadra, Anita Dash, Ray-May Hsung and Saori Kamano (Asia); Anna-Brit Coe, Consuelo Corradi, Francesca Vianello, Chryssanthi Zachou (Europe); Alicia Itatí Palermo and Marlese Matos (Latin America and the Caribbean); Nilay Çabuk Kaya, and Rima Sabban (Middle East and West Asia); Joanna Hadjicostandi, Shobha Hamal Gurung, Patricia Tomic and Roberta Villalón (North America, Canada and the US). Thank you for standing for election on the RC 32 Board and thank you for your availability, eagerness to work on the Board and imagination! You are a great team! As past Chair, I will be pleased to support your work in whatever capacity is needed. A word of thanks goes also to the Selection Committee co-members, Bandana Purkayastha and Josephine Beoku-Betts for a smooth and efficient selection process.

I also want to thank our current team of the last four years (2010-2014) for great and ongoing support: Co-Chairs-elect, Akosua Adomako Ampofo and Josephine Beoku-Betts; Secretary-Treasurer Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut, Newsletter Editors, Antoinette Hetzler (till 2012) and Cynthia Joseph (2013-2014); Past Co-Chairs: Margaret Abraham, and Esther Chow, and Regional Representatives: Oluyemi Fayomi, and Abdul-Mumin Sa'ad (Africa); Anne Seitz and Hsiao-Li Sun (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Rim); Anita Dash, Jie Du, Yu-hsia Lu and Renu Ranjan (East, South and South East Asia); Laura Corradi, Olesya Kirilenko, Laura Maratou-Alipranti and Analia Cardoso Torres (Europe); Jeanne de Bruijn, Alicia Dambrauskas, Alicia Itatí Palermo (Latin America and the Caribbean, South America, Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean); Nilay Çabuk Kaya and Nazanin Shahrokni (Middle East, West Asia); and Sirma Bilge, Manisha Desai, Solange Simoes, and Vappu Tyyska, (North America, Canada and the United States). Without your dedication and work our RC 32 would not and could not have been what it is today.

At this point, I am very pleased to confirm that our RC 32 Program for Yokohama is finally complete and can be accessed or downloaded from:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2014/webprogram/Symposium189.html>

It consists of 20 regular sessions, two roundtable sessions (of five parallel roundtables each), and seven sessions joint with other Committees (two of which are hosted by RC 32). Please come to our sessions and roundtables, meet other RC 32 members (and like-minded others), get informed on your colleagues' research from around the world, discuss presentations and network. This is a wonderful opportunity for a truly global face-to-face exchange. Our Business Meeting and Awards / Reception have been scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, from 3:30 to 7:20 in the evening, please watch out for further details through our listserv in the next little while. A huge thank-you to all session and roundtable organizers for working hard to ensure the success of our program in the context of an intellectually rich and engaging as well as well organized and carefully thought-out World Congress which promises to be an amazing experience overall.

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

I look forward to seeing you all again at the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama.

With best wishes,  
Evie Tastsoglou,  
RC 32 Chair

## Notes from the Treasurer & Secretary

### 2014 RC 32 Election Results

#### 2014-2018 RC 32 Executive Board Committee Members

Co-Chairs: Akosua Adomako Ampofo (Ghana) and Josephine Beoku-Betts (USA)  
Chair- Elect: Cynthia Joseph (Australia)  
Past Chair : Evangelia Tastsoglou (Canada)  
Secretary/Treasurer: Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, Canada  
Newsletter Editor: Nazanin Shahrokni (USA)

#### Regional representatives:

Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Rim : Julie Matthews (Australia)  
Asia (South, South East and East Asia) : Bula Bhadra (India), Anita Dash (India), Ray-May Hsung (Taiwan), Saori Kamano (Japan)  
Europe : Anna-Brit Coe (Sweden), Consuelo Corradi (Italy), Francesca Vianello (Italy), Chryssanthi Zachou (Greece)  
Latin America and the Caribbean : Alicia Itatí Palermo (Argentina), Marlese Matos (Brazil)  
Middle East and West Asia : Nilay Çabuk Kaya (Turkey), Rima Sabban (UAE)  
North America (Canada and the US) : Joanna Hadjicostandi (USA), Shobha Hamal Gurung (USA), Patricia Tomic (Canada); Roberta Villalón (USA)

A by-election will be conducted by incoming Co-Chairs Josephine Beoku-Betts and Akosua Adomako Ampofo to fill the regional representatives positions that remained open during this election.

