Social Problems and Global Issues

SSSP Global Division Newsletter Fall 2018

Dear Global Division members,

It is mid-October, so I expect that many of us are now feeling the full weight of the semester. And I bet that I'm not alone in being completely distracted by political news at this busy time. Just this weekend Brett Kavanaugh was sworn in as Justice of the Supreme Court, Brazil inched closer to electing far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro to the Presidency, and the UN released a major report outlining the impending environmental catastrophe by 2040. (And by the time this newsletter reaches you, I fully expect something else equally as tragic to be in the headlines.) While national-level politics appear to be moving to the right in many contexts, we know that the struggle for social justice remains vibrant at local levels. Seeking out that perspective—be it through our research, teaching, or work in the community—is one way to remain engaged and inspired in these difficult times.

Next August 9th-11th, I am confident that we'll be inspired as we meet and share our work at the SSSP Annual meeting in NYC. The theme of the conference is: "Illuminating the Social in Social Problems." SSSP President Nancy Mezey explains that this theme highlights the need to move away from individualist models of addressing problems and instead adopt a social structural perspective. The CFP will be opening soon online. Papers can be submitted through January 31st. The Global Division is sponsoring 10 sessions, covering an array of topics including two sole sponsored sessions focused on 1) the politics of asylum and survival of refugees, and 2) democracy, populism, and social justice movements. Please see the details about all 10 sessions in this newsletter.

I want to thank our volunteers who have agreed to serve on our Division's Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (Phi Hong Su serving as committee chair, Kristopher Velasco, Praveena Lakshmanan) and our Global Division Outstanding Book Award (Z. Fareen Parvez serving as committee chair, Manjusha Nair, Apoorva Ghosh, and Mabel Ho) for the coming year. We've included the full details of these awards and the submission process in this newsletter for your convenience. And one more bit of gratitude: thank you Bradley Williams for preparing this newsletter and helping the Global Division make our first step into the world of social media (see page X for details).

Finally, I'd like to also plant a seed for you to consider running to be our next Division Chair. It's an opportunity to serve and shape SSSP in a meaningful way. This position is open to folks at any stage in their career and the term will last from August 2019- August 2021. Please let me know if you're considering running for this position. Additionally, I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.

Warmly,

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MEMBER NEWS

Bandana Purkayastha (University of Connecticut) and **Anjana Narayan** (Cal Poly Pomona) and I are co-ordinating an international, interdisciplinary research project on women living Hinduism and Islam in the US, India, and Pakistan (i.e. societies in which these groups are part of the majorities or minorities). A key objective of the project is to develop better methodologies for studying how women live these religions.

Bandana Purkayastha has been elected to the executive committee of International Sociological Association. ISA is an organization with members from 126 countries and is centrally committed to developing global dialogs, including in multiple languages. <a href="https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/about-isa/executive-committee/executive-committee-executive-ex

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Chaudhuri, Soma, Preethi Krishnan, & Mangala Subramaniam (equal authors). "Mainstreaming Gender, Endangered, Ungendered? Analysis of Media Reports of 2012 Case of Rape in India." *Advances in Gender Research*, forthcoming.

Special Issue of *Current Sociology*: "Migration, Migrants, and Human Security." Volume 66, Issue 2. This issue includes an introductory theoretical framework for studying migration, migrants, and human security. Written by **Bandana Pukayastha**. Also includes articles by scholars from India, Pakistan, Kenya, UAE, Japan, UK, Taiwan, South Africa, and the US, on internal and international migration, on migrants, refugees, IDPs and trafficked persons.

Palmer, Zachary D. and Mangala Subramaniam. "Abstract Egalitarianism and Men as Victims: Strategic Choice of Frames by Men's Rights Organizations." *International Social Science Journal*, online first August 8,2018

Purkayastha, Bandana and Farhan Navid Yousaf, *Human Trafficking: Trade for sex, labor and Organs*, coming in December 2018.

Velasco, Kristopher. 2018. "Human Rights INGOs, LGBT INGOs, and LGBT Policy Diffusion, 1991-2015". Social Forces 97(1): 377-404.

Wonders, Nancy A. 2018. "Climate Change, the Production of Gendered Insecurity, and Slow Intimate Partner Violence." Pps. 34-51in Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Sandra Walklate, Jude McCullloch, and JaneMaree Maher (eds.), *Intimate Partner Violence, Risk and Security: Securing Women's Lives in a Global World*. New York: Routledge.



