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Dear Global Division members,

Hope you all are having a fine summer!

The Society for the Study of Social Problems is holding its 71st annual meeting virtually on August 4-7, 2021. This year the theme is **Revolutionary Sociology: Truth, Healing, Reparations and Restructuring**. One of the aims of this year's meeting is to open the discipline to all the many ways being human and offer, as sociology probably originally meant to, not just solutions, but healing. Our global division, I hope, more than being a place where people congregate to study the global, will provide an alternate inclusive lens to view and understand the world. As Sylvia Wynter suggests, we need to move outside the present systems of knowledge and create an epistemic space to think about what it means to be human, independently of the consciousness that we are stuck in. Only then, I believe, true healing will begin.

I encourage you to attend the virtual meeting and continue your support to SSSP and the Global Division. I particularly look forward to seeing you at the Global Division business meeting on July 26th at 3 pm (Eastern Time, zoom link will be provided). We will welcome our new Chair, Professor Nikhil Deb. We will also acknowledge our 2021 Division award winners and plan the 2022 conference sessions for Los Angeles.

As the outgoing Division chair, I would like to express my gratitude to all division members who welcomed me in this role and responded to calls for volunteers. A special note of thanks to Ismail Nooraddini and Michele Koontz for your assistance and support.

See you all virtually soon,

Dr. Manjusha Nair

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Note from New Chair

Dear Global Division Friends and Colleagues:

I hope you've been healthy and well amidst the global crisis unleashed by the Coronavirus pandemic. I am Nikhil Deb, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Murray State University. In 2019, I completed my Ph.D. (University of Tennessee) as an Assistant Professor of Sociology on leave from Shahjalal University, Bangladesh. I am beyond thrilled to lead this Section of SSSP that deals with important (in)justice issues across the world. What a time to lead a vital section like this!

I am very excited to work with many wonderful colleagues in the Section to forge plans for a just world. So please pay attention to the Section announcements. Not only will we put together some good panels for the annual meetings; we will also highlight global justice issues— social, environmental, health, and so on—through various other activities in this Section.

Again, it's my privilege to lead the Global Division of SSSP in this critical time. I look forward to working together to move this Section forward.

Nikhil Deb



Member News



Drs. Gina Marie Longo (Left) and Tara Stamm (Right) of Virginia Commonwealth University, along with a dedicated team of like-minded folx, are proud to announce the launch of the Digital Sociology Lab. The Digital Sociology Lab is a research lab that provides skill-based training to students and faculty through workshops and hands-on research experience. As a feminist collaborative space, we draw on the expertise and leadership across disciplines, students, faculty, and area organizers to build our organizational structure and research agenda. Please visit us at www.digitalsociologylab.com



Mangala Subramaniam was the 2021 Honoree, for outstanding work in supporting faculty in academic operations, APL nextED, in Valparaiso, IN. For International Women's Day. See [here](#). Visit aplnexted.com/2021Award to view recording of interview.

Dr. Subramaniam was also interviewed by Diverse on best practices in minority recruitment and retention. A link to her interview can be found [here](#).



Devika Narayan received the Caroline Rose Best Graduate Student Paper Award for her paper entitled "The Structural Liminality of Disposable Managers".

Member Publications

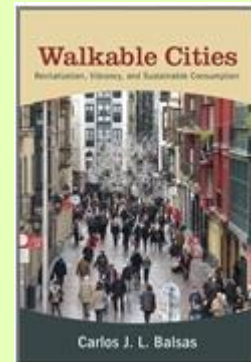
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2021 Division Award Winners

Global Division Outstanding Book Awards

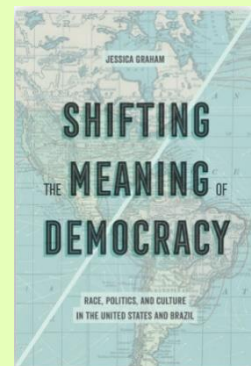
Carlos J. L. Balsas
Arizona State University

[Walkable Cities: Revitalization, Vibrancy, and Sustainable Consumption](#)
(SUNY Press, 2019)



Jessica Lynn Graham
University of California, San Diego

[Shifting the Meaning of Democracy: Race, Politics, and Culture in the United States and Brazil](#) (University of California Press, 2019)



Global Division Paper Award Winner

Vrinda Marwah
The University of Texas at Austin

“Love of Money: Rewards of Care for India’s Women Community Health Workers”

Paper Award Honorable Mention

Miriam Gleckman-Krut
University of Michigan

“The Rainbow Nation and the Gays it Excludes: South Africa, Homonationalism, and African LGBTI Refugees”

Call for Papers, Proposals, and Presentations

XX ISA World Congress of Sociology

On its meeting held on May 1, 2021 the Assembly of Councils of the ISA has reached the decision to postpone to June 25-July 1, 2023 the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology. Further information will be provided in due course.

Resurgent Authoritarianism: The Sociology of New Entanglements of Religions, Politics, and Economies

The global rise of authoritarianism, as well as populism, xenophobia, and racism, makes our task as sociologists more crucial than ever. This dilemma is assisted by the gradual symbolic thickening of public culture through combinations of extreme nationalist and religious fervor.

What is the best way to analyze global resurgent authoritarianism? In addition to dealing with the scars of the colonial era, a postcolonial approach should be supplemented with another approach; we need to find ways to diagnose and resist this resurgence. This approach should take into account how authoritarianism affects not only our societies, but also our knowledge production. The self-centered and unspoken have become more important than the told and argued. We are concerned not only with the hard authoritarianism that heralds the brutalization of society and politics, but also the soft authoritarianism that often thrives in the shadow of neoliberalism, as the state moves deftly in the open or in secret to devise modes of governance that shore up its power against popular discontent.

A special interest of our Congress is how to disaggregate the Western, but also sociological, assumption of secularism as inherent in modern society and at the same time analytically dissociate the state from religion. While this separation is still a crucial pathway toward democracy and citizenship, the process needs to be problematized. We particularly look forward to discussing the promising avenues of inquiry within sociology and related disciplines about what have been termed ‘post-secular societies’ and ‘multiple secularities’.

Thus the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology will focus on how sociologists worldwide can (and do) contribute to the understanding of the resurgent authoritarianism and analyze the new entanglements of religions, politics, and economies. It will also focus on how sociologists engage (physically and critically) in the formidable social movements we are witnessing today in different parts of the world and in a renascent civil society. More information can be found on the website [here](#).

Sari Hanafi, President of the International Sociological Association

Guest Editors: Spencer Louis Potiker and Yousuf Al-Bulushi, University of California, Irvine

While critiques of capitalism and the state were both central to the development of world-systems analysis, historical documentation of anti-systemic movements has tended to center on a two-step strategy—first take control of the state, and second, change the world. While this strategy is no doubt historically relevant and state revolutions are important to understanding the inner workings of and resistance to the capitalist world-system, the analysis of non-state anti-systemic movements requires much further study from within the world-systems framework.

The revival of traditions of mutual aid during the global pandemic and the important role played by Antifa in confronting resurgent neo-fascisms across the world are really just two of countless examples of historical and contemporary non-state anti-systemic movements and non-state or exilic spaces. These diverse anti-systemic movements include: explicitly anarchist mobilizations; experiments in worker/community self-management and direct action; general strikes; horizontal forms of resistance to political authoritarianism and state violence; autonomous indigenous movements aimed at decolonizing ways of life both materially and culturally; and the non-sovereign freedom dreams within the Black radical tradition. In this special issue we aim to: further our understanding of the potentials and limits of non-state anti-systemic movements and spaces; explore the ways in which these formations interact with states and other social actors in the world-system; and develop other innovative approaches to studying non-state anti-systemic movements and spaces from a world-systems perspective.

We invite 250-word abstracts for proposed papers on this topic, including:

- Comparative and historical approaches to studying non-state anti-systemic movements and spaces
- Theoretical explorations into the relationship between world-systems analysis and anarchist theory
- Comparative, historical, and theoretical studies of the recent wave of feminist strikes
- Case study analysis of non-state anti-systemic movements and spaces
- Theoretical exploration or case study analysis of movements drawing upon and contributing to the Black radical tradition, Black internationalism, and Black geographies
- World-historical analysis of the relationship between cycles in the world-economy and non-state anti-systemic movements and spaces
- World-historical analysis of the relationship between systemic crisis and non-state anti-systemic movements
- World-historical analysis of anarchism's role in anti-systemic praxis
- Case study analysis of the relationship between decolonization, decolonial theory, and the state
- Other innovative approaches to studying non-state anti-systemic movements and spaces in world-systems perspective

The Journal of World-Systems Research (JWSR) is the official journal of the Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association (<https://jwsr.pitt.edu/>). It consists of unidisciplinary scholarship on topics relevant to the world-systems perspective. *JWSR* is an open access scholarly journal that reaches a global audience. Special issue editors will review abstract submissions and invite contributions of full papers for peer review. 250-word abstracts should be submitted by June 15, 2021 to be considered for the special issue. We will request a completed first draft of papers for comments from the editors by September 1, 2021. Full papers that are ready for external peer-review are due November 15, 2021 and final papers ready for production will be due May 15, 2022. We are aiming to have the publication for this special issue complete by Fall 2022 for a Winter 2022 publication.

