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Dear RC32 members,

As I write this president’s message, it is with a heavy heart as the world continues to heave from natural disasters and war. After the devastating earthquakes in southern Turkey and northern Syria, the vast loss of life, harm, and displacement from the earthquakes and aftershocks are hard to comprehend. I was heartened to learn that the ISA is supporting our Turkish and Syrian colleagues by offering registration and membership grants: (1) Registration grants for colleagues actively involved in the Congress program (presenters, chairs, discussants) who are residents in Turkey or Syria; (2) Membership grants for colleagues who are permanent residents in Turkey or Syria and who wish to become members of the ISA. Applications should include the person’s full name, job title, and affiliation and email these to our RC32 secretary, Alicia Itati Palermo (aliciaipalermo@gmail.com) by September 15, 2023. I also am working to plan a webinar that features scholarship on gender and sexuality in Turkey, offering the opportunity for our members to donate aid to survivors.

It will be wonderful to finally gather at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia, from June 25 to July 1, 2023. The planning continues for the conference. The ISA provided $3,250 for RC32 members towards registration grants, and the Board was able to award 22 RC32 members who are involved with the RC32 program, who are students, and who are from B and C countries with these grants. RC32 is further committing significant funds to providing our members with travel grants to support their attendance.
at the Congress. We are finalizing the grants and will be in touch with members who applied by February 28, 2023.

If you have a paper accepted for the Congress, the deadline to register is **March 22, 2023**. If not registered, participants (presenters, chairs, discussants, etc.) names will not appear in the Program Book or in the Abstracts Book. For co-authored papers, at least one co-author must pay the registration fee by the deadline 22 March 2023 for the paper to appear in the program; the names of other co-authors will be listed as well. If other co-authors wish to have access to the online conference, they must pay the registration fee. If you plan to present your work, whether in person or virtually, please register by the deadline.

The XX ISA World Congress will be in a hybrid format. For those of you who have a paper accepted, here are the rules that the ISA has established:

Oral sessions (regular and joint sessions of RC32 and Integrative Sessions) may include virtual presentations but must include 80% in-person presentations to qualify for a hybrid format. Otherwise, they will be online sessions. The session format will be decided after the early registration deadline (March 22, 2023).

Oral sessions will be categorized as:

- **in-person sessions** if all presenters will be doing oral presentations. The audience will be able to choose whether to attend these sessions in person or virtually.
- **online sessions** if all presenters will be presenting online. A meeting room will be assigned for those who wish to watch the session at the venue.
- **hybrid sessions** in all other cases. The audience will be able to choose whether to attend these sessions in person or virtually.
Chairs/Co-Chairs of in-person and hybrid sessions are expected to be present in-person on-site. In case the Chair or co-Chair cannot participate in-person, s/he should delegate this function to one of the presenters present on-site to welcome those who are in the room and launch the zoom application.

The below **listed sessions will have in-person format only:**
- Roundtable Sessions (concurrent running roundtable presentations in one room)
- Poster Sessions
- Ad Hoc Sessions
- Sessions of National and Regional Associations
- Professional Development Sessions
- Author Meets Critics Sessions

Registration fees are the same for in-person and online presentations and cover participation in all types of sessions.

RC32 is planning a wonderful program for RC32 members! The RC32 Business Meeting will be held on Monday, June 26 at 19:30 – 20:50 (AEDT). Please mark in your calendars. We are also making plans for a fantastic reception that we will be announcing shortly.

We are extending our call for the 2023 RC32 Essay Competition for New Scholars from the Economic South to **April 21, 2023.** The 2023 competition will take place in celebration of the life and legacy of RC32 late Co-President, Esther Chow who, until her untimely death on April 11, 2022, was Emerita Professor at the American University in Washington D.C. The award invites papers that speak to Esther Chow’s contribution to intersectional analyses 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. The winner(s) will be invited to present their paper at a webinar sponsored by RC32 (time and date to be decided). They will also receive an award of $500 and a plaque at the RC32 Reception at the Congress in June 2023. Although full funding cannot be promised, RC32 will provide partial financial support to help the winner(s) attend the conference. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information on eligibility and how to apply.

