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Message from
RC32
Co-Presidents

Dear RC32 Members,

We are pleased to bring you greetings and warm wishes, as well as heartfelt thanks for working with us to continue to make RC32 one of the most vibrant, and certainly the largest RC within the ISA. We currently have 337 members from all over the world.

This is an opportune time to once again express our sadness at the going home of our colleague and then president-elect Cynthia Joseph. Until her untimely death on 15th June, 2016, she was Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Education at Monash University in Australia. Cynthia’s work was informed by Postcolonial theories, Comparative Education, and Asian Studies to research cultural differences and inequality issues in education and work contexts, with an emphasis on migration, citizenship, identity and diversity. We will be celebrating Cynthia’s life and work through two panels and the junior scholar’s award at the Toronto Congress (see below). At the same time, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude to Melanie Heath, then secretary, for stepping in as president-elect when she had barely assumed the ropes for the work of secretary. For a significant season, Melanie was virtually working as secretary and president-elect. We are also grateful to Solange Simoes who stepped in as secretary-elect, literally jumping in at the deep end.

Statutes

During the Business meeting in Toronto we will vote on the revisions to the RC32 Statutes, a process spearheaded by Joanna Hadjicostandi. We appreciate all the work put in by the team to revise the Statutes and thank you very much for all
your efforts. However, we did not receive as much feedback as we had hoped and will send a final revised document around one last time for members’ comments, before preparing a final draft for the Toronto congress.

**Participation in Meetings**

Since the Vienna Forum Josephine and Akosua both served as invited speakers on behalf of RC32, or attended meetings where they specifically highlighted the work of RC32. Josephine was an invited speaker at the International Forum on Development Policies held in Madrid, Spain, from September 27-28, 2016. The theme of the conference was “The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Construction of Inclusive Societies: The Fight against Inequality”. The Keynote speaker for the conference was Dr. Vandana Shiva. Josephine presented a paper entitled “Education, Gender, Equality and Power in Sub-Saharan Africa.”

Josephine was also an invited plenary speaker at the symposium on “Women in Science” to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Center for Gender Studies and Advocacy, CEGENSA, at the University of Ghana on September 30th, 2016. The title of Josephine’s presentation was “Ghanaian Women Scientists: Innovators and
Knowledge Producers for the Nation State.” Akosua as well as RC32 members Agatha Eguavoen, and some colleagues from Nigeria were in attendance.

At CEGENSA’s International Conference to climax the 10th anniversary celebrations Akosua presented a paper in honor of Takyiwaa Manuh, one of the founders of CEGENSA. The conference took place on October 25th and 26, 2016, at the University of Ghana. Akosua’s paper was titled “Institutionalizing Gender at the University of Ghana: Foremother and Resistance Journeys.”

The Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Winter Meeting was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from February 9-12, 2017. The theme of the meeting was “Intersectionality and Privilege: Inclusive Feminist Praxis.” RC32 and the SWS International Committee co-organized a panel session entitled “Producing Inclusive Feminist Knowledge: Voices from the Global South.” Panelists were: Solange Simoes-University of Eastern Michigan (RC32 Secretary/Treasurer), Manisha Desai-University of Connecticut (RC32 member), Bindu Pokharel-Tribuvan University, Nepal, and Josephine Beoku-Betts-Florida Atlantic University (RC32 Co-President).
Akosua was invited to be a closing Keynote speaker at the 35th International Visual Sociology Conference held at Concordia University, Montreal from June 19-22, 2017. She spoke on the subject, “Whose Africa? Re-presenting the Self, Re-telling our Stories”.

Akosua also participated in the Women in Africa and the Mediterranean Conference of the African Feminist Initiative, that was held in Fez, Morocco, from May 5-7, 2017 where her paper was titled, “The changing face of Feminism: Millennials in Ghana”. Another presentation to emerging scholars was titled “Invigorating the Academy: Appropriating Traditions, Strengthening Collaborations and Connecting Globally”, and was presented at the Women Advancement Forum International Research and Academia (WAFIRA) Forum held at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi from March 26-28, 2017.

