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MESSAGE FROM THE RC-32 CO-PRESIDENTS



We are very pleased to report that the submission of papers and sessions for the ISA Rabat Forum was finalized in December.

We are also very proud that RC32 received 289 abstracts submission for our 35 sessions!

Our sessions include: (a) the Presidential Session; (b) 27 regular sessions; (c) 4 joint sessions hosted by RC32; (d) 2 round tables including 61 abstracts; and (e) our Business Meeting. On top of that, RC32 is participating in 22 joint sessions hosted by other RCs, WGs and TGs!

It is also important that the abstracts and sessions submitted by RC32 cover a wide range of issues in the main Forum theme Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene and, more specifically, in the RC32 programme for Forum titled "Intersectional, Feminist Transformations: Theory, Methods, And Praxis", which includes five main thematic axes:

1. Gender, Feminism and the Assault on Democracy
2. Climate Justice in an Intersectional Feminist Perspective
3. Decolonial and Postcolonial Approaches to Anthropocene
4. Feminist Epistemologies, Theories and Methods: antidotes to deal with civilizational collapse
5. 30 years of the UN Beijing Conference

One of our goals was to make sure that the RC32 sessions in the ISA Rabat Forum – the first to take place in the Middle East and North Africa region – would include sessions addressing the lives of MENA women and LGBTQ+ individuals and, most importantly, would also include several speakers from the region. The RC32 Presidential Session titled "Women, War and Security: MENA and Global Perspectives" will bring together three of MENA's outstanding feminist scholars: Valentine Moghadam, Fatima Sadiqi and Yakın Ertürk. Moreover, several other sessions will also include Moroccan and other MENA region speakers.

The Forum Scientific Committee developed a new initiative that introduces a special time in the conference – through six semi-plenaries – dedicated to integrative sessions organized by groups of RCs/WGs/TGs and national associations. We are very thrilled that the RC32 proposal in collaboration with R24: Environment and Society and RC05 Racism, Nationalism, Indigeneity and Ethnicity was accepted! Our Integrative session/semi-plenary is titled “Gender, Race Class and the Manthropocene: Justice for Whom?”

Organizing 35 relevant, diverse and inclusive sessions has certainly only been possible through a very active collective collaboration among our RC32 members. We would like to thank all session organizers, the RC32 Board Regional Representatives and the RC32 Board Officers. A special thank goes to Hara Bastas and Manisha Desai - RC32 Co-Presidents Elect – for organizing over sixty abstracts into our two roundtables.

Please Note: We would also like to call your attention to the call for ISA and RC32 registration and travel grants we will send out in the first week of January.

Last but not least, we would like to wish all RC32 members a 2025 year with many happy and meaningful moments!

- Solange Simões and Marlise Matos
(Co-Presidents, ISA RC32 Women Gender and Society)

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

As we begin this New Year, I extend my warmest wishes to all RC 32 members for a year filled with success, collaboration, and meaningful contributions to the field. It is with great pleasure that I share the 17th issue of the E-Newsletter for RC 32, Women, Gender, and Society. As we prepare for the V ISA Forum of Sociology, scheduled to take place in Rabat, Morocco, from July 6–11, 2025, this edition compiles reports from our regional representatives and celebrates the remarkable achievements of RC 32 members. "The Rabat Forum will serve as a vital platform for scholars, practitioners, and activists to engage in meaningful discussions on pressing sociological issues, with a strong focus on gender, diversity, and social justice."



I encourage all RC 32 members to actively contribute by sharing developments in gender and society from their respective regions. By embracing our diverse perspectives, we aim to create a more vibrant and enriching community through mutual learning.

I would also like to remind our regional representatives to submit detailed reports of their regional activities, including research, activism, and other engagements. These reports should focus on providing a broad overview of regional initiatives rather than individual accomplishments, which can instead be shared in members' reports.

To make the newsletter more engaging, we welcome suggestions for improvement. Additionally, we propose dedicating a section in future editions to specific themes, inviting young scholars to share brief write-ups on their ideas. This volume includes an insightful piece by a young contributor, which we hope sets a precedent for greater inclusivity.

Thank you for your continued dedication and contributions. Let us collectively strive to make this platform a dynamic space for collaboration and dialogue.

With Warm Regards,

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CELEBRATING AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

We are delighted to announce that RC32 Past-President **Melanie Heath**, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, and Professor of Sociology, has been honored with the 2024 Distinguished Book Award by the Sexualities Section of the American Sociological Association.



This prestigious recognition celebrates her exceptional work, *Forbidden Intimacies: Polygamies at the Limits of Western Tolerance* (2023, Stanford University Press).

The book has been widely acclaimed for its groundbreaking insights and scholarly excellence in exploring the complexities of sexuality, polygamy, and cultural dynamics within the boundaries of Western tolerance.

Discover more about the book [here](#).

Warmest congratulations to Melanie Heath on this well-deserved honor!