CALLS FOR PUBLICATIONS

Cities of the Arab World: Theory, Investigation, Critique

February 14-16, 2019

Global Urban Studies Program

Michigan State University

Contemporary Arab cities are dynamic entities within and through which larger national, regional and global political-economic, technological and cultural forces interact. Global discourses of urban development and redevelopment, for example, contribute to traumatic dislocations in predictable ways, but also open new pathways to power and new dynamics of place- and community-making as local forces turn such discourses to their own purposes. Social conflict and war, too, have their own political economies and logics of creation and destruction, as politicians and profiteers speculate, and rebels and refugees improvise and innovate survival strategies and new forms of self-government. Reconstruction further reorganizes urban space and economic opportunity, as it gives rise to new and innovative approaches to urban planning, architecture and heritage preservation. Burgeoning creative scenes introduce new aesthetics and make possible new identities and forms of resistance. At the same time, they commodify culture and anchor emergent art markets with increasingly global connections. Just as Kurds, Copts, Armenians and Chaldeans have contributed to the creative flux of Arab cities, contemporary migrants from the Arab world have created hybrid cultural and political formations and new linguistic landscapes as migrants adapt to and alter metropolitan spaces around the world.

This conference seeks papers that explore the complexities and contradictions of Arab cities and Arab urban communities around the world. Organizers seek theoretically driven, holistic and historically grounded individual and comparative studies that explore both significant challenges and the creative resilience in meeting those challenges in Arab cities and communities. Through concrete case studies, comparisons and ethnographies, participating scholars are asked to attend to the discourses, power structures, institutions, technologies, and strategies shaping Arab cities and communities, as well as the political-economic and socio-cultural forces that drive, benefit from, resist, or are produced by them.

We are particularly interested in papers that focus on the following issues:

- The impact of war, occupation and/or reconstruction on Arab cities.
- Political economies of urban development and redevelopment in Arab cities. Who "owns" the city and with what political, economic or cultural effect?
- Minority communities and their contributions to or marginalization within Arab cities.
- Youth culture, gender, or fashion in Arab cities.
- Climate change and environmental challenges and Arab Cities, including, but not limited to: supply of potable water and sanitation; waste management; transportation; energy consumption; air pollution; and uncontrolled urban growth.
- Linguistic landscapes and hybridities in the Arab world and Arab communities around the world.
- Arab migration and diaspora communities: Identity -, city- and community- making outside the Middle East.
- Representation of Arab cities and urban life in literature and film.
- The city or the urban in Arab political thought and subaltern movements.

We intend to publish conference papers in special issues (or special sections) of peer-reviewed journals and a peer-reviewed edited volume. We ask that participants supply draft papers for circulation by February 2, 2019 for circulation amongst panel participants as a first step in the peer review process.

Transport, accommodation, and meals during the conference will be subsidized by the organizers.

Please submit abstracts for papers (max 300 words) and a CV to Dr. Najib Hourani at houranin@msu.eduwith the subject line "Arab Cities 2019 Abstract."

The deadline for abstract submission is October 5, 2018

Approaches to Sustainable Development in Southeast Asia - Research & Action

Dates: December 17-19, 2018

Venue: Southern Institute of Social Sciences, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Overview and objectives: The Southern Institute of Social Sciences (SISS) (HCMC), in collaboration with the Asia Center, University of Utah, and generously supported by a Henry Luce Foundation grant to the Mekong Region Development Research Group, is organizing a 2.5 day symposium of scholarly presentation and discussion of leading edge research and action approaches to sustainable development (SD) across communities of Southeast Asia. The goals of the symposium are to create a collaborative community of scholars interested in addressing SD challenges through research and action, and to foster interdisciplinary knowledge and conversations on ways to conceptualize, conduct, and translate research into policy and practice around SD in the region. The symposium organizers will seek venues for publication of symposium proceedings in order to disseminate select symposium papers to a wider audience of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.

The first two days of the symposium will consist of two keynotes, 2-4 paper sessions comprised of participants' original research papers, and guided discussions on SD questions submitted by the symposium organizers and participants. The organizers request that interested researchers, from academic, policy, and NGO sectors, submit for consideration original concept or research papers that address approaches and challenges to achieving sustainable forms of development. Case studies documenting community successes in achieving SD, and which can inform ongoing challenges in Vietnam and elsewhere in the Mekong Region, are particularly welcome, as are papers elaborating transboundary development issues. We also welcome papers that take up the following issues in relationship to sustainable development: gender, demography, migration, health, environment and natural resources, transportation and built environment, ethnicity and indigeneity, and culture.

The symposium's primary regional focus will be the Mekong Region countries, however papers that focus upon other regions with parallel development challenges are also welcome.

On the final day of the symposium, participants are invited to take part in a guided field trip to the XaMat border, TanBien district, TayNinh province. We will visit communities that have participated in SISS' ongoing research on transboundary SD issues.

The University of Utah Asia Center, with generous support from the Henry Luce Foundation, will cover the costs of airfare, visa preparation, accommodation and meals for the duration of the symposium.

Submission guidelines: Please submit a title page (including authors and affiliations), paper abstract (up to 250 words) and CV to Ms. Nguyen Minh Chau (minhchauvkhxh@gmail.com) no later than October 1, 2018

CALL FOR SESSIONS:

the STS Conference Graz 2019 is the joint Annual Conference of the Science, Technology and Society Unit - Graz University of Technology, the Inter-Disciplinary Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture (IFZ) and the Institute of Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society (IAS-STS).

In our call for sessions we suggest the following thematic fields and we would like to encourage participants to think outside the box by combining thematic fields and considering potential intersections (interactive sessions formats, such as discussion groups, slow talks, etc. are welcome too).

For submitting your session abstract, please use this <u>online form</u> and send an abstract (max. 500 words) no later than October 31, 2018

TOPIC OF INTEREST TO FOR DIVISION MEMBERS: Gender - Technology - Environment

This area of research particularly focuses on gender and queer-feminist dimensions in science and technology. On the one hand, individual perspectives of actors in the technological field are taken into account; on the other hand, educational, organisational, societal, environmental, and political issues (e.g. the debate of sexism in academia; inlusion of gender criteria in research funding policies) are gaining more and more relevance.

Of special interest for this year's conference are:

- Studies and practical experiences about structural change policies and activities of academia and research to overcome social injustices and increase gender equality and diversity.
- Queer-feminist perspectives on science and technology, including analyses of the reproduction of sexual binaries or reproductions of marginalized/hegemonic positions and 'normalizations' in and through science and technologies.

CALL FOR PAPERS: 'BLACK MIGRATIONS' Symposium

February 7-8, 2019

University of Missouri (MU)

Columbia, MO

Presented by the Department of Black Studies and the Department of Statistics, University of Missouri, Columbia

Migration has played a central role in the histories of Africans and their descendants. For some, migration was entirely voluntary while others were forced to move due to violence, political destabilization, ecological degradation, or other upheavals. Black migrations have also resulted in more diverse and stratified interracial populations that have reshaped the societies of the receiving areas. In more recent periods, scholars have begun exploring the impact out-migration and return migration have had on the development and stability of various majority black societies. In addition, scholars, students, and activists have been examining the relationship between relocation and conceptualizations of blackness.

This two-day symposium will examine black migrations to include relocations within and beyond the US. Symposium organizers seek papers from scholars, students, and activists that discuss various periods and streams of migration that have shaped the histories and contemporary realities of African people and their descendants. Papers exploring the impacts and importance of migration on black populations from all time periods and geographic locations are welcome. Symposium organizers are especially interested in work that addresses the following areas:

- African American Migrations (internal and international)
- Agency of black people within forced migration
- Black migration and family formation/kinship ties
- Black migration and gender
- Black sexuality and migration
- Caribbean, Afro-Latin American, and African migrations worldwide
- · Demographics of black migration: historical and contemporary trends
- Documenting black migrations in the digital age
- Methodologies for modeling migration flows
- Negotiating migrant realities
- · Race, class, and migration
- The migration industry and its impacts on black populations
- Theoretical formulations on black migration and migrant-identity politics

Papers will be presented in English. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes in order to allow time for questions and discussion. Please submit an abstract (Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word) of no more than 250 words to Alphia Hightower (hightowera@missouri.edu). Questions about the symposium can be sent to organizers D.A. Dunkley (dunkleyd@missouri.edu), Tristan Ivory (ivoryt@missouri.edu), or Christopher Wikle (wiklec@missouri.edu). Abstract deadline: November 15, 2018. Notification date: December 1, 2018.

Call for Proposals for a Volume on Gender and Practice

Advances in Gender Research 27 Edited by Vasilikie Demos, Marcia Texler Segal & Kristy Kelly Submission of Abstract for Consideration by Sept. 30, 2018 First Draft Due: December 15, 2018

Publication Date: Late Fall 2019/Early Winter 2020

This call is for submissions in the form of a paragraph or two proposing a chapter for a volume in the AGR book series focusing on gender and practice. We take a broad approach and welcome a range of papers that may relate to any and all forms of practice including those led by practitioners, academics, and activists.