**Plans for the Congress in Toronto**

At the time of going to press the call for abstracts has closed and we look forward to the opportunity of receiving the final panel selections from the session organizers. We will have a total of 30 sessions including some joint sessions, our Business meeting, an Author meets Critics Session, as well as two Presidential panels: one, “Rethinking Feminist Knowledge: Voices from the Global South “, and “Identity, Citizenship, and Migration in the Era of Globalization: Bridging Our Work in Solidarity with the Legacies of Cynthia Joseph”. Another invited panel in honor of Cynthia is “Growing up Female in Post-Colonial and Multi-Ethnic Societies” organized by Evangelia Tastsoglou and Margaret Abraham.

New activities we’ve planned for the Congress include two workshops. The first, titled “Cross Generational and International Networking Workshop for Junior/Early Career RC32 Scholars” is to foster connections and networks between junior/early career and more seasoned RC32 scholars. The second, “Publishing Gender Research with a Global Focus” will provide scholars with an opportunity
to meet with editors of journals that focus on gender and/or international scholarship.

At the Toronto congress we will once again be giving an award to a junior scholar from the global/economic south. The award, established in 2001, is given out every four years, and this year is under the theme: Migration, Citizenship, Identity and Diversity in the Era of Globalization: Gender and Feminist Perspectives in celebration of the life and legacy of our late President-Elect Dr. Cynthia Joseph. The award sought papers that speak to any of the themes Cynthia Joseph addressed in her scholarship, with the goal of bringing insights from her work in solidarity and to ensure that we keep her legacy alive as part of our feminist scholarship and activist work. Papers will be evaluated on the basis of their use of sociology to analyze issues pertaining to women and gender in the context of migration, citizenship, identity, diversity, ethnicity, and race or their intersections; their conceptual innovation; their way of developing the arguments; and the possibility of their use in a comparative international framework.

Finally, there are plans for a co-edited book based on two of our invited Presidential panels, one from the ISA forum held in Vienna in 2016 and the other from the ISA Congress to be held in Toronto next year.'

Josephine and Akosua
WE ARE ON FACEBOOK! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AND JOIN THE 184 MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY DONE SO!

In order to reduce the communication work load for the secretary and create a more vibrant environment within which RC32 members could exchange information and get updates on various conferences and RC32-related events, we have created a Facebook Page for RC32 (See below). From now on, such news as announcements of promotions, publications, jobs, conferences, etc. will be communicated via our Facebook Page and will be administered by our newsletter editor. Please send such news via Facebook messages.

All announcements, information, instructions from the ISA, Co-presidents, and members of the board or Regional Representatives that are directly related to core RC 32 business will continue to be shared via our secretary.

If you already have a Facebook account, all you need to do is find our page on Facebook (ISA-Research Committee on Women in Society (ISA-RC32)) and “Like” it. You will then receive our updates on your Newsfeed. If you do not have a Facebook account, create one (!) and follow the above-mentioned steps. If you do not want to be on Facebook, you will still be receiving updates through emails as well as our newsletter. So no worries! No one is left behind!
Report from Canada: Some activities of the Feminist Sociology Cluster, by Peruvemba S. Jaya

The feminist sociology cluster under the umbrella of the Canadian Sociological Association met first in May 2014 at Brock University. It provides both a communications hub and meeting places for feminists within sociology to share ideas and research, to discuss common concerns within the discipline and also to converse with feminists across disciplinary lines.

This year, (2017), Linda Christiansen-Ruffman and Ann Denis led the group of associations participating in the interdisciplinary feminist sessions. Eight associations participated in the co-sponsored call for papers – CSA, CRIAW, History, Political Science, Socialist Studies, Social Work Education, Women in Education, Women & Gender Studies. Three sessions had been scheduled, each hosted by a different association – CSA, Socialist Studies and Social Work Education. This year the cluster had an open call for papers (which resulted in four sessions), and also has included feminist sociology sessions proposed by cluster members. In addition there were a number of other sessions, organized outside the cluster, in which there seemed to be substantial content explicitly about women/feminism. Linda Christiansen-Ruffman, Ann Denis, Sarah Dorow and Michelle Ryan worked together to identify sessions of particular interest to feminists.
A number of Canadian feminist scholars participated in many sessions at the Canadian Sociological Association annual conference in May 2017.

