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GATS in Atlanta

This month at the 105th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Atlanta, the ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology (GATS) is pleased to make several important announcements.

First, we will hold our annual business meeting on Monday, August 16, 4:30pm - 6:10 PM in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. GATS encourages everyone to participate and help set the agenda for our 2011 sessions and activities. Second, we will celebrate the winners of our section awards and introduce their work at the meeting (see page 2). We will also review

Global and Transnational Sociology Section-in-Formation Meeting
Aug 16, 4:30-6:10 PM
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

the achievements of our committees, thank their members for their work, and organize the committees for the following year.

George Ritzer, our first section chair, will pass on the baton to George Thomas who will be our chair in 2010-11. Also, come

and congratulate Sarah Babb of Boston College who was recently elected section chair for 2011-12.

We are also looking for greater student involvement in Atlanta and beyond. We would like students to join the **Student Committee** to suggest activities and programs, recruit other students to the section, and have some fun. Come to the business meeting in Atlanta or contact Heather Hurwitz hurwitz@umail.ucsb.edu to get involved!

In addition, we will be looking for the next Global Transnational Section Student Outreach Coordinator. Come to the business meeting and volunteer (or email pjrey.soc@gmail.com). The position involves planning student activities for the section, writing announcements for the newsletters. It's a great way to meet other Global Transnational students and scholars. Looks great on your CV!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the summer issue of the GATS Newsletter.

The annual meeting of the ASA is just a few days away. As mentioned on the first page, we will be holding several important events in Atlanta. While these events, to some, may simply seem regular business events, they should be more exciting, we hope, than mere pleasures of witnessing administration. Still in its infancy, our section has greater room for including your vision while we collectively shape its future.

In the summer of 2003, I recall, while completing my book, I was looking for community in ASA's sections. Having read and reviewed an incredibly complex and varied literature on globalization, I was surprised that my search for the term "global" in more than forty ASA sections resulted in, well, nothing. But a community of global sociologists has now materialized, and it needs your participation. We are proud to be the one and only section with the term "global" in its title!

We are approaching a strong and growing membership of 500 scholars, as we officially become a section this year on October 1, allowing us to organize our first sessions in 2011.

Before I end this note, I would like to offer my thanks to P.J. Rey for his tremendous service without which it would not have been possible to publish this newsletter. He will remain part of the GATS community even as he relinquishes his responsibilities as co-editor of the newsletter. To fill in the void created by PJ's departure, I welcome Shehzad Nadeem, Assistant Professor at Lehman College, City University of New York, to be my co-editor. Welcome aboard, Shehzad!

A. Aneesh



Section Awards

The ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology is pleased to announce the distinguished winners of this year's section awards.

Distinguished Career Award

Roland Robertson

Chair in Sociology and Global Society,
University of Aberdeen, Scotland



Committee: Colin Beck; David John Frank; and Ann Hironaka

Best Scholarly Book Award



Terrence C. Halliday and Bruce G. Carruthers.

Bankrupt:

Global Lawmaking and Systemic Financial Crisis (Stanford University Press 2009)

Committee: Nitsan Chorev; Heather Hurwitz; and Simone Pulver

Best Scholarly Article Award

Kiyoteru Tsutsui and Hwa Ji Shin

"Global Norms, Local Activism, and Social Movement Outcomes: Global Human Rights and Resident Koreans in Japan." *Social Problems* 55: 391-418 (2008).

Committee: Sara Curran; Rachel Sullivan Robinson, and Miriam Abu Sharkh

Best Publication Award by an International Scholar

Max Haller, Roger Jowell, and Tom W. Smith, editors.

The International Social Survey Programme, 1984-2009: Charting the Globe (Routledge 2009).

Committee: Elizabeth Heger Boyle; Katja M. Guenther; and Joachim Savelsberg



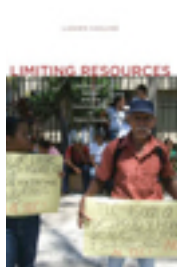
Best Publication by a Graduate Student

Patricia Bromley and Susan Garnett Russell

"The Holocaust as History and Human Rights: A Cross-National Analysis of Holocaust Education in Social Science Textbooks, 1970-2008." *Prospects* 153 (2010).

