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 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance
Provide details of your Section’s governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Business Meeting
The business Meeting of the Rationality and Society section took place on August 19, 2023, from 11 to 11:30 am at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. There were 13 members present at the senior members like Willie Jasso, student members like Kristen Tzoc and Ana Macanovic, and incoming chair Emily Erikson.

The meeting agenda was as follows:
1. Announcement of section activities: Here, we discussed ASA sessions including a new format, student roundtables. First, we had a jointly sponsored session with Mathematical Sociology, ‘Mathematical and Computational Approaches to Agency and Social Networks,’ organized by Tony Paik. The session focused on the interplay between agency and social networks through the use of mathematical concepts or computational techniques. Second, Fabien Accominotti organized ‘Situated Decision Making: New Sociological Directions.’ This session comprised papers exploring how new tools and data of computational social science help us to model decision-making behavior; how social networks and relations interact with cognitive and cultural mechanisms in shaping actors’ decisions; and how these dynamics play out in a wide range of empirical cases, from labor and product markets to political processes and life-course decisions. Finally, Maurice Bokanga and Kristen Tzoc organized our first section roundtable. While we did not receive many papers for that session, we hope that we will receive more papers in future years.
2. Announcement of section election results:
   Chair-Elect
   Daniel DellaPosta, Pennsylvania State University.
   Council
   Masayuki Kanai, Senshu University.
   Student Representative
   Manning Zhang, Brandeis University
3. Thanks to the outgoing section leaders for their service:
   Past Chair: Gianluca Manzo, Sorbonne University
Student Representative: Ana Macanovic, Utrecht University
Council Member: Milena Tsvetkova, London School of Economics

4. Announcement of awards and award ceremony (details of winners is below).
5. Discussion of section finances.
6. Announcement of section name change:
   Following discussion from our business meeting in 2022 and vote by the section council, the section leadership has put forward a motion for a change in the section’s name. The motion was presented to the membership in the 2023 election, and the change was approved by the section as well as ASA. In the near future, the section will transition from the title of ‘Rationality and Society’ to ‘Decision-Making, Social Networks, and Society.’

**Council Meeting**

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

In agreement with the incoming chair and new officers, it was decided not to have a physical council meeting and discuss instead collectively discuss any issues via email. The section council had several emails regarding the name change in September 2022. After considerable deliberation, the section chair put the motion to a council vote, and the proposed change was approved via a unanimous vote.

**Awards**

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

**2023 James S. Coleman Outstanding Article Award:**

**Best Graduate Student Paper Award:**
Chen-Shuo Hong, University of Massachusetts for his paper “Cultural Matching in Networks: A Combination of Machine Learning and Exponential Random Graph Models to Examine Homophily in Identity Performance.”

We also have a **honorable mention** for this category, which went to:

**2023 Finances**

Provide a narrative on how the 2023 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2023. Please account for any substantive differences.
The financial statement as of April 30th, 2023, showed a net balance of $3,052. The section base allocation for 2023 finally was $724. In 2023 the section had two expenses: $484 for the section reception in Philadelphia and $230.75 for the award plaques. The section budget allocation thus entirely covered the section expenses in 2023 (net positive balance of about $5), and the final net balance as of September 30, 2023 was 3,292 (the $230.75 for awards has yet to be reimbursed).

The Previous Year
Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

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 section communicated regularly via ASA connect. As we no longer have access to that platform, I cannot report on how many messages were exchanged on the platform.

Section newsletters, edited by members Lucas Sage and Masayuki Kanai, were published in spring and summer 2023. The newsletters include a message from the chair to section as well as a summary of past and upcoming events as well as major publications from the section members. The newsletters can be found here:

https://sites.google.com/site/rationalityandsocietysection/home.

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

The section has a small membership with a history of poor representation of women. In 2021, our section was only twenty-three percent female, the lowest of all ASA sections. Despite this skewed ratio, the chair in 2023, incoming chair, both council members, as well as the student representative are women. This is the result of concerted efforts towards the improvement of representation in section leadership.

The section is continuing in its efforts to improve representation by creating a mentorship program to be started in 2024, establishing student roundtables, and collaborating with the ISA community.

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).

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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.

The section reception was a crucial networking event where section members, in particular PhD students, had the chance to meet senior section members and foster collaboration with members of affine sections having substantive and/or methodological overlaps with Rationality and Society. This reception was organized jointly by the following sections: Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity; Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society; Section on Mathematical Sociology; Section on Methodology; Section on Rationality and Society; Section on Sociology of Emotions; Sociology on History of Sociology and Social Thought; Section on Social Psychology.