

RC 32 NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM RC 32 CO-PRESIDENTS



Dear RC32 members,

We are very pleased to write our first Newsletter message as the new RC32 Co-Presidents.

In this message, we would like to highlight the discussions and work we have conducted in the Board meetings as we seek to

expand and foster collaboration among RC32 members, especially as we prepare for the 5 th ISA Forum of Sociology Rabat.

Drawing on the remarkable work of previous RC32 Boards, we sought to introduce new ways to foster our collaboration and conversations across borders, and by doing so further accomplish our responsibilities and duties as Board members:

We decided to hold regular virtual meetings of the RC32 Board Officers (Co-Presidents, Co-Presidents Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor) as well as meetings of the whole RC32 Board (Officers and Regional Representatives from Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Australia).

We were thrilled that - despite the challenging differences in time zones - we did manage to hold very well attended Board Officers meetings as well as meetings of the whole Board - Officers and Regional Representatives!

We strongly believe that it is very important to hold regular meetings of the Board Officers with all Regional Representatives in order to share information, foster inter-regional connections, and stronger exchanges and collaborative work.

We also decided to innovate in how our sessions for the ISA Forum are organized. RCs are allocated a number of sessions by ISA. For the ISA Forum Rabat RC32 was allocated 35 sessions, the largest number of sessions given to a RC and based on membership numbers (we are all certainly very proud to have been for a long time the largest or one of the largest RCs)!

ISA instructs RCs to organize one Presidential Session, one Business meeting, Invited Sessions (in which the session organizers choose the topic and invite the speakers), and Regular Sessions (any member could propose a session content or description as ISA sent out a call for sessions proposal to all ISA members).

This year, as the RC32 Session Organizers, we also innovated extending the opportunity to organize Invited Sessions to all Board Officers and Regional Representatives (one Invited Session by region).

In order to further promote RC32 among all ISA members and give more visibility to research conducted by our members, we also decided to innovate by submitting a proposal for a Plenary Session to the Forum Rabat President (the ISA vice-president, Allison Loconto). In that process we were glad to find out that the Forum organizers are also innovating for the ISA Rabat Forum and RCs will be given the opportunity to collaborate on Plenary Sessions Proposals.

We have already contacted a number of RCs to propose collaboration on a Plenary proposal on the Rabat Forum theme Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene.

We would also like to highlight that are very pleased that ISA is taking place for the first time in a MENA country, and we have submitted a number of session proposals, including the RC32 Presidential Session – to include, promote and give further visibility within ISA to the scholarly work and praxis of MENA feminisms.

Finally, we would like to call your attention to the coming deadline for the Rabat Forum, and we would like to encourage all RC32 members to submit paper proposals when ISA sends out the call for papers/abstracts submissions:

Abstracts Submission

August 5 - October 15, 2024 (24:00 UTC/GMT)

We are very much looking forward to working with all RC32 members before, during and after the 5 th ISA Forum of Sociology Rabat. We hope to carry out work during this presidency that is as transparent, collaborative, democratic and participatory as possible, and your participation could help us a lot on this journey.

- Solange Simões and Marlise Matos
RC32 Co-Presidents

NEW BOARD MEMBERS OF RC 32 (2023-2027)

OFFICE BEARERS

Co-Presidents: Solange Simões (USA) Marlise Matos (Brazil)

Co-Presidents-Elect: Hara Bastas and Manisha Desai (USA)

Past-President: Melanie Heath (Canada)

Secretary: Shweta Adur Majumdar (USA)

Treasurer: Carmela Roybal (USA)

Newsletter Editor: Arvinder A. Ansari (India)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

AFRICA

Ghana: Naa Adjeley Alakija Sekyi

South Africa: Nelly (Vuyokazi) Sharpley

Cameroon: Mirielle Manga Edimo

Nigeria: Vivian Chizoma Njemanze

ASIA

India: Ajailiu Niumai

India: Rukmini Sen

Philippines: Caroline Schoepf

Turkey: Ece Esmer

EUROPE

Germany: Rahat Shah

Finland/Sweden/U.K: Jeff Hearn

Austria: Izabela Korbiel

Netherlands: Caroline Newton

CANADA & USA

Canada: Daniel Kennedy Amoah

Canada: Jane Ku

USA: Gayle Kaufman

USA: Kelly Kristy

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Trinidad & Tobago: Talia Esnard

Chile: Manuela Mendoza

AUSTRALIA

Juliet Watson

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well!

I am excited to inform you that I have recently taken charge as the editor of the Women, Gender, and Society Research Committee (RC32) Newsletter for the International Sociological Association.

This newsletter aims to serve as a platform for sharing research, insights, and innovative ideas that advance our understanding and engagement with gender issues globally.