CELEBRATING A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

We are delighted to share that **Prof. Sujata Patel**, Former Vice President of the International Sociological Association (ISA), has been honored with the prestigious Humboldt Research Award!

This recognition celebrates her extraordinary academic career, highlighting her dedication, impactful scholarship, and significant contributions to the field of sociology.

Prof. Patel's achievements serve as a source of inspiration, not only for her colleagues but for the broader academic community worldwide.

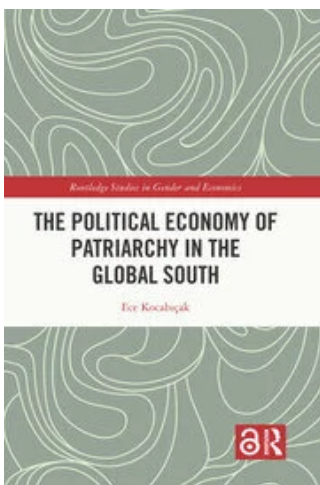


CELEBRATING ACCLAIMED SCHOLARSHIP

Ece Kocabiçak's groundbreaking book, *The Political Economy of Patriarchy in the Global South* (2023, Routledge), has garnered significant recognition for its profound contribution to the field. Named an 'essential reading' title by Choice Reviewed Titles (American Library Association), it has also been nominated for the prestigious British Sociological Association's Philip Abrams Memorial Prize.

In his review, Professor Birol Yeşilada of Portland State University hailed the book as "a breathtaking study that will stand the test of time."

Congratulations to Ece Kocabiçak for this well-deserved acclaim and for advancing critical discussions in the global sociological landscape!



The Political Economy of Patriarchy in the Global South

By Ece Kocabiçak

Now Freely Accessible to Readers Worldwide

Ece Kocabiçak's groundbreaking book, *The Political Economy of Patriarchy in the Global South* (2023, Routledge), stands at the intersection of gender, political economy, and sociology. This transformative work investigates how gender shapes macro-level political economies in the Global South, offering an innovative critique of classical and Marxist assumptions that capitalism alone drives social change.

By decentering theories grounded in the Global North, Kocabiçak uncovers the intricate role of uneven gender relations in shaping socio-economic transformation, state formation, and civil society.

A Paradigm-Shifting Analysis

The book challenges reductionist perspectives that attribute diverse development trajectories to cultural or religious barriers. Instead, it reveals how patriarchal labour relations, particularly in agriculture, are central to shaping capitalist transformation. The analysis highlights how gendered property and labour relations influence initial capital accumulation, labour supply, and wage structures, while preventing the dominance of bourgeois farmers and sustaining the category of the 'patriarchal farmer.'

Through an alternative approach, Kocabiçak examines the mutual shaping of capitalism and patriarchy. Her work critiques existing frameworks, such as the social reproduction approach and gender regime scholarship, for neglecting the specificities of the Global South. The book introduces the concept of a 'premodern form of domestic patriarchy' and explores how gender, religion, and ethnicity-based oppressions intersect to create unique conditions for women in urban and rural settings.

Significance and Recognition

By questioning widely accepted assumptions about the gender-development relationship, *The Political Economy of Patriarchy in the Global South* proposes a new conceptual framework, including the category of the patriarchal farmer, and calls for rethinking political economic theories. Its implications extend across disciplines such as international development, sociology, economics, gender studies, and social policy.

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MEMBERS REPORT

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(For RC-32 Newsletter, submitted 25 Nov. 2024)

Transnational feminist networks, the political economy of women in Iran and the Middle East more broadly, gender regimes, globalization, and the women, peace, and security agenda (its promises and weaknesses) are the areas of my research and publications. In July 2024, I attended the conference of the International Association for Feminist Economics, which convened in Rome, and presented the co-authored paper with Prof. Karshenas that is scheduled for publication in December 2024 (see below).

Having written, edited, or co-authored several books, I have a contract for a book project, a gendered institutional study of UNESCO. When I was employed at UNESCO, April 2004-December 2006, I began to write about its early history and later analyzed programs and budgets. Most recently I have been examining the record of the Organization's first two women Directors-General, itself an achievement but one accompanied by formidable fiscal and geopolitical challenges.

For my work in Middle East Studies, I recently received an award: The 2024 Middle East Studies Association's Jere Bacharach Award for Service to the Profession (awarded on 16 Nov. 2024 during the annual MESA meetings). It was an honor and delight to have been nominated and then awarded.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the ISA's Fifth Forum in Rabat, July 2025, where I will be speaking at an RC-32 Presidential Session, presenting a paper at an RC-02 / WG11 session on the "Political Economy of Violence", and moderating an RC-02 / WG 11 session on "Revisiting Revolutions: Debates and Trajectories".

