

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Global and Transnational Sociology

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 2024 to August 2025 and a fiscal year from January 2025 to December 2025. This report is shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

Business Meeting

Agenda for GATS Business Meeting, Chicago, August 10, 2025

1. Welcome by Chair, Smitha Radhakrishnan, recap of section events for the year
2. Introduction of new Chair-Elect, Fatma Muge Gocek and recognition of outcoming and incoming elected officers
3. Presentation of section awards:
 - a. Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Committee Chair Katherine Jensen
 - b. Best Paper Award, Committee Representative Jack Jin Gary Lin
 - c. Best Book by an International Scholar Award: Committee Chair, Andy Clarno
 - d. Best Book Award: Committee Chair and Chair-Elect Jyoti Puri
4. Discussion of changes to section allocation for 2026
5. Welcome comments from incoming Chair, Jyoti Puri

Council Meeting

See attachments

Awards

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

Global and Transnational Sociology Best Book by an International Scholar Award

Co-Winners:

Husain, Fauzia. 2024. *The Stigma Matrix: Gender, Globalization, and the Agency of Pakistan's Frontline Women*. Stanford University Press.

Hanieh, Adam. *Crude Capitalism: Oil, Corporate Power, and the Making of a World Market*. Verso Press.

Global and Transnational Sociology Best Scholarly Article Award

Winner

Chang, Andy Scott. 2024. "Masculinity on the Margins: Boundary Work Among Immobile Fathers in Indonesia's Transnational Families," *Social Forces* 102(3): 1048–1067.

Honorable Mentions

Cheong, Amanda R. 2025. "Who counts as a stateless person? Nation-statist logics and the liabilities of potential citizenship elsewhere." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 48(4): 883-905.

Gold, Tomás, and Ann Mische. 2024. "Channeling Antipartisan Contention: Field Structures and Partisan Strategies in a Global Protest Wave, 2008-2016." *American Journal of Sociology*. 129(6): 16601719.

Global and Transnational Sociology Best Graduate Student Paper Award

Co-winners:

Eduardo Cornelius, "Discursive mismatch and globalization by stealth: The fight against corruption in the Brazilian legal field." *Law & Society Review* 57:340-363. 2023.

Xiaogao Zhou, "Care in Transition: Global Norms, Transnational Adaptation, and Family-Centered Gender-Affirming Care in China." *Social Science & Medicine* 344:116658. 2024.

Honorable Mention:

Neha Lund, "Making the Case for Afghan Adjustment: The Racial Politics of Post-War Status Adjustment." *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*:1-15. 2025.

Global and Transnational Sociology Best Scholarly Book Award

Winner:

Quinsaat, Sharon M. *Insurgent Communities: How Protests Create a Filipino Diaspora* (University of Chicago Press, 2024)

Honorable Mentions

Larson, Eric. *Grounding Global Justice: Race, Class, and Grassroots Globalism in the U.S. and Mexico* (University of California Press, 2023)

Long, Yan. *Authoritarian Absorption: The Transnational Remaking of Epidemic Politics in China* (Oxford University Press, 2024), by Yan Long

2025 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2025 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2024. Please account for any substantive differences.

The section had a budget of 10843 USD (including 7332 USD beginning balance plus 2911 USD income). The section spent 369.75 USD on Award Plaques and 112.47 USD on shipping plaques, because several international scholars were unable to attend the annual meeting in person.. We also spent the 827.80 USD dollars approved by council for gift cards to our three co-editors for the newsletter and our webmaster. We paid 2014.26 USD for our co-hosted ASA reception and 792.55 USD for the mentorship event. This left us with 6726.17 USD.

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

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.

We communicate with our members through emails twice a month that include job openings, calls for papers, event announcements, and member publications. During 2024-25, Chair Smitha Radhakrishnan managed the monthly communications. The chair aimed to build community through messages that spoke directly to the membership with a personal note and used color to organize headings and make the emails more readable. In the latter half of the year, following the example of other sections, the chair circulated a Google form to help organize these various kinds of announcements. She then compiled the Google form results into the email.

