

RC-32 SPRING NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

A Thank You Note

As the ISA explored its first World Forum held in Barcelona, RC-32 joined in to propose 5 regular paper sessions and 6 joint sessions, which subsequently was expanded into 18 sessions plus a business meeting. The success of our program was particularly strengthened by the efforts of RC32 session organizers—Kalpanna Kannabiran, Joey Sprague, Lin Tan, Josephine Beoku-Betts, Akosua Adomako Ampofo, Suaad Zayed Al-oraimi, Nazanin Shahrokni, Oluyemi Fayomi, Lotsmart Fonjong, Ann Denis, Sirma Bilge, Marilyn Porter and Solange Simoes. Our program was also greatly enriched by the collaborative efforts of many RCs—10 (Michal Palgi), 14 (Christiana Constantopoulou), 30 (Diane Gabrielle Tremblay), 04/23 (Markus Schulz) as well as 05 and 38. We acknowledge their collaborations that ended in fruition with 174 paper submissions, out of which 148 papers were accepted for RC32 program presentation.

We had a business meeting with a group of thoughtful participants. Ann Denis informed us of her experience working on the RC by-laws of the ISA and graciously accepted our suggestion to chair this committee that works on the by-laws revision. Linda-Christiansen-Ruffman shared her institutional memories about the essay contests in the past. Later on, Evie Tastsoglou kindly accepted being the chair of the essay contest committee.

Last but not the least, the restriction of no food in the building at the University of Barcelona did not allow us to continue our practice of combining the business meeting with the reception. With the assistance from Solange Simoes, we were able to hold our reception at Tapa Tapa Restaurant (see photo). The reception was also made possible with the funding of \$1,000 from the Sociologists for Women in Society (USA). We take this opportunity to express our special gratitude to the generosity of SWS and the conscientious work done by Solange Simoes.

From RC-32 Co-Presidents: Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Margaret Abraham

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CONFERENCES

**XVII ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF
SOCIOLOGY,
SOCIOLOGY ON THE MOVE
GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN
11 - 17 JULY, 2010**

Call for Papers

RC 32 Abstract Submission Deadline – October 1, 2009

Our program is also posted at <http://www.isasociology.org/congress2010/rc/rc32.htm>

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A major objective of the Research Committee on Women in Society (RC32) is to advance the development of theory, methods, and practice concerning women in society and the gendered nature of social institutions. RC 32 is also committed to improve research, organize meetings, and promote other means of communication, cooperation, and collaboration among researchers at the national, regional, and international levels. One of the ways that RC 32 achieves these objectives is by organizing multiple regular sessions and collaborating on joint sessions as part of major conferences. The XVII ISA World Congress of Sociology with its theme of *Sociology on the Move* provides a major forum for RC32 to interrogate theoretical paradigms and methods, discuss current research, hear a diversity of voices, and inspire collective action to empower women and men, locally and globally. Below is the list of proposed sessions and submission deadlines. (The order and session number are subject to change).

REGULAR SESSIONS

1. Gender and ‘Traditionalism’ in Global Times: Women Negotiating Difference
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How do we understand women's identity practices in new contemporary times? How do women negotiate ethnic and cultural traditions of patriarchy, neo-colonialism and globalisation? How are they (dis)empowered by the material inequalities of their lives and the globalised neo-colonial webs of power? How are 'new' gender identities being re-defined and re-constituted through discourses operating at the local and global levels? This panel welcomes papers that will address these important questions through case studies located in diverse social and national contexts. The session will look at the ways in which cultural, educational and/or work spaces are both dynamic and constraining within the processes of women's self-identifications. The papers presented will raise important issues of doing research on multiple identities in challenging and changing globalised racial/ethnic and gendered spaces of education, work and/or womanhood.

2. Women, War, and Peace Building

Session organizers:

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This session will focus on the gendered nature of armed conflicts in national/civil and across international spaces, with emphasis on the distinctive ways in which women and girls are affected. It will also focus on gendered peace. Much attention has been given in social science scholarship to the role of states, civil society, and historical processes, such as colonialism and globalization in perpetuating conflict, and ways in which women and girls have been victimized including the institutional and ideological factors that make women's suffering invisible. Emerging scholarship also addresses particular ways in which women contribute to peace building across public and private spheres, reconstruction, and democratization locally, nationally and globally, after armed conflict. We invite proposal submissions that reflect current theoretical and empirical sociological scholarship on the gendered nature of armed conflict and strategies women employ to attain peace, justice, and the reconfiguration of gender roles in post-armed conflict societies.

Topics may include but not be limited to:

- Gender based violence
- Women and children in armed conflict
- Refugees, internally displaced and asylum seekers
- Food security, land rights and land reform
- Gender and rights based discourse
- Civil society and social movements
- Women's participation in economic and social reconstruction
- Ethnicity and citizenship
- Promoting gender equity in international laws, resolutions, and conventions
- Women's participation in peace building and conflict resolution

- Cultures and ideologies of peace and human capabilities
- Building peace by claiming civil, political, cultural, and economic human rights.
- Rebuilding societies that are cognizant of human rights after long periods of conflict.

3. Violence, War and Beyond: Gender, Embodiment and Women's Lived Experiences of War and Violence

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Resolution 1325 at the UN encapsulates decades of women's activism to recognize the ways in which women are harmed by armed conflict along with the ways in which women build peace. This session will focus on women—as embodied beings—in situations of war and conflict. How are women's bodies used, reconstituted, and reframed in times of war and violence? How are caste, community, religion, nation, race, and gender in their complex interconnections inscribed on women's bodies in situations of war and violence? And what roles do ideologies of shame, honour, chastity and stigma play in this process? As their lived experiences suggest, women have been abducted, beaten, raped, rendered destitute, widowed, rehabilitated, and fenced in refugee camps. At the same time embodied women have quietly and vocally initiated and sustained peace-building efforts promoting social conditions that ensure human beings are able to live to their fullest capabilities. We welcome papers that bring out such lived experiences of women—who belong to diverse communities and groups across the world--who have faced war and violence of various forms across the world.

4. Gender, Private Life and Quality of Life

Session organizers:

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The session will focus on gender roles in the private sphere and will try to investigate and identify the processes that sustain and reproduce the unequal gender division of paid and unpaid work within the context of private life and the degree of change in social practices and behaviors. We welcome papers that examine the intersection of work and family, the father-mother balance in the distribution of child care and housework tasks, the new patterns of life, the allocation of unpaid work assumed by parents and how this is accommodated in the new model related to the shift to the adult worker model. The nature of the choices made by men and women depend on the extent to which social policies address the implementation of equality in everyday practices and the position of men and women in the labour market where there are substantial variations. In addition, free time is an important issue for the understanding of citizens' quality of life. The formal time for childcare and work versus the informal time, that is free-leisure time of

men and women, indicate that there is a dichotomy and unequal balance of family responsibilities in private life. Women usually carry the burden of family responsibilities which affect their quality of life at all levels and this tends to limit their personal free time for different activities.

5. Women, Social Movements and Collective Action

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Women have played a critical role in social movements. Through collective action they have advocated for social justice and equality. The goal of this session is to examine how women have organized social movements, historically and in contemporary contexts, to address social justice issues, access to resources and to secure the rights of individuals and communities at the local, national, transnational and global level. Particular attention will also be paid to conceptual frameworks for understanding the ways that women mobilize to tackle the emerging issues of our time and use collective action to influence public policy and practice. We will also look at the impact of feminism in shaping social movement outcomes and the ways that women have organized, within and across differences of class, ethnicity, race, religion and nationality for social change.