In what follows, I list recent and upcoming publications. It's worth adding that having published a paper with two Kurdish-Iranian sociologists (in *Gender & Society*), I have a forthcoming article with the senior scholar, Dr. Omid Ghaderzadeh (Sociology, University of Kurdistan, Sanandaj, Iran). A study of violence against women in Iran, in law and practice, and with focus on Iranian Kurdistan, the paper was presented virtually at the 2023 World Congress of Sociology, in Melbourne, Australia. It is to be part of a journal symposium edited by Margaret Abraham (Sociology, Hofstra University), which is currently under review.

1. Valentine M. Moghadam, "The Gendered Politics of Iran-U.S. Relations: Sanctions, the JCPOA, and Women's Security", *Third World Quarterly*, vol. 45 no. 7 (April 2024): 1199-1218. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2024.2314005>
2. V.M. Moghadam and Marisa Goolgasian, "Women, Militarism, and Political Representation: The Case of Armenia", *Journal of International Women's Studies* (on-line Sept. 2024). <https://vc.bridgew.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3251&context=jiws>
3. "What Explains Iran's Low Female Labor Force Participation? Examining Institutions, Wages, and Sanctions" (M. Karshenas & V. M. Moghadam), *Sociology of Development* (Dec. 2024).
4. V. M. Moghadam, "Globalization and Feminist Waves." In Barrie Axford (ed.), *A Modern Guide to Globalization* (London: Edward Elgar Publishers, 2025).
5. V. M. Moghadam, "Citizenship and Family Law in Tunisia and Law: Domestic and International Influences", in *Feminism@Law* (2025), symposium introduced and edited by Rosemary Auchmuty and Alexandrine Nedelec.
6. V. M. Moghadam, "Feminist Networks and Global Governance: Focus on WILPF", in Margaret P. Karns and Kirsten Haack (eds.), *Women in Leadership in Global Governance* (Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2025).
7. V. M. Moghadam, "Restructuring, Revolution, and Women's Elusive Economic Empowerment: The Case of Tunisia," in Marianne Marchand and Anne Sisson Runyan (eds.), *Gender and Global Restructuring* (London: Routledge, 2025).

Evangelia Tastsoglou

Report of Recent academic activities and Publications

Evangelia Tastsoglou, Ph.D., LL.M., is a Professor in the Departments of Sociology and Global Development Studies at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada, and the Principal Investigator of the GBV-MIG Canada Research Program. Her research focuses on gender-based violence, migration, refugee issues, and transnationalism, with a particular emphasis on agency, resilience, and resistance in vulnerable populations. She has guest-edited several influential works, including the recent special issue *Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency, Resilience and Resistance in Canadian Ethnic Studies*.

E. Tastsoglou, Guest Editor. *Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency, Resilience and Resistance*. Special issue of *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, Vol. 55.3, 2023, pp. 1-199.

Refereed Journal Articles:

1. Sisic, M., E. Tastsoglou, L. Wilkinson, M. Dawson, C. Holtmann, C. Falconer, "The Continuum of Gender-Based Violence Experienced by Migrant and Refugee Women in Canada: Perspectives from Key Informants." In Special Topic on "Gender and the Continuum of Violence in Migration," guest-edited by E. Tastsoglou, M. Dawson, J. Freedman, C. Holtmann. In the journal *Sociology, Frontiers*, 2024. <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/60372/gender-and-the-continuum-of-violence-in-migration>
2. C. Karagiannopoulou, E. Tastsoglou and S. Petrinioti. "Gender and Asylum Seeking in a European Borderland: Intersectional Discriminations and 'Lessened' Citizenship", *Refuge*. Vol. 40, No 1, 1-17. <https://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/41162>
3. C. Holtmann, E. Tastsoglou, M. Dawson and L. Wilkinson. "Surviving Gender-Based Violence: A Social Ecological Approach to Migrant and Refugee Women's Settlement". *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, Special Issue on *Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency, Resilience and Resistance*, edited by E. Tastsoglou. Vol. 55.3, 2023, pp. 57-77.
4. S. Petrinioti, E. Tastsoglou, C. Karagiannopoulou. "Practicing Conformity, Resistance and Resilience to Gender-Based Violence: Women Asylum Seekers in the Eastern Mediterranean." *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, Special Issue on *Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency, Resilience and Resistance*, edited by E. Tastsoglou. Vol. 55.3, 2023, pp. 123-143.