If I haven't had the chance to thank you personally yet, I thank each and every one of you for your contributions and for making this newsletter possible. Your innovative ideas, ongoing research, and perspectives are crucial for making our newsletter a vibrant and informative resource for all members. Whether it's articles, reports, event announcements, or thought pieces, your input will help us create a diverse and impactful publication.

Please stay tuned for the call for our next newsletter for 2024. We will be bringing out two additional issues in 2024 to make up for the ones we could not publish earlier due to administrative reasons. In the meantime, please feel free to share your suggestions, submissions, or any queries with me at arvinder2009@gmail.com. Together, we can enhance our collective knowledge and promote gender equity through this platform. Please take care, stay well, and stay safe!

From your newsletter editor,

Dr. Arvinder A. Ansari

Professor,

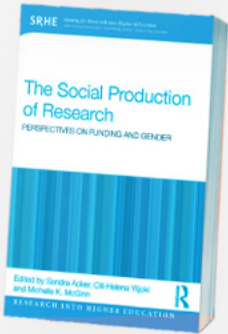
Department of Sociology,
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India



Davis Lutz

"Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Responses from India," published by Routledge UK.

[<https://www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-International-Handbook-of-Intersectionality-Studies/Davis-Lutz/p/book/9780367545048>]



The Social Production of Research: Perspectives on Funding and Gender

Edited By Sandra Acker, Oili-Helena Ylijoki, & Michelle K. McGinn.
The Social Production of Research is a new volume, of interest to ISA members in RC 32, offering critical perspectives on the interrelations between research funding and gender. Thought-provoking chapters report research from Canada, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

For details, see:

[<https://www.routledge.com/The-Social-Production-of-Research-Perspectives-on-Funding-and-Gender/Acker-Ylijoki-McGinn/p/book/9781032361437>]

A discount code, **ENBC24**, is in operation until August 23, 2024;
Another code, **AFLY02**, expires on the 30th September.

Kamenou, Nayia. 2023.

"Queer in Cyprus? The LGBTIQ Movement, Normativity, and Resistance in a Changing (Trans)national Landscape." *Social Sciences* 12(7): 419.

[<https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci12070419>]

Ortiz, F., Mendoza-Horvitz, M., Sepúlveda, D., Cubillos, J., González Madariaga, V., Jofré Poblete, N., Moyano Dávila, C., Rodríguez-Garrido, P., Samit Oroz, S., Soto, F., & Vásquez, I. (2024).

Strategies to Promote Dignified and Feminist Academia: Some Collaborative Reflections from Chile. *Feminist Review*, 136(1), 8-25.

[<https://doi.org/10.1177/01417789231221748>]

Abstract: During the COVID-19 pandemic, global gender inequalities in academia were highlighted. The Red Feminista de las Ciencias Sociales in Chile supports women researchers and advocates for gender equality and structural changes. This article reviews the Red's activities from mid-2021 to mid-2022, proposing strategies for a decentralised, decolonised, and feminist social science academia in Chile. The strategies include equity and justice in knowledge production, dignified work conditions, a harassment-free environment, and the democratisation of knowledge access, providing insights into promoting gender equality and collaborative work in academia.

If you cannot access this article, please send an email to: francisca.ortizr@umayor.cl

Sevgur, Serperi, Evangelia Tastsoglou and Eugena Kwon. (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.

Tastsoglou, Evangelia and Jane Freedman (2023)

“Editorial: Gender, Violence and Forced Migration in Frontiers: Refugees and Conflict, Special Topic on Gender, Violence and Forced Migration”

[<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/human-dynamics/articles/10.3389/fhumd.20...>]

Tastsoglou, Evangelia and Serperi Sevgur (2023)

Middle Eastern Transnational Families and Ethnic Networks: A Story of Immigrant Mobilities to and From Atlantic Canada, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*

[<http://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-023-01066-0>]

Freedman, Jane, Nina Sahraoui and Evangelia Tastsoglou, Eds. (2022).

Gender-Based Violence in Migration: Interdisciplinary, Feminist and Intersectional Approaches. Palgrave-Macmillan, 251 pages

[<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-07929-0>]

Valentine M. Moghadam, Professor of Sociology & International Affairs at the Northeastern University, has made significant contributions to the fields of political economy, women's security, and feminist movements through her recent publications and activities:

1. "What Explains Iran's Low Female Labor Force Participation? Examining Institutions, Wages, and Sanctions"

Co-authored with M. Karshenas Published in *Sociology of Development* (forthcoming Dec. 2024) Presentation at the International Association for Feminist Economics, Rome, July 2024

2. "The Gendered Politics of Iran-U.S. Relations: Sanctions, the JCPOA, and Women's Security"

Published in *Third World Quarterly* (online, March 2024)

[<https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2024.2314005>]

3. "Women Peace and Security in the Middle East: An Agenda of Empty Promises?"