A small sample of publications and participation is listed below:

Ann Denis co-organized and coordinated two interdisciplinary feminist sessions at the annual Canadian Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in May/June 2017 in Toronto, Canada. Eight associations participated in these sessions.

Paper presentations:


Peruvemba S Jaya and Marilyn Porter organized the session: Gender and immigration in the Canadian context: Issues and Experiences across Generations at the annual Canadian Sociological Association meetings in Toronto Canada, in May/June 2017.

In this session the following papers were presented.

Angie Wong. 2017. The Interstitial Space of Asianadian: Immigrant Women Confront the Metaphysics of Canadian Colonialism

Sinzian Chiara. 2017. Generations of women and study abroad: Gendering international education in Canada

Marilyn Porter 2017. Grandmothers in Place and on the Move: Thoughts from Immigrant Grandmothers in Newfoundland
Peruvemba S. Jaya 2017. Immigrant grandmothers in Ottawa: Intergenerational Communication in transnational families

Ann Denis continues as co-chair of the Feminist Research Cluster in the Canadian Sociological Association. The cluster is looking forward to working with RC32 during the 2018 ISA World Congress in Toronto Canada.

➢ A short report on the European Sociological Association Meeting, by Consuelo Corradi

The 13th Biennial Conference of the ESA-European Sociological Association met in Athens from August 29 to September 1, 2017. This was the most attended ESA Conference so far, with more than 3,500 registered participants and more than 2,900 presentations. The Conference premises was the Pantheion University of Athens, a well-known Political and Social Sciences higher education institution. The theme of the Conference was “(Un)Making Europe. Capitalism, Solidarities and Subjectivity.

ESA’s scientific backbone are Research Networks (RN). RN 33 Women and Gender Studies was established in 2009 and it is now one of the best attended networks, with over 100 members from all over Europe and neighbouring countries. In Athens, the RN33 had close to 80 parallel sessions, ranging from gender and migration studies, women in the labour market, gender and science, violence against women, violence gender and crime, and much more. The RN33 elected the new chairs for 2017-2019. They are Lise Widding Isaksen, University of Bergen (Norway), and Consuelo Corradi, Lumsa University (Italy). Lise is a longtime expert of international migration flows and care, while Consuelo is a well-known scholar in the field of domestic violence.

Prof. Sue Scott, University of York (UK) is the new ESA President for 2017-2019. The next ESA Conference will take place in Paris (France) in late summer 2019.
ISA RC 32 announces the first ever "Cross Generational and International Networking Workshop for Junior/Early Career RC32 Scholars". We are organizing this networking workshop to foster connections and networks between junior/early career and more seasoned RC32 scholars.

The precise logistics of this networking workshop will depend on how many people are interested in participating. It will, however, involve several senior RC32 scholars from diverse backgrounds, who have been actively involved with RC32, normally for a decade or more, each briefly sharing highlights about their research interests and experience, their involvement with RC32 and with other parts of the ISA, with interested junior/early career RC32 scholars, who will then have the opportunity of spending time chatting with several of these senior RC32 scholars, probably in small groups of one senior and one or more junior scholars. We will try to match the junior and senior scholars as closely as possible, based on their interests.

Interested junior/early career scholars should contact Shweta M. Adur at sadur@calstatela.edu to indicate their interest in participating. So that we can
match you with senior scholars in your areas of interest, please provide a brief overview your background and research interests.

Interested senior scholars who have been involved with RC32 for some time – probably for more than a decade - are invited to contact Ann Denis adenis@uottawa.ca outlining their interests and their background, especially within RC32 and also in other parts of ISA.

Note: Although this workshop is listed on the ISA conference website as one of the RC32 sessions for electronic submission of abstracts, this was simply done to insure a spot for the workshop in the timetable of the RC32 sessions. You do not need to submit an abstract through the system, and participation does not ‘count’ as one of your allowable two participations in the whole ISA program. This is why we are asking those who are interested in participating in the workshop to write directly to Shweta (if a junior/early career) scholar or Ann (if a senior scholar). We look forward to hearing from you!

Journal Articles

We invite submissions for a thematic issue of *Latin American Perspectives (LAP)* on Popular Feminisms in Latin America and the Caribbean, eds. Janet Conway and Nathalie Lebon.