5. E. Tastsoglou. "Introduction. Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency Resilience and Resistance" Canadian Ethnic Studies, Special Issue on Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency, Resilience and Resistance, edited by E. Tastsoglou. Vol. 55.3, 2023, pp. 1-12.
6. S. Sevgur, E. Tastsoglou and E. Kwon. "A Matter of National Dignity: Protection of Slaves and Southern Refugees in Canada, 1844-1869", Canadian Ethnic Studies, Vol. 56, Number 1, 2024, pp. 123-134.
7. E. Tastsoglou, S. Sevgur. "Middle Eastern Transnational Families and Ethnic Networks: A Story of Immigrant Mobilities to and From Atlantic Canada", Journal of International Migration and Integration, 2023. pp. 1-17 <http://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-023-01066-0>
8. E. Tastsoglou, J. Freedman. "Editorial: Gender, Violence and Forced Migration" in Frontiers: Refugees and Conflict, Special Topic on Gender, Violence and Forced Migration. 2023. https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fhumd.2023.1331252/full?utm_source=Email_to_authors&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=T1_11.5e1_author&utm_campaign=Email_publication&field=&journalName=Frontiers_in_Human_Dynamics&id=1331252

New Volume:

Tastsoglou, E., Guest Editor (2023). Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency, Resilience and Resistance. Special issue of Canadian Ethnic Studies, Vol. 55.3, pp. 1-199.

Other Recent Publications:

1. Sisic, M., E. Tastsoglou, L. Wilkinson, M. Dawson, C. Holtmann, C. Falconer (2024) "The Continuum of Gender-Based Violence Experienced by Migrant and Refugee Women in Canada: Perspectives from Key Informants." In Special Topic on "Gender and the Continuum of Violence in Migration," guest-edited by E. Tastsoglou, M. Dawson, J. Freedman, C. Holtmann. In the journal Frontiers in Sociology, Vol. 9. <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sociology/articles/10.3389/fsoc.2024.1420124/full>
2. Karagiannopoulou, C, Tastsoglou, E. and Petrinioti, S. (2024). "Gender and Asylum Seeking in a European Borderland: Intersectional Discriminations and 'Lessened Citizenship'". Refuge. Vol. 40, No 1, 1-17. <https://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/41162>
3. Sevgur, S., Tastsoglou E. and Kwon, E. (2024). "A Matter of National Dignity: Protection of Slaves and Southern Refugees in Canada, 1844-1869", Canadian Ethnic Studies, Vol. 56, No 1, pp. 123-134.

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Recent Academic works on Women (2023-2024)

Grant Projects:

1. Content analysis of the evolution of smoking representation in home TV series, Tobacco Control Research Center (TCRC), 2024
2. Designing a model for launching a food market with the aim of strengthening and organizing women's home production, Abdul Abad, Women's Affairs Department, Tehran Municipality (Reihan Shahr). 2023

Book:

- Tavassoli, afsaneh, Shahab, Maryam, Karimi, Marziyeh,(2023),Women's hygiene and health with a social approach,(2023) Alzahra University press, Tehran, Iran

Book Chapter:

1. Tavassoli, Afsaneh & Lee Ken, Teo (2024) Producing Space, Displacing Power through Political Discourse: Ali Shariati and the Discourse of Women in Iran, p. 99-120 in book: Feminine visibility in contemporary Iran, , women, religion, culture and the state Brill
2. Tavassoli, Afsaneh & Abedi, Maliheh, (2024), The Socio-historical Process of Women's Scientific Progress in Iran, p. 53-84 in book: Feminine visibility in contemporary Iran, women, religion, culture and the state, Brill

Academic Journal Papers:

1. Abadian, K. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Sharif-Nia, H. Sirvarjan, F. E. Fatehi, R. (2024), Psychometric Evaluation of Quality of Life Questionnaire in Breast Cancer Women in Iran, Journal of nursing and midwifery sciences, No 11, (3)
2. Hoseinzadeh, H. Tavassoli, Afsaneh (2024), Cyber feminism, represented demands of women in virtual social networks, New media studies, Volume 10, Issue 37, Pages 322-271

3. Fereshteh Kazemi, Tavassoli, Afsaneh (2024), The Impact of Using Social Networks on Women's Awareness of Their Physical Health, Social Welfare Quarterly, Volume:24 Issue: 92, , PP 117 -153
4. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Mousavi, M. (2023), Rethinking the Concept of Right to Divorce in Quranic Verses, Islamic Studies & Quranic Studies in Contemporary World, Iranian Society for Quranic Studies & Islamic Culture, Vol. 3, No. 1 (Serial 3) pp 61-80
5. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Beigmohammad,N. (2023), Investigating Social Factors Affecting the Incidence of Domestic Violence Against Women in Urmia city, Journal of socio-economic development studies, Vol , No. 2 pp 243-262
6. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Sakurai, Keiko (2023), A sociological study of Tehran university students' attitudes towards academic degrees, Journal of University studies, Vol 1 issue 4 pp 5-38
7. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Zeynab Bayat, Fariba Seyedan, Assessing the needs of working mothers based on the lived experience of female managers, The Women and Families Cultural-Educational Journal, Volume:18 Issue: 64, 2023, PP 197 -220
8. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Modares Gharejedaghi,S, Abedi, M. Jamali, M, Ebrahim, N.A. (2023) Secondhand Smoking and the Fetus: A Bibliometric Analysis, Medical Journal of the Islamic Republic of Iran, 37:135,
9. Mahboobeh Nejadmoosa, M., Edrisi A., Tavassoli, Afsaneh (2023), Exploring Factors Impacting the Social-Ethics-Oriented Order of Families Using Meta-Synthesis Method Journal of Social Sciences, Volume:19 Issue: 2, PP 219 -255
10. Tavassoli Afsaneh, Abdifar Z., Sheykhi, M., Social vulnerability of women heads of households compared to married women in health care, Research Journal on Social Work, Volume:9 Issue: 31, 2023, PP 87 -117

