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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFERENCES

THE FUTURES WE WANT: 3<sup>RD</sup> ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, JULY 10-14, 2016

You may view the preliminary schedule here:

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/webprogram/start.html>

Please remind that the registration deadline is April 5th, 2016.

CLOSED SOCIETIES. 38TH CONGRESS OF THE GERMAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (GSA), BAMBERG, GERMANY, 26-30 SEPTEMBER 2016.

You may view the preliminary schedule here: <http://kongress2016.soziologie.de/en/recent-news.html>

### PEOPLE

**Prof. Sellamuthu Gurusamy, Head of the Department of Sociology, Gandhigram University, India**

1. Prof. Gurusamy was elected as Member to the Managing Committee(MC) of Indian Sociological Society(ISS) for a six year term from 2016 to 2022.The ISS has more than 5000 Life Members and ordinary members.As per ISS constitution election notification, filing nomination will be held by post and election, if necessary, to positions like President ,Secretary and Members(5 Nos) will be conducted through postal ballot by the Election Officer ,who is nominated by the MC.The election is held once in two years.The term of President and Secretary is two years,while the term of Members is six years.

ISS is promoting professionalism and creativity in teaching ,research, policy advocacy,publications,promoting social development etc.

2. Prof. Gurusamy is serving as Executive Editor of The Journal of Extension and Research in Gandhigram Rural University ,which is the only fully funded by the Ministry of Human Resources Development,Government of India.This Journal has more than 10 years of National level circulation with subscription,focusing on extension based rural development,carries research articles on rural community development, innovative models,research findings with implication for rural development planning and application in micro level planning.

3. He is also serving as Director, Centre for Studies in Development and Resettlement ,created by Gandhigram University recently to take up research projects,consultancy, training etc. to the stakeholders, taking into account the problems of project affected people in the infrastructure creation-road

sector,harbour,airport,dam, tribal displacement, internally displaced people, victims of disasters etc.The department of sociology with which the Centre is attached had organised researches on development and displacement,refugee studies,conducted several seminars on related topics in the past. The Centre has submitted research projects to funding agencies like UGC,ICSSR recently and awaits approval.

The Centre created in Gandhigram University is appropriate since south India experiences landslides,flood,migration,tribal displacements and evictions,land alienation due to road/rail way projects etc.The Centre would undertake training and consultancy projects very soon.

Internet: <http://www.ruraluniv.ac.in/dep.html#Sociology>

**Holly E. Reed, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Queens College, USA**

Prof. Holly Reed was recently promoted and tenured as professor of sociology at Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY) and a faculty associate of the CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR). Her research interests include: internal migration, urbanization, international migration, social networks, forced migration, and demographic dynamics in sub-Saharan Africa—including Ghana, South Africa, and Nigeria—and the United States. Dr. Reed’s current research projects are: 1) survey data analysis examining the health and welfare of African immigrants and refugees in the U.S.; 2) a historical analysis of life history data looking at the interrelationships between internal migration, gender, and social networks in South Africa during and after the apartheid era; and 3) policy and demographic analysis of population, social and economic changes in Nigeria. Professor Reed previously served as a program officer for the Committee on Population of the National Academies in Washington, DC, where she wrote and edited reports on various international population issues, including urbanization and development, forced migration, maternal mortality, and fertility change.

Internet: <http://qcsociology.org/people/faculty/holly-reed/>

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

González-Pérez, Guillermo J., María G. Vega-López, and Carlos E. Cabrera-Pivaral. 2015. "Mortalidad por lesiones de tráfico y su impacto en la esperanza de vida: comparativa entre México y España." [Mortality due to traffic injuries and its impact on life expectancy: a comparison between Mexico and Spain]. *Gaceta sanitaria* 29 Suppl 1:70–75. doi:10.1016/j.gaceta.2015.04.006.

Objective: To determine the impact of mortality due to motor vehicle traffic injuries (MVTI) compared with other causes of death on life expectancy in Mexico and Spain during the three-year periods 2000-2002 and 2010-2012 and the weight of the different age groups in years of life expectancy lost (YLEL) due to this cause. Methods: Based on official death and population data, abridged life tables in Mexico and Spain were constructed for the three-year periods studied. Temporary life expectancy and YLEL for persons aged 15 to 75 years were calculated by selected causes (MVTI, diabetes mellitus, malignant neoplasms and ischemic heart diseases) and age groups in each three-year period. Results: In Spain, YLEL decreased in both sexes from all the causes studied, especially MVTI; this reduction was greater in the younger ages. In addition, temporary life expectancy increased. In Mexico, YLEL due to MVTI increased in men, mainly in young people, and remained unchanged among women. Temporary life expectancy declined in men but increased slightly among women. Conclusions: The reduction in YLEL due to MVTI in Spain has contributed to increased life expectancy. By contrast, the increase in YLEL due to MVTI among Mexican men has contributed to the decline in male life expectancy.

Gurusamy, Sellamuthu. 2014. *Women empowerment and inclusive growth*. Chennai: MJP Publishers.

———. 2015. "Agricultural Modernization and Sustainable Development." In *Economic reforms in India: Achievements and challenges*, edited by S. Nehru. Chennai: MJP Publishers.

———. 2015. "Production Relations in Indian Agriculture: The Emerging Issues." In *Tenancy laws and practices: Emerging issues*, edited by Amir A. A. Faizi, K. G. Iyer, and Ashmeet Kaur. New Delhi: Manak Publications.

———. 2015. "Women Empowerment through SHGs in Economic Development." In *Economic reforms in India: Achievements and challenges*, edited by S. Nehru. Chennai: MJP Publishers.

Mejía Montoya, Cielo C., Guillermo J. González Pérez, and María G. Vega López. 2015. "Violencia y salud pública en la prensa escrita de Guadalajara, México." *Salud Colectiva* 11 (4): 497–507. doi:10.18294/sc.2015.786.

This study seeks to describe how violence and its link to public health is represented in the written press of Guadalajara, Mexico. To this end, we carried out a mixed-content analysis of news pieces on violence published in the local sections of the four newspapers with greatest circulation in Guadalajara from the period of September 1 to 15, 2013. A total of 1,465 local news stories were reviewed, of which 399 were identified as being about violence. Of these, only 103 included healthcare aspects in their contents, generally making reference to medical services. The contents of these press articles did not identify violence as a critical public health issue, but rather as a safety issue affecting the community.

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