Committee: Salvatore Babones; Andrew Jorgenson; and Matt Mathias

Stay tuned for more details on section awards in our fall issue



Hot off the Press

Books by section members

Heather Gautney. 2009. *Protest and Organization in the Alternative Globalization Era*. Palgrave Macmillan

LaDawn Haglund. 2010. *Limiting Resources: Market-Led Reform and the Transformation of Public Goods*. Penn State University Press.

Daniel Levy and Natan. 2010. "Sznajder Human Rights and Memory" Penn State University Press

Maria Todorova and Zsuzsa Gille (eds). 2010. *Post-communist Nostalgia*. Berghahn Press

Katja Guenther. 2010. *Making Their Place: Feminism After Socialism in Eastern Germany*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Kim Scipes. 2010. *AFL-CIO's Secret War on Developing Country Workers: Solidarity or Sabotage?* Lexington Books in September 2010.

Articles by section members

Leslie K. Wang published "Importing Western Childhoods Into a Chinese State-Run Orphanage" in *Qualitative Sociology* (2010, 33, 2: 137-159)

Asma A. Hussain and Marc J. Ventresca. 2010. "Formal organizing and transnational communities: evidence

from global finance governance associations, 1879–2006." in Marie-Laure Djelic and Sigrid Quack (eds), *Transnational Communities: Shaping Global Economic Governance*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 153-173

A. Aneesh. 2010. "Bloody Language: Clashes and Constructions of Linguistic Nationalism in India." *Sociological Forum* 25:86-109.

Announcements

13th Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality

International Essay Competition and Workshop organized by the Irmgard Coninx Foundation, the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), and Humboldt-University Berlin, on the topic:

Health Politics in an Interconnected World: The Production of Evidence - Negotiating Access - The Politics of Locality

Berlin 1 - 5 December, 2010

Deadline for essay submission: 3 September, 2010

For a detailed conference outline and background paper, please see: <http://www.irmgard-coninx-stiftung.de/index.php?id=234>

Workshop participation in Berlin

Up to 50 successful applicants of the essay competition will be invited to discuss their research with prominent scholars at the Social Science Research Center Berlin. The Irmgard Coninx foundation will cover the costs for travel and accommodation.

Evening lectures will be held by Helen Epstein (author, New York) and Thomas

Pogge (Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University).

Irmgard Coninx Research Grant

An international jury will award three three-months fellowships to be used for research in Berlin. The Grant includes a monthly stipend of EUR 1,000 plus accommodation. For details please visit our website: www.irmgard-coninx-stiftung.de For inquiries please contact us: info@irmgard-coninx-stiftung.de

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Position at American University Washington, DC

American University, College of Arts and Sciences: The Department of Sociology invites applications for a one-year, full-time temporary position at the rank of Professorial Lecturer beginning Fall 2010, for the 2010-2011 academic year. Applicants must have a PhD degree and a concentration in either global sociology or social inequality is strongly preferred. The teaching load is three courses per semester and demonstrated effectiveness in teaching undergraduates is essential. The selected applicant will teach courses from among the following; Global Sociology, Views From the Third World, Inequality: Class, Race Ethnicity, and American Society.

Consideration of applications will begin July 19, 2010 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should send a letter describing their teaching and research interests and including a curriculum vitae, copies of teaching evaluations (if available), and three letters



of recommendation to: Search Committee, Department of Sociology, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016-8072. American University is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer committed to a diverse faculty, staff, and student body. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. American University offers employee benefits to same-sex domestic partners of employees and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation / preference and gender identity / expression.

Position at University of Massachusetts-Amherst

The Department of Sociology and the Labor Center invite applications for an Assistant Professor tenure-track position to be appointed Fall 2011. We are searching broadly for candidates with scholarly expertise in the sociology of work, labor movements and cognate fields. Possible areas of focus might include: globalization, immigration, political economy, public policy, labor history and law, organizing and collective bargaining. The ideal candidate would be broadly trained, have a record of scholarly publications, as well as experience with labor movements. The Labor Center offers a professional MS and the successful candidate will make teaching contributions to that curriculum. Sociology has strong research, graduate and undergraduate programs, and contributions to each are expected. The University has excellent work-life policies in

place. Applicants should have firm expectations of a completed Ph.D. by September 2011 and be eager to join an intellectually lively, diverse, growing department. Applications received before October 1st will receive full consideration. Applications should include a CV, letter of application, publications or samples of written work, and three letters of reference. Electronic applications are strongly preferred and can be accessed at <https://academicjobsonline.org>. Paper submissions can be sent to Maureen Warner, Sociology Department, 716 Thompson Hall, 200 Hicks Way, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-9277. The University of Massachusetts is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, and encourages minorities and women to apply.