Conference Papers:

1. Tavassoli, Afsaneh (2023), Affinity and Inconsistency between Islam and Feminism in Contemporary Iran, Session: Religious Change in the Middle East and North Africa, Melbourne Australia, XX ISA World Congress of Sociology
2. Tavassoli, Afsaneh (2023), A Sociological Approach to Understanding the Term Feminism (From women's rights to stigmatization), Session: Theorizing Gender in Populist Times: Understanding the Challenge to Critical Social Sciences, XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne Australia
3. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Omid, F. (2023), Investigating the fertility behavior and intentions of women in rethinking multiple children based on religious and national trends, 8th Conference of Modern research in humanities and social studies of Iran
4. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Faramarz, H. Panjehbashi, E. (2023), Gender analysis of the image of women in Masoomeh Mozafari's paintings using Goffman's theory , 8th Conference of Modern research in humanities and social studies of Iran
5. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Abedi, M. Soltani, S. (2023), The lived experience of donors from the type of aid activity, 4th conference of Permanent donor

6. Tavassoli, Afsaneh, Zadghasemi, M. (2023), Examining the socio-economic relationship of people with changes in the field of their maternal role during the Corona period, 7th national conference on new researches of consoling educational sciences and psychology of Iran,
7. Tavassoli Afsaneh, Mohammadi (2023), Analysis of the content of the opinions of sociologists about the female aspects of the events of 1401 in Iran, The 6th national conference of cultural and social research in Iranian society, Iranian Sociological Association

Speaker of Academic meetings:

1. Speaker of the first preliminary meeting of the third international and the fourth national congress on the role of women in the health of the family and society, entitled "The role of the family in celibacy and marriage of children", Alzahra University Women's Research Institute and Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, 2024
2. Speaker of the International Meeting, Understanding Iran: A discussion about cultural changes and daily life in Iran, entitled "Opportunities and Challenges for Women in Iran", New York University NYU, 2024
3. Speaker of the introduction and review of the book titled: Family institution policies, authored by Dr. Mansoure Zarean, University of Religions and Religions Publications, 2024

REPORT OF REGIONAL EDITORS

Report by Regional Representative: Australia (Juliet Watson)

Recent conference

The biennial Australian Women's and Gender Studies (AWGSA) conference took place on November 13-15 at Southern Cross University, Queensland, Australia.



Keynote speakers included Dr Mehreen Faruqi (Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator for New South Wales) and Professor Simone Fullagar (Chair of the Sport and Gender Equity research hub, Griffith University), and a keynote panel on women's leadership in academia with Professor Alison Pullen (Professor of Gender, Work and Organisation, Macquarie University), Dr Bindi Bennett (Professional Research Fellow, Federation University), Professor Meredith Nash (Director – Sexual Harassment and Gendered Violence, KPMG Australia), and Professor Liz Mackinlay (Professor – Faculty of Education, Southern Cross University).

Upcoming Conference

The 5th World Conference of Women's Shelters will be held in Sydney, Australia on 15-18 September, 2025. This is the world's largest conference by and for those working at the grassroots to end gender-based violence.

<https://fifthworldshelterconference.org/>

Member Publications:

1. Kaufman, G., Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, M., Roberts, S. & Ralph, B. (2024) Research Handbook on the Sociology of Gender, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK.
2. Theobald, J., Haylett, F., Watson, J. & Murray, S. (online first) Pregnancy, early motherhood and homelessness: affective injustice, Journal of Gender Studies. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09589236.2024.2427835>
3. Watson, J. (2024) Gender and homelessness: constructions of motherhood, in Kaufman, G., Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, M. Roberts, S. & Ralph, B. (eds.), Research handbook on the sociology of gender, Edward Elgar Publishing, UK.

Other recent publications by members of the Australian Women's and Gender Association – the peak Australian academic body:

1. Belford, N., Sum, N. & Roy, R. (2024) Gendered Dimensions of Migration and Conviviality: A Virtual Space for Autoethnographic Explorations of 'Finding Home'. Journal of Intercultural Studies, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/07256868.2024.2325962>
2. Casey, S., Crimmins, G., McIntyre, & O'Sullivan. (2024) 'Stories of country women: Advancing feminist intersectionality for climate change adaptation in Australia', Sociologia Ruralis, 65, e12474. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soru.12474>
3. Drysdale K., Creagh N.S., Nightingale C, Whop L.J. & Kelly-Hanku A. (2024) Inclusive language in health policy – a timely case (study) of cervical screening in Australia. Health Sociology Review, Jun 5:1-17. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14461242.2024.2356868>.