We also publish two section newsletters per year to our website. Two graduate students, Eylem Taylan and Yagmur Ali Coskun, successfully released two newsletters, Fall and Spring (although these got delayed this year), with messages from the past chair, articles that the graduate student editors source from the membership on current events, award-winning GATS publications, and member publications they wish to highlight. These editors have done a wonderful job the last few years. The two most recent newsletters are attached and featured on [our website](#).

We had a discussion with the section Council about the website and webmaster Durgesh Solanki made some updates and changes in the Fall of 2024, after meeting with Smitha. We eliminated some of the older structures, such as Research Clusters, that are no longer in use, and aimed to showcase some of the recent section activities and leverage the advantages that the website offers of being an archive of section activities that might be used for teaching or for interested potential members. As of the time of this writing, there are some additional updates that need to be made to fulfill these goals, and Smitha has been in touch with Durgesh to follow up.

Overall, between the announcements, the newsletters, and the website, we believe we are fulfilling our communication goals. When Smitha met with members during the section reception, many noted that the communications helped them feel connected to the section. We could definitely make the website more up to date and possibly get some social media going. In past years, the section has had a Twitter/X account but the current leadership has not been using social media to promote its activities. Council was not supportive of continuing to use X given the political conditions and we did not have the momentum or bandwidth to move to Bluesky, which is something that future leadership might be interested in.

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

We have a remarkably diverse section with our leadership reflecting the diversity of the section. We have women, women of color, and scholars originating from the Global South serving in leadership positions. This profile is reflected in the current and incoming leadership team that represents the diversity of GATS scholarship well. Beyond a politics of representation, we aim for an environment of knowledge production that encourages the circulation and amplification

of subordinated knowledge systems, and our programming frequently reflects a focus on decolonization, anti-colonial and anti-capitalist perspectives, as well as a range of other critical perspectives. For several years, we collaborated with the IPNN section to amplify indigenous voices. Although we pivoted slightly away from that in this year's programming, this remains an important focus, and comes through in the various academic panels we assembled around Palestinian liberation.

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).

We organized four excellent panels, all of which were well-attended, engaging, and very well organized. One panel was organized by the Chair, while the others were organized by Council Members. Of the four panels, two were open calls and two were invited. The titles of the panels were:

Decolonial Feminisms and Queer Solidarities
Global and Transnational Sociology of Climate Change
Global Intersectional Perspectives on Capitalism
Transnational Solidarities for Racial Justice

We also convened 15 roundtables during our roundtable session, organized by Jack Jin Gary Lin, a 2024 award winner who volunteered to organize the roundtables when Council requested the membership. He did an amazing job and the conversation was vibrant and engaged right up until the last moment when we had to begin the business meeting.

We organized a mentoring session solo this year, since the sections we had collaborated with in the past did not have the budget for an onsite mentoring session during ASA. We ended up have 82 individuals involved with the mentoring program. Our Graduate Student Representative, Deb Chakraborty matched mentors with mentees according to research interests, creating small groups. This was a great format that we will aim to repeat with a few budgetary modifications in the future.

We collaborated with six other sections to co-host a large reception onsite at ASA. Our partner sections were: Sociology of Development, Comparative Historical Sociology, Sociology of Human Rights, Social Movements, Labor and Labor Movements, and Political Economy and World Systems. Although the food ran out in a stunning thirty minutes despite the 10K budget, there was plenty of vibrancy and good cheer and networking. Members truly enjoyed the reception.

We also participated in ASA's Open House event, which was a great chance to connect with new members and network with other sections as well.

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.

We organized three online webinars during the 2024-25 year.

On November 4, 2024, we hosted the virtual teach-in, “Decolonial Feminisms, Queer Solidarities: Thinking Gender and Sexuality from Palestine” The teach-in featured three speakers and was moderated by Chair-Elