

6th ISA Council of National Associations Conference

Building Resilient Sociologies: Voices, Visions, and Ventures

I. Call for Participation

The International Sociological Association announces the **2025 Conference for the Council of National Associations (CNA) representatives**. Members will gather to deliberate on ***Building Resilient Sociologies: Voices, Visions and Ventures***. Sociologists have always used research and analysis to focus on the structures of societies, paying particular attention to the power-laden interactions between groups, individuals, and organizations. As many of the fast-changing political/economic/social, and technological structures alter the global-to-local material and non-material terrains of our existence, it is a good time to collectively reflect on our present and future (and the paths that brought us here).

- How are sociological associations contending with 21st-century challenges?
- How are people and groups struggling to build secure lives that reflect their human dignity?
- Whose important voices and visions are emerging in different parts of the world?
- How are sociologists strengthening and/or reshaping concepts that have, historically, constituted the core of the discipline in their part of the world?
- How are sociologists helping to build resilient relationships with their peers, including across the world, and what is the quality of these intellectual and caring relationships?

This **invitation-only** event is intended to foster international collaboration, discuss challenges facing the discipline, and develop new initiatives in sociology.

You are invited to present papers and participate in panels and workshops on these and many other broadly related themes at the **6th ISA CNA Conference**. We expect to enjoy an intellectual feast, critical conversations, and exchanges to collectively contribute to the resilient world of sociologies.

Led Up to the December Conference

In preparation for the CNA Conference, we have been scheduling the National Associations Council meeting online:

- The first one was on April 18, 2025. Dr. Silvyia Walby presented on Sociology, society, and authoritarianism.
- The second one will be on **October 3rd, 2025. Save the date!**

II. Venue

Pune, India

Pune is a vibrant and historic city in western India, known for its academic institutions, rich cultural heritage, and progressive outlook. Often referred to as the "Oxford of the East," it blends tradition with modernity, offering a dynamic backdrop for intellectual exchange. In December, Pune enjoys pleasant weather with daytime temperatures ranging between 12°C and 28°C (54°F to 82°F), making it an ideal time to visit.

FLAME University

FLAME University is India's pioneering liberal education institution, located in the hills of Lavale, Pune. With a focus on interdisciplinary learning and social responsibility, it provides an ideal setting for thoughtful exchange and collaboration in the social sciences.

The campus is fully residential and equipped with modern facilities, offering a tranquil yet stimulating environment for academic events. All conference sessions, workshops, and meals will take place on campus, and accommodation will be provided in university guest houses and student residences.

Campus Conduct and Dietary Guidelines

As a fully residential institution, FLAME University fosters a respectful and mindful community environment. Please note that alcohol, smoking, drugs, and non-vegetarian food are not permitted on campus. We kindly ask all participants to respect these guidelines during their stay to ensure a harmonious experience for everyone.

Learn more: <https://www.flame.edu.in>

III. Travel to Pune

Participants should **arrive on December 16 and depart on December 21**.

The Conference will last four full days, from December 17 to 20, 2025.

Participants are advised to book international flights that connect directly or via major hubs to:

- **Pune Lohegaon International Airport (PNQ)** is the closest airport (30–40 min from campus). It has limited international connections and is best suited for those flying from within India or via hubs like Delhi, Mumbai, or Bangalore.
- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai (BOM)**, is a Major international hub approximately four hours by road from Pune. FLAME University will arrange a limited bus service on December 16 from Mumbai to Pune for participants, and advance registration is required.

Important Note:

- If possible, avoid layovers through New Delhi in December due to frequent fog delays that affect domestic and connecting flights.

IV. Accommodation and meals

FLAME University and the ISA will cover:

- Accommodation at the campus (5 nights, arriving December 16 and departing on December 21, 2025). Rooms are for attendees only; family members traveling together must book a separate hotel.
- The local organizing committee will provide names of living options for family members outside the campus, but please let us know if anyone else is traveling with you, so we can record it.
- Meals for all invited participants during travel & conference days (December 16 to 21, 2025). Please indicate any dietary restrictions on the attendee form.
- A sightseeing tour is included for the invited participants.
- Conference activities will be on the same campus, within walking distance.