Report by Regional Representative: Asia (Ajailiu Niumai, University of Hyderabad, India)

1. Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, USA, October 2024.
2. Editor-in-Chief of 'ANTYAJAA: Indian Journal of Women and Social Change,' Sage Publication, September 2024 for a period of three years.
3. Advisory Board Member of the journal known as 'Kerala Sociologist,' a peer-reviewed journal with an ISSN designation (0975-8933), under Kerala Sociological Society, from September 2024 for a period of three years.

Article in the Journal by Springer Nature

'Racism, Stereotyping and Exclusion: Experiences of Northeast Indians in Hyderabad,' (co-author with M.N. Rajesh), Journal of Social & Economic Development, Springer Nature (SCOPUS), published online on 1st November 2024 <https://rdcu.be/dYTUX>, Vol.:(0123456789)

Journal of Social and Economic Development <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40847-024-00390-0>.

Invited lectures in USA

1. Delivered an invited lecture on 'Human Trafficking in South India: An Intersectional Perspective,' at the Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA on 7th October, 2024.
2. Delivered an invited lecture on 'Intersectionality of Human Trafficking: A Study in Manipur, Northeast India,' at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University on 3rd October 2024.
3. Delivered a lecture on 'Unraveling Manipur Conflict in Northeast India,' at the South Asian Studies Program, International Program of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA on 26th September 2024.

Book Chapters:

1. Naga Diaspora in the United States: Integration and Transnationalisation in (eds) Amba Pande and Camellia Tigua's book MIGRATION AND THE RISE OF THE UNITED STATES, 2024, Edinburg University Press, UK.

2. Cultural and Structural Constraints Facing the Naga Women in North-East India: A Sociological Study, published by ROUTLEDGE in honour of Prof. Yogendra Singh in the volume on CULTURE CHANGE IN INDIA: Intellectual Traditions, Institutions and Regions (eds) Prof. B. K. Nagla, and Prof. Kameshwar Chaudhury, London, UK, Routledge, March 5, 2024, pp 277-290. ISBN 978-1-032-36128-4.

Invited memorial lecture (s), Keynote address and Plenary and invited lectures:

1. Delivered the 8th Professor Bela Dutt Gupta Memorial Lecture on "Human Trafficking in South India: An Intersectional Perspective" on 23rd August 2024, organised by the Department of Sociology, University of Kolkata.
2. Delivered a lecture on "Integration and Transnationalisation: A Study of the Naga Diaspora in the United States" on 5th July 2024, which was organised by the Centre for Diaspora Studies, University of Kerala and RC-04 Migration and Diaspora Studies of the Indian Sociological Society.
3. Delivered a lecture on "Ethics on Social Science Research" at the Department of Sociology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 10th June 2024.
4. Plenary speaker on "Navigating the Complexities of Women's Political Representation" at the two day National Seminar on "Reservation for Women: Past, Present and Future" 30 May 2024. This seminar is organised by the Department of Sociology, Manipur University and sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.
5. Keynote speaker at the one day National Webinar on "Challenges faced by Transgenders in Indian Education System" under Viksit Bharat 1947-2047 programme on 5th of April, 2024, organised by Centre for Gender Studies, University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, Meghalaya.
6. Keynote speaker at the inauguration of the two days national seminar on "VIKSIT BHARAT SANKALP YATRA & INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT" in Manipur University, Imphal on 4th April 2024. It's organised by CSSEIP, Manipur University in collaboration with OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati.

Chair at the international and national conference:

1. Chaired a session at the International Conference on "Voices of India and beyond: Mobility, Sustainability and Technology" on 30 August 2024, organised by the Department of English, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad. CALTS University of Hyderabad and Department of English, Woxsen University. It was great to catch up with old colleagues at MANUU.
2. Chaired two technical sessions at the National Seminar on "Land, Development and Identity Politics in North East India," on 24th July 2024, organised by Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.


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(<https://fifthworldshelterconference.org/>)

PUBLICATIONS

Feministische Studien: feministisch sprechen Begriffe, Bilanzierungen, Perspektiven

- Martsenyuk, T. (2024)

Gender and War in Ukraine from Public Sociology Perspective. Feministische Studien: feministisch sprechen Begriffe, Bilanzierungen, Perspektiven. Vol. 42, No.1 (Forum on Gender and War in Ukraine), p. 26-31.

<https://doi.org/10.1515/fs-2024-0005>

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Article Tamara Martsenyuk was
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journal *feministische studien*
(volume 42, issue 1).

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Feminist Perspective on Russia's War in Ukraine. Hear Our Voices

- ed. by M. Shevtsova M, Lexington Book, 2024

European Societies special issue Understanding Ukrainian society before and after the Russian invasion where there are articles on gender issues (female refugees, LGBT issue etc.)