International Feminist Journal of Politics - Call for Editors

International Feminist Journal of Politics seeks applications from scholars in the fields of feminist and women's studies, interested in taking up co-editorship roles on the journal from July 1, 2011. *IFjP*, which was launched in 1999, publishes original scholarship engaging with topics at the intersections of politics, international relations and women's studies and is edited by a team of three main co-editors, one of whom is responsible for the institutional home base of the journal, and three sections editors.

The 2011 editorial transition involves all members of the editorial team, including the three main co-editors as well

as the section editors. The appointments will be decided by an international selection committee composed of the current three co-editors, three Board members and two external appointments.

Filling the three main co-editorship posts is our priority. In this regard, joint applications from teams of three individuals are particularly encouraged. Individuals are welcome to apply but should recognise that the selection committee seeks to make a minimum of three appointments, so if successful they will be appointed simultaneously with two others with whom they must be prepared to carry out editing duties. Historically, *IFjP* has operated with three main editors who are located at different institutions and on different continents. Further, one of the new co-editors will be expected to take over the institutional base for the journal, currently housed at York University, Canada, with the aid of a financial contribution towards editorial assistance from the publishers Taylor & Francis.

Full team applications - for not only the three editor roles but also the three sections editor positions (two for Conversations, one for Book Reviews) - are also encouraged. We particularly welcome applications from underrepresented or socially marginalised groups. Moreover, applications for the three main co-editorships are required to have at least one member in/ from the Global South.

IFjP publishes four issues per year and its international

editorial board features leading feminist scholars from across the world. The articles it publishes focus on the broadest range of feminist topics in international studies. The important editorial qualities we seek are a high level of commitment to collaborative journal work and the best standards of peer reviewed publishing, along with significant achievements in feminist scholarship.

Application packages should include CVs and a statement outlining what individuals would bring to the editing role, particularly in terms of the journal's international remit. They should also signal any institutional support, including time allowance for journal work and available university resources, with particular attention paid in this regard to the location of the institutional base of the journal. It should be noted, however, that the availability of resources will not be allowed to trump considerations of academic excellence and international representation.

Prospective applicants who wish to have informal discussions with the current co-editors are welcome to contact them by e-mail: Sandra Whitworth (sandraw@yorku.ca); Catherine Eschle (catherine.eschle@strath.ac.uk) and Teresia Teaiwa (Teresia.Teaiwa@vuw.ac.nz).

The final deadline is September 1, 2010. All applications should be submitted electronically to International Feminist Journal of Politics, ifjp@yorku.ca

Section Information

George Thomas, Chair 2010-11



George M. Thomas (Ph.D. Sociology, Stanford University) is Professor of Global Studies in the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University. For 2010/2011 he is Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia.

He studies world cultural processes, their constitutive effects on authority and identity, and movements that engage these processes. Current projects include analyses of (1) accounts by international organizations of catastrophes, collapses, and chronic failures, (2) "new religious orthodoxies" or how religious individuals and groups engage global rationalism/instrumentality, (3) the role of NGOs in climate change global politics, and (4) contentions over religious rights with a focus on school systems.

He is co-editor of *Constructing World Culture: International Nongovernmental Organizations Since 1875* (with John Boli, Stanford University Press) and is author of *Revivalism and Cultural Change* (University of Chicago Press). He has published in the *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *International Political Sociology*, *Journal of Human Rights*, and *Journal of Civil Society*.

Section Officers 2010-11

George Thomas — Chair
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Roland Robertson — Council Member
Jackie Smith — Council Member
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Malcolm Fairbrother — Webmaster

Sarah Babb has been elected as section chair for the year 2011-12. "Over the next two years," she says, "she looks forward to finding out what global and transnational sociology is." Welcome aboard, Sarah! We, too, are in the "figuring out" stage.

Newsletter

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