Submissions should be approximately 150 to 500 words. We welcome academic research papers framed by theory and including methodological details and findings. In order to broaden the scope of this volume of AGR and to highlight practice, we also welcome submissions focused on "praxis" or the engagement, application, evaluation or development of applied research, policy, and practitioner tools for bringing women, men or gender into their work. Specific topics of interest include feminist practices for organizational change, policy-making, gender budgeting, program implementation, monitoring and evaluation, teaching and learning about gender, advocacy work, as well as methods and theories for researching gender in practice. We encourage submissions from a broad range of gender and practice fields including feminist movement-building, education, climate change, health, finance, labor relations, employment, immigration, refugees, human rights, political participation, leadership, policy, media, LGBTQ, children and youth, men and masculinities, aging, tourism, law, gender mainstreaming, violence, peace and security, civil society, humanitarian aid and development, urban development, disaster mitigation, multilateral agencies, and historical or comparative perspectives on any of these.

We seek submissions from all countries and regions, but papers must be in English and all work must be submitted as a Word document. The editors will base their decision to publish on editorial and peer review. Proposals and inquiries should be sent to all three editors: Vicky v.demos.agr@gmail.com Marcia mtsegal.agr@gmail.com and Kristy kek72@drexel.edu.

Call for Papers CS 29, September - December 2019

Activist research in the Americas of the 21st century

Deadline for submissions: October 15, 2018

Guest Editor: Roberta Villalon, Ph. D. (Professor, Chair; Sociology & Anthropology Department; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. John's University)

In the 21st century, there has been a gradual return and growing legitimization of Activist Scholarship. Although in its origins at the end of the 19th century the social sciences debated if scientific research of the social had value in itself or should be applied for it to be valuable, in the 20th century an objectivist and abstract turn dominated the deliberation to establish academic rigor based on the degree of separation that research had with the political, economic and social fields. The applied social sciences were separated from the non-applied social sciences, and the difference between the scientific and the humanistic was emphasized - at least in theory. Towards the end of the 20th century, counter-hegemonic feminist and postcolonial critiques regained their strength and, from a marginal space (academically speaking), managed to gradually restore social value and academic rigor to the studies that from their design to their application challenged social inequalities and promoted justice, closing the pre-established gap between academia and community from the notion of apolitical objectivism.

In this historical moment, nationally and transnationally characterized by growing socioeconomic differences, political polarization, armed conflicts and violence, environmental decay, forced migrations, and resistance social movements, activist scholarship becomes fundamental to articulate academic work with social action without compromising its legitimacy or scientific validity. This special issue of Revista CS calls for the submission of original articles that analyze activist research in the Americas of the 21st century with the aim of critically and constructively analyzing methodological strategies for social emancipation and the promotion of equity and justice.

Although the objective of this issue is to highlight the value of academic activism, the articles must also maintain a critical and constructive view of the methodological strategies analyzed in order to improve their application and expand their theoretical implications.

Academic activism is not governed by a definition or fixed rules, since they would go against the organic spirit of the methodology and its feminist and postcolonial theoretical origins. However, academic activism is guided by the following principles: (a) being alert to the power relations generated during the research process; (b) generating and maintaining a democratic and open relationship between researchers and participants; (c) generating a collaborative approach of knowledge production from the recognition of the research participants' power and knowledge, which implies, among other things, the design of research agendas along with the group, conversations throughout the project, evaluations of the study in its term, and collective decisions of publication and implementation of programs or actions; and (d) attending to the political implications and practical applications of the research project in order to promote social changes to dismantle the oppressive conditions that affect the group associated with the study and beyond.

For questions, you can reach cs@icesi.edu.co

CALL FOR JOURNAL SUBMISSIONS

Understanding and Dismantling Privilege. We are an international, open-access, on-line journal with a growing reputation and following. We are an interdisciplinary journal, and seek to bridge academia and the wider social justice community.