Link to the special issue:
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/reus20/26/2>

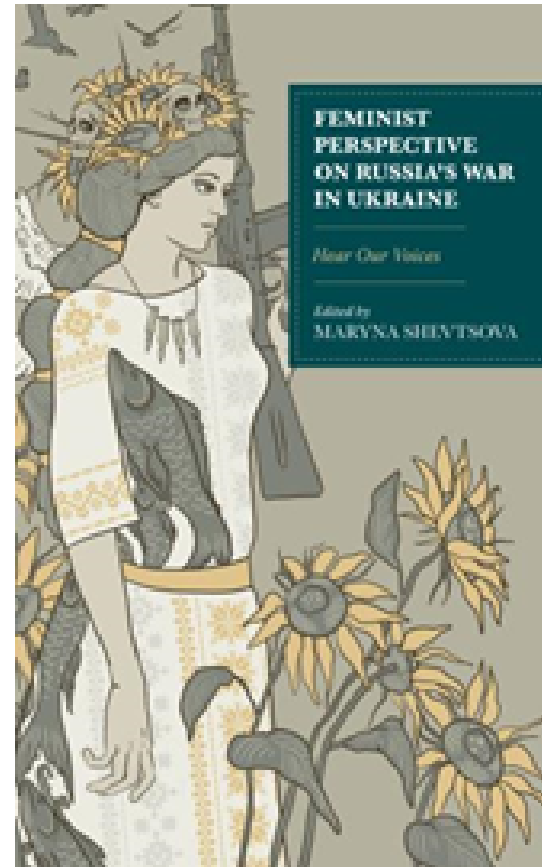
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Martsenyuk, T., Gugushvili, A., Ersanilli, E., & Präg, P. (2024). Understanding Ukrainian society before and after the Russian invasion. *European Societies*, 1–5.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14616696.2024.2350780>

Books

Feminist Perspective on Russia's War in Ukraine. Hear Our Voices, ed. by M. Shevtsova M, Lexington Book, 2024. <https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666932904/Feminist-Perspective-on-Russia%E2%80%99s-War-in-Ukraine-Hear-Our-Voices>

Russia's War in Ukraine 2022. Personal Experiences of Ukrainian Scholars. ibidem Press.
<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/russias-war-in-ukraine-2022/9783838217574?fbclid=IwAR3UoZ2pir7ZqN2-YWhKaF3hhfMXsp9iNSpZ6FbCbVoedN6XefACJjO-RkE>



Gendered Vulnerabilities and Violence in Forced Migration: The Rohingya from Myanmar

- Mohammad Musfequs Salehin, PhD

About The Book:

This open-access book provides an in-depth investigation into the gendered dimensions of violence and vulnerabilities endured by Rohingya men and women. Drawing on qualitative data from refugee camps in Bangladesh, the book reveals the multifaceted impacts of structural, cultural, and symbolic violence on the Rohingya population.

In Myanmar, men faced torture and sexual violence, while women experienced physical, mental, and sexual abuse legitimized by entrenched patriarchal norms. Sexual violence was weaponized to coerce the exodus of Rohingya communities and undermine their femininity, motherhood, and reproductive capacities. Gendered violence continued in Bangladesh, where men were framed as security threats, and women were othered as vulnerable victims. The book offers critical insights into how gendered threat narratives and the process of othering shaped the experiences of Rohingya refugees. It addresses themes such as reproductive oppression, the stigmatization of Rohingya femininity, and the marginalization of men as threats to national security and Buddhist nationalism.

By examining these complex dynamics, the book makes a significant contribution to the fields of peace and conflict studies, gender studies, and migration and refugee studies.

Author Profile:

Dr. Mohammad Musfequs Salehin is an Associate Professor and Program Leader for the Master in Peace & Conflict Transformation at UiT - The Arctic University of Norway. He is affiliated with the Centre for Peace Studies (CPS) in Tromsø, Norway, and is a member of the International Sociological Association RC 32 - Women, Gender, and Society. This impactful publication is now freely accessible and a vital resource for understanding the intersection of gender, violence, and forced migration.

Publisher and Date:

Palgrave Macmillan Cham, 29 July 2024

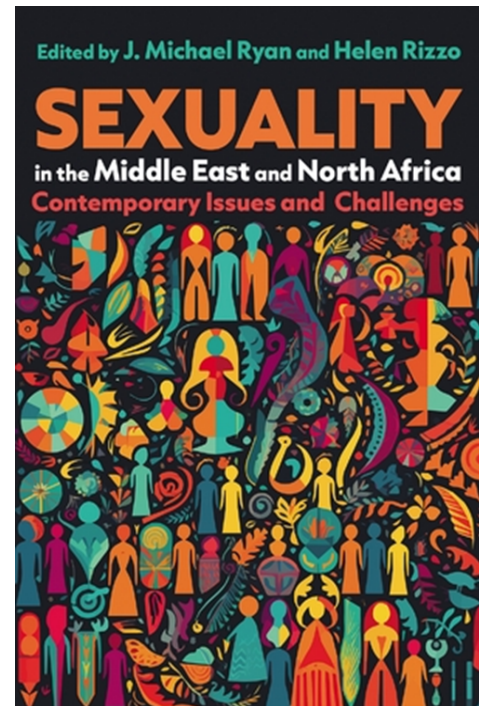
Sexuality in the Middle East and North Africa: Contemporary Issues and Challenges