## **For the RC32 Business Meeting, ISA Yokohama, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our RC 32 Business Meeting in Yokohama will be held on July 15, 3:30-5:20 pm, Room 303. The minutes from the 2012 and 2010 business meetings are included here

**2012 Report / Minutes**  
**RC 32 Reception and Business Meeting**  
**Location: “La Farola” restaurant, Buenos Aires**  
**Friday, August 3, 2012, 12:30- 2 pm**

### 1. Acknowledgments

Evie Tastsoglou expressed her deepest appreciation on behalf of RC 32 to a number of individuals who made this interim conference of RC 32 at the ISA World Forum in Buenos Aires a big success.

In particular the following people were acknowledged:

- Session Organizers and session chairs
- Session presenters and participants
- Roundtable organizers: Vappu Tyyska and Linda Christiansen – Ruffman
- Roberta Villalon for organizing the RC 32 luncheon
- Professor Monica Castro for assisting RC 32 as local liaison
- The entire RC 32 Board for being available and for working together in the planning of this huge event, especially Toni Hetzler and Bandana Purkayastha, but also all the Regional Representatives present in Buenos Aires (Anita Dash, Vappu Tyyska, Laura Corradi, Analia Cardoso Torres, Jeanne De Bruijn, Alicia Dambrauskas, Alicia Itatí Palermo, Sirma Bilge, Nilay Cabuk Kaya, Nazanin Sharhokni, Manisha Desai, Solange Simoes).
- Past RC 32 co-chair and World Forum Chair Margaret Abraham for her unwavering support throughout and for trouble-shooting all the little and big issues I was constantly bringing to her attention.

Margaret Abraham thanked Evie Tastsoglou and all the RC 32 organizers, presenters and participants.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Business Meeting of July 2010: deferred for the next Business Meeting.

### 3. Announcements:

- Evie Tastsoglou requested 2-paragraph summaries of main points of discussion from session organizers for the RC 32 newsletter. We are hoping to feature a number of these reports into subsequent newsletters in order both to share with members who did not attend the Forum as well as to stimulate further discussion and exchange.

- Recent past RC 32 activities included: (1) July 3-7, 2011. Event: Women's World, Ottawa, Canada. The overall conference theme was 'Inclusions, exclusions, seclusions: living in a globalized world.' Rc-32 members organized a total of thirteen sessions. RC 32 shared a table at the conference with information about ISA and RC 32 activities and membership with another organization, the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW). Women's Worlds, an international interdisciplinary conference on women, is held every three years in different parts of the world. A distinctive feature of Women's Worlds 2011 was that it was trilingual – in English, French and Spanish. (2) September 6-10, 2011. In collaboration with the Working Group N°11, "Gender, inequality and citizenship", of the Latin American Sociological Association (ALAS), and with the Working Group "Gender" of the Argentinian Sociological Association (AAS), RC 32 organized a panel on "Dimensions of gender equity in Latin America and the Caribbean" at the XXVIII Congress of the Latin American Sociological Association in Recife, Brazil, 6-10 September 2011. The title of the Congress was "Latin American Open Borders" [www.alas2011recife.com](http://www.alas2011recife.com). The coordinator was RC 32 Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean Alicia Itatí Palermo, from the National University of Luján (Argentina) and the Argentinian Sociological Association.
- Mohammed Bamyeh, new editor of *International Sociology Review of Books*, is inviting us to submit proposals for themes, debates, or materials of particular interest that you would like ISRB to highlight. ISRB reviews books, but also regional or local debates, as well as non-book materials (audio-visual materials, blogs, zines, etc.) that could be of interest to an international community of sociologists. The journal is especially interested in reviews of materials available in languages other than English.
- A brief report on the ISA Research Council Business Meeting was provided by Evie Tastsoglou. Feedback on the Confex system was solicited and received from several of our RC 32 members. Criticisms of the system were echoed by many other committees at the ISA Research Council Business Meeting at the Second ISA Forum of Sociology on July 31, 2012. The ISA is looking into these issues and will address them for the World Congress. Evie also invited RC 32 members to bring issues forth for reporting at the next Research Council Meeting on Saturday, August 4, 2012.
- Bandana Purkayastha, RC 32 Secretary and Treasurer, gave her report on our spending for the conference and reiterated instructions to members who have been approved for financial support about how to get reimbursed.
- Toni Hetzler, RC 32 newsletter Editor, explained the newsletter process and reminded participants to keep sending her items relevant for the newsletter.

#### 4. Adjournment

Submitted by Evie Tastsoglou, RC 32 Chair

## **2010 Report / Minutes RC 32 Reception and Business Meeting**

### **Agenda**

10:45 – 12:15

- Welcome by Co-Chairs: *Margaret Abraham and Esther Ngan-ling Chow*
- RC32 Activities Report 2006-2010 (Submitted to ISA)
- By-Laws Report and Discussion: *Ann Denis and Marilyn Porter*
- Thanks to the RC32 Board Members (2006-2010) and Committee members
- Results of the Election and Introduction of Board Members 2010-2014
- Announcements and Other Business
- Meeting adjourns

12:15 -12:45

- New Board Chair Convenes New Board Meeting *Evangelia Tastsoglou*

The RC32 business meeting started at 10:50 with a welcome by the Co-Chairs Margaret Abraham and Esther Ngan-ling Chow to all the attendees (Approximately 120 people).

Margaret Abraham provided a brief summary of the RC32 Activities Report (2008-2010) by the co-Chairs submitted to ISA Secretariat. The financial support provided by RC 32 and ISA for these activities was also noted. She reported the increase in RC membership to 258 as of April 2010 and the expected increase in July 2010 (registration World Congress July 2010). She provided a brief summary of the activities successfully undertaken for the period 2008-2010 including conferences; essay competition and newsletters (see attached ISA report):

- Mundos de Mujeres/Women's Worlds: 10th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Madrid, Spain 3-9 July 2008.
- American Sociological Association, Boston, USA 2008
- First ISA World Forum of Sociology, Barcelona, Spain 5-8, September 2008
- World Congress of Sociology Gothenburg, Sweden July 11 to 17, 2010
- Essay Competition for New Scholars from the Economic South on "Women's Social Movements: Struggles for Change Throughout the World"
- RC32 Newsletter

The co-Chairs acknowledged Bandana Purkayastha, the RC 32 Newsletter Editor, for creatively and systematically putting together the newsletters bi-annually in English for the past 4 years. In addition, Cynthia Bogard, secretary treasurer, was acknowledged for updating the membership list and for helping with the RC32 elections.

Next on the agenda was a report and discussion of the RC32 bylaws and revisions by Ann Denis and Marilyn Porter. Ann and Marilyn took the membership through the main revisions undertaken.

Changes discussed included:

- Use of the term "chair" instead of "president" (the majority voted for chair).
- Whether to include institutions for RC32 membership (pro and cons were discussed with the understanding that this needed further enquiry).
- Whether to divide the role of the secretary and treasurer (the general decision was both options would need to be assessed ad hoc, and taken up for the next election).

The by-law revisions were passed unanimously. Ann Denis noted that she would make the revisions and send the final revisions to the new RC32 Chair, Evangelia Tastsoglou with a cc to the Margaret and Esther. The RC32 chair thanked Ann and Marilyn for the immense work on the by-laws. Ann Denis was also recognized for her immense contributions to RC32 over a span of many years.

Next on the agenda was an acknowledgment and thanks by the co-Chair to all the RC32 Board Members (2006-2010), Award committee members (Evangelia Tastsoglou, Cynthia Joseph and Linda Christiansen-Ruffman) and session organizers for the various RC32 interim conferences. The co-Chairs also thanked each other for a productive term. Bandana Purkayastha thanked Margaret for being the lead coordinator in organizing the World Congress, and both co-Chairs, Maggie and Esther for their leadership over the last four years.

**Next on the agenda, Esther Chow announced the results of the election and introduced the new Board (2010-2014):**

RC32 Chair (2010-2014) Evangelia Tastsoglou

Co-Chairs elect (for 2010-2014) to become co-Chairss for 2014-2018  
Akosua Adomako Ampofo: Ghana and Josephine Beoku-Betts: USA

Secretary – Treasurer : Bandana Purkayastha: USA

Newsletter Editor : Antoinette Hetzler: Sweden

**Regional Representatives:**

Africa : Oluyemi Fayomi: Nigeria, Abdul-Mumin Sa'ad: Nigeria, James Odit: Zambia  
Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Rim : Cynthia Joseph: Australia, Anne Seitz: Australia  
Shirley (Hsiao-Li) Sun: Singapore  
East, South and South East Asia : Anita Dash: India; Jie Du: People's Republic of China; Yu-Hsia Lu: Taiwan; Renu Ranjan: India  
Europe—East and West : Laura Corradi: Italy; Olesya Kirilenko: Ukraine; Laura Maratou-Alipranti: Greece ; Anália Torres: Portugal  
Latin America and the Caribbean : Jeanne de Bruijn: Curaco, Netherlands Antilles; Alicia Dambrauskas: Uruguay ; Alicia Itatí Palermo: Argentina  
Middle East /West Asia : Nilay Çabuk Kaya: Turkey; Nazanin Shahrokni: Iran  
Canada and the United States: Sirma Bilge: Canada; Vappu Tyyska: Canada ; Manisha Desai: USA  
Solange Simões: USA

Next item of business included announcements:

New RC32 Chair announced and congratulated Margaret Abraham for winning the election to the post of Vice Chair Research of the International Sociological Association.

Esther Ngan-ling Chow announced about an SWS initiative, handed out fliers and asked those interested to contact her.

The RC32 business meeting was adjourned.

**12:15 -12:45**

**New Board Chair Conveners**

**New Board Meeting**

*Evangelia Tastsoglou*

Evangelia Tastsoglou congratulated the New Board members on their election and thanked the outgoing Co-Chairs for their accomplishments, contributions and leadership of the past four years.

A quick go-around of introductions and exchange of ideas about activities in the new term followed.

It was the unanimous agreement of the New Board to move forward with an interim meeting planned for the next ISA World Forum to be announced later in the fall. In addition, it was agreed that other international and regional conferences will serve as venues for RC 32 interim meetings, starting with the Women's Worlds 11th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, in Ottawa, Canada in early July 2011.

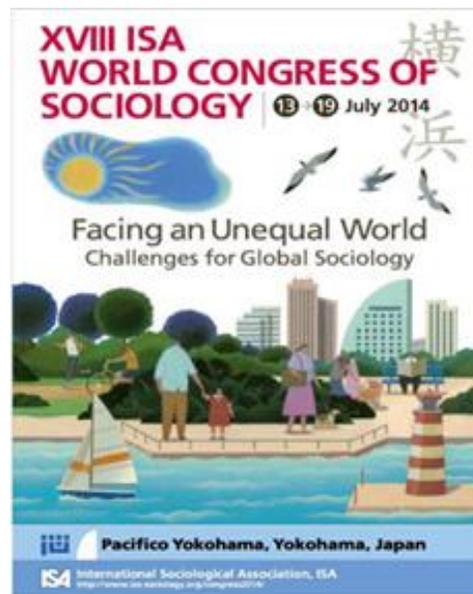
It was also agreed to stay in close contact, exchange news and information, and discuss issues by e-mail and the use of the Board and membership listservs that would be transferred from Hofstra University to the University of Connecticut, the institution of the new secretary and treasurer, Bandana Purkayastha. Bandana will notify members of when the new listservs are ready for use.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45

# **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

## **ISA World Congress, Yokohama Japan 2014**

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



**<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2014/webprogram/Symposium189.html>**  
**RC 32 Program**

**<http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2014/rc/rc.php?n=RC32>**

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

**Program Coordinator: Evangelia Tastsoglou, Saint Mary's  
University, Canada, [evie.tastsoglou@gmail.com](mailto:evie.tastsoglou@gmail.com)**

**DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING**

**It's A Girl Thing: Tween Queens and the Commodification of Girlhood**  
**Produced by Shannon Silva, Andre Silva and Donna King**



**It's A Girl Thing: Tween Queens and the Commodification of Girlhood**  
Produced by Shannon Silva, Andre Silva and Donna King

Directed by Shannon Silva

Screening at the XVIII ISA World Congress, Yokohama, Japan.

Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 9:35 am - 10:20 am.

Room location 501, from 9:30-10:20 a.m

**This 58 minute documentary film uses expert interviews,  
historical research, animated reenactments and found footage to  
critically explore the evolution of the girltween market.**

**Watch the film trailer online: <http://vimeo.com/43684204>**

**AUTHOR MEETS CRITIC 2014**  
**RC 32 JULY 18, 5:30-7:20 PM, ROOM 302**  
**CHAIR: GLENDA BONIFACIO**

**Gender and Equestrian Sport: Riding Around the World.**  
**Adelman, Miriam; Knijnik, Jorge (Eds.) (Springer 2013)**

**Presented by Miriam Adelman, Professor, Universidade Federal do Paraná, Brasil**

This volume brings together studies from various disciplines of the social sciences and humanities (Anthropology, Sociology, Cultural Studies, History and Literary theory) that examine the equestrian world as a historically gendered and highly dynamic field of contemporary sport and culture. From elite international dressage and jumping, polo and the turf, to the rodeo world of the Americas and popular forms of equestrian sport and culture, we are introduced to a range of issues as they unfold at local and global, national and international levels. Students and scholars of gender, culture and sport will find much of interest in this original look at contemporary issues such as “engendered” (women’s and men’s) identities/subjectivities of equestrians, representations of girls, horses and the world of adventure in juvenile fiction; the current “feminization” of particular equestrian activities (and where boys and men stand in relation to this); how broad forms of social inequality and stratification play themselves out within gendered equestrian contexts; men and women and their relation to horses within the framework of current discussions on the relation of animals to humans (which may include not only love and care, but also exploitation and violence), among others. Singular contributions that incorporate a wide variety of classic and contemporary theoretical perspectives and empirical methodologies show how horse cultures around the globe contribute to historical and current constructions of embodied “femininities” and “masculinities”, reflecting a world that has been moving “beyond the binaries” while continuing to be enmeshed in their persistent and contradictory legacy. The final chapter makes a brave attempt at synthesizing individual chapters and moving forward from the evidences they provide to suggest a compelling agenda for future research.

**Reproducing Women: Family and Health Work Across Three Generations. Diana L. Gustafson and Marilyn Porter (Fernwood Press 2012)**

**Presented by Marilyn Porter, Professor Emerita, Memorial University, Canada.**

The book draws together stories and interviews with three generations of women across twenty-four families living in Canada. It examines women's experience of their "reproductive lives" in order to uncover how their experiences are rooted in the family and among generational relationships: between mother, daughter, grandmother and granddaughter. By placing women's biological and embodied experiences, including issues such as menarche, contraception, sexual intercourse, childbirth and menopause, in a social and cultural context, women's broader roles in "social reproductions" are revealed.

## **Varieties of Feminism: German Gender Politics in Global Perspective. Myra Marx Ferree (Stanford University Press 2012)**

Presented by Myra Marx Ferree, Professor, University of Wisconsin

This book already won the 2013 APSA Victoria Schuck Award (for best book of 2012 on gender and politics). *Varieties of Feminism* investigates the development of German feminism by contrasting it with women's movements that arise in countries, like the United States, committed to liberalism. With both conservative Christian and social democratic principles framing feminist discourses and movement goals, which in turn shape public policy gains, Germany provides a tantalizing case study of gender politics done differently. The German feminist trajectory reflects new political opportunities created first by national reunification and later, by European Union integration, as well as by historically established assumptions about social justice, family values, and state responsibility for the common good. Tracing the opportunities, constraints, and conflicts generated by using class struggle as the framework for gender mobilization and juxtaposing this with the American liberal tradition where gender and race are more typically framed as similar—Ferree reveals how German feminists developed strategies and movement priorities quite different from those in the United States.

## **Women, Work, and Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities Bahira Sherif Trask (Routledge 2014)**

Presented by Bahira Sherif Trask, Professor and Associate Chair of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Delaware

Around the globe, women increasingly make up a significant percentage of the labor force. This transformation is impacting everyone's lives. This book examines the resulting gender role, work, and family issues from a comparative worldwide perspective. Working allows women to earn an income, acquire new skills, and forge social connections. It also brings challenges such as simultaneously managing domestic responsibilities and family relationships. The social, political, and economic implications of this global transformation are explored from an interdisciplinary perspective in this book. The commonalities and the differences of women's experiences depending on their social class, education, and location in industrialized *and* developing countries are highlighted throughout. Practical implications are examined including the consequences of these changes for men. Vignettes and case studies from around the world bring the topics to life. The book argues that despite policy reforms and a rhetoric of equality, women still have unique experiences from men both at work and at home.

**Celebrating Debutantes and Quinceaneras:  
Coming of Age in American Ethnic Communities  
Evelyn Rodriguez Temple University Press 2013)**

Presented by Evelyn Rodriguez, Associate Professor in Sociology, University of San Francisco

This book uses the coming-of-age rituals of daughters of working- and middle-class Filipino and Mexican American immigrants to explore these families' experiences in and of the United States and the ways they creatively, sometimes effectively, and sometimes problematically respond to these experiences. In addition to describing how Filipino debutantes (or "debut") and Mexican quinceaneras (or "quinces") have been constructed by immigrant families in the US and employed as ethnicized gender projects that fashion celebrants into young women who are expected to serve as respectable cultural ambassadors for their families and communities as well as themselves, I show how immigrant families use these events to maintain, build, and activate key social networks; how debuts and quinces have been appropriated by non-conforming Mexican and Filipino American men and women to challenge community boundaries, and how the positive memories produced by these events build what I term "emotional operating capital: affective assets that can help facilitate social advancement by providing actors with the resilience and self-assurance needed to effectively navigate barriers to acquiring, building, and activating the benefits of human, social, and cultural capital. This examination underscores how central women's bodies and women's work are to sustaining and advancing US immigrant communities, and how this is possible because of how women are designated as "keepers of culture," and because of how families and communities are able to lay claim to young women's bodies, socialization, and rituals in ways they do not do with young men.

**Globalization, Labor Export and Resistance:  
A Study of Filipino Migrant Domestic Workers in Global Cities  
Ligaya Lindio-McGovern (Routledge 2013)**

Presented by Ligaya Lindio-McGovern, Professor of Sociology, Indiana University

This book examines the complex intersections of gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, and class within the field of labor migration in the context of neoliberal globalization (defined in the book as the global expansion of capitalism). Using the Philippine labor export policy as an embodiment of the role of neoliberal states in the commodification and feminization of migrant labor, it shows how gender-race-class inequality is reproduced in the global political economy, but also creates the pre-conditions for collective resistance among migrant workers. The book presents theoretical and ethnographic insights from observational and interview data the author personally gathered during fieldwork in different cities--- Vancouver (British Columbia, Canada), Taipei, Hong Kong, Rome, Chicago, and Metro-Manila. The result is a compelling weave of theory and experience of exploitation and resistance, an important development in the discourses and literature on globalization and social movements seeking to influence regimes that exploit migrant women as cheap labor to sustain gendered global capitalism.

**Women in a Globalizing World:  
Transforming Equality, Development, Diversity and Peace  
Edited by Angela Miles (Inanna Publications, 2013)**

Presented by Angela Miles, Professor, OISE, University of Toronto

An exciting interdisciplinary Canadian collection of ground-breaking work brings together almost seventy articles by formative feminist writers, researchers, activists and visionaries to illuminate the profound globalizing processes of our time. Critical analyses of current globalization and possible alternatives are presented in the context of global feminist dialogue and activism since the 1980s. Together, the articles provide a comprehensive overview of the agenda and processes of neo-liberal globalization; women's activist responses to the consequent environmental and social destruction; and visionary feminist alternatives and worldviews.

As well as women's studies courses, this collection will be an indispensable resource for teachers seeking globally-informed, gender-, race-, class-, and Indigenous- aware Canadian resources for the study of sociology, international development, environmental studies, political economy, women's human rights, labour studies, social policy, social work, international relations, migration/immigration, violence, poverty, militarism, colonialism and post-colonialism, social movements, global feminisms, peace, community organizing, sustainability and alternative possibilities.

<http://www.inanna.ca/index.php/catalog/women-globalizing-world-equality-development-peace-and-diver>

**Violence against Latina Immigrants:  
Citizenship, Inequality, and Community  
Roberta Villalor (New York University Press, 2010)**

Presented by Roberta Villalor, Associate Professor, St. Johns University

Caught between violent partners and the bureaucratic complications of the US Immigration system, many immigrant women are particularly vulnerable to abuse. For two years, Roberta Villalón volunteered at a nonprofit group that offers free legal services to mostly undocumented immigrants who had been victims of abuse. Her innovative study of Latina survivors of domestic violence explores the complexities at the intersection of immigration, citizenship, and violence, and shows how inequality is perpetuated even through the well-intentioned delivery of vital services. Through archival research, participant observation, and personal interviews, *Violence Against Latina Immigrants* provides insight into the many obstacles faced by battered immigrant women of color, bringing their stories and voices to the fore. Ultimately, Villalón proposes an active policy advocacy agenda and suggests possible changes to gender violence-based immigration laws, revealing the complexities of the lives of Latina immigrants as they confront issues of citizenship, gender violence, and social inequalities.