Finally, we will be holding elections for the next Board before the Congress, as required by our statutes. Our Nominations Committee is co-chaired by RC32 Past Co-President Josephine Beoku-Betts and Elina Oinas, and RC32 members Marcia Segal and Kalpana Kannabiran are serving on the committee. Thank you to these members for their service on this committee! They will be seeking nominations in the coming weeks; so please consider running for one of these leadership roles in RC32: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Regional Representatives (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and North America).

In solidarity,

Melanie Heath
Research Committee 32 Women and Gender in Society of the International Sociological Association (ISA) is pleased to announce that it has extended its deadline for the essay competition for new scholars from the economic south. The 2023 competition will take place in celebration of the life and legacy of RC32 late Co-President, Esther Chow who, until her untimely death on April 11, 2022, was Emerita Professor at the American University in Washington D.C. Esther was a beloved professor and researcher who dedicated 37 years of her life doing research at the forefront of gender and development, work and family, social equality, migration, and policy studies. She was one of the pathfinders who pioneered sociological analysis of the intersectionality of race, class, and gender in the case of Asian American women. She was recognized as a pioneer in the intersectional investigation of Asian American women and Asian immigrant communities.

The award invites papers that speak to Esther Chow’s contribution to intersectional analyses 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.

An international jury of four members, including the Co-Presidents-Elect as Co-Chairs, will serve as jurors. Papers will be evaluated on the basis of their use of sociology and an intersectional approach to analyze a sociological issue.

**Eligibility**
- New scholars in the Economic South—scholars who received their Ph.D. in sociology and related social science disciplines from 2018-2023, or
• Members of indigenous groups, or
• Graduate students in sociology and related social science disciplines from the Economic South, studying in the Economic South, or
• Graduate students in sociology and related social science disciplines from the Economic South, studying in the Economic North.
• 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 2023 Essay Competition
Candidates must submit an original paper that has not been previously published elsewhere. 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 your 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 confirm to these rules run the risk of being rejected.
An electronic version (doc. or pdf) of the paper should be e-mailed to Co-Chairs: Solange Simoes (ssimoes@emich.edu) and Marlise Matos (matos.marlise@gmail.com).
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 2023 essay competition is **April 21, 2023**. The winner will be notified by April 30, 2023.

**Award**

The winner(s) will be invited to present their paper at a webinar sponsored by RC32 (time and date to be decided). They will also receive an award of $500 and a plaque at the RC32 Reception at the Congress in June 2023. Although full funding cannot be promised, RC32 will provide partial financial support to help the winner(s) attend the conference.
Economy of Life. Feminism, social reproduction and financialization by Alicia Girón works as a guide dedicated to these generations that are increasingly concerned about creating a change in the face of the situations of gender inequality, labor discrimination, and violence that women experience daily. The author has compiled a collection of texts covering fifteen years of studies and experiences in which the global economy has been attacked, thus affecting the situation of women around the world. Using three fundamental concepts: feminism, social reproduction, and financialization, she exposes the situation in which women, during the last fifty years, have been inserted in a labor market that does not see for them, but consumes and demands much more. Undoubtedly, it is a work to understand and make visible the processes that govern the world in which we live, exposing a critique and bringing us closer to a possible change.
This groundbreaking book argues that the fundamental issues around how victim-survivors of digital gender-sexual violations (DGSVs) are abused can be understood in terms of gender and sexual dynamics, constructions, positioning and logics. Facilitated by developments in internet and mobile technologies, the non-consensual posting of real or fake sexually explicit images of others for revenge, entertainment, homosocial status or political leverage has become a global phenomenon. Using discourse and thematic analytical approaches, this text examines digital, survey and interview data on gendered sexual violences, abuses, and violations. The words of both the perpetrators and victim-survivors are presented, showing the impact on victim-survivors and the complex ways in which phallocentric power relations and existing hegemonic masculinities are reinforced and invoked by perpetrators to position girls and women as gendered and sexualised commodities to be traded, admired, violated or abused for the needs of individual men or groups of men. Hall, Hearn and Lewis explore their research in a broader social and political context, evaluating and suggesting changes to existing legislative frameworks, education, victim support, and practical and policy interventions against DGSV, along with wider political considerations. This is a unique resource for students, academics and
researchers as well as professionals dealing with issues around digital gender-sexual violations.