Topics for submission may include but are not limited to:

- Women and national movements
- Women's inclusion and exclusion in social movements
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender advocacy
- Conceptual frameworks for understanding women and social movements
- Successes and challenges in the Feminist movement
- Ending violence against women
- Women in labor movements
- Coalition building in social movements
- Women, social movements and cultural change
- Identity politics in social movements
- Reproductive rights movement
- Women, war and peace building movements
- Immigrant women's organizing

6. Gendering Migration in a Globalized Post Cold War Era

Session organizers:

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Globalization entails multiple and contradictory processes in the era of post Cold War and women make up an increasing proportion of international movements. Political and policy environments of the host countries are influenced by the neoliberal ideological principles, which are contributing to changes in migration policy, labour markets, and social provisions that make female migrants vulnerable to socio-political inequalities. The Session seeks papers on theoretical and empirical studies that reflect the most pressing and contested issues-neoliberal policies, democracy, multiculturalism in the era of post Cold War. Gendered work environmental impacts on the migrant such as the erosion of socio-political provisions and deregulation of labour market that undermine commitment to principles of economic redistribution that threatened the well-being of women who migrate to other countries.

7. Multiple Visions of Gender Equality

Session organizers:

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Sociologists have not been very good at directly asking normative questions. This is true for the works of feminism as well, which is among the most normatively oriented within the field. Normative orientations as to what exactly is meant by the concept of gender equality are often taken for granted, or not discussed very openly, which have made true dialogues difficult among those from diverse backgrounds. For example, the vision of equality upheld in some “Western” countries is sometimes viewed as an ideal, which have lead to label other societies “more patriarchal,” while hasty dichotomy between the “East” and the “West” have masked the important commonality between them as well as the inner diversity of the “East” as well as of the “West”. Many would agree that the visions of basic equality, such as those concerning basic living and social conditions, should be shared by a wide variety of people. Yet we have gradually been aware that beyond this basic level there are multiple visions of gender equality in different parts of the world and they can be a powerful tool for “immanent critique” in each society. Articulating them in a different level of abstraction and sharing them with those from different cultural backgrounds must be a great opportunity for mutual learning. This session aims to help understand the multiple visions of gender equality, which can offer a basis for unity in diversity in the tradition of feminist imagination. Papers that address the above are welcome.

8. Women's Bodies, Religion, and Politics: Unveiling the veil in the Middle East

Session organizers:

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Behind the veil, beyond the chador, beneath the scarf, Middle Eastern women’s lives have been under scrutiny of the “Western eye”. The veil has become the central element around which Middle Eastern women’s stories are told. These stories and the scholarship on the veil predominantly make use of binaries such as oppression / resistance, tradition /

modernity, and religious / secular. The veil means different things to the women who wear it (or those who don't), to the "Western" observer, and to the states which make their women to veil or unveil. The story of the veil in the Middle East is more complicated than the current scholarship suggests it is. This session is about women's bodies, religion and politics. It aims at bringing together papers that offer fresh approaches to this rather over-studied issue. The session especially welcomes papers which critically engage with the abovementioned binaries and investigate their implications for the study of the veil in the Middle East.

9. Women's Empowerment; Pathways to Well-Being: Global Lessons

Session organizers:

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Growing out of lessons from a 2004/2005 Fulbright New Century Scholar collaboration as well as the work of a Global Research Project Consortium (2005-2008) this panel seeks to bring together experiences from the Global North and South on Pathways to Women's Well-being. Kabeer (2001) has defined empowerment as "the expansion in people's ability to make strategic life choices in a context where this ability was previously denied to them." This definition contains the elements of change from a condition of disempowerment, and that of human agency and choice. While this kind of empowerment will be context specific and differ from one woman to another it is likely to include economic, socio-cultural, familial/interpersonal, legal, policy, political, and psychological aspects. Papers are invited that speak to aggregate lessons on positive change for women under different circumstances and in different contexts. For example, market traders in the Global South might benefit from policy changes that improve their access to global markets, while women in the industrialised North might benefit from popular constructions that free them from the bondage of the fashion and cosmetic surgery industry. The papers should speak to original research that shows how and why these experiences or changes have been empowering for the specific group of women.

10. Transnational Feminism and Cultural Boundaries: Theory, Research and Practice

Session organizers:

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Transnational processes emerge in a variety of ways to intersect at the juncture where global forces are intricately linked to the local cultures, people and changes. Transnational analyses cover a wide spectrum ranging from transnational corporations, diaspora and migration, cultural diffusion, sexuality, citizenship, nation-state, religion, tourism and women trafficking, decolonization, women's activism, social movements,

war and environment. As feminists try to overcome the barriers between researchers from north and south and from different cultural backgrounds, we explore how transnational and transcultural research creates new forms of feminist knowledge. This session seeks to illuminate transnational and transcultural scholarship on women and gender that broadens and deepens sociological knowledge and enhances women's agendas for positive social change. We are soliciting both theoretical and empirical papers that employ transnational frameworks as well as those that examine the challenges of methodological issues and those that consider issues of agency, policy and change in studies that cross borders. We welcome work that reflects a variety of perspectives, approaches, and methods and that draws upon empirical research from different countries and contexts to address the complexity and dynamic relationships between gender and transnationalism.

11. The Gender Challenge(s) in Academia: Local, National and International Perspectives

Session organizers:

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Women have made great gains in higher education and academia globally during the last decades, but despite the growing presence of women it is obvious that academic careers, organisations and their knowledge production have remained gendered. In many parts of the world gender inequalities in academia and science have been taken visibly up in the national or regional policy agenda, and as a result numerous gender equality interventions have been launched. The problems are still frequently framed as women's problems, and men are seldom problematized as men. Universities in many countries are currently experiencing major structural and governance reforms and internationalization pressures but the gender impacts of these are rarely discussed. To this RC 32 session on Gender Challenge(s) in Academia we invite papers exploring various gender challenges in modern academia from local, national and international perspectives. Theoretical, empirical or policy oriented papers are all welcome, and we would especially like to attract papers building on international or comparative studies. The gender challenges concern both structures and dynamics of academia: careers, networks, governance, allocation of resources, gatekeeping, interventions, sexualities, discrimination and harassment, intersectionality, as well as content of knowledge production in sociology or other disciplines.

12. Men, Masculinities and Gender Equality: National, Transnational and Global Contexts

Session organizers:

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Building on the successful session at the Durban ISA Conference, we invite papers, as well as offers of short information pieces and posters on the theme of ‘Men, Masculinities and Gender Equality: National, transnational and global contexts’ (Form: 1 & 7). In this, we are keen to attract presentations that engage with theoretical, empirical and policy/political aspects of attempts to involve and transform men and masculinities in furthering gender equality and feminist agendas, or indeed responses and resistances to those attempts. While these can be framed in local and national political and policy contexts, we particularly encourage examinations of interventions that are international, multinational or transnational in scope and vision. This inevitably means attention to the relation of the gendering of men to other social divisions, such as ethnicity, racialisation, nationality, sexuality and geographical location. We would especially welcome contributions that attend to social intersections, such as around age, disability and violence (both military and interpersonal), that often remain neglected in such interventions and analyses.

JOINT SESSIONS

13. Confronting the Politics of Racialized Sexualities: On Regulating Minority Gender Relations and Sexualities

Joint Session of RC 32 (Women in Society) and RC 05(Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations): (RC32 session hosts)

Session organizers:

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Questions of gender and sexualities are essential to understand politics of race and nation at different levels of analysis, whether the local, the national, or the global.

