Introduction
Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section’s vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2021 to August 2022 and a fiscal year from January 2022 to December 2022. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance
Provide details of your Section’s governance activity during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Business Meeting
Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Comparative Historical Sociology Section
Business Meeting, 2022
August 6 at 10:00 am, LACC
Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association

Welcome from Nitsan Chorev, who reviewed the agenda for this meeting: she will start acknowledgements, then awards, and then move on to a discussion to follow up on Town Halls about what we do next.

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Thank all council members: Didem Turkoglu (secretary-treasurer), Sarah Quinn (incoming chair), Mabel Berezin, Aliza Luft, Adam Slez, Karida Brown, Marco Garrido, Anna Skarpelis, Robert Braun, Yueran Zhang (student rep), Kristin Foringer (student rep)

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AWARDS ARE GIVEN OUT

The Ibn Khaldun Distinguished Career Award was presented by committee member Cedric De Leon to winner Evelyn Nakano Glenn. The committee also included Jose Itzigsohn (Chair) and Ann Orloff.

The Barrington Moore Book Award was presented by: Elisabeth Clemens (Chair) on behalf of committee members Yuen Yuen Ang and Victoria Reyes. The winner was Joachim J. Savelsberg for Knowing about Genocide: Armenian Suffering and Epistemic Struggles (University of California Press, 2021). An Honorable Mention was given to Christy Thornton for Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy (University of California Press, 2021).

The Charles Tilly Article Award was given by Sarah Quinn on behalf of the Committee: Hana Brown (Chair), John N. Robinson III, and Robert Braun. The winner was Yang Zhang for “Why Elites Rebel: Elite Insurrections During the Taiping Civil War in China” (American Journal of Sociology). Honorable mentions were given to Benjamin Bradlow for “Embedded Cohesion: Regimes of Urban Public Goods Distribution” (Theory and Society) and Daniel Hirschman for “Rediscovering The 1%: Knowledge Infrastructures and The Stylized Facts of Inequality.” American Journal of Sociology.

Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award was given by committee chair Ali Kadivar. The other committee members were Jonah Stuart Brundage and Wen Xie. The winner was Jen Triplett for “Articulating the Pueblo Cubano: Women’s Politicization and Productivity in Revolutionary Cuba, 1959” (Published at the American Sociological Review). Honorable mention went to Mary Shi (UC-Berkeley) for “‘Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished:’ The Public Lands, Settler Colonialism, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States.”

The Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award was given by Carly R. Knight on behalf of committee members Yael Berda and Benjamin Bradlow. The winner was Wan-Zi Lu for “Body Politics: Morals, Markets, and Mobilization of Organ Donation.”

GENERAL SECTION BUSINESS

Nitsan Chorev provided an update on what the council did over the last year

- We had a number of meetings, including Townhall meetings where we listened to members to understand frustrations, desires and needs
- We made a timeline that describes the issues that came up around the Ibn Khaldun award and last year’s Business Meeting
- We set a goal to make sure that members are not marginalized, silenced or unwelcomed, and the mini-conference and ASA program were designed to be a more open path forward
- By the end of the Townhall meetings, and council meetings, we had a list of exciting opportunities and ideas. This year the council is forming two subcommittees -- one on policy reform, one on communication -- to implement those changes.
- What else we can we do to make you know that CH is your intellectual home and community?
Discussion/comments from the members:

- Are policies and procedures the best way we move through this? It’s also about publishing and how we treat each other. What people want is to be respected.
- This year’s awards show that we are moving in a direction of respecting difference, but has concerns about the top-down nature of committee organized via the council, what we need is a forum where there can be feedback, with graduate student presence.
- Townhalls are a good thing to continue for feedback and accountability.
- An idea for townhall: a discussion where we talk about the section award winners.
- Nitsan Chorev responds that we can do this with CHAT.
- CHAT is not limited to sociology, so this might not be the best fit.
- Sarah Quinn: We understand concerns about committees because they are so often used to thwart change, but we do hope to use these to more effectively enact change, and to provide a system of accountability and transparency for the council.

Nitsan Chorev closed the meeting, and the position of Chair is officially passed to Sarah Quinn.

Council Meeting
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Comparative Historical Sociology Council Meeting
August 6, 2022 at 7:00 am LACC
Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association

In attendance: Nitsan Chorev, Aliza Luft, Alexandre White, Kristina E. Lee, Maryam Alemzadeh, Peter Ore, Sarah Quinn, A. Skarpelis

MINUTES

We open with introductions.