In the past thirty years, polygamy has become a flashpoint of conflict as Western governments attempt to regulate certain cultural and religious practices that challenge seemingly central principles of family and justice. In Forbidden Intimacies, Melanie Heath comparatively investigates the regulation of polygamy in the United States, Canada, France, and Mayotte. Drawing on a wealth of ethnographic and archival sources, Heath uncovers the ways in which intimacies framed as "other" and "offensive" serve to define the very limits of Western tolerance. These regulation efforts, counterintuitively, allow the flourishing of polygamies on the ground. The case studies illustrate a continuum of justice, in which some groups, like white fundamentalist Mormons in the U.S., organize to fight against the prohibition of their families' existence, whereas African migrants in France face racialized discrimination in addition to rigid migration policies. The matrix of legal and social contexts, informed by gender, race, sexuality, and class, shapes the everyday experiences of these relationships. Heath uses the term "labyrinthine love" to conceptualize the complex ways individuals negotiate different kinds of relationships, ranging from romantic to coercive.
What unites these families is the secrecy in which they must operate. As government intervention erodes their abilities to secure housing, welfare, work, and even protection from abuse, Heath exposes the huge variety of intimacies, and the power they hold to challenge heteronormative, Western ideals of love.


In most organisations, ideas of collaboration and collaborative action are often lauded, but often in practice more challenging to carry into effect. The Hanken Research Group on Gender Relations in Organisations, Management and Society, often referred to as the Gender Research Group, was established late 1999 and launched publicly in early 2000. This collection celebrates 21 years of collaborative action. It brings together 31 memories and reflections from 32 current and former members of the Group. Contributors were asked to write “an authored reflection of between 300 and 1000 words, in English, Swedish or Finnish, on what the Group has meant for you, any memories you want to share, how the Group has influenced your work, or similar.” Together with background information on research and outreach, this Hanken Research Report publication is the result of that process.
This book *troubles* the ways young people have been constructed as ‘trouble’ through critical readings of the effects and impacts, politically and ideologically, globally and locally, of scholarship and practice directed at South African young people’s sexualities over the last three decades of addressing HIV, GBV and other sexual and gender justice challenges. Located primarily in South Africa, the book speaks to global concerns about the politics of knowledge and transnational flows of information and practice with respect to gender and sexuality and is framed by global imperatives and analyses located in transnational, postcolonial and intersectional feminist frameworks. The key argument developed here, and explored in relation to several different forms of research and practice, is that efforts to challenge HIV, GBV and unequal sexual and gender practices among young people, particularly as evident in heterosexual relationships, have tended to reflect and reproduce (re)new(ed) orthodoxies about sexuality, gender, family and young people, while bolstering global and local racist, classist ‘othering’ of certain communities and nation-states, and reiterating the ‘innocence’ and authority of those already privileged and centred. The book contributes to critical reflexive work on global practices of knowledge and its
complex enmeshment with power in the terrain of sexual and gender justice
work aimed at young people.”


The state of equality, non-discrimination and diversity among academic staff in Finnish higher education institutions was explored by the KOTAMO project commissioned by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture 2021-2022. The aim was furthermore to propose recommendations for measures to address the problems identified. The study focused on gender equality and ethnic diversity. The KOTAMO final report is based on a literature review, a survey addressed to higher education academic staff, interviews with staff, and co-creation workshops with staff and funding organisations. The main challenges identified are related to the inadequate implementation of equality and non-discrimination plans (mandatory in Finland), relatively low number of women and ethnic minorities at the highest career stages in universities, non-transparent recruitment processes, poorer career development among ethnic minorities (when compared to the majority population), discrimination experienced by these minorities, and a non-inclusive working culture.
Women’s Safety: An Equal Society Filled with Violence (2022) shows the extent of men’s violence against women in Sweden. It is the first of its kind in over 20 years and can be seen as a follow-up to the first Swedish prevalence study on men’s violence against women, Captured Queen (Lundgren, Heimer, Kalliokoski and Westerstrand, 2001). Women’s Safety shows continued high and sometimes increased levels of disclosed violence: 55% of the 15,000 participating women disclose having been subjected to violence by a man after their 15th birthday; 45% disclose having been subjected to violence by a man they have not had a relationship with; 10% disclose having been subjected by violence by the men they are currently living with; 37% disclose violence from a former spouse or cohabitant; and 80% of all participating women between the ages of 18 and 24 disclose having been sexually harassed by a man. In the study, 15,000 randomly selected Swedish women between the ages of 18 and 86 were invited to participate in the survey, the response rate was 44%. The survey was implemented in 2021 and the results analysed in 2022. The study is a collaboration between National Organization for Women’s Shelters and Young Women’s Shelters in Sweden (Roks), the Centre for Violence Studies at Örebro University, and Sweden Statistics (SCB).”
ARTICLES AUTHORED BY RC32 MEMBERS:


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**BLOGS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality
(https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Advances-in-Feminist-Studies-and-
Intersectionality/book-series/RAIFSAI) continues to be a very active publishing outlet. The Series is committed to the development of new feminist and profeminist perspectives on changing gender relations, with special attention to:

- Intersections between gender and power differentials based on age, class, dis/abilities, ethnicity, nationality, racialisation, sexuality, violence, and other social divisions.
- Intersections of societal dimensions and processes of continuity and change: culture, economy, generativity, polity, sexuality, science and technology;
- Embodiment: Intersections of discourse and materiality, and of sex and gender.
- Transdisciplinarity: intersections of humanities, social sciences, medical, technical and natural sciences.
- Intersections of different branches of feminist theorizing, including: historical materialist feminisms, postcolonial and anti-racist feminisms, radical feminisms, sexual difference
feminisms, queer feminisms, cyber feminisms, post-human feminisms, critical studies on men and masculinities.

- A critical analysis of the travelling of ideas, theories and concepts.
- A politics of location, reflexivity and transnational contextualising that reflects the basis of the Series framed within European diversity and transnational power relations.

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Series Editors: Jeff Hearn and Nina Lykke (co-managing editors), with Kathy Davis, Elzbieta H. Oleksy, Andrea Petö, Ann Phoenix, Chandra Mohanty, Laura Corradi

Recent books are:

* Narratives of Unsettlement: Being Out-of-joint as a Generative Human Condition
  By Madina Tlostanova. March 17, 2023
  This book uses an interdisciplinary inter-mediational approach to reflect on the relational complexity of unsettlement as a predominant sensibility of the present époque.

* Posthumanism and the Man Question: Beyond Anthropocentric Masculinities
  Edited by Ulf Mellström, Bob Pease December 30, 2022
  This book brings together the emerging insights of what posthumanism, new materialism and affect theory mean for ‘the man question’.

* Postcolonial and Postsocialist Dialogues: Intersections, Opacities, Challenges in Feminist Theorizing and Practice
  Edited by Redi Koobak, Madina Tlostanova, Suruchi Thapar-Björkert September 26, 2022
  Through staging dialogues between scholars, activists, and artists from a variety of disciplinary, geographical, and historical specializations, Postcolonial and Postsocialist Dialogues explores the possible resonances and dissonances between the postcolonial and the postsocialist in feminist theorizing and practice.

* Sojourner Truth and Intersectionality: Traveling Truths in Feminist Scholarship
  By Katrine Smiet August 01, 2022
  Sojourner Truth and Intersectionality investigates how the story of the 19th-century abolitionist and women’s rights advocate Sojourner Truth has come to be an iconic feminist story, and
explores the continued relevance of this story for contemporary feminist debates in general, and intersectionality scholarship in particular.

*Subaltern Women’s Narratives: Strident Voices, Dissenting Bodies*
Edited by Samraghni Bonnerjee August 01, 2022

Subaltern Women’s Narratives brings together intersectional feminist scholarship from the Humanities and Social Sciences and explores subaltern women’s narratives of resistance and subversion.