We are also currently seeking submissions! Please consider submitting your work (graduate students welcome). Please contact me if you have any questions.

http://www.wpcjournal.com/

SYMPOSIUM ON DISABILITY RIGHTS

"Disability Rights are Human Rights"

February 21 and 22, 2019

UAB - The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Co-hosted by the UAB Institute for Human Rights, UAB Center for Disability Health and Rehabilitation Science, and Lakeshore Foundation

Submission Deadline: October 31, 2018

We invite proposals from graduate and undergraduate students, scholars, educators, advocates, practitioners, clinicians, and professionals on topics related to disability rights, broadly defined. At this year's conference, we invite you to explore the development and implementation of the rights of people with disabilities across the local, regional, national, and international levels. The purpose of this symposium is to serve as a platform for discussion, scholarly exploration, and interaction between various groups interested or involved in promoting the human rights of people with disabilities and the disability rights movement from the local to international level. We especially encourage submissions and participation from individuals and communities whose voices have traditionally been marginalized.

Keynote Speakers

Judith E. "Judy" Heumann is an American disability rights activist. She is a lifelong civil rights advocate for people with disabilities and her work at the World Bank and in the U.S. State Department was instrumental to make disability rights a core component of international development.

John D. Kemp is an American disability rights leader who co-founded the American Association of People with Disabilities and is currently the President & CEO of the Viscardi center and the Henry Viscardi School.

Dr. Victor Santiago Pineda is an urban planner, social entrepreneur, filmmaker and globally recognized disability rights advocate. He founded the Pineda Foundation / World Enabled, a global non-profit that promotes the rights of people with disabilities.

Keller Johnson Thompson was named after her great-great aunt, Helen Keller. She is the Director of Education of the Helen Keller Foundation, a foundation her grandmother helped to establish.

We are seeking abstracts related to the theme of the symposium. We invite both proposals for presentation of academic work as well as for practical, skill-building workshops. Topics include but are not limited to:

- human rights and disability rights advocacy
- disability rights and health (health care, right to health, health disparities)
- disability rights and rehabilitation
- disability rights and economic opportunities (inclusive workforce, equality of opportunity)
- · disability rights and access to education
- disability rights and technology
- policies, programs and services that promote inclusion of people with disabilities
- best practices and models for policy development and disability rights implementation
- academic and theoretical approaches to disability rights
- practical approaches to disability rights implementation
- data collection for disability rights implementation

Abstracts are limited to 250 words. Abstracts are reviewed anonymously by an interdisciplinary program committee and rated based on the following criteria:

importance of the issue or problem addressed; clarity of content; soundness of the methodology and conceptual framework used; substantive findings or recommendations; and relevance to a broad audience.

Those whose abstracts are accepted for presentation will be asked either to give 10-15 minute oral presentations or to present their work in a poster session.

To submit a proposal, navigate to the proposal submission form. The window for submission will be open until October 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. CST.

For questions, please email us at ihr@uab.edu.

GLOBAL DIVISION SPONSORED SESSIONS

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U.S. Human Rights Practic- 1. Global es and their Impacts: Injus-2. tice and Activism in Transnational Perspective-

- Transnational Initiatives Committee
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SSSP Global is searching for a New Division Chair and it could be you!

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This position is open to folks at any stage in their career and the term will last from August 2019- August 2021

Please contact Beth Williford <Beth.Williford@mville.edu> if you are considering running for this position.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY



To specify some of the interests of the IPS board, we have set up a forum in which new topics can be suggested and in addition we currently welcome both theoretical and empirical explorations of the following issues: IR Theory and the sociology of the discipline; Ma-

jor works of various sociologists and their impact on the study of IR; Critical discussion of the notions of frontiers, boundaries and limit; International Political Anthropology of mobility, globalization and confinement zone; Prevention and precaution: securization/desecurization, emancipation, resistance and freedom practices; Implementation of international law in a comparative perspective and impact of international law on the claims of sovereignty or primacy of national interests; Religion and secularism: the vision of the Enlightenment and the postcolonial discussion and religious belief. These themes are not exclusive and other possibilities include works on global patterns of urbanization, international policing, military sociology, political opinion and communication, the sociology of culture, the sociology of political movements, and the transnational effects of the reshaping of national, cultural and religious identities.

GLOBAL SOCIAL THEORY

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https://globalsocialtheory.org/

This site is intended as a free resource for students, teachers, academics, and others interested in social theory and wishing to understand it in global perspective. It emerges from a long-standing concern with the parochiality of standard perspectives on social theory and seeks to provide an introduction to a variety of theorists and theories from around the world. The site is organised by Gurminder K Bhambra with web design and support by Pat Lockley. If you have suggestions for who or what needs to be added, please get in touch with Dr. Bhambra (g.k.bhambra@warwick.ac.uk).

Social Problems

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