Send abstract submissions and inquiries to: Spencer Louis Potiker spotiker@uci.edu and Yousuf Al-Bulushi yalbulus@uci.edu. Please include in the subject line “JWSR Non-State Movements and Spaces.”

*CFC for an Edited Volume:
Kids in Cages: The History, Politics, and Lived Experiences of Child Migrant Detention*

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to submit a chapter proposal for an edited volume tentatively titled *Kids in Cages: The History, Politics, and Lived Experiences of Child Migrant Detention* (see description below). Should you be interested in participating, please send a title, abstract, and author bio by August 1, 2021. Should the abstract be accepted, we would notify you by mid-August and would expect to receive drafts for review by November 1, 2021 and finalized chapters by January 15, 2022.

The detainment of migrant children has recently become well-documented in news media, with viral images of “kids in cages” being attributed to the Trump administration. However, the migration of children to the United States is not new, nor is their detainment. In this volume, we seek to provide greater context to the history and current realities of child migrant detention.

The “surge” of children migrating alone since 2012 became a reminder of our precarious understanding of this population in the social, legal, and political immigration discourse of the United States. It also became clear that our social, legal, and political remedies are vastly inadequate at best and cruel at worst. When and how did the detention of immigrant children become the norm? What has been the evolution of legal remedies and its connection to American politics? What has been the impact on immigrant families in the United States that endured the detention and forced separation from their children? Who profits and how much has the detention of children increased? What has been the response of the American public to the detention of immigrant children over the decades?

In this volume, we will bring together interdisciplinary work that explores the practice of detaining migrant children. We hope to address the longer history of child migration to the United States, with a particular focus on the government interventions throughout the decades. We would like to include insight into the political and activist battles surrounding child migrant detention. Finally, this volume seeks to provide accounts of the impact of detention on children, their families, and their communities.

Topics may include, but are not limited to: Child migration history, law, and policy; Emergence of the unaccompanied minor in American immigration; Historical accounts of child migrant detention; Psychological and developmental impacts of detention on children and families; Political battles over child migration detention; Ethnographic or narrative accounts of child migrant detention; Activism around child detention; Analysis of the Flores settlement and other policy; Detention as violence; Criminalization of migrant children in and through detention; Media representations of child migrant detention; Ethics of detention; Experience of practitioners working with detained children; Analysis of nonprofit and for-profit detention structures.

Manuscripts should not be previously published.

Please submit inquiries and abstracts for consideration to Emily Ruehs-Navarro, PhD (emily.navarro@elmhurst.edu) and Lina Munoz-Caswell (lcaswell@ccm.edu) by August 1, 2021

*XV Global Labour University Conference
Building a Post-Pandemic World of Work with Social Justice*

*Penn State University and AFL-CIO
Washington D.C.
March 30 – April 1, 2022*

Link: [Here](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic, right-wing populism, and rising authoritarianism have changed the world of work. Millions are unemployed. Many face malnutrition. Women, migrants, people of colour, and youth have all been disproportionately affected. Some signs of change are emerging. Covid vaccines have been developed and are being distributed, albeit very unevenly. And four years of right-wing populism's grip on the US government has come to an end. Yet, deeper social transformation will require organizing and mobilizing. And it remains to be seen whether other right-wing populist regimes will change.

The question going forward is how we build anew our workplaces and societies based on social justice. What should a new social contract entail? How do we end gender-based violence and racism at work? What is needed to ensure worker organizing for a just transition? How do we organize workers within and across the platform economy? How might we build a more just global economy for supply chain and migrant workers? Finally, how can academics and trade unionists work more effectively together through research and campaigns? To help answer these questions, we call on paper and presentation proposals in seven themes. For all these topics, we consider informality, precarious work, migration, and COVID-19 as cross cutting issues.

- 1. *More Inclusive Social Protection, and Sustainable Development.*** The COVID-19 pandemic has made abundantly clear the failure of social protection schemes across the globe, as fired workers receive inadequate income security and families face growing food insecurity. In a post-pandemic world, there is a need to establish a new social contract from paid leave to health care to create a just and sustainable future. What policies and strategies are most needed to achieve this goal? How can they best be designed to address the needs of the most vulnerable workers (youth, women, migrants, informal sector workers, etc.)?
- 2. *Ending Gender-Based Violence and Racism in the Workplace.*** In October 2017, a global #metoo movement emerged in which women spoke out against sexual harassment and abuse. In 2019, the International Labour Organization centered this issue in the world of work when it adopted Convention 190 against violence and harassment. And in 2020, the Black Lives Matter movement grew exponentially in the US and soon spread across the globe following the police killing of George Floyd. How do we build a movement and develop policies to end gender-based violence and racism in the workplace?
- 3. *Just Transition and Worker Organizing.*** The climate crisis is a global crisis that exacerbates inequalities across countries and within societies across social classes, gender, and race. A failure to address the climate crisis will impact food security, water supply, and the livelihoods of millions of vulnerable workers. The climate crisis is thus a social justice issue and a worker organizing issue. To build worker activism on climate justice, we need more examples of pathways to a just transition in different industries and different sectors. We also need more examples of how we can connect struggles in particular workplaces and with broader demands for system change at national and global levels. Finally, we need examples of how workers can build activism in their trade unions, and also build alliances with other social movements and civil society groups.
- 4. *Organizing Across the Platform: Innovative Strategies for Building Worker Power.*** The rise of the platform is transforming the organisation of work and the employment relationships. Work and employment relations are increasingly controlled by digital technology and organised through digital platforms. The platform economy raises new question on how workers organise, what strategies they adopt to reach their potential numbers, who they target, and what they demand. This track will explore some of the challenges relating to

organising workers in the platform economy. How are diverse workforce demographics and patterns of informality impacted by this form of work? What are some of the examples of successful or innovative organizing strategies across platforms? How can digital technologies used by platforms be mobilised to organise workers and improve their working conditions?

5. ***Migrant Labour.*** Labour migration, both internal and external, has been a feature of the development of capitalist economies for several centuries. Yet, legal regimes and employer practices have made migrant workers vulnerable. Trade unions have played a key part in protecting these workers (while not always immune to anti-migrant sentiments). Building on discussions that began with the March 2021 GLU workshop on trade unions and migrant labour, we want to explore issues such as: What are the challenges facing migrants, trade unions and activists? What are positive and innovative examples of migrant workers organizing and trade union renewal within and across countries?
6. ***Workers' Rights and Organizing Under Authoritarianism.*** Recent years have seen dramatic reversals of democratization process and/or a consolidation of authoritarian rule in countries such as Myanmar, Belarus, Brazil, and China. More than 40% of countries in the world lack full democracy and face substantial economic and political injustice. They are denied the freedom of association, notably the right to organizing and collective bargaining. What are examples of workers fighting for economic justice in an authoritarian setting? How can we build transnational solidarity with them? What political, social, and labour institutions can ensure democratic consolidation? What lessons can be learned from historic struggles against despotic rule in former authoritarian countries?
7. ***Global Supply Chains and Industrial Policy; and Embedded Research.*** The COVID-19 pandemic illustrates the importance of joining action-oriented research and advocacy work on Global Supply Chain and industrial policy. What are some of the challenges facing workers (including women, informal, migrant, and other vulnerable workers) in Global Supply Chains and how have they been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic? What role do e-commerce (e.g., Amazon) and finance play in shaping the dynamics of production and distribution, and what industrial policies are needed to ensure decent work? How might we increase and improve the labour-academic collaborations to contribute to better conditions of work and stronger worker organizations more effectively? How might we also include workers and their organizations in the design and implementation of our research projects through 'embedded research'?

We welcome submissions for papers and presentations on any of these themes. While we encourage submissions that broadly fit into the themes, we will also consider proposals that do not fit directly into one of the themes if they address the broad focus of the conference. Please indicate which theme your presentation or paper addresses with your abstract submission. The GLU encourages policy-orientated research and therefore welcomes submissions that not only analyze problems, but also offer some policy initiatives and solutions for debate. We are particularly interested in panel, plenary and/or roundtable proposals that bring together labour and scholars. One plenary we would like to organize is on whether Covid 19 is triggering ways in how capitalism is organized. This might be followed by a publication on this topic. For academic abstracts, please include your methodological approach. Please send a one-page paper, presentation or panel proposals by September 1, 2021 to Abigail Cluster at <amk5977@psu.edu>.

2021 Global Divisions Sessions

Revolutionary Sociology: Truth, Healing, Reparations and Restructuring

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The following message regarding the SSSP 2021 annual meeting was taken directly from the SSSP Website:

SSSP In-person Annual Meeting is cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic - Join us for the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting.

In light of the American Sociological Association's (ASA) cancellation of their in-person annual meeting in Chicago, and given our concern for our members' health and safety, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel the SSSP's in-person 2021 Annual Meeting, and move to an all-virtual meeting. This move is facilitated by the fact that we were planning for a hybrid meeting, with both in-person and virtual sessions, but this pivot still requires substantial work that has already started. As the planning for the virtual meeting proceeds, we will be in touch periodically with updates and details.

We are all disappointed, given the importance of an in-person meeting to the Society and its members, but we believe that this is in the best interest of the organization, its members, and staff. Please stay safe.

See the Virtual Preliminary Program [here](#).