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# MESSAGE FROM THE RC-32 CO-PRESIDENTS



**Solange Simões**



**Marlise Matos**

***Dear RC32 Members,***

*Warm greetings from your RC32 leadership team!*

As we approach the V ISA Forum of Sociology in Rabat, we take this moment to celebrate the intellectual, political, and collective energy that has shaped our journey. Over the past year, RC32 has grown not only in size—with over 400 members worldwide—but also in strength, drawing power from its intersectional vision and the geographic and epistemic diversity of its members.

This year's Forum theme, "Feminist Engagements Across Borders," finds powerful expression in the enthusiastic response of our members. We are delighted to share that RC32 has qualified for the maximum number of sessions allowed for a Research Committee, a testament to your deep engagement and the vibrancy of feminist sociology worldwide.

Our collective labor has translated into an inspiring academic and activist presence at the Forum—carefully curated to advance feminist theory, public sociology, and solidarity across regions. Here's a glimpse of what's in store:

### **Presidential Session**

#### **Women, War and Security – MENA and Global Perspectives**

Tuesday, July 8, 11:00–12:45, FSE002 This high-profile session brings together leading voices—Fatima Sadiqi, Valentine Moghadam, and Yakın Ertürk—to examine the gendered impacts of militarism, conflict, and peace-building across the Middle East and North Africa and globally.

### **Integrative Semi-Plenary**

Gender, Race, Class and the Manthropocene: Justice for Whom?

Wednesday, July 9, 15:00–18:45, SJES006 Jointly hosted with RC24 (Environment & Society) and RC05 (Racism, Nationalism, Ethnicity), this session interrogates the intersectional dimensions of environmental and racial injustice in the Anthropocene—now aptly reframed as the Manthropocene.

### **RC32 Business Meeting**

Tuesday, July 8, 19:15 Venue TBA Let's reconnect in person! Hosted by incoming Co-Presidents Hara Bastas and Manisha Desai, this evening gathering will offer music, joy, and room for transnational camaraderie. RSVP details coming soon.

To all our session organizers, chairs, presenters, discussants, and supporters: thank you for your tireless efforts and commitment to feminist scholarship. You make RC32 what it is—an open, engaged, and powerful intellectual home.

*We look forward to seeing you in Rabat!*

*With solidarity,*

**Solange Simões & Marlise Matos**

*RC32 Co-Presidents*

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



**ARVINDER A. ANSARI**

This edition of the RC32 Newsletter comes at a time of heightened feminist urgency. Around the world, we are witnessing a resurgence of authoritarian populism, anti-gender ideologies, and structural rollbacks of gender rights. In this context, our theme—Feminist Engagements Across Borders—foregrounds the transnational and intersectional strategies of resistance being advanced by RC32 members through scholarship, activism, and solidarity. From mobilizations at CSW69 to the Decolonial Pedagogy Lecture Series in Kolkata; from grassroots climate justice initiatives on Long Island to acts of feminist resistance in Ukraine, this issue captures the vibrancy and reach of RC32's global community. It showcases how feminist sociology continues to speak back to power—through public scholarship, collaborative knowledge production, and engaged dialogue.

This edition also reflects our formal presence at the upcoming V ISA Forum in Rabat, including the Presidential Session, the semi-plenary on the Anthropocene, and the RC32 Pre-conference, while amplifying a wealth of scholarly and activist contributions from members across continents.

Regional updates deepen this perspective:

- In **Europe**, members are responding to far-right rollbacks of gender equality.
- In **Canada**, feminist sociologists have contributed to national policy frameworks on Indigenous justice and gender-based violence.
- In **Australia**, feminist criminologists are advocating for prison abolition and community-based justice;
- In the **Asia-Pacific**, members are engaging with the intersections of militarism, reproductive rights, and environmental struggle.

Together, these contributions reflect the powerful, creative ways in which feminist sociologists are bridging academia and activism.

We are grateful to all contributors for their time, insights, and shared commitments. As the newsletter continues to grow, we wish to gently clarify that our editorial priority is on public-facing contributions—such as peer-reviewed publications, books, activist initiatives, policy interventions, podcasts, and collaborative research. While we celebrate individual milestones like conference participation and teaching, these are generally not included unless linked to broader feminist projects or public engagement. If you have a publication or initiative you'd like featured, please share bibliographic details or links so we can amplify your work.

In solidarity,

**ARVINDER A. ANSARI**

*Editor, RC32 Newsletter*



## PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM: GLOBALIZING THE LOCAL, LOCALIZING THE GLOBAL

**Saturday, July 5, 2025, 9:00-17:30**

**Université Mohammed V de Rabat (Room TBA)**

The RC32 Pre-Conference is a deeply collaborative effort to bring global feminist scholars and local Moroccan voices into sustained dialogue. We are honored by the enthusiastic response—**86 participants from 23 countries** (including 24 from Morocco) have registered. Among them, nearly **25% are students**, reflecting the intergenerational character of our network.

The program includes tributes to **Fatima Mernissi**, sessions on **feminist movements in Morocco**, and interactive exchanges on **translocal feminist solidarities**. With performances, music, and shared meals, the day promises both reflection and celebration.

As we prepare to come together in Rabat, we reaffirm our shared commitment to feminist sociological practice that is **critical, inclusive, and transformative**. We are proud of what RC32 continues to achieve—and we look forward to celebrating those achievements with all of you.

In solidarity,  
**Solange Simões & Marlise Matos**  
*RC32 Co-Presidents*



# RC32'S PRESENCE AT THE ISA FORUM –

## A SNAPSHOT

**At Rabat, RC32 will be represented through a rich array of programming:**

- **27 regular sessions** led by RC32.
- **4 joint sessions** where RC32 is the lead organizer.
- **22 joint sessions** with other research committees.
- **2 roundtables**, one of which is focused on feminist methodologies.
- **1 Presidential Session** spotlighting MENA and global gendered conflict.
- **1 Integrative Session / Semi-Plenary** selected by ISA's scientific committee.
- **1 Business Meeting**, where key directions will be discussed.
- **1 RC32 Reception** to build bonds in an informal, celebratory setting.
- **1 Pre-Conference in Rabat**, co-organized with Moroccan scholars.

*We extend our sincere thanks to all the RC32 session organizers, chairs, discussants, and presenters. It is your sustained commitment that fuels this impressive presence.*



# FEMINIST ENGAGEMENT AT CSW69



Criminologists  
WITHOUT BORDERS



## CSW69 Committee



Dr. Dawn Beichner-Thomas  
UN Representative,  
World Society of Victimology  
Professor, Illinois State University



Dr. Rosemary Barberet  
UN Representative,  
International Sociological Association &  
Criminologists Without Borders  
Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice



Dr. Sheetal Ranjan  
Member and Past Chair,  
Division of Feminist Criminology  
Professor, Montclair State University



## Beijing + 30 Panels

- **CSW69 review year.** The 69<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women revisited the 30-year impact of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA). An ISA/World Society of Victimology team submitted—and had accepted—an official NGO statement (E/CN.6/2025/NGO/55) calling for a fresh appraisal of Beijing's gender-equality commitments, especially for women and girls in criminal-legal systems.

- **Beijing + 30 & Justice for Women and Girls (virtual).** Scholars examined gender-based violence, migration, and empowerment; presented a “Toolkit to Re-imagine Justice for Migrant Women”; and compared national BPfA reviews to identify policy gaps and best practices.
- **Beijing + 30, Women, and Criminal-Legal Systems (in-person).** A cross-regional panel analysed honour-based violence laws, girls’ contact with the justice system, UNODC crime-prevention data, and feminist criminology’s place in the BPfA, underscoring the need to mainstream gender across security and justice structures.

## ➤ Feminist Approaches to Justice

Four partnered panels (ISA, World Society of Victimology, Criminologists Without Borders, ASC Division of Feminist Criminology) showcased intersectional scholarship and activism:

Panel	Focus & Highlights
<b>Reassessing the BPfA (virtual)</b>	Dowry-law reform in India, forced-marriage victim support, dramatherapy for refugee women, and pathways to justice for women in conflict zones.
<b>Violence Against Women &amp; Girls in War and Peace (in-person)</b>	Sexual violence in the U.S. military, feminist lenses on international criminal justice, and protection of children in armed conflict.
<b>Beijing + 30 &amp; Justice for Women and Girls (virtual)</b>	Global femicide-prevention movement, progress metrics on women’s empowerment, and strategic lessons from 30 years of Beijing implementation.
<b>Beijing + 30, Women, and Criminal-Legal Systems (in-person)</b>	Comparative review of “Beijing Rules + 30” for girls, honour-based-violence legislation in Canada, and UNODC gender-aware crime-prevention insights.

## ► Global Policy Recommendations:

1. Center criminal-legal reform in BPfA follow-up. Address women and girls as survivors, detainees, and justice-sector workers; expand gender-sensitive training and accountability mechanisms.
2. Integrate intersectional data. Collect sex-, race-, class-, and migration-status-disaggregated statistics to track femicide, conflict-related sexual violence, and systemic bias.
3. Strengthen transnational networks. Scale the collaborative model used by ISA and partner NGOs—linking academics, civil-society actors, and policymakers—to accelerate knowledge transfer.
4. Resource community-driven interventions. Support survivor-led initiatives, culturally responsive counselling (e.g., dramatherapy), and legal-aid programs that emerged in CSW69 discussions.
5. Embed Beijing + 30 tools in national action plans. Use the “Re-imagine Justice for Migrant Women” toolkit and other CSW69 outputs to update SDG-aligned gender-equality strategies.



Anouk Noelle Nicklas and Stephanie Bonnes



Michelle Lyttle Storrod and Dr. Ellen Van Damme

- To Read Full Report:- [Click Here](#)

# FEATURED ARTICLE

## **Feminist Resistance in Ukraine : Confronting Anti-Gender Agendas**

Dr. Tamara Martsenyuk, PhD in Sociology and Associate Professor at the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, in collaboration with her students Yuliia Larkova and Greta Denysova, shares a compelling account of Ukraine's feminist and LGBTQI+ responses to rising anti-gender agendas.

Over the past decade, Ukraine has taken significant legislative steps toward gender equality and non-discrimination in alignment with European integration. Despite these advancements, the country continues to grapple with conservative backlash—amplified by Russian propaganda and religious conservatism—that opposes gender-sensitive policies and human rights norms.

### **Dr. Martsenyuk documents the vibrant civil society response:**

- The Ukrainian Women's Fund (UWF) plays a key role in supporting grassroots feminist initiatives and conducting research on anti-gender movements.
- Women's March Ukraine advocates for the Istanbul Convention and organizes public mobilizations on International Women's Day.
- NGOs such as La Strada, Jurfem, NGO Girls, Insight, and Sphere focus on issues ranging from domestic violence and legal advocacy to sexuality education and LGBTQI+ rights.
- Cultural initiatives like the Sunny Bunny Film Festival and regional events such as KharkivPride have also become instrumental in resisting regressive gender politics through art and public presence.

Notably, her work emphasizes that anti-gender movements in Ukraine are not only socially conservative but also politically strategic, often mirroring Russian state narratives. Yet, public support for LGBTQI+ rights is gradually increasing, with 70.4% of Ukrainians in 2024 affirming equal rights for LGBT citizens.

Dr. Martsenyuk's forthcoming publication in Ukrainian language further elaborates on these findings and underscores the role of activism, education, and international solidarity in preserving democratic and inclusive values.

- To Read Full Article: [Click Here](#)
- Narratives of the Russo-Ukrainian War (Book Chapter In English)- [Click Here](#)
- Fearless The history of Ukrainian feminism in an interview- [Click Here](#)
- Ukrainian Feminist Movement in a Time of War. Women East-West.- [Click Here](#)



# REGIONAL REPORTS: FEMINIST ORGANIZING ACROSS CONTINENTS (USA/CANADA, AUSTRALIA, EUROPE)

## UPCOMING SESSIONS ORGANIZED BY CANADA AND USA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AT ISA FORUM 2025

**Gayle Kaufman**, Regional Representative for Canada and the USA, has curated and organized seven dynamic sessions for the upcoming 5th ISA Forum of Sociology to be held in Morocco (July 7-11, 2025). These sessions explore a range of timely issues, including gender, LGBTQ+ experiences, political representation, and decolonial feminist thought:

► **LGBTQ+ Intimate and Family Relationships**

Session 507 – Monday, 7 July | 09:00 | FSE002

► **LGBTQ+ Work Lives**

Session 512 – Monday, 7 July | 15:00 | FSE003

► **Decolonial Feminist Challenges to an Unruly World: Canadian Contributions**

Session 516 – Tuesday, 8 July | 13:00 | FSE002

► **Pathways to Women's Political Representation**

Session 523 – Wednesday, 9 July | 13:00 | FSE003

► **Constructing LGBTQ+ Identities**

Session 528 – Thursday, 10 July | 13:00 | FSE002

► **Gender (In)equality in Political Representation**

Session 533 – Friday, 11 July | 09:00 | FSE002

► **Naming the Human and Social Justice through Decolonizing Feminism**

Joint Session JS-214 – Friday, 11 July | 09:00 | SJES006

*We invite all members to attend and engage with these thought-provoking sessions that contribute to global dialogues on gender, sexuality, and justice.*

### **Dr. Juliet Watson Reports From Australia**

#### **Solidarity on IDAHOBIT**

On 17 May, AWGSA marked IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex Discrimination and Transphobia) under the theme “The Power of Communities.” It reinforced AWGSA’s role as a national voice for women and gender-diverse people. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Conferences & Calls**

- ▶ SAGE 2025: Breaking Silos, Working Together for Equity University of Sydney, 25–27 August 2025 Focusing on systemic equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in higher education. [More info.](#)
- ▶ 5th World Conference of Women’s Shelters Sydney, 15–18 September 2025 The world’s largest gathering on grassroots efforts to end gender-based violence. [More info.](#)
- ▶ **Matrescence Symposium** Hybrid – University of Queensland, 17 July 2025 Call for abstracts exploring the transition to motherhood as a sociopolitical experience. [Details here](#) Deadline: 17 June 2025.
- ▶ **PhD Opportunity**  
Flinders University is offering a PhD position on “Tackling the Consumption of Sexual Violence on Screen,” led by Assoc. Prof. Claire Henry (ARC DECRA Fellowship). Includes \$35,010 stipend + travel + fee offset .Apply by: 6 June 2025  
[Apply here](#)

### Regional Focus: EUROPE-

**Submitted by: Izabela Korbiel, RC32 Regional Representative - Europe**

- **RC32 Session at the ISA Forum, Morocco** RC32 Europe is pleased to announce the organization of a session titled “Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Gender, Feminism and Publishing Today” at the upcoming ISA Forum in Morocco. Date: Tuesday, 8 July 2025 Time: 15:00 – 16:45 Venue: Faculty of Education Sciences (FSE003).
- **New Collaboration with ESA’s RN33 and Keynote Address** RC32 Europe has initiated a collaborative engagement with Research Network 33 “Women’s and Gender Studies” (RN33) of the European Sociological Association (ESA). As part of this partnership, Izabela Korbiel will deliver a keynote titled: “**Missing Data Doesn’t Lie: On the Gender Data Gap in Europe**” This keynote will be presented at the RN33 Mid-term Conference: **Theme:** Gender Relations in a Changing Europe: Knowledge, Challenges, and Future Directions Dates: 6–7 November 2025. Location: Barcelona, Spain.
- **Recent Publication Korbiel, I. (2024).** Voiceless Communication: Recommendations for Suicide Reporting. In: Morrison, J., Pedersen, S. (eds), *Silenced Voices and the Media*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.  
[🔗 Read Chapter](#) [📖 Link to the book](#) [👉](#) Discount Code: PALAUT (20% off)

# SPOTLIGHT ON GLOBAL FEMINIST SCHOLARSHIP

**Bandana Purkayastha**, ISA Vice President for National Associations, continues to lead transformative conversations in global and feminist sociology through her editorial work, scholarly publications, and public engagement. Her recent contributions span themes of caste, gender, race, migration, and decoloniality—resonating with RC32's commitment to intersectional feminist critique and activism.

## Recent Edited Volume

### ***Theory Reimagined: Voices of Sociologists from Around the World***

Co-edited with Rianka Roy, Anjana Narayan, and Melanie Heath (FrontPage Publications, 2025), this volume brings forward critical sociological voices from across the globe.

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## Articles

- Relational Counterpublics: Media Discourse on the Covid Delta Variant Surge in India (Current Sociology, 2025).
- Gendered Inclusions and Exclusions: Lessons from Media Discourses during the Pandemic (Journal of Social and Economic Development, 2025).
- Caste, Gender, Race: Signposts of a Feminist Anti-Caste Approach (with Kalpana Kannabiran, Current Sociology, 2024).

## Chapters

Distancing as Governance: On Migrants and Contemporary (In) securities in On the Margins of Protection, edited by Paula Banerjee (Orient BlackSwan, 2025) Decolonial Perspectives on Gender and Society in Palgrave Handbook on Decoloniality in Asia (2025).

## Podcasts & Public Engagement

Sociology In...Podcast Series – An ISA initiative under Prof. Purkayastha’s leadership as Vice President, this podcast features sociologies from different world regions such as Japan, Algeria, USA, Ghana, Bangladesh, and more.

[🔗 To Listen the series - CLICK HERE](#)

Walking a Fine Line: “Voices of Hindu Women in the US” – A Spotify-hosted podcast supported by APAARI, exploring identity and gender among diasporic Hindu women.

[🔗 To Listen on spotify- CLICK HERE](#)

## Recent Invited Lectures

Prof. Purkayastha has delivered keynote and plenary addresses globally, including:

- Opening Plenary – Venezuelan Sociological Congress (March 2025)
- Annual Bela Dutta Gupta Memorial Lecture – University of Calcutta (Feb 2025)
- Presidential Panelist – Sociologists for Women in Society, USA (Jan 2025)

Her body of work reflects an enduring commitment to collaborative, decolonial, and justice-oriented feminist sociological praxis.



## New Grant and Forthcoming Publication on Climate Justice and Collective Futures

**Dr. Manisha Desai** is engaged in two exciting initiatives that foreground community-based approaches to sustainability and justice:

### » **Seed Grant Award (2025–2026)**

Climate Justice through Community and Arts-Based Research: Building Collaborative Solutions for Marginalized Communities on Long Island Funded by Stony Brook University, this interdisciplinary project—led by Manisha Desai, Chris Sellers, Kathleen Fallon, and Linda O’Keefe—focuses on grassroots responses to environmental challenges through collaborative, arts-informed research with underserved communities.

### » **Forthcoming Edited Volume (August 2025)**

Eco-Social Contracts for Sustainable and Just Futures: Mobilizing Collective Power to Deal with 21st Century Polycrisis Co-edited by Patrick Huntjens, Najma Mohamed, Katja Hujo, and Manisha Desai, this volume (Springer, 2025) explores innovative frameworks for navigating overlapping crises—from climate change to social inequality—through collective action and inclusive governance.

These initiatives reflect Dr. Desai’s ongoing commitment to transdisciplinary engagement and justice-centered scholarship.





Bula Bhadra (PhD McMASTER)  
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Chairperson, Women Development Cell  
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**Prof. Bula Bhadra has initiated a yearlong special lecture series at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies and Research, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, titled “Decolonization of Knowledge and Decolonial Pedagogy: Looking Back and Moving Forward.”** The series, held in a hybrid format, has already featured internationally acclaimed scholars **Prof. Walter Mignolo** and **Prof. Syed Farid Alatas** in May and June 2025, respectively. Their lectures sparked vibrant intellectual exchange, drawing participation from scholars across India and the globe. The series continues through 2026, fostering critical engagement and building solidarities in decolonial and intersectional feminist thought. Decolonization, decoloniality, and intersectional feminism are deeply interconnected frameworks that interrogate and challenge the enduring legacies of colonialism in knowledge systems, social structures, and power relations. While decolonization focuses on dismantling colonial institutions and reclaiming agency for formerly colonized peoples, decoloniality broadens this critique to the lasting imprints of colonial logic within culture, epistemology, and global hierarchies. Intersectional feminism adds further depth by examining how race, gender, class, and nation interact to create complex and layered forms of oppression and privilege. Together, these perspectives expose how colonialism, patriarchy, and racism operate in tandem, and call for transformative praxis rooted in justice and plurality. Decolonial feminism, emerging at the intersection of these frameworks, centers the voices and experiences of women from the Global South, Indigenous communities, and women of color, while working to recover indigenous epistemologies and disrupt Eurocentric norms. The lecture series initiated by Prof. Bhadra is a timely and powerful contribution to these global conversations, offering an academic platform to reimagine pedagogy and feminist scholarship through a decolonial lens.

# RESEARCH & PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

## Dr. Sohoon Yi:

We are pleased to share a series of important recent publications by **Dr. Sohoon Yi**, whose research critically engages with themes of gender, race, migration, and transnational marriage in the South Korean context. These works contribute to broader conversations on racialization, gender-based violence, and state regulation, and are especially relevant to current debates on intersectional feminist resistance.

Erasable and Negatable: Invisible Gendered Racialization of 'Foreign Women, *Journal of Asian Studies*, 84(2): 469-483 (2025).

Part of a forum on Racialization and Gender in South Korea, this article examines the often-invisible gendered and racialized constructions of foreign women within Korean society. View Book- [Click Here](#)

Racing the Korean Imaginary: Racialization and Gender in South Korea (co-authored with Han Sang Kim), *Journal of Asian Studies*, 84(2): 433-438 (2025).

This forum introduction explores how gender and race intersect in South Korea's national and cultural narratives, co-edited by Yi and Kim. View Book- [Click Here](#)

Legitimate Transaction? Regulating Commercial International Marriage Brokers in South Korea, *American Behavioral Scientist* (Online First, 2025)

This article investigates the gendered implications of state regulation on international marriage brokers, situating the issue within the broader framework of mobility and gender in East Asia. View Book- [Click Here](#)

Backlash or Victims? Victimized Korean Husbands of Migrant Wives and Problematic Norms on Sexual Relations in South Korea", *Journal of Gender-Based Violence*, 9(2) (2025)

Published in a special issue on migration and gender-based violence, this piece analyzes shifting discourses around Korean men married to migrant women and the societal norms they reflect and reinforce. View Book- [Click Here](#)

These contributions underscore the significance of feminist critique in exposing and challenging systemic inequalities at the intersections of gender, race, and migration.

### Dr. Usha Rana:

We are pleased to highlight recent academic work by Dr. Usha Rana, which engages with vital contemporary issues at the intersection of culture, mental health, and digital justice:

Usha Rana (2025). Gond Painting and their Women Artists: Journey from Tradition to Modernity. Asian Ethnicity (Taylor & Francis).

This article examines the evolving role of Gond women artists and their navigation from traditional practices to modern artistic expression.

To Read Full Article- [Click Here](#)

Usha Rana and Rupender Singh (2025). ChatGPT: A Blessing or a Curse? The Impact on Adolescent Mental Health. Turkish Journal of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, 32(1): 68-69.

A timely reflection on the dual impacts of AI technologies like ChatGPT on adolescent psychological well-being.

Usha Rana and Rupender Singh (2025). The Hidden Trauma of Digital Disenfranchisement in an AI-Driven World. Journal of Emergency Practice and Trauma.

This piece addresses the socio-psychological effects of digital exclusion in an increasingly AI-reliant global landscape.

To Read Full Article- [Click Here](#)

These contributions advance critical discourse on gender, technology, and indigenous cultural practices in the contemporary era.

### **Dr. Juliet Watson:**

*Dr. Juliet Watson continues to advance critical scholarship on gender, homelessness, and feminist activism through a series of impactful publications:*

► **Watson, J., Haylett, F., Theobald, J. & Murray, S. (2025).**

[\*Homelessness and Becoming a Mother: The Continuing Influence of Beverley Skeggs' Formations of Class and Gender.\*](#)

The Sociological Review, 73(2), pp. 325–343.

► **Theobald, J., Haylett, F., Watson, J. & Murray, S. (Forthcoming).**

[\*Pregnancy, Early Motherhood and Homelessness: Affective Injustice. Journal of Gender Studies.\*](#)

► **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.

► **Casey, S. & Watson, J. (2023).**

[\*Hashtag Feminisms: Australian Media Feminists, Activism and Digital Campaigns.\*](#)

Australian Studies: Interdisciplinary Perspectives Series, Peter Lang, New York.

► **Watson, J. (2023).**

[\*Homelessness Through a Feminist Lens.\*](#) In Bretherton, J. & Pleace, N. (Eds.),

The Routledge Handbook of Homelessness, Routledge.

Routledge Handbook

These works reflect Dr. Watson's ongoing commitment to feminist inquiry and structural justice in both academic and public spheres.

# EMERGING FEMINIST VOICES

## **Research and Pedagogical Initiatives by Dr. Rukmini Sen:**

Professor Rukmini Sen, feminist sociologist and Dean at Ambedkar University Delhi, recently concluded a research project on “Youth in Delhi: New Living Arrangements and Friendships.” Supported by the university’s Seed Money Grant, the study examined the housing struggles of migrant students through digital ethnography and interviews. Grounded in urban sociology and feminist theory, the project sheds light on how friendship and co-living are reshaping youth kinship in the city.

## **Her Publications**

Sen, R. (2024). From Maintenance to Care-ing: The Aged in Times of Changing Familial Geographies, in Bakshi, K. & Chakravarti, P. (Eds.), *Cultures of Ageing and Ageism in India*, pp. 33–47, Routledge. This chapter explores evolving intergenerational responsibilities and the ethics of care within shifting familial contexts in India. Click here- [Cultures of Ageing and Ageism in India](#)

Sen, R. & Rajeev, A. (2024). Recognising Care Workers: A Feminist Legal Examination of ASHAs, *Review of Women’s Studies, Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LIX, Nos. 26–27, pp. 46–51. This article offers a feminist legal critique of the conditions and recognition of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) as frontline care workers. [Click here- Recognising Care Workers](#)

## **PEDAGOGICAL INNOVATION: GENDER WALK IN DELHI**

As part of her Gender and Society course at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi, Dr. Rukmini Sen led a Gender Walk in Mehrauli—one of Delhi’s oldest urban sites—to explore public space through a feminist lens. Inspired by *Why Loiter?*, the walk engaged over 58 students and faculty in reflecting on fear, freedom, and gendered spatial politics. The initiative exemplified feminist pedagogy by linking lived experience with critical theory and collective care. Sharing the link which has some photos of the Gender Walk- [Link](#)

### **Dr. Dina TAHA**

### **Pioneering Research on Gender, Reproductive Justice, and Violence**

Dr. Dina Taha has made significant contributions to feminist and sociological inquiry in the Arab world through both groundbreaking research and an innovative interdisciplinary project:

### **New Publication**

Sacred Bonds, Silent Pain: Understanding Women's Perceptions and Experiences of Marital Rape in Egypt:

Published in the Journal of Family Violence (2025), this is the first qualitative study to examine marital rape within the Egyptian and broader Arab sociocultural context. Drawing from women's lived experiences, Dr. Taha's research challenges dominant discourses on consent, patriarchy, and marital rights, offering a critical perspective on how legal and religious narratives shape silence around spousal sexual violence.

Learn More:- [Click Here](#)

### **Ongoing Research Project**

With support from the Qatar Research, Development and Innovation (QRDI) Council, Dr. Taha is leading an interdisciplinary study on fertility preservation (egg and embryo freezing) through a community-based lens. Titled Innolight, this is the first qualitative study of its kind in the region, exploring sociocultural attitudes, ethical considerations, and women's reproductive agency in contemporary Arab societies.

Dr. Taha's work continues to break new ground in documenting underexplored issues of bodily autonomy, reproductive justice, and gender-based violence in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Project Details:- [Click Here](#)

### **Dr. Diana Therese M. Veloso**

#### **Merging Sociology, Service, and Security**

Dr. Diana Therese M. Veloso, a trained sociologist, continues to exemplify interdisciplinary commitment through her academic, civic, and national service roles.

As a Chief Petty Officer and Reservist in the Philippine Navy, Dr. Veloso currently serves as POIC, Intel S2, 21st Naval Group Reserve. In January 2025, she contributed to crowd control and first aid operations during the Feast of the Black Nazarene—a major religious gathering of Filipino Catholics. In March, she participated in a seminar on gender issues as part of International Women’s Month celebrations at the University of Makati.

From April 23–27, 2025, Dr. Veloso took part in the Balikatan 40–2025 Cyber Defense Exercise, the largest joint military exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the United States Armed Forces, held at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. She was also a participant in the Cyber Security Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) 25–1, integrated into the same exercise, enhancing regional cyber defense collaboration. Learn More: [Click Here](#)

In addition to her naval service, Dr. Veloso actively works as an Independent Editor, Researcher, and Consultant, and currently serves as Treasurer of Ecclesia of Women in Asia, a network of feminist Catholic theologians committed to inclusive scholarship and dialogue across Asia. Learn More: [Click Here](#)

### **Dr. Shweta Prasad**

Dr. Shweta Prasad contributes to critical debates on both gender justice and educational transformation in India through her recent publications:

Prasad, Shweta. 2025. From Infanticide to Foeticide: A Study of Femicide in India (with reference to Varanasi). *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Springer Nature. 08 March, 2025.

Prasad, Shweta. 2025. National Education Policy 2020: An Effort Towards Liberating India’s Learning Landscape through Intellectual Decolonization in Manish K. Verma (ed.) *New Education Policy, Sustainable Development and Nation Building: Perspectives, Issues and Challenges*. UK: Routledge

### **Dr. Phiwokazi Qoza**

**Dr. Phiwokazi Qoza contributes to ongoing conversations around gender, labour, and digital economies with her latest article:**

Qoza, P. (2025). Labouring on Digital Sexual Spaces: Experiences of South African OnlyFans Creators. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, Vol. ahead-of-print, No. ahead-of-print. This article offers a nuanced sociological exploration of the lived experiences of South African content creators on OnlyFans, highlighting issues of digital labour, autonomy, economic precarity, and social stigma within emerging sexual economies.

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Dr. Qoza's work adds to critical global dialogues on informal digital economies, intersectionality, and gendered work.

### **Dr. Gargi Gayan**

Dr. Gargi Gayan's recent article, "Learning Through a Language: The Unresolved Question of Mother Tongue in a Multi-ethnic Society", appears in the *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 74(2), pp. 191-207 (2025). The piece critically examines the politics of language in education and its implications for equity and identity in diverse societies.

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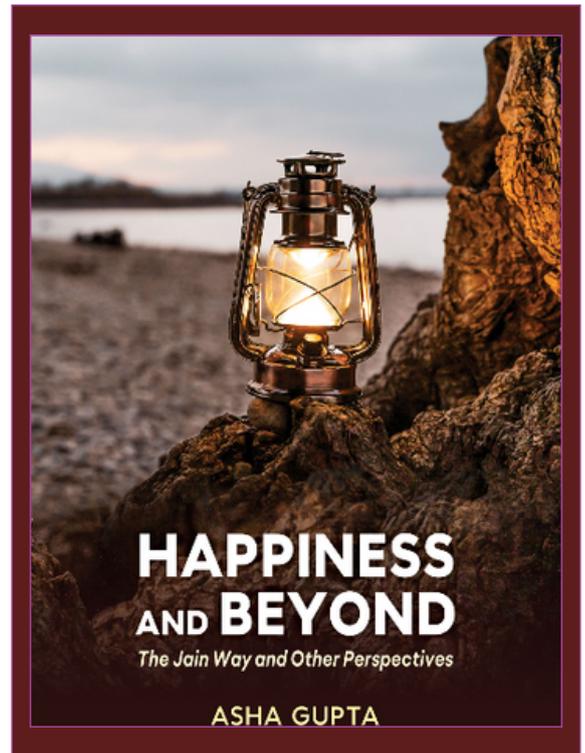
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**Dr. Asha Gupta**

### ***About the book:***



This volume offers a comprehensive and interdisciplinary exploration of happiness, bridging ancient philosophical traditions and contemporary psychological insights. It critically examines the roots of unhappiness, deconstructs prevalent myths, and engages with paradoxes surrounding the pursuit of happiness. Drawing on both Eastern traditions—particularly Buddhism and Jainism—and Western philosophical and psychological frameworks, the book highlights the enduring relevance of principles such as non-violence, non-possessiveness, and ecological balance. It positions positive psychology as a modern counterpart to spiritual traditions, offering reflections for both global and cross-cultural audiences. Designed for students, scholars, and general readers, this work contributes to ongoing curricular interest in happiness studies, Buddhism, and Jainism across the humanities and social sciences.

# OPPORTUNITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## IDAHOBIT 2025

*Solidarity on IDAHOBIT*

On 17 May, AWGSA marked IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex Discrimination and Transphobia) under the theme “The Power of Communities.” It reinforced AWGSA’s role as a national voice for women and gender-diverse people.

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## World Conference on Women’s Shelters

5th World Conference of Women’s Shelters 📍 Sydney, 15–18 September 2025  
The world’s largest gathering on grassroots efforts to end gender-based violence.

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## Matrescence Symposium (Call for Abstracts)

*Walking a Fine Line: Voices of Hindu Women in the US*”- A Spotify-hosted podcast supported by APAARI, exploring identity and gender among diasporic Hindu women.

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## PhD Opportunities

Flinders University is offering a PhD position on “Tackling the Consumption of Sexual Violence on Screen,” led by Assoc. Prof. Claire Henry (ARC DECRA Fellowship). Includes \$35,010 stipend + travel + fee offset. Apply by: 6 June 2025

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*This includes:*

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