**Deadline:** 15 January 2018

See [http://latinamericanperspectives.com/current-calls-for-manuscripts/](http://latinamericanperspectives.com/current-calls-for-manuscripts/) for full description in English and Spanish. Full text in English below. Papers may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese. For inquiries, contact Nathalie Lebon, at nlebon@gettysburg.edu or (1) 717-337-0971.

**CALL FOR PAPERS: Popular feminism(s): Pasts, Presents, Futures**

This thematic issue focuses on Latin American ‘popular feminism(s)’: pasts, presents and futures, in relation to: (1) the ‘popular’ politics of the broader (social
and or political) left; (2) the politicization of ‘race’ and colonial difference within feminism and the broader left; and (3) the transnationalization of popular movements since the 1990s.

Popular feminism is a nebulous term. Born in Latin America in the 1980s, it was a way of naming gendered struggles for survival and against dictatorship by women of the ‘popular sectors’. Originally, many claimed motherhood as a basis of legitimation and many continue to valorize conventional gendered divisions of labor, heteronormativity, and the gender binary. But today, some also agitate for sexual and reproductive rights.

As such, in many contexts, popular feminism has overlapped substantively and analytically with the movimiento de mujeres, and shared its ambivalent positioning in relation to mainstream or ‘historical feminism.’ More precisely in some contexts, popular feminism designates feminist-identified women who articulated a class-based critique of sexism within the larger movimiento de mujeres, as in Brazil (Alvarez 2016). Women’s agency in rural and urban unions, political parties of the left, and ‘popular movements’ of all kinds have all been understood as forms of popular feminism. More recently, in considering how popular feminism may have transmogrified over time, the term has been associated with ‘class conscious’ feminism (Lebon2014) and so includes feminist NGOs with strong anchoring in poor and working class women’s organizations. Some scholars have begun to contemplate popular feminism in light of the transnationalization of feminism and popular movements since the 1990s (Conway 2017).

In contemporary usage, popular feminism is more often a generic descriptor to denote the presence of gender consciousness and activism, grounded in the ‘popular sectors’ and appearing in ‘popular movements’, where both its genealogies and its tensions in relation to the larger left are obscured. Nevertheless, in evoking notions of the ‘popular’ (popular sectors; popular
movements; national popular), popular feminism is continually positioned as relevant to projects of the social Left.

Given the racialized character of the popular sectors in many contexts, popular feminisms are often demographically composed of racialized women. Popular feminist initiatives often overlap substantively with those of racialized and Indigenous women, and share with them an ambivalent relationship with ‘mainstream’ or ‘historical’ feminisms, insisting on a more expansive identity and agenda for ‘feminism’. Yet popular feminisms themselves often remain conceptually grounded in a race-blind, nationally-bounded, heteronormative and class-based notion of the ‘popular’ and which mobilize generic and majoritarian notions of ‘women.’

With the politicization of ‘race’ and colonial difference, and the ascendance of ‘new’ actors/discourses: Afrodescendant and Indigenous movements; LGBT and feminist critiques of nationalism; the decolonial turn, including its critique of gender; progressive evocations of the popular are being newly troubled. Through a study of popular feminism, we propose to make these tensions explicit and to explore their analytic and political import for progressive politics of social movements which have relied extensively on the national-popular as their basis of mobilization.

We propose that historically- and theoretically-informed study of contemporary popular feminisms that advances clear contextualized conceptualizations of the term can illuminate both current tensions and dilemmas about gender justice in relation to left politics and about struggles for racial justice in relation to both feminism and the left.

This enquiry therefore invites new, renovated, deconstructive or problematizing theorizations of popular feminisms, grounded in changing material and discursive conditions, informed by anti-racisms and critical race theory, indigenisms, decolonial feminism, lgbt/queer theory, along with socialist, materialist, or gender-class feminism.
The special issue invites historically- and contextually-sensitive studies, comparative and or transnational in the region, which are politically attuned to dilemmas of progressive social transformation.