Drawing on what David Goldberg called the ‘liberal paradox’, i.e. how the commitment of modernity to idealized principles of liberty and equality goes hand in hand with a multiplication of racialized identities and the sets of exclusions they prompt and rationalize, enable and sustain (Goldberg 1993), the proposed session will tackle the ways in which ethnocultural exclusion and racialization processes in western liberal democracies currently operate through the problematization of minority/migrant gender relations and sexualities. We are particularly interested in the current mobilizations of women’s rights and gay rights to construe the ‘civilized’ space of western freedoms and their ‘enemies’. Besides the critique of these exclusionary discourses and practices, we welcome contributions engaging with questions of resistance/emancipation and counter-hegemonic practices, and providing frameworks for developing knowledge that lessen domination.

Identified thematic areas for papers include but not limited to:

- Articulations of sexuality and nationalism: recent developments and historical legacies

- The ‘war on terror’ and ‘progressive’ politics of sexuality
- Regulatory controls over migrant gender norms, sexualities and bodies
- Discourses on sexual freedoms/gender equality and (cultural) racism
- Minority/Migrant challenges to regulatory practices and hegemonic discourses
- Representing and regulating minority/migrant masculinities and femininities
- The class politics of racializing sexualities
- Regulating controversial practices (hijab, arranged marriage, polygamy, ‘honour’ crimes, excision, etc.)
- [Discourses on] ‘Human trafficking’ and the control of mobility
- [Discourses on] ‘urban riots’; the ‘war on drugs’, the ‘war on gangs’
- Conjunctions of racism and technologies of sex

14. Globalization, Gender and Families

Joint Session of RC 32 (Women in Society) and RC 06 (Family Research): (RC 32 session hosts)

Session organizers:

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This session will focus on changing gender and family relations and structures in an increasingly globalized world. Such changes are contextualized first in the rise of neo-liberalism forcing women around the world to exit formal labour markets and relinquish well-established social and economic rights. Migration and “transnationalism from below”, or the constant movement of people across national borders in response to necessity, opportunity and gender roles, are also underlying the changing arrangements. Finally, racialization and the new security climate (“securitization”) globally are also affecting these changing arrangements. Diverse theoretical perspectives and conceptual frameworks in understanding the changes are particularly welcome. Such changing relations and structures include but are not limited to:

- Transnational mothering and parenting;
- Raising of children by live-in caregivers and other paid workers in the global North, which frees professional women of care duties and alters little in traditional gender expectations and responsibilities;
- “Other” ways and experiences of mothering in the global North than those of white, middle-class women;
- Consequences of women “exiting” the labour force, both through forced exits due to changing labour markets and “voluntary exits” in order to attend to family responsibilities (that have fallen through the cracks as a result of a shrinking welfare state), on families and gender relations;
- Divided, “astronaut” immigrant families where the immigrant, usually male breadwinner is separated from the rest of the family and goes back to work in the country of origin for lack of credential recognition and work experience (a result of institutional racialization and securitization) in the receiving country;
- Relations with extended families left behind due to migration and securitization;

- Gendered, transnational caregiving responsibilities;
- Impact of long-term separation for employment purposes on gender relations and families.

15. Gender and Sexuality and Discourses on Citizenship

Joint Session of RC 32 (Women in Society) and RC 25 (Language and Society): (RC 32 session hosts)

Session organizers:

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This panel will explore gender, sexuality and discourses on citizenship through two primary frames: 1. How discourses of citizenship construct, reproduce and contest particular conceptions of gender and sexuality. 2. How discourses of gender and sexuality construct, reproduce and contest particular notions of citizenship. We are particularly interested in papers that explore identity formation and citizenship through analyses of language and representation and which address possibilities for social change. Analyses may include any variety of cultural, historical and political spheres.

Themes for paper submissions may include but are not limited to:

- Recent theoretical developments, strategies, and trends in discursive analyses of gender, sexuality and citizenship
- Intersections of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, race and class in citizenship discourse
- Discourses of contestation in movements for sexual citizenship
- Impacts of globalization on gender, sexuality and citizenship discourse
- Language, identity formation and sexual citizenship
- Discourses of gender-equality policies and the development of gay and lesbian policies
- Role of feminist sociology in shaping the discourses on gender, sexuality and citizenship

16. Femininities, Masculinities and Inter-Ethnic Intersections, Contestations and Competition in Post-Colonial Plantation Societies

Joint Session of RC 05 (Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations) and RC 32 (Women in Society) (RC05 session hosts)

Session organizers:

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While a great deal of recent emphasis has been placed on the situation of new migrants to metropolitan centres, there are continuing stories of the impacts of older migrations – forced and assisted, which occurred in earlier phases of capitalist colonial expansion. This panel will explore the situation in specifically post-colonial multi-ethnic plantation societies which trace their population diversity to the labour demands of an expanding

trade in plantation products especially through British colonial and capitalist expansion. Countries such as Fiji, Guyana, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Malaysia, Singapore and the entire Caribbean share this history and legacy of British colonialism, forced labour systems, large-scale labour transportation and immigration, multi-ethnicity and the plantation. Contestations over ethnicity, identity and citizenship characterise many of these societies and some have been the site of ongoing or recent violent conflict. How are these societies located in the emerging scholarship on intersectionality and post-coloniality, and what new insights can gender analysis bring to our understanding of the history, current context and future of these societies? As feminists how can we learn from each other in addressing this problematic yet exciting legacy?

17. Gender Equality and Family Transitions

Joint Session of RC 06 (Family Research) and RC 32 (Women in Society) (RC 06 session hosts)

Session organizers:

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We encourage papers that address the interrelationship between gender equality and family transitions, and which contribute to our understanding of how the processes by which family formation and expansion, family stability, and gender role changes that engage fathers with their children unfold in the lives of those currently in their family-building ages. The Scandinavian countries have been in the forefront of the gender role revolution, with high proportions of fathers sharing the caring role with mothers, and even higher proportions of mothers sharing the providing role with fathers. They also do better than most other countries in maintaining fertility levels near replacement. Most research linking these trends has focused on the role of the state in reducing the conflict between women's employment and family responsibilities, suggesting that this relatively high fertility is the result of state policies that provide women with job security, quality childcare and paid family leave. However, state support for women's ability to combine employment with childrearing has also been cited as a source of these countries' relatively high rates of separation and divorce. But this research has seldom considered the origins of gender equality in the household during childhood and the young adult years, and rarely has it examined its consequences for family building and family dissolution later in young adulthood. Scandinavian scholars as well as those from other countries where these processes are underway and are invited to be contributors.

18. Leisure Time: Women, Work and Family

Joint Session of RC 13 (Sociology of Leisure) and RC 32 (Women in Society) (RC 13 session hosts)

Session Organizers:

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Women's status and social image is changing fast the world over. Globally, though not everywhere, the most significant trend is probably women's increased participation in the labour market. However, throughout the world, women continue to be in charge of the greatest part of house work and child care. As such the distribution of time remains unequal between the genders practically everywhere, as shown by the Time Budget studies carried out, with men generally having more discretionary time for leisure than women. Constraints of the double day for employed women and non-employed women's primary responsibility for house-hold labour result in domestic labour having a stronger effect on women's leisure than on that of men. Several studies have shown that women have significantly less time for both total and domestic leisure than men. However, at the world level, we can discern a strengthening of the values attached to leisure and a clear development of leisure practices. As such, how has women's leisure evolved in the midst of and outside the family needs to be examined and deliberated?

19. Women's Health and Health Risks in an Unequal World

Joint session of RC 15 (Sociology of Health) and RC 32 (Women in Society) (RC 15 session hosts)

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This session will deal with the global conditions that influence the material conditions and the social definitions of women's health. The session will also include an examination of new public health policies on risk, responsibilities and implications for women in different parts of the world. A global perspective on these themes will illuminate the structural patterns that shape the health conditions for different groups of women.

20. Gender, Education and Reproductive Choices: A Cross-Cultural Perspective

Joint session of RC 41 (Sociology of Population) and RC 32 (Women in Society) (RC 41 session hosts)

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There is an increasing realization that population is not just about numbers. Issues relating to population growth or decline have to be understood from different perspectives, of which the gender perspective is a prime one. The influence of gender is further affected by the interplay of socio-economic and cultural factors. This joint session of RC 41 and RC 32 proposes to examine the levels at which female education has an impact on fertility related decisions in a multi-cultural setting. The session invites presentations, which focus on theoretical perspectives on the relationship between

women's reproductive choices and their educational levels, and case studies from different parts of the world.

Papers are invited for presentation in this joint session on the following broad themes:

- Population choice and social choice: the gender angle
- Reproductive rights of women, women's autonomy and gendered body dimensions
- Abortion laws and human rights as women's rights,
- Maternal mortality, poverty and institutional delivery
- Female genital mutilation and women's cause
- Age at marriage and fertility
- Women's occupation and population issues: fertility, maternal health and migration

All these issues would be expected to focus on Female Education. Each abstract will be reviewed keeping in view its contribution to the methodology and conceptual issues of Sociology of Population and Gender Studies.

21. Gender, Science, Technology and Innovation, and the Future (RC 23 session hosts)

Joint Session of RC 07 (Futures Research), RC 23 (Sociology of Science and Technology), and RC 32 (Women in Society):

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The presence and absence of information and technology (ICT), as that exists today in different parts of the world, have opened up opportunities for scholars, including sociologists, to examine the ways technology is affecting society. As a fast developing realm of technology ICT is inventing new means of communication (mobile and wireless, for instance) that make the study of science communication both challenging and interesting. Although there is an overwhelming literature on science communication still there are areas to be explored, researched, and understood. The divide-including region and gender-is apparent in science as well. The ways the disparities in this divide of access to and availability of ICT is affecting communication in science are not easy to comprehend either. Many new areas of inquiry have sprung up, contributing to the knowledge of science communication across the world. This joint session is to bring together such theoretical, empirical, and methodological knowledge about science communication including its varieties of patterns, types and forms.

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

22. RC 32 Additional sessions 1: RC 32 Business Meeting

23. RC32 Additional session 2: RC 32 reception and award presentation to the winner of the “Essay Competition for New Scholars”

- For details see http://www.isa-sociology.org/rc32_essay_competition.htm
Committee Chair: *Evangelia Tastsoglou*, Saint Mary's University, Canada (evie.tastsoglou@smu.ca).
- DETAILS OF THIS ESSAY COMPETITION ALSO APPEAR ON PAGE 28 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

24. RC32 Round Table Session: (TBA in final program schedule)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES *

October 1, 2009

- RC32 deadline for submitting your paper abstracts. Abstracts should be approximately 350 words.
- Please be sure to provide the full name, affiliation phone, fax, and email address for all authors.
- Please submit your paper abstract by email directly to the session organizer(s) with a cc of your submission to the conference program coordinators: Margaret Abraham: MAbraham2010WC@hofstra.edu and Esther Ngan-ling Chow: echow@american.edu

December 1, 2009

Session organizers submit details on session (author names, affiliation, email, paper title and abstracts to program coordinators.

January 31, 2010

Programme Coordinators to submit the details of the session program (authors' name, affiliation, e-mail, and paper title) to ISA.

ISA May 1, 2010

Pre-registration deadline for all programme participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.). Otherwise their names will not appear in the Programme Book and abstracts of their papers will not be published.

May 1, 2010

Deadline for on-line submission of abstracts of accepted papers to the *Cambridge Sociological Abstracts* web site. Abstracts are only accepted by the system from those who are already registered for the Congress.

* Note: For Joint Sessions with another RC (on their session slot), please check with the session co-organizers as the earlier submission deadline may apply.

OTHER CONFERENCES: CHINA

Conference Theme:
Gender and Social Transformation: Global, Transnational and Local Realities and Perspectives,
July 17-19, 2009 in Beijing, China.

Key Conference Organizers:

- Dr. Esther Ngan-ling Chow Professor, American University, USA.
- Dr. Tan Lin, Director, China Women's Studies Institute, All-China Women's Federation in P.R. China.

The goal of the conference is to provide an international forum in which to examine how women and gender relations are shaped by societal transformation economically, politically, socially and culturally in the global, transnational and local contexts and processes. The conference explores how dynamics process of globalization and transnationalism has impacted on women's lives, as it has challenged even altered gender relations on the ground. Using a kaleisopic gender lens, the meeting will examine how women and men in different locations around the world experience societal transformation and how they respond to and challenge transnational and global processes of changes. Intersectionality of race, ethnicity, class, gender, nationality and other dimensions will be emphasized in the conference program.

We will address the cutting-edge issues, pressing social problems and emergent phenomena that are critical to interrogate the existing theoretical paradigms to study globalization, transnationalism and the local from critical gender perspectives. In addition, we promote the development of theory, method, and practice by emphasizing how theory and research on women and gender can inform public debates, policy, and praxis, contribute to empirically grounded research, advance feminist scholarship, inspire collective action by empowering women as well as men, locally, transnationally and globally. To do so, the conference offers a medium through which scholars, researchers, practitioners, policy-makers, civil society actors and grassroots activists can engage in meaningful dialogue for positive social change in various contexts. We welcome, particularly, innovative theoretical work as well as empirical research that have not published before.

Major Topics of Interest:

- Theorizing globalization and transnationalism and feminist critiques
- Work, economic transformation and global economy
- Gender Mainstreaming, development and policy
- Migration, citizenship, and politics of difference/recognition
- Political participation, civil society/engagement and gender justice
- Identity, media and cultural changes
- Education, health, environment and family transition

- Women's agency, activism, and social movements

Conference Format: Key speakers will include Judith Lorber, Myra Marx Ferree, Michael Kimmel, Peggy Levitt, Rhacel Parrenas, Christine E. Bose and other speakers from China and other countries (i.e., Akosua Ampofo, Ghana; Chrunrurtai Kanchanachitra, Thailand; Lakshim Lingam, India; Monsterrat Sago, Costa Rica; Suuad Zayed Al-Oraimi, UAE). Two plenary sessions will feature gender issues in globalization and transnationalism and frontiers of feminist scholarship and methodology. Other papers sessions, panel discussion and one workshop on comparative and collaborative research will be organized.

Official Languages: Chinese and English

Funding Support: The conference is primarily funded by the China Women's Research Society and partial support from the American University.

Submission Deadline: If you are interested in this conference, submit your proposed paper abstract (250-500 words) by **February 24, 2009** (extended deadline). English paper abstract will be submitted to Esther N. Chow (echow@american.edu) and Chinese paper abstract to Wu Jing (wujing@wsic.ac.cn). Notification of paper acceptance will be around mid-March, 2009.

Registration Fees: Registration fees are paid in accordance with the membership scale specified by the International Sociological Association. US\$100 for Category A countries, US\$60 for Category B countries and US\$35 for Category C countries (www.isa-sociology.org/memb-i/index.htm).