- Edited by J. Michael Ryan and Helen Rizzo

This newly released volume explores how sexuality serves as a foundational element in national and regional discourses, functioning as a political tool to mark difference and influence the lives of millions in the Middle East and North Africa. The contributors provide essential insights into the intersection of sexuality, identity, and human rights, making this book an invaluable resource for scholars, policymakers, and anyone interested in these critical issues.

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Research Handbook on the Sociology of Gender

- Edited by Gayle Kaufman, Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, Steven Roberts, and Brittany Ralph

This comprehensive handbook brings together 35 chapters by sociologists from around the world, offering a rich exploration of diverse topics such as bodies and identities, life course, work and family, sexual practices and representations, gender norms across space and time, violence and vulnerabilities, and empowerment through education, economy, and technology. The volume also includes three introductory chapters that provide a brief history of the sociology of gender, conceptualize gender, and discuss methodologies for studying gender.

This work serves as an invaluable resource for scholars and students alike, fostering deeper understanding and dialogue in the field of gender studies.

Gayle Kaufman (they/them),
Nancy and Erwin Maddrey Professor,
Chair of Gender & Sexuality Studies,
Chair of Sociology, Davidson College, NC, USA

Learn more about the volume here. <https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollbook/book/9781802206692/9781802206692.xml>



Pursuing Social Justice Agendas in Caribbean Higher Education Perspectives and Prospects for Small Island Developing States

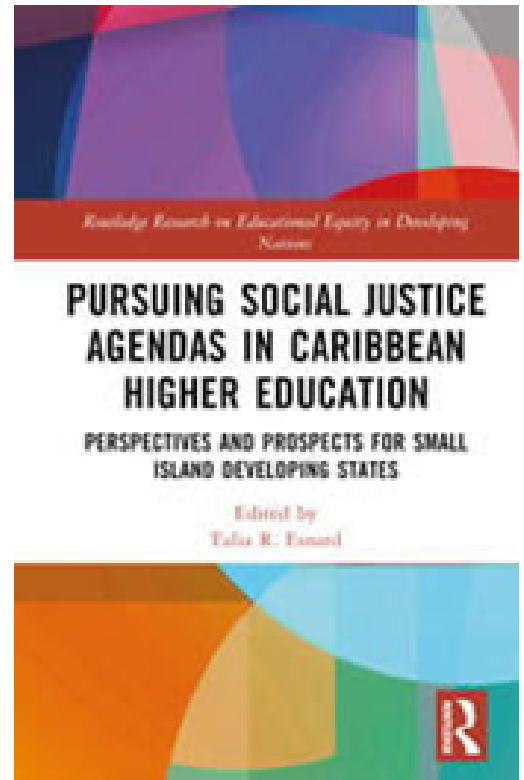
- Talia Esnard, Ph.D.

Sociologist, Senior Lecturer, and Head of the Department of Behavioural Sciences at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago. Dr. Esnard recently presented on "Gender Equality and Sustainable Development in the Caribbean: Critical Analysis" at the III International Conference for the Sustainable Development of Civilization, RUDN University, Moscow, November 2024.

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This book offers a treatment of social justice and higher education within small island developing states like the Caribbean. This is a timely exploration of some of the global-local, structure-actor, policy-practice debates that connect directly to the promise and the challenges of pursuing social justice agendas within and beyond Caribbean institutions of higher education.

<https://www.routledge.com/Pursuing-Social-Justice-Agendas-in-Caribbean-Higher-Education-Perspectives-and-Prospects-for-Small-Island-Developing-States/Esnard/p/book/9781032547886>



Forthcoming Publication Announcement

Gender, Immigration, and Morals: A Sociological Survey of Moroccan Immigrant Women in Turkey.

By Zoubida Achahboun, Professor of Sociology, Ibn Tofail University, Morocco

By Zoubida Achahboun, Professor of Sociology, Ibn Tofail University, Morocco
This forthcoming publication examines the gendered dimensions of Moroccan women's migration to Turkey, revealing how economic vulnerability, societal pressures, and cultural influences intersect with issues like human trafficking, forced marriages, and gender-based violence. Through fieldwork and interviews, the study highlights the unique challenges faced by female migrants and advocates for integrated policy reforms to address exploitation and promote their rights. Those interested in reading the full paper may contact the author at z.achahboun@uiz.ac.ma

**As we continue this journey
together,**

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