Nitsan discussed the crisis of last year, and the response from the council in trying to make amends and build a more inclusive section. She noted that one of the tasks before us is to talk more with non-council members; and that the switch from last year to this year is the move from discussing what should be done to actually doing it.

Kristina Lee asked for clarification about what happened last year, and Aliza Luft provided a more detailed summary. Anna added that there were concerns in committees, even before that, of more junior scholars being dismissed.

We discussed the proposed committee structure next year, based on last year’s council emails, in which the group divides up tasks into two main sets handled by a policy committee and a communications committee. Sarah passed around a sign-up sheet.
Skarpelis asked about publications and writing standards for publishing work with cases from outside of the U.S. Aliza noted that ASR is working on this, someone noted that we could perhaps make a list of reviewers to send around to many journals, Anna noted that some work on this had already started. The group agreed that we could do this as part of publications or communications.

The council reviewed the agenda for business meeting and talked about committee structures, noting that awards will be populated by people outside of the council to free up council members to work on these other issues.

Awards
Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

**Ibn Khaldun Distinguished Career Award**
The section presents the Ibn Khaldun Distinguished Career Award every year in order to recognize a lifetime of outstanding contributions to the subfield of comparative-historical sociology.

Committee: Jose Itzigsohn (Chair, Brown University), Ann Orloff (Northwestern University), Cedric de Leon (UMass Amhrest)

Winner: Evelyn Nakano Glenn (UC Berkeley)

**Barrington Moore Book Award**
The section presents the Barrington Moore Book Award every year to the best book in the area of comparative-historical sociology.

Committee: Elisabeth Clemens (Chair, University of Chicago), Yuen Yuen Ang (University of Michigan), Victoria Reyes (University of California, Riverside)

Winner: Joachim J. Savelsberg (U. of Minnesota) for *Knowing about Genocide: Armenian Suffering and Epistemic Struggles* (University of California Press, 2021)

Honorable Mention: Christy Thornton (Johns Hopkins University) for *Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy* (University of California Press, 2021)

**Charles Tilly Article Award**
The section presents the Charles Tilly Article Award every year to the best article in the subfield of comparative-historical sociology.

Committee: Hana Brown (Chair, Wake Forest University), John N. Robinson III (Princeton University), Robert Braun (University of California, Berkeley)


Honorable mention: Daniel Hirschman (Brown University) for "Rediscovering The 1%: Knowledge Infrastructures and The Stylized Facts of Inequality." *American Journal of Sociology.*

**Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award**
The section presents the Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award every year to the best graduate student paper in the subfield of comparative-historical sociology.

Committee: Ali Kadivar (Chair, Boston College), Jonah Stuart Brundage (University of Michigan), Wen Xie (Peking University)

Winner: Jen Triplett (U. of Michigan) for “Articulating the Pueblo Cubano: Women’s Politicization and Productivity in Revolutionary Cuba, 1959.” (Published at the American Sociological Review)

Honorable mention: Mary Shi (UC-Berkeley) for “‘Until Indian title shall be... fairly extinguished:’ The Public Lands, Settler Colonialism, and Early Government Promotion of Infrastructure in the United States.”

Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award

The section presents the Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award every year to the best doctoral dissertation in the area of comparative-historical sociology.

Committee: Carly R. Knight (Chair, New York University), Yael Berda (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Benjamin Bradlow (Harvard University)


2022 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2022 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2022. Please account for any substantive differences.

As of September 30, 2022, our total income has been $3110. $612 came from membership dues while section allocation included $2498.

In terms of expenses, we spent $4210. This includes $1935 for the meeting reception and mentoring event, $153 for the website maintenance, $284 for award expenses (plaques), and $1837 for catering at the mini conference. For the mini-conference, we had allocated $3000 so the final bill came out quite under budget. We originally budgeted $2000 for the ASA reception and ended up paying $1,424.41 so that also came under budget. We also allocated $500 for Bendix award (which has not yet been but will be deducted from the budget).

Our net balance was $6858 by the end of September. Adding reimbursements for website maintenance for $152.5 means that by November 15th, our balance will be $6705.5. After sending the Bendix award the final tally will be $6205.5.

Summary: We will leave $6205.5 for the next year.

We have 698 members.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2021 and August 2022.