There will be ten hotel accommodation awards given to women of color scholars/researchers from the Global South, if their papers will be accepted. A paper with co-authorship is entitled to consideration of one award only. The program committee will decide on these awards should there be more than ten applicants for the award. There is absolutely no travel fund available.

Expected Outcomes: The conference outcomes will be conference Proceedings and two books based on selected conference papers—a Chinese one to be published in China and an English one to be published in the USA.

**An International Conference on
Leadership through the Gender Lens:
Women, Men and Equality in Organisations**

October 22 – 23, 2009

Venue: Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki, Finland

Organisers:

NASTA Women's Leadership, Education and Development project. The aim of NASTA is to promote research, develop university teaching and engage in societal outreach on women's leadership. NASTA is a co-operative project between three Finnish universities:

**Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki
Helsinki School of Economics
Jyväskylä University, School of Business and Economics**

The project is funded by the Ministry of Education (2005-2009).
NASTA website: <http://www.nastaproject.fi>.

Leadership and management remain highly gendered. The differential relations of women and men to leadership and management are a key question for both theory and practice. This international conference brings together critical analyses and debates on gender, leadership and management. How leadership and management are gendered can mean more gender equal or more gender unequal conditions for women and men. It can also enhance the quality and value of leadership. The overall aim of the conference is to generate new thinking, policy and action about women, men, gender and leadership. Keynote speakers include Professor Albert Mills, St. Mary's University, Canada, Professor Susan Vinnicombe, Cranfield University, UK, and Professor Anna Wahl, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.

Paper proposals are now invited to the conference. We plan to provide a creative forum for interaction between scholars and researchers on leadership, organisation and management, together with managers of different kinds from business, government and community. HR managers and other practitioners with an interest in theoretically-informed research will find much of interest.

Contributions may be drawn from a wide spectrum, including organization and management studies, human resource management, public sector management, feminism, equality studies, intersectional studies, business studies, postcolonial studies, sociology, industrial relations, marketing, entrepreneurship, innovation, education, psychology and philo-

sophy. We encourage the presentation of case studies, ethnographies, action research projects and innovative research methodologies. Topics include gendered contributions on:

- management/leadership development and management education
- impact of social, political and economic change
- organisational change, interventions and innovations
- international, transnational and comparative studies
- media images and representations of gender and leadership
- academia and scientific organisations
- organisational culture
- postcolonialism and diversity
- organisational justice and ethics
- work-life reconciliation
- discrimination and harmful leadership

The conference is structured to ensure participants have time to create research contacts, meet new people, discuss issues and network widely. Panels and roundtables provide a robust exchange of ideas.

The conference language is English, but a few practitioner-oriented sessions will be organized in Finnish. There is no conference fee but the participants themselves should fund travel and accommodation.

Abstracts of paper proposals (max 250 words) with a **biographical note** (max 100 words) should be sent by **April 30, 2009** by email to Liisa Husu, liisa.husu@hanken.fi. The presenters will be notified on acceptance early June.

Practical information on the conference, including registration (by **September 1, 2009**), will be on the NASTA website www.nastaproject.fi. All inquiries should be directed to NASTA project manager Liisa Husu, liisa.husu@hanken.fi.

NASTA project management group

Professor Jeff Hearn, Hanken School of Economics

Professor Anna-Maija Lämsä, Jyväskylä University

Professor Sinikka Vanhala, Helsinki School of Economics

Project Manager Liisa Husu, Hanken School of Economics

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CALL TO MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD

European Elections are rapidly approaching

In view of the importance of the upcoming European elections in June 2009, European Women's Lobby is running a campaign '**No modern European democracy without gender equality - 50/50**', calling for more women in decision making at all levels in Europe. The 50/50 campaign of the "European Women's Lobby" is supported by more than half of the current 27 European Commissioners, and over 200 prominent supporters have signed up to the campaign.

- Sign the petition and take action - **EWL 50/50 Campaign** website www.5050democracy.eu
- Your signature will enable a strong voice in getting more women to the highest levels of European politics.

<http://www.5050democracy.eu/>

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) is the largest non-governmental women's organisations in the European Union, representing approximately 2000 organisations in 30 European Countries. Working with its members at national and European levels, the EWL's main objective is to fight for gender equality and to ensure the integration of a gender perspective in all EU policy areas.

(www.womenlobby.org)

Submitted by Laura Alipranti, Greece

MEMBERS' NEWS

EVA BLAY,
Brazil

Next 15-17 June, Eva Blay, Brazil, will present the paper “Memory, family and citizenship: Jews in Brazil” at the Families and Memories conference in Oslo.

Some information about it: See Committee on Family Research's next conference in Oslo: Families and Memories' web site: www.hio.no/cfr

JAN MARIE FRITZ,
USA

Jan Marie Fritz, a professor at the University of Cincinnati, USA, and a vice president of the ISA, recently represented the ISA at the ACAS (the association of Central American sociologists) conference in San Salvador, El Salvador. She spoke about the history of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Women, Peace and Security. Her recent publications are *International Clinical Sociology* (Springer, 2008), “Improving Special Education Mediation” (*International Review of Sociology*, 2008) and “Environmental Justice” (*Battleground: Women and Gender*, 2008).

Jan jan.fritz@uc.edu

RHODA
REDDOCK,
West Indies

“On August 1, 2008 I assumed the position of Deputy Campus Principal of the UWI St. Augustine Campus which is a primarily administrative position. It is a major change from my former position with many new challenges and a fast learning curve. I hope that in this current position I shall be able to influence some positive and progressive change.” Rhoda

NAZANIN
SHAHROKHNI,
Iran/USA

Nazanin Shahrokni, one of the RC-32 regional representatives, was awarded a grant by the ISA to attend the World Social Science Forum in Bergen. She was one of two ISA candidates to win this award. **Congratulations Nazanin!**

She was nominated by Ann Denis, a RC-32 member and a member of the ISA Executive Committee (on the recommendation of RC-32 Co-Presidents Margaret Abraham and Esther Chow).

PUBLICATIONS



Ann Denis and Devorah Kalekin-Fishman (eds). 2009. *THE ISA HANDBOOK IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY: CONFLICT, COMPETITION, Cooperation*. London : Sage.

(Ann Denis is from Canada)

The book has 30 chapters, developed from papers presented (largely) by RC representatives at the midterm Research Council conference in 2004. Although there is not a separate chapter on women, authors of several chapters integrated discussion of women, gender and/or feminism into their analyses of their particular sub-discipline.

This Handbook is the first published by the ISA in this millennium; representing the fruit of in-depth dynamics it invites us to give all necessary attention to the concepts of conflict, cooperation and competition. By reflecting on the possible articulations of these concepts and attempting to apply them in diverse fields of social science the editors give voice to those who are studying the world as it is and perform the service of returning a set of concepts, approaches or paradigms to their legitimate place.

I thank them warmly for offering us this fine volume, which, clearly, will be a milestone.'
- **Michel Wieviorka, President, International Sociological Association**

This **ISA Handbook** presents and tracks the transformation of the societies and social relations that characterize the twenty-first century. The volume is organized around a conceptualization of three processes that are fundamental to the analyses of micro, meso and macro social relations: Conflict, Competition, and Cooperation.

In addition to chapters that delve into sociological theory, case studies and overviews of subfields discuss and contextualize debates from an international perspective, incorporating relevant material about North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia . Chapters on topics and fields crucial to the experience of people around the world include, among others:

- . Childhood Studies
- . Consumption
- . Hunger
- . Labour Studies
- . Peace-Keeping and the Military
- . Sociology and the Law

- . Sociology of Health
- . Sociology of Sport
- . Welfare

Systematic and informed, the handbook will serve readers in all branches of the social sciences, providing both experienced researchers and novices with the materials to explore the different domains of contemporary life.



Jeff Hearn (Finland) has completed of several edited volumes recently: with Robert Morrell, Deevia Bhana and Relebohile Moletsane, the special issue on ‘Sexualities in Southern Africa’ in *Sexualities: Studies in Culture and Society*, Vol. 10(2), 2007; the special issue on ‘The Implications of Theoretical Debates on Masculinity for the Life Course, and Debates on the Life Course for Masculinity’ in *NORMA: The Nordic Journal of Masculinity Studies*, Vol. 2(1), 2007; with Adelina Broadbridge the special issue on ‘Gender and Management: New Research Directions’ in *British Journal of Management*, Vol. 19, 2008; and with Viv Burr the book *Sex, Violence and The Body: The Erotics of Wounding*, Palgrave Macmillan, Houndmills and New York, 2008. Another book about to be published both in paper and online is: Jeff Hearn, Rebecca Piekkari and Marjut Jyrkinen *Managers Talk about Gender: What managers in large transnational corporations say about gender policies, structures and practices*, Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki, 2009.



Patricia Leavy (USA): METHOD MEETS ART.

This book presents the first comprehensive introduction to arts-based research (ABR) practices, which scholars in multiple disciplines are fruitfully using to reveal information and represent experiences that traditional methods cannot capture. Each of the six major ABR genres--narrative inquiry, poetry, music, performance, dance, and visual art--is covered in chapters that introduce key concepts and tools and present an exemplary research article by a leading ABR practitioner. Patricia Leavy discusses the kinds of research questions these innovative approaches can address and offers practical guidance for applying them in all phases of a research project, from design and data collection to analysis, interpretation, representation, and evaluation. Chapters include checklists to guide methodological decision making, discussion questions, and recommended print and online resources.

From the Book Jacket: "Arts-based qualitative methods have grown and evolved rapidly over the last decade, and this book gives a very good overview of the most popular approaches. Most arts-based researchers have expertise in only one area and tend to write in that domain. An overview such as this one, with the added examples at the end of each chapter, is a useful contribution to the field."--Lynn Butler-Kisber, EdD, Director, Centre for Educational Leadership, McGill University, Canada



HANDBOOK OF EMERGENT METHODS

Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber and Patricia Leavy teamed up to co-edit *Handbook of Emergent Methods*. The book, published by Guilford Press, assembles contributions from emergent and established methodological scholars about innovative research methods.

Social researchers increasingly find themselves looking beyond conventional methods to address complex research questions. *The Handbook of Emergent Methods* is the first book to comprehensively examine emergent qualitative and quantitative theories and methods across the social and behavioral sciences. Providing scholars and students with a way to retool their research choices, the volume presents cutting-edge approaches to data collection, analysis, and representation. Leading researchers describe alternative uses of traditional quantitative and qualitative tools; innovative hybrid or mixed methods; and new techniques facilitated by technological advances. Consistently formatted chapters explore the strengths and limitations of each method for studying different types of research questions and offer practical, in-depth examples.

From the Book Jacket: "Methods determine not only how we see, but also *what* we can see. This comprehensive handbook details creative new approaches to asking and exploring questions within the social sciences. These approaches offer liberation from the narrowing straits of logical positivistic measurement and quantification, and chart the paths to addressing more socially meaningful questions. They provide means for examining social reality with fresh tools. The range of chapters on different emergent methods will be enlightening to both new and experienced researchers."--Ruthellen Josselson, School of Psychology, Fielding Graduate University



Judith Lorber (USA): GENDER INEQUALITY: FEMINIST THEORIES AND POLITICS. Fourth Edition, Oxford University Press.

In *Gender Inequality: Feminist Theories and Politics*, internationally renowned feminist Judith Lorber examines various, evolving theories of gender inequality. Tightly structured around Lorber's own paradigm of "reform, resistance, rebellion," this combination text/reader acknowledges feminism's significant contributions to redressing gender inequality and celebrates its enormous accomplishments over the last forty years. It also documents feminism's ongoing political activism, and, with an awareness of postmodern and third-wave trends, points toward its future. Significantly rewritten,

reorganized, and updated, the fourth edition features seventeen new readings and new sections on feminism in China, India, South Korea, and Japan. In addition, the bulleted lists that introduce each type of feminism now include a critique as well as that particular feminism's theories on the sources of gender inequality, its politics, and its contributions.



Mary Johnson Osirim (USA): ENTERPRISING WOMEN IN URBAN ZIMBABWE: GENDER, MICROBUSINESS AND GLOBALIZATION. Indiana University Press.

From the book jacket: Mary Johnson Osirim investigates the business and personal experiences of women entrepreneurs in Harare and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, to understand the successes, challenges, and contributions to development. These businesswomen work in the microenterprise sector—which is defined as businesses that employ five workers or fewer—with many working as market traders, crocheters, seamstresses, and hairdressers. The women who took part in Osirim's research pursued their business, reinvested profits, engaged in innovation, and provided employment, and through their work supported households and extended family and social networks. Osirim finds that, despite major problems, the Zimbabwean businesswomen maintained their enterprises and their households and managed to contribute in significant ways to their community and national development. *Enterprising Women in Urban Zimbabwe* advances the literature on gender and development, offering a comprehensive study of women's role as entrepreneurs in the microeconomic sector that shows them as agents during challenging political and economic times.



Mojka Pajnik (Slovenia): PROSTITUTION, HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GENDER, LABOR AND MIGRATION ASPECTS. (Peace Institute. Slovenia).

From the book jacket: The author adopts an original approach to problematizing dominant representations about prostitution and trafficking in human beings, thus opening new avenues of thought. In the first part of the book, she looks into prostitution from the historical perspective and analyzes contemporary policies relating to prostitution and trafficking in human beings in Slovenia and several European countries. In the second part, she gives voice to the various protagonists of prostitution—prostitutes, their clients, and managers—whose narratives reveal their views on national politics, legal restrictions and the stigmatization as well as different experiences of intimate relationships.

To order this book please contact: jasna.babic@mirovni-institut.si



Dee Smythe, South Africa:

South Africa has one of the highest levels of reported rape in the world. From 1996 feminist legal scholars and activists focused substantial efforts on the South African Law Reform Commission's investigation into sexual offences, and the parliamentary process, which culminated at the end of 2007 in the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act.

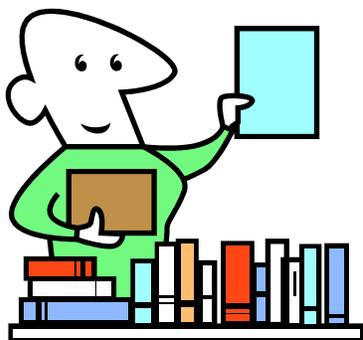
Should We Consent? The Politics of Rape Law Reform in South Africa (edited by Lillian Artz & Dee Smythe) draws together contributors from academia, civil society, and the criminal justice system. All were involved in some way in this process – on the Law Commission's project committee, drafting parliamentary submissions and legislative provisions, and promoting changes to the law.

Drawing on a body of empirical, social and legal scholarship, this unique text charts the critical social and legal debates and jurisprudential developments that took place during the rape law reform process. This book also provides important insights into the engagement of civil society with law reform and includes thoughtful and contemporary discussions on topics such as 'defining' rape, HIV, psycho-social support for rape survivors, sexual offences against children and sentencing of sexual offenders.