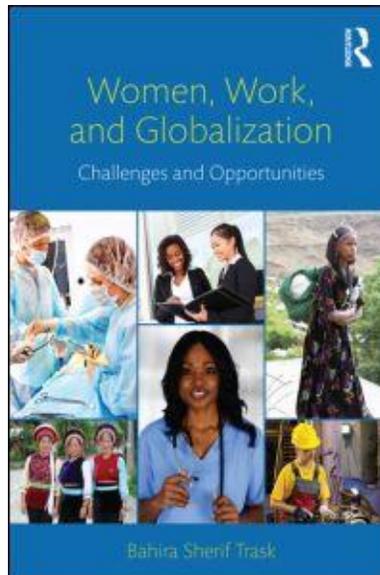
**Gendered Perspectives on Conflict and Violence**  
**Marcia Texler Segal and Vasilikie Demos (Eds.) 2013 & 2014.**  
**Volume 18a Bingley, UK: Emerald.**

Presented by Vasilikie Demos, Professor Emerita of Sociology, University of Minnesota

Chapters in Volumes 18A & B on “Gendered Perspectives on Conflict and Violence” of the *Advances in Gender Research* series explore a range of issues including media reactions to the rape of an infant girl in a South African community, local and global responses to Transphobic gender-based violence, nationhood and Israeli women combat soldiers’ narrations of belonging, honor killing and the negotiation of honor terms among Turkish urban educated young people, the resistance of gendered religious based nationalism in Gujarat, India, and managing performances of masculinity in prison. The volume brings us to a greater appreciation of international bodies such as that of the United Nations in forming policies on gender-based violence, globally and locally, the importance of moving beyond gender, race, and class to an intersectional analysis that includes other vectors of inequality such as that of ability/disability, and the knowledge to be gained and later used in helping to offset violence by listening to the perpetrator. Gender-based issues are presented in statistical and qualitative form. Authors identify and describe problems as well as present ways by which to address them. While the research upon which a chapter is based may have been undertaken for a doctoral dissertation or other purposes, each chapter was written expressly for the volume.

**NB: Colleagues who have read these books are invited to participate in the session and take the opportunity to engage with authors. This session is also a venue to learn from each other about publishing works in women and gender studies. Bring book brochures and related information materials to share with participants – Glenda Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge, Session Organizer**

## New Publications / Members Publications



### **Women, Work and Globalization : Challenges and Opportunities Bahira Sherif Trask (Routledge 2014)**

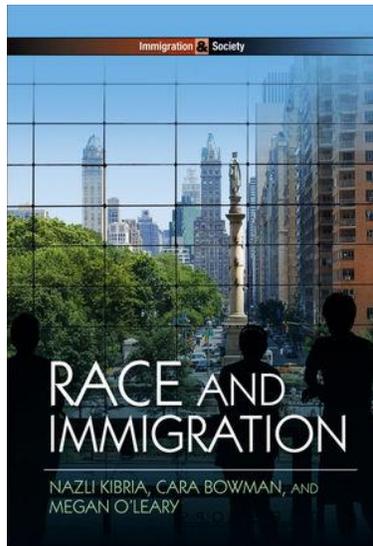
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“Women increasingly make up a significant percentage of the labor force throughout the world. This transformation is impacting everyone's lives. This book examines the resulting gender role, work, and family issues from a comparative worldwide perspective. Working allows women to earn an income, acquire new skills, and forge social connections. It also brings challenges such as simultaneously managing domestic responsibilities and family relationships. The social, political, and economic implications of this global transformation are explored from an interdisciplinary perspective in this book.

The commonalities and the differences of women’s experiences depending on their social class, education, and location in industrialized *and* developing countries are highlighted throughout. Practical implications are examined including the consequences of these changes for men. Engaging vignettes and case studies from around the world bring the topics to life. The book argues that despite policy reforms and a rhetoric of equality, women still have unique experiences from men both at work and at home”.