Published in *Journal of Peace and War Studies*, 5th ed. (October 2023), pp. 36-59

Blog post "Global Responses to the Israel-Gaza Conflict and the ICJ Ruling" (with Isabel Geisler and Makayla Pulliam) for Norwich University, April 2024

[<https://www.norwich.edu/topic/all-blog-posts/global-responses-israel-gaza-confli...>]

4. “Varieties of Feminism in the Middle East and North Africa”

Published in Shahram Akbarzadeh (ed.), Handbook of Middle East Politics (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023), pp. 89-109

5. “Gender Regimes, Politics, and the World-System: Comparing Iran and Tunisia”

Published in Women’s Studies International Forum, vol. 98, no. 3 (May 2023)

[<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wsif.2023.102721>]

6. “Pastizzi-Ferencic Dunja”

Published in the Biographical Dictionary of Secretaries-General of International Organizations (March 2024) Co-authored entry on UNESCO’s first woman director-general Irina Bokova in progress

Val Moghadam’s work continues to influence and shape the discourse on gender, political economy, and women’s security globally.

Racism against North East Indian Women (A Letter to the Editor),
Economic & Political Weekly (EPW), Vol 58, Issue No 23, 10 June 2023.

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

[https://www.academia.edu/121559958/Cultural_and_Structural_Constraints_Facin...]

Social Inclusion of Converted Christians in Kerala: Study of a Christian Family Converted from Pulaya Community, Contemporary Voice of Dalit, Sage Journals,

(eds) Mathew, J., Francis, J., Niumai, Ajailiu, Joseph M. K., Thomas, N. R. (2023).

[<https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X221147456>]

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/368582337_Social_Inclusion_of_Conve...]

Dr. Shweta published “Gender, Environment and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Responses from India”, published by Routledge UK.

Additionally, she been elected as the Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society for the term from January 2024 to December 2025.

CALL OF PAPERS

We invite submissions for the research topic

"Gender and the Continuum of Violence in Migration."

For more details, please visit:

(<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/60372/gender-and-the-continuum-o...>)

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[<https://www.smu.ca/sociology/sc-faculty-staff-profiles-evangelia.html>]

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CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS

Intersectional Feminism: Unveiling Violence, Marginalization, and Minorization

- Edited by Arvinder A. Ansari and Dr. Lekha N.B

We are pleased to announce a call for chapter contributions to an upcoming edited volume titled "Intersectional Feminism: Unveiling Violence, Marginalization, and Minorization." **This book aims to explore the complex and interconnected layers of discrimination and violence faced by marginalized groups, particularly through the lens of intersectional feminism.** We invite researchers, scholars, and practitioners from diverse disciplines to submit abstracts that contribute to a deeper understanding of these critical issues.

Scope and Objectives:

Intersectional feminism acknowledges that people's experiences of discrimination and privilege are shaped by multiple and intersecting factors, including but not limited to gender, race, class, sexuality, ability, and age.

This volume seeks to address how these intersections contribute to various forms of violence, marginalization, and the process of minorization.

Sub-Themes:

We welcome chapter proposals on the following (but not limited to) sub-themes:

1. Structural Violence and Intersectionality:

- Institutional and systemic forms of oppression
- Policy impacts on marginalized groups
- Economic disparities and access to resources

2. Sexuality and Queer Perspectives

- LGBTQ+ experiences of intersectional discrimination
- Queer feminist perspectives on violence and marginalization
- Legal and social challenges faced by LGBTQ+ communities

3. Racial and Ethnic Marginalization

- Discrimination and violence against racial and ethnic minorities
- Intersection of race and other identities in experiences of oppression
- Anti-racist and decolonial feminist perspectives

4. Disability and Intersectionality

- Violence and marginalization experienced by individuals with disabilities
- Access to healthcare, education, and employment
- Advocacy and policy implications for disability rights

5. Gender-Based Violence

- Domestic violence, sexual harassment, and assault
- Gender-based violence in diverse cultural contexts
- Impact on LGBTQ+ communities

6. Cultural and Religious Dimensions

- Intersection of cultural, religious, and gender identities
- Impact of cultural practices on marginalized groups
- Feminist critiques of cultural and religious norms

7. Global and Transnational Perspectives

- Intersectional feminism in a global context
- Comparative studies of marginalization across different societies
- International movements and solidarity against oppression

8. Emerging Issues & Innovative Approaches

- Digital violence & online marginalization
- Intersectional approaches to climate justice and environmental racism
- New theoretical frameworks and methodologies in intersectional feminist research

Submission Guidelines:

Abstract Submission

Abstract Length: **300-500 words**

Submission Deadline: **August 20, 2024**

Notification of Acceptance: **September 15, 2024**

Full Chapter Submission Deadline: **December 31st, 2024**

Contact Information:

For further details and submission guidelines, please contact the editors:

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We look forward to receiving your insightful contributions to this vital discussion on intersectional feminism.