*Knowledge, Power and Young Sexualities: A Transnational Feminist Engagement*
By Tamara Shefer, Jeff Hearn July 27, 2022 (details above)

*Narrating Intersectional Perspectives Across Social Scales: Voicing Valerie*
By Viola Thimm April 18, 2022


*Gender, Sexuality and Identities of the Borderlands: Queering the Margins*
Edited by Suzanne Clisby February 01, 2022

Drawing on border thinking, postcolonial and transnational feminisms, and queer theory, Gender, Sexuality and Identities of the Borderlands brings an intersectional feminist and queer lens to understandings of borderlands, liminality, and lives lived at the margins of socio-cultural and sexual normativities.

*Global Feminist Autoethnographies During COVID-19: Displacements and Disruptions*
Edited by Melanie Heath, Akosua Darkwah, Josephine Beoku-Betts, Bandana Purkayastha January 27, 2022

Global Feminist Autoethnographies bears witness to our displacements, disruptions, and distress as tenured faculty, faculty on temporary contracts, graduate students, and people connected to academia during COVID-19.
ACCTING
ACCTING: Advancing behavioural change through an Inclusive Green Deal (2022-2026) is an EU-funded project that analyses the impact of Green Deal policies on vulnerable groups and produces knowledge and innovations to advance behavioural change at individual and collective levels.

You’re welcome to join a community of stakeholders committed to preventing inequalities associated with Green Deal policies and participating in initiatives promoting behavioural change to adapt to climate change! Network members will receive news relevant to their research and interests, pilot action funding opportunities, inspiration and promising practices, and more.

Find out more: https://mailchi.mp/458271e28848/welcome-to-accting-9079961

UniSAFE
UniSAFE: Gender-based violence and institutional responses: Building a knowledge base and operational tools to make universities and research organisations safe (2021-2024) is an EU-funded project that aims to produce better knowledge on gender-based violence and sexual harassment in research performing organisations, and to translate this knowledge into operational tools for higher education, research organisations and policymakers. Project reports and datasets are available via the UNiSAFE community on Zenodo: https://zenodo.org/communities/unisafe/?page=1&size=20

Between January and May 2022, UniSAFE coordinated the implementation of a survey among 46 participating universities and research organisations in 15 countries in Europe (https://unisafe-gbv.eu/community/) to collect
measurable evidence on the prevalence of gender-based violence in academia and research. With over 42,000 responses from staff and students, the survey is the largest conducted so far in the European Research Area. Overall, results show that 62% of the survey respondents have experienced at least one form of gender-based violence since they started working or studying at their institution. Moreover, respondents who identify as LGBQ+ (68%), who reported a disability or chronic illness (72%), and those belonging to an ethnic minority group (69%) were more likely to have experienced at least one incident of gender-based violence, compared to those who do not identify with these characteristics. Find out more about the survey results [https://unisafe-gbv.eu/project-news/results-from-the-largest-european-survey-on-gender-based-violence-in-academia/](https://unisafe-gbv.eu/project-news/results-from-the-largest-european-survey-on-gender-based-violence-in-academia/)

You’re welcome to join the UniSAFE community, find out more [https://unisafe-gbv.eu/join-the-unisafe-community/](https://unisafe-gbv.eu/join-the-unisafe-community/)

**RESISTIRÉ**

**RESISTIRÉ: Responding to outbreaks through co-creative sustainable inclusive equality strategies (2021-2023)** is an EU-funded project gathering ten European partners and a wider network of researchers to analyse the impact of COVID-19 policies on gendered inequalities and to provide solutions. Every six months until September 2023, the project publishes up-to-date research reports, policy recommendations, and innovative pilot actions to foster a fairer social recovery. In this issue we present the new project cycle activities and latest outputs. Project reports and datasets are available to download via the
RESISTIRÉ community on Zenodo,

https://zenodo.org/communities/resistire/?page=1&size=20

You’re welcome to join the webinars, participate in the survey on the impact of covid-19 and its policy responses, and subscribe to the Newsletter. Find out more https://mailchi.mp/esf.org/e49yfghby1-9078189
Dear RC32 Members and readers of this newsletter,

I hope that you had a relaxing and joyous holiday! Thank you for your contributions and for making this newsletter possible year after year. Please stay tuned for the call for our Summer newsletter for 2023. In the meantime, please take care, stay well, and stay safe!

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