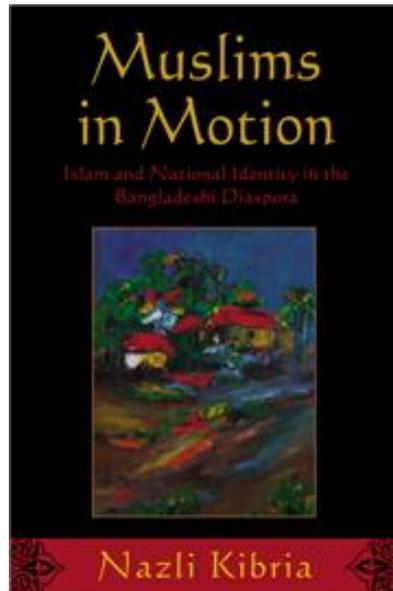
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**Race and Immigration (Polity Press, 2013)**  
**Nazli Kibria , Cara Bowman and Megan O'Leary**  
<http://www.politybooks.com/book.asp?ref=074564791X#toc>

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“This insightful new book offers a fresh perspective on immigration and its part in shaping the racial landscape of the US today. Moving away from one-dimensional views of this relationship, it emphasizes the dynamic and mutually formative interactions of race and immigration. Drawing on a wide range of studies, it explores key aspects of the immigrant experience, such as the history of immigration laws, the formation of immigrant occupational niches, and developments of immigrant identity and community. Specific topics covered include: the perceived crisis of unauthorized immigration; the growth of an immigrant rights movement; the role of immigrant labor in the elder care industry; the racial strategies of professional immigrants; and the formation of pan-ethnic Latino identities”. <http://www.politybooks.com/book.asp?ref=074564791X#toc>



**Muslims in Motion: Islam and National Identity in the Bangladeshi Diaspora**  
Nazli Kibria (Rutgers University Press, 2011)

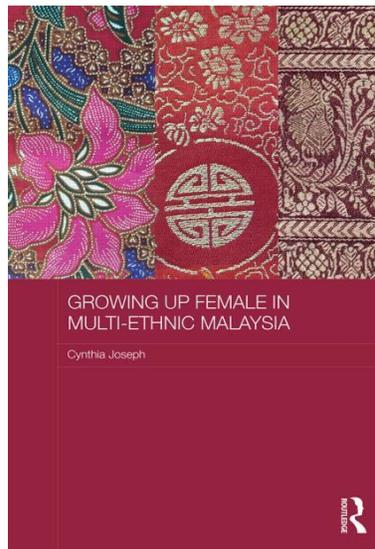
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In *Muslims in Motion*, Nazli Kibria provides a comparative look at Bangladeshi Muslims in different global contexts--including Britain, the U.S., the Middle East, and Malaysia. Kibria examines international migrant flows from Bangladesh, and considers how such migrations continue to shape Islamization in these areas. Having conducted more than 200 in-depth interviews, she explores how, in societies as different as these, migrant Muslims, in their everyday lives, strive to achieve economic gains, sustain community and family life, and realize a sense of dignity and honor

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A new sociology journal, **Social Currents**, has been launched in the USA, and the lead article in the first issue is Raewyn Connell, "Global tides: market and gender dynamics on a world scale," *Social Currents*, 2014, vol. 1 no. 1, 5-12.

<http://scu.sagepub.com/content/current>



**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.

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## **Announcements**

**European Sociological Association  
Research Network 33 - Women's and Gender Studies  
Mid-term Conference  
Gender Equality and Institutions  
October 16th and 17th, 2014**

Federico II University- of Political Sciences, Naples (Italy), via Rodinò 22,  
under the Auspices of the Italian Sociological Association and with the support of the Ph.D.School in  
Human Mind and Gender Studies- Mind, Gender and Language

**Call for Papers  
The Quest of "European Identity" as a new Challenge for Social Theory  
26.–28. November 2014  
Münster, Germany**

Social Theory Conference, European Sociological Association, (Research Network 29)  
Further information:  
<http://www.social-theory.eu/>

**Call for Papers and Participation  
9th Annual International Conference on Sociology  
4-7 May 2015  
Athens, Greece**

The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) organizes its 9th Annual International  
Conference on Sociology, 4-7 May 2015, Athens, Greece. The conference website is:  
<http://www.atiner.gr/sociology.htm>.

**The 12th International Interdisciplinary Conference on Women**  
<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. [www.womensworld2014india.com](http://www.womensworld2014india.com)