We invite papers, in English, Spanish and Portuguese, written in an accessible style, and speaking to a multi-disciplinary readership, which address but are not limited to the following:

What is the possible analytic and political salience of the category ‘popular feminism’ today in the context of the eruption of racialized/colonial difference, which is simultaneously destabilizing notions of the popular on which left projects in the region rely? How can such an enquiry illuminate ongoing tensions and possible articulations between the popular democratic projects of the left and the alternative political and life projects of Afro-descendent and Indigenous peoples, while paying attention to intersectional feminist questions?

How is ‘popular feminism’ being presently deployed in specific contexts, as an activist and or analytic term? In relation to which genealogies of feminism and left politics? What is its relation to the politicization of ‘race’ and or the decolonial, specifically its articulation to Afro-descendent and or Indigenous social movements, women’s activisms, or feminisms?

How have 1980s expressions of popular feminisms evolved in relation to the growing organization of black and indigenous women as these responded to the intersecting oppressions of racism, class, sexism, and or heterosexism — especially considering the overwhelming presence of racialized and Indigenous women among the popular sectors throughout the region? Have these relations between gender-class and racialized/decolonial feminisms been marked by connection and convergence or tension and alienation?

Has ‘popular feminism’ been displaced by, subsumed into Afro and Indigenous feminisms? With what effects? Does the term ‘popular feminism’ have any analytic specificity today on the feminist or social movement field?
What do claims to the popular do? Is it a political aspiration? A descriptor of class positioning or political content? Do claims to the popular whitewash? Obscure power relations in movements? Is popular feminism a racially unmarked, and therefore problematic category for intersectional feminist politics? For left politics?

How do Black and Indigenous feminisms negotiate relations with other ‘popular feminisms’? With the various mixed gender movements with which they effect alliances? With cross-movement mobilizations on the left? With what lessons and challenges for left politics and progressive social movements?

Is popular feminism apparent in transnational forms? In transnationalized feminist and or mixed gender movements, including of racialized subjects?

SUBMITTING MANUSCRIPTS

To avoid duplication of content, please contact the issue editors to let them know of your interest in submitting and your proposed topic. We encourage submission as soon as possible, preferably by Jan. 15, 2018, but this call will remain open as long as it is posted on the LAP web site.

Manuscripts should be no longer than 8,000 words of paginated, double-spaced 12 point text with 1 inch margins, including notes and references, using the LAP Style Guidelines available at www.latinamericanperspectives.com under the “Submit” tab where the review process is also described. Manuscripts should be consistent with the LAP Mission Statement available on the web site under the “About” tab.

Manuscripts may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese. If you do not write in English with near native fluency, please submit in your first language. LAP will translate manuscripts accepted in languages other than English. If you are not submitting in English, please indicate if you will have difficulty reading reviews and/or correspondence from the LAP office in English.
Please feel free to contact the issue editors with questions pertaining to the issue but all manuscripts should be submitted directly to the LAP office, not to the issue editors. A manuscript is not considered submitted until it has been received by the LAP office. You should receive acknowledgment of receipt of your manuscript within a few days. If you do not receive an acknowledgment from LAP after one week, please send a follow-up inquiry to be sure your submission arrived.

**Instructions**

- E-mail Submissions: Send to lap@ucr.edu
- Subject Line: Author name – Manuscript for Popular feminisms issue
- Please attach your manuscript as a Word Document (doc or docx)
- Include: Abstract (100 words), 5 Keywords, and a separate cover page with short author affiliations (less than 130 words) and complete contact information (e-mail, postal address, telephone).
- Postal correspondence may be sent to: Managing Editor, Latin American Perspectives, P.O. Box 5703, Riverside, California 92517-5703.
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Bula Bhadra

She has published the following articles:

- Bhadra, Bula, “Precarity and Surrogacy: The Invisible Umbilical Cord in the Digital Age”, (Eds.) B Heidkamp and D Kergel “Precarity within the Digital Age: Media Change and Social Insecurity (Germany: Springer VS, 2017), pp.31-68.

Her forthcoming publications include:

- Bhadra, Bula, (ed.) Childhood and Youth of India: The Missing Link in Sociology of India (Routledge, Forthcoming)

Bula also won the following award:

“Professor D. N. Mazumdar Memorial Gold Medal – 2017” for being Distinguished Social Scientist by Indian Social Science Association at their ALL INDIA GOLDEN JUBILEE Conference at Varanasi, India on February 10–11, 2017.
Bula is also engaged in the following ongoing project: “UTILISATION OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE FOR HEALTH EMPOWERMENT OF INDIAN WOMEN” Sponsored by Shakti (A Women's Empowerment NGO) [shakti means strength).

