

BY-LAWS  
GLOBAL AND TRANSNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY<sup>1</sup>  
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**Purposes**

The Section on Global and Transnational Sociology seeks to facilitate communication, expand networks, and provide a forum for intellectual exchange and debate among global and transnational sociologists, scholars, and teachers. Appropriate to its name, the Section also seeks engagement with scholars from all parts of the world and from disciplines other than sociology that address global and transnational issues. The Section welcomes members of all theoretical persuasions and substantive interests that are encompassed by the broad rubrics of global and transnational research.

**Council and Officers**

The principal governing body of the Section shall be the Council, which shall consist of six members, who serve three year staggered terms and one student member who serves a one year term, all elected by vote of the section members.

The elected Officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Chair-Elect shall serve in that position for one year, followed by one-year terms as Chair and Past Chair. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a three-year term.

Officers shall not succeed themselves. The Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be voting ex officio members of the Council, with the following specific duties: the Chair shall conduct Council meetings, the Chair and Chair-Elect shall co-chair the Program and Activities Committee, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall take and circulate minutes of Council meetings while keeping and presenting official documents and financial records of the Section.

All regular members of the Section are eligible for election as Officers. If an elected office is vacated before the term is completed, it shall be filled for the unexpired term through appointment by the highest ranking officer, subject to confirmation by the Council. In this regard, the ranking of officers shall be Chair, Chair-Elect, Past Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Council may from time to time create other positions to manage Section affairs. The Chair will appoint members to such positions in consultation with other officers and subject to confirmation by the Council.

**Powers of the Council**

The Council is vested with the power to carry out all necessary operations of the Section, acting as representatives of the members of the Section. To that end, it shall meet on the occasion of the ASA Annual Meeting and may meet at other times when more than half of the Council can be assembled, whether in person or through electronic means. The Council shall make decisions by majority rule of its assembled members.

**Referenda**

Questions to be brought before the Section membership for approval may originate with the Council itself (if requested by at least three Council members), by a petition of 10 percent of the

Section membership, or by 25 members of the Section (whichever is less). Any resolution passed by the annual Business Meeting of the Section and not subsequently accepted by the Council shall automatically be submitted to a vote of the Section membership.

### **Elections and Voting**

The elections of the Section shall be carried out in cooperation with the American Sociological Association and coordinated with its schedule. Newly elected officers and Council members shall assume office on September 1 of each year. A simple majority of the members voting for Chair-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer shall determine the outcome. In elections for the Council, the candidates receiving the largest numbers of votes shall be elected. The outcomes of referenda and bylaws revisions submitted for a vote shall be determined by a simple majority of the members who vote.

### **Nomination by Petition**

Members of the Section may be nominated for any office by a petition of ten percent of the members of the Section or 25 members of the Section, whichever is less. The choices of the Nominations Committee for each office shall be made known to the membership at least 60 days prior to the deadline for receiving nominations by petition.

### **Committees**

The section shall have the following standing committees: Program and Activities, Nominations, Student Outreach, and Awards. Other committees (e.g., publications, membership) may be created from time to time by the Council, and the Council may change the name of any committee.

The Program and Activities Committee shall be co-chaired by the Chair and Chair-Elect and have at least four other members. Committee members shall be appointed for staggered two year terms by the Chair-Elect in consultation with the Chair. The committee shall develop sessions for the annual meeting of the ASA, in cooperation with the ASA Program Committee, and initiate and promote other activities in line with the purposes of the Section, subject to the approval of the Council.

The Nominations Committee, appointed each year by the Section Council, shall have at least four members, none of whom is currently serving as a Section officer. No member of the committee shall serve for more than two consecutive years. The Nominations Committee shall present at least two candidates for each office to be voted on by the members of the Section.

There shall be a Student Outreach Committee. Members of the Student Outreach Committee shall be appointed by the Section Chair in consultation with the Council

The Awards Committee shall be appointed by the Chair. The annual awards will be for best scholarly book, best scholarly article, best graduate student paper, and best publication by an international scholar (i.e., a scholar who is neither a U.S. citizen nor affiliated with a U.S.

institution). The best publication by an international scholar award shall alternate yearly between ‘best book’ and ‘best article’ awards. Awards shall have a 2-year window of eligibility, except for the international scholar awards, which shall each have a 3-year window of eligibility. The Council may establish other awards, such as a Distinguished Career Award to recognize a senior scholar’s cumulative achievements, from time to time.

#### **Newsletter Editor and Webmaster**

The Section Chair shall appoint a newsletter editor and webmaster to serve 2-year, renewable terms.

#### **Membership**

Any member of the American Sociological Association, without regard to the classification of membership, may become a member of the Section. Members who do not pay their Section dues shall be suspended, and dropped from the rolls after two years. Scholars and students who are not members of the ASA and are neither citizens nor permanent residents of the USA may request the status of “honorary” member. Honorary members may participate in all activities of the Section but shall not have voting rights or be eligible to hold elected Section positions.

#### **Dues**

Dues shall be set by the Council to cover the operations of the Section in accordance with the requirements of the American Sociological Association.

#### **Amendment of the By-Laws**

Amendment of the Section By-Laws requires, first, discussion of proposed changes at an annual meeting of the Section; second, approval by a majority of the Council (including ex officio members); third, approval of a majority of those voting in a vote submitted to all Section members.