The book is available through Juta Publishers at www.jutalaw.co.za.



Evangelia Tastsoglou (Canada) : WOMEN, GENDER AND DIASPORIC
LIVES. LABOR, COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY IN GREEK MIGRATIONS
(Lexington Press)



In case you missed these books last year.....

Laura Maratou-Alipranti, (2008). OLD AND NEW PROFESSIONS. AN ANALYSIS RELATED ON GENDER. Athens : KETHI. Research Centre for Gender Equality.

Eva Blay: :ASSASSINATO DE MULHERES E DIREITOS HUMANOS (MURDER OF WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS)

Manisha Desai: GENDER AND THE POLITICS OF POSSIBILITIES: RETHINKING GLOBALIZATION. Gender Lens Series, Rowman and Littlefield 2009.

Friedericke Haberman (ed.): DER HOMO OECONOMICUS UND DAS ANDRERE: Hegemonie, Identitat und Emanzipation.

Anjana Narayan and Bandana Purkayastha: LIVING OUR RELIGIONS: HINDU AND MUSLIM SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN NARRATE THEIR EXPERIENCES. Kumarian Books.

Dorothy Roberts, Rhoda Reddock, Diane Douglas and Sandra Reid: SEX, POWER AND TABOO: GENDER AND HIV IN THE CARIBBEAN AND BEYOND. Ian Rundle Publishers, Kingston , Jamaica.

Uta Ruppert, Andrea Jund and Beatrix Schwarzer (eds.): BEYOND THE MERELY FEASIBLE: Transnational Women's Movements' Politics Today.

Giuseppe Caforio, Gerhard Kuemmel and Bandana Purkayastha (eds.): ARMED CONFLICT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES. Emerald Group publishers.

Brigitte Young and Uta Ruppert (eds.) :FEMINIST AND CRITICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY.

OPPORTUNITIES

<p>RC-32</p> <p>Essay competition</p>	<p>Essay competition for new scholars from the economic South on</p> <p style="color: blue;">"Women's Social Movements: Struggles for Change Throughout the World"</p> <p>Established: 2001 Frequency: every four years</p>
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Essay competition submission deadline: September 15, 2009

Research Committee Women in Society (RC32) of the International Sociological Association is organizing a world-wide essay competition to stimulate the formation of a theoretical framework for comparative studies on the changing position of women throughout the world, with emphasis on the analysis of social movements. These papers should provide an analysis of the effects of women's movements in bringing about change in the cultural, religious, ethnic and national political spheres of women's lives, with particular concern for the issues of violence, sexuality and reproductive rights as matters of social justice.

Papers should identify cultural codes, issues, the emergence of movements, the building of solidarity ties and/or other relevant dimensions for the analysis of social movements. Ways of dealing with the State and with dominant elites, and the emergence of change may be considered. Studies of movements concerned with different forms of discrimination or with different forms of feminism in the South, and historical studies of women's movements and processes of institutionalization can also be submitted, as long as they contribute to the sociological analysis of social movements. Papers should include both theoretical formulation and empirical research.

The 2010 competition will take place in celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Helen Ralston (1929-2006), professor Emerita of Sociology at Saint Mary's University and a long-time RC 32 and ISA member. Helen Ralston was a cosmopolitan Canadian of Australian origin, a teacher, academic, nun, feminist and activist. As a researcher and a feminist she was involved in ethnic, migration and transnational issues always working to improve the lives of women and the underprivileged of the world.

An International Jury will be established by RC32. Papers will be evaluated on the basis of their use of sociology to work out questions about women's social movements; their conceptual innovation; their way of developing the arguments; the possibility of their use in a comparative international framework. Papers that are not on the topic as outlined above will not be considered.

Eligibility New scholars who are sociologists and are normally residents of the Economic South or are members of indigenous groups, including students temporarily in the North

during their graduate studies, are eligible. Only one submission, whether as author or co-author, is allowed.

Language of submission Written papers in English, French or Spanish, the official languages of ISA are invited. Capacity of verbal communication in one of these languages is also desirable.

Format, presentation and accompanying information for 2010 essay competition

Candidates must submit an original paper that has not been previously published anywhere. Papers should be typed and double spaced. Maximum length is 6000 words (i.e. no more than 20 pages of text) and a maximum of 10 pages of references and notes. Notes and the bibliography should appear at the end of the text. The paper's title but not your name should be on the top of the paper. Since papers will be judged anonymously, submit your name, address, e-mail, phone and fax numbers (if relevant) and an abstract of the paper (250 words maximum) on a separate page. Submit a brief curriculum vitae as well. Papers which do not conform to these rules run the risk of being rejected.

An electronic version (.doc or .pdf) of the paper should be e-mailed as an attachment to the Committee Chair of the 2010 essay competition for new scholars from the economic South: **Evangelia Tastsoglou, Saint Mary's University, Canada**

(evie.tastsoglou@smu.ca). Please indicate "RC32 Essay competition" in the subject of your message). An electronic acknowledgement will be given upon receipt of the electronic submissions.

Deadline Deadline for the 2010 competition is September 15, 2009. The winner(s) will be notified by January 15, 2010.

Award Competition winner(s) will be invited to present their papers at the XVII World Congress of Sociology which will take place in Göteborg, Sweden, July 2010 World Congress of Sociology. The winner(s) will receive an award certificate at the **RC32 reception**. Although funding cannot be promised, RC 32 will provide support to help the winner(s) find resources to attend the meeting.

Le Centre de recherches pour le développement international (CRDI) –

L'Université d'Ottawa – L'Université Carleton

Année scolaire 2009-2010

Chercheur(e) invité(e) en perspectives féministes sur la mondialisation

L'Institut d'études des femmes de l'Université d'Ottawa et le Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies de l'Université Carleton, avec le concours du Centre de recherches pour le développement international (CRDI), désirent procéder au recrutement

de la ou du deuxième chercheur-e invitée, dans la Phase Deux du programme de recherche en perspectives féministes sur la mondialisation. D'une durée de deux ans (2008-2010), la Phase Deux de ce programme s'adresse aux **chercheur-e-s de haut calibre provenant de pays en développement (Afrique, Amérique latine, Caraïbes, Asie, Sud du Pacifique ou Moyen Orient)**, déjà impliqués dans des projets sur les rapports sociaux de sexe (genre) et le développement, et intéressé-e-s à poursuivre leurs travaux à Ottawa (Canada), dans l'une des deux universités précitées. Plus encore, cela constitue une occasion unique de resserrer les liens de collaboration entre chercheur-e-s féministes du Nord et du Sud, mais aussi entre les instituts d'études des femmes de l'Université d'Ottawa et de l'Université Carleton. Alternativement, chaque institut accueille un-e chercheur-e par année. Toutefois, les deux collectivités universitaires auront le plaisir de pouvoir échanger avec les chercheur-e-s invité-e-s. Au cours de l'année scolaire 2009-2010, la ou le chercheur-e invité-e sera basé-e à l'Institut d'études des femmes de l'Université d'Ottawa et devra donc être fonctionnel-le en français. L'Institut d'études des femmes de l'Université d'Ottawa et le Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies de l'Université Carleton sollicitent des candidatures de professeur-e-s-chercheur-e-s universitaires (avec ou sans permanence) ainsi que de chercheur-e-s postdoctoraux autonomes féministes issu-e-s, **et actuellement résident-e-s**, des pays en développement ciblés par le présent programme. La personne choisie ne devra pas avoir la citoyenneté canadienne, ni être une immigrante reçue au Canada ou détenir une carte de résident permanent du Canada. En plus de devoir parler, lire et écrire le français couramment, les candidat-e-s devront remplir les exigences suivantes : un doctorat complété, des publications dans des revues savantes, un programme de recherche bien établi et en lien avec l'un et/ou l'autre des axes de recherche ci-dessus mentionnés. Les individus qui ne détiennent pas un diplôme de doctorat, y compris celles et ceux inscrit-e-s dans un programme de formation universitaire, ne sont pas admissibles. La Phase Deux du programme de chercheur-e invité-e en perspectives féministes sur la mondialisation aura pour focus le domaine de recherche assez large que sont « les droits ». Le thème des Perspectives féministes sur la mondialisation ciblera les droits et la citoyenneté des femmes et des filles dans un contexte mondialisé. Ce focus sur la citoyenneté est conceptualisé dans une recherche interdisciplinaire à travers laquelle les chercheur-e-s exploreront les multiples paliers de la citoyenneté à travers les structures de pouvoir social dans ses nombreux contextes : culturel, national et transnational. Les domaines d'intérêt peuvent comprendre par exemple, la dimension-

différenciée selon les sexes -de la citoyenneté et des droits dans les champs thématiques suivants : paix; conflit et reconstruction; migration; santé; éducation; environnement; et sécurité économique. La Phase Deux du programme de chercheur-e invité-e avec focus sur la citoyenneté et la mondialisation est une initiative importante et d'actualité. Durant son séjour au Canada, la ou le chercheur-e invité-e poursuivra son projet de recherche en cours et présentera, à la demande, ses résultats dans le cadre de conférences et de séminaires. En outre, elle ou il participera à des activités de réseautage et produira un rapport faisant état des progrès accomplis au cours de la période couverte par sa bourse. Ce rapport de recherche devra contribuer à la promotion des politiques sur l'égalité des sexes dans le développement ainsi qu'à leur intégration dans les programmes de développement, et/ou susciter de nouvelles études sur les rapports sociaux de sexe (genre) et le développement. La ou le récipiendaire séjournera à Ottawa pendant une période de six mois allant de septembre 2009 à avril 2010 grâce à une bourse généreuse couvrant ses frais de voyage, de recherche et de subsistance (y compris une couverture d'assurance médicale obligatoire). La ou le chercheur-e invité-e aura également droit aux services bibliothécaires ainsi qu'un accès partagé (avec d'autres chercheur-e-s) à un téléphone et à un ordinateur. Les candidatures, soumises en anglais ou en français, doivent inclure un dossier comprenant (i) un curriculum vitae abrégé (max. 10-12 pages), (ii) une lettre d'intention décrivant le projet de recherche qui sera entrepris au Canada (max. 2 pages) indiquant un titre, le sujet et un échéancier, (iii) une liste des plus récentes publications, (iv) les dates de séjour suggérées, et (v) le nom de deux répondant-e-s. Veuillez faire parvenir votre dossier complet au : Comité de sélection de la ou du chercheur-e invité-e en perspectives féministes sur la mondialisation, a/s Hélène Boudreault, Institut d'études des femmes, Université d'Ottawa, 143 Séraphin-Marion, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 6N5, téléphone (613) 520-6644; ou par télécopieur au (613) 562-5994, ou encore par courrier électronique au hboudre@uottawa.ca.

La date de clôture du concours est le **1^{er} mai 2009, à 17h00 (HAE)** (aucun dossier reçu après cette date ne sera examiné). Seul-e-s les candidat-e-s de la liste courte seront contacté-e-s. Pour de plus amples informations sur les instituts d'études des femmes de l'Université d'Ottawa et de l'Université Carleton, prière de consulter les sites web suivants

: <http://www.socialsciences.uottawa.ca/womenst/index.asp> <http://www.carleton.ca/womensstudies/>

**The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) - University of Ottawa -
Carleton University School Year 2009-2010 Visiting Scholar in Feminist
Perspectives on Globalization**

The Institute of Women's Studies (University of Ottawa) and the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies (Carleton University), with the support of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), invites applications for the second Visiting Scholar, in the second phase of the Feminist Perspectives on Globalization programme. This two-year (2008-2010) programme offers **highly qualified researchers working on issues of globalization from a feminist perspective, from developing countries in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the South Pacific**, the opportunity to spend a research term in Ottawa based at one of the two universities. The Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization will contribute to gender and development research at both universities and provide a unique opportunity for collaboration between feminist scholars in Canada and the developing world and between North and South. The Institute of Women's Studies and the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies will alternate in welcoming one visiting scholar per year. However, both Institutes look forward to the opportunity of engaging with the Visiting Scholar. Applications are invited for the 2009-2010 Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization to be based at the Institute of Women's Studies at the University of Ottawa. The position is open to scholars from developing countries (both tenured and untenured faculty, as well as post-doctoral or independent scholars), **currently residing in a developing country**, and who are pursuing critical feminist research. The Scholar cannot have the Canadian citizenship, be a landed immigrant in Canada, nor hold a Canada Permanent resident card. Applicants **must be fluent in French**, have a completed PhD, a record of scholarly publications, and a current and established research project in relation to one or more of the research fields listed below. **Individuals currently pursuing a university doctoral degree are not eligible.** The focus of the Feminist Perspectives on Globalization programme is on the broad area of "rights." The theme of Feminist Perspectives on Globalization targets rights and citizenship of women and girls in a globalized context. This focus on citizenship is conceptualized broadly as an interdisciplinary inquiry whereby investigators explore the multiple layers of citizenship through matrices of social power in various cultural, national and transnational contexts. Some areas of interest include the gendered

dimensions of citizenship and rights in the following thematic areas: peace, conflict and reconstruction; migration; health; education; environment; and economic security. The continuation of the Visiting Scholar programme with a focus on citizenship and globalization is a timely and important initiative. During their stay in Canada, the Visiting Scholar will pursue and present their ongoing research in conferences and seminars as requested, participate in outreach activities, and produce a paper based on their ongoing research which reflects their time and work in Canada. It is anticipated that this research will promote policy advocacy and/or further gender and development studies and the effective integration of gender equality into development policy and programming. The duration of the Visiting Scholar's stay will be a **six (6) month period** within the university's **2009-2010 academic year**, which runs from September 2009 to April 2010. The recipient will receive a generous stipend to cover travel, research and living expenses (including medical insurance coverage). The successful applicant will have access to library services, a shared phone and computer facilities. Applications may be submitted in English or in French, and must include: an abbreviated curriculum vitae (10-12 pp.); a letter of intent (max. 2 pp.) outlining the research to be undertaken in Canada, stating title/topic/feasibility of timeline; a list of recent publications; availability during the 2009-2010 academic year; selected dates of your stay in Canada, and the names and addresses (postal and e-mail) of two referees. Please forward applications to: Selection Committee, Visiting Scholar in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization, c/o H el ene Boudreault, Institute of Women's Studies , University of Ottawa , 143 S eraphin-Marion, Ottawa , Ontario , Canada , K1S 5B6; Telephone (613) 520-6644; Fax (613) 562-5994; email hboudre@uottawa.ca. The closing date for submitting applications is **May 1, 2009, 5:00 p.m. EDT** (application dossiers received after this date will not be examined). Please note that only the short-listed candidates will be contacted. Candidates may access the following websites for additional information about the Institute of Women's Studies at the University of Ottawa and for additional information about the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies at Carleton University.

<http://www.socialsciences.uottawa.ca/womenst/index.asp> <http://www.carleton.ca/womenstudies/>