Provide an overview of the Section’s communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

The best way to describe the section activities last year is by attaching the Timeline prepared by the Council that traces the events from August 2021 until February 2022 in detail (attached).
The Timeline was circulated to all CHS members ahead of a Townhall meeting that took place in March 2022 (minutes attached).

The Section encountered a real crisis and the Council spent the year engaging with the members in an attempt to overcome the crisis and address members’ real concerns. As outlined in the Timeline, we had a large number of Council meetings and two Townhall meetings. The ASA program (see below) was also a reflection of what organizers believed was of interest to members and an attempt to address some of the concerns through intellectual engagement.

Describe the Section’s diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

The CHS section faced this year explicit accusations of hostility, exclusion, and marginalization – as experienced by people of color and/or people affiliated with “less prestigious” institutions. The issue was explicitly discussed in the two Townhalls. In response, the Council first apologized for previous actions and discussed with members steps to move forward. The composition of committees, nominees for positions, and the topics and organizers of sessions all reflected a commitment for diversity.

Provide an overview of the section’s programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

**Collective Memory, (De)commemoration, and Selective Forgetting**

For many, the past remains a passionately contested terrain. Commemoration, memorialization and the artefacts they produce are as much about remembering as they are about forgetting. They are the building blocks of collective memories and can mark power and domination, or diversity and inclusion. Therefore, social change may require altering our understanding of the past, including by removing statues, replacing names, and other means that erase, replace or rewrite the canonical past. This session welcomes submissions discussing the politics of memory and commemoration but especially of replacing, forgetting and decommemorating.

Organized by: Angela Gonzales, Arizona State University

**Understanding Racial Orders from Global-Historical Perspectives (Joint w GATS)**

Racialism, as defined by Cedric J. Robinson in his 1983 book Black Marxism, is the legitimation and corroboration of social organization as natural by reference to the “racial” components of its elements. In that book, Robinson argued that racial capitalism emerged within the feudal order and flowered in the cultural soil of a Western civilization already thoroughly infused with racialism, producing a modern world system dependent on slavery, violence, imperialism, and genocide. Robinson’s analysis identifies the inherently racial nature of capitalism, but it also brings to the fore the presence of other racial political-economic orders, that existed before the capitalist world order. In contrast, W.E.B Du Bois arguably sees racialism as uniquely a capitalist construction, which invites us to understand pre-capitalist systems of difference using other analytical lenses. This session welcomes submissions discussing racial political-economic orders from a global-historical perspective. What is unique about racial capitalism? Can we speak of racialized orders outside capitalism? What are the logics of difference that characterize socialism, say, or pre-modern systems? How should we consider variations over time and geography within the racial capitalist order? And how do these logics inform each other? In short, what new insights can we develop on race and racism by introducing global-historical perspectives to the study of racial orders? (Joint session with Global Transnational Sociology.)
Digitalization, Capitalism and Authoritarianism (joint w GATS)

Digital technology, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and big data have transformed social relations, economic behavior and political power under capitalism and authoritarianism. Terms such as "surveillance capitalism" and "digital dictatorship" convey the fundamental impacts of data-driven technology on the mechanisms and institutions of power. At the same time, digitally-mediated social movements, popular protests, labor resistance, racial justice and environmental struggles have reconfigured the landscape and potential of civil society. This session welcomes submissions using a global, transnational, comparative and historical perspective to examine the variegated and uneven relationships between digital technology and power in different parts of the world, economic sectors, regime types and historical periods.

Organized by: Ching Kwan Lee, University of California-Los Angeles, Nitsan Chorev, Brown University

Comparative and/or Historical Sociology: Open Session

Organized by: Zophia Y Edwards, Providence College, Irene Pang, Simon Fraser University

Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology Roundtables

This year we're devoting a full session and more time for roundtables. Comparative and/or historical sociology here is broadly defined. Do consider submitting papers to this session independently of whether or not you submit the paper to "regular" panels, and whether or not you submit the paper to CHS panels.

Organized by: Nicholas Wilson, Stony Brook University

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The topics of the sessions were designed to address issues that were of great concern to CHS members this year, including how to think with today’s sensibilities on historical ideas, and how to do comparative historical sociology from a global perspective.

In addition, we organized a mini-conference on on "Engaging History: Legacies, Omissions, and New Directions in Comparative Historical Sociology." We also had a mentoring event. And a reception.

Provide an overview of the Section’s programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

In addition to the activities described above, we published a newsletter. And kept a website and a blog active.

http://chs.asa-comparative-historical.org/