V. Travel Funding

A limited number of travel grants are available as follows:

- Category A countries: 30% support, up to €300
- Category B countries: 80% support, up to €1,200
- Category C countries: 100% support, up to €1,500

Please note that the following rules apply:

1. Only National Association Members in good standing may apply for travel support for their delegates. If you have doubts about your National Association membership dues, contact **Nataly Moreno** (ISA Membership Officer).
2. This funding is only available to National Association Representatives who stay for the whole Conference.
3. All requests for funding need to reach the ISA Secretariat by **July 30, 2025**. The itinerary and cost must be sent to isa@isa-sociology.org. Applications received after that date will not be considered.
4. Only economy-class fares can be funded.
5. Attendees must cover any additional accommodation nights before or after the provided dates. A list of nearby hotels will be provided.
6. After the meeting, the requested funds will be transferred upon production of a payment receipt. Advanced reimbursement must be requested to **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha** (Vice President for National Associations) and **Dr. Elina Oinas** (Vice President for Finance and Membership) with a justification.
7. If the ISA issues a refund and the meeting is missed, the travel funding must be returned. The National Association will be responsible for this.
8. ISA will not fund the same representative for more than one CNA conference. Justified exceptions must be requested to **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha** and **Dr. Cecilia Delgado-Molina** (ISA Executive Secretary).
9. If you have special circumstances, including the inability to receive money from the ISA, please write to **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha** and **Dr. Cecilia Delgado Molina**.

VI. Program Highlights

- All invited participants are welcome to present a paper. If a paper presentation is required for institutional travel funding, please inform us.
- Paper or panel proposal must be submitted before **August 30, 2025**.

Submitting a paper or a panel

Please send:

- (a) papers, with a title and 100-150 word abstract, with keywords highlighted, or
- (b) proposals, with the description of the session with names of proposed speakers (and their affiliations), between 300-500 words, to:
 - Dr. Bandana Purkayastha to Bandana.Purkayastha@uconn.edu,
 - Dr. Mayurakshi Chaudhuri to Mayurakshi.Chaudhuri@flame.edu.in,
- Copying the program committee members:
 - Dr. Santosh Kudtarkar Sant@flame.edu.in,
 - Dr. Chih-Jou (Jay) Chen jaychen@sinica.edu.tw;
 - Dr. Borut Roncevic borut.roncevic@gmail.com;
 - Dr. Dan Woodman dan.woodman@unimelb.edu.au.

Workshops

Other program highlights are:

- Workshops on Life and Leadership within Organizations.
- Workshops on publications: Global Dialog and other ISA publications
- Workshops or panels on successful international collaborations.
- December 20: Confluence Meeting with Indian Sociologists
 - Thematic requests are welcome for this collaborative session. Send it to Dr. Bandana Purkayastha at Bandana.Purkayastha@uconn.edu.

VII. Key dates and deadlines

- Please confirm your representative by submitting the following [Registration Form](#) by **July 30, 2025**.

REGISTRATION

- Visa Support Letters Requests: Notify ISA/FLAME University by **July 30, 2025**.
→ Contact: Elena Velcheva (ISA Events Officer).

Organizing Committee

ISA Committee Members

- **Dr. Bandana Purkayastha** (ISA Vice-President for National Associations),
- **Dr. Chih-Jou (Jay) Chen** (ISA EC member & former host of the 2nd ISA Conference of CNA),
- **Dr. Borut Roncevic** (ISA EC member & former host of the 5th ISA Conference of CNA),
- **Dr. Dan Woodman** (ISA EC member & former host of the XX World Congress of Sociology).

FLAME University Co-Chairs

- **Dr. Santosh K. Kudtarkar** (Dean of School of Liberal Education, FLAME University)
- **Dr. Mayurakshi Chaudhuri** (Area Chair, Sociology and Head, Faculty of Social Sciences, FLAME University).

Local Organising Committee

- **Chair | Prof. Mayurakshi Chaudhuri** (Associate Professor & Area Chair, Sociology and Head, Department of Social Sciences)
- **Co-Chair | Prof. Anup Tripathi** (Assistant Professor, Sociology)
- **Member | Prof. Poonam Gandhi** (Associate Professor, Sociology)
- **Member | Prof. Shamsheer Singh** (Assistant Professor, Sociology)
- **Member | Prof. Divya Balan** (Assistant Professor, International Studies)
- **Member | Prof. Sanjal Shastri** (Assistant Professor, International Studies)
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- **Member | Mr. Ganesh Aher** (Head of Security)
- **Member | Mr. Sameer Ailawadi** (Senior Residential Counsellor)
- **Member-Secretary | Mr. Deepak D. Pulavarthi** (Associate Director – Administration)
- **Advisor to Committee | Dr. Virender Sharma** (Registrar, FLAME University)

Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact us!

- For **questions regarding the program**, contact Dr. Bandana Burkayastha at Bandana.Purkayastha@uconn.edu
- For questions regarding your **National Association membership fee dues**, contact Nataly Moreno, Membership Officer at isa-membership@isa-sociology.org
- For **letters for visa, travel funding requests, and venue questions**, contact Elena Velcheva, Events Officer at isa-events@isa-sociology.org
- For any **special inquiries/situations**, contact Dr. Cecilia Delgado-Molina, Executive Secretary at cecilia-delgado@isa-sociology.org

Visit the website

All the information for the 6th ISA Conference of CNA will be available at the [ISA website here](https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/council-of-national-associations/india-2025). Come back usually for updated information.



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