➢ Glenda Tibe Bonifacio


➢ Jeff Hearn

RINGS: International Research Network of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies was founded in Örebro, Sweden, in 2014, as an international association with the aim of bringing together research institutions, currently in Africa, Australasia, Europe, and North and Central America, engaged in gender and feminist research and women studies on a global basis. It has approaching 50 member institutions. RC32 member, Jeff Hearn (Örebro University; University of Huddersfield, UK; Hanken School of Economics, Finland) and Tamara Shefer (University of Western Cape, South Africa) co-chair the Executive Committee, with representatives also from Centre for Gender and Science, Prague, Czech Republic; Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University, Sweden; EDDA and UNU-GEST, University of Iceland, Iceland (Irma Erlingdóttir); Faye Gale Centre, University of Adelaide, Australia; Graduate Gender Programme/Netherlands Research School, Utrecht University, the Netherlands; and School of Women and
Gender Studies, Makerere University, Uganda. For more information, see http://ringsgender.org/rings

Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality book series

The Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality book series has now published over 20 volumes. The managing co-editors are Jeff Hearn and Nina Lykke, with Kathy Davis, Anna G. Jónasdóttir, Elżbieta H. Oleksy, Andrea Peto, Ann Phoenix, and Chandra Talpade Mohanty, the other members of the editorial core group.

Recent volumes in the series include:


Fataneh Farahani Gender, Sexuality and Diaspora, 2017.

Helen Longlands Gender, Space and City Bankers, 2018.

Other titles are contracted and in process.

Some more news from Jeff Hearn

Following a 13-year long memory work group of older men, inspired by Frigga Haug and colleagues' work in Germany, Jeff has co-authored with Randy Barber, Vic Blake, David Jackson, Richard Johnson, Zbyszek Luczynski and Dan McEwan the collective book Men’s Stories for a Change: Ageing Men Remember, Common Ground Publishing, Champaign, ILL.

http://agingandsociety.cgpublisher.com/product/pub.335/prod.4

Jeff also has two other books almost out. The book, Revenge Pornography: Gender, Sexuality and Motivations, with Matthew Hall (Queen’s University, Belfast, UK;

Following an extensive Finland-South Africa research collaboration, The book, Engaging Youth in Activist Research and Pedagogical Praxis: Transnational and Intersectional Perspectives on Gender, Sex, and Race, co-edited with Tamara Shefer (University of Western Cape), Kopano Ratele (UNISA and South African Medical Research Council) and Floretta Boonzaier (University of Cape Town), is forthcoming shortly with Routledge, New York.


➢ Elżbieta Korolczuk

Elżbieta has the following publications:


The book discusses parental movements that are strengthening around the world and often spark tense personal and political debate. From fathers’ rights movements to mobilizations around natural childbirth to vaccination, these essays provide new insight into the identities and strategies applied by such movements as they interact with local ideals of gender and family and global trends including populism and neoliberalism. With an emphasis on Russia and Central and Eastern Europe, this collection analyzes the interactions between the politics, everyday life, and social activism of mothers and fathers.

This article examines successful mass mobilization of Polish women against the proposed total ban on abortion in 2016. It is argued that the mass participation in the protests resulted from a range of factors, e.g. the heightened political climate in Poland and normalization of street protests, as well as an emotional dynamic of mobilization and wide use of social media for communication and networking.

https://www.rowmaninternational.com/book/antigender_campaigns_in_europe/3-156-7734fc12-00e3-47fc-8478-05897740ac19

This chapter examines the mobilization against “gender” which has spread across Poland, pointing to both local specificities and links to the transnational context. While some aspects of this phenomenon are indeed locally embedded, Polish anti-genderism is part of a broader transnational trend. The authors argue that the current wave of anti-gender mobilization is a new ideological and political configuration, which successfully combines the local and the transnational, making possible a politically effective mass movement.

➢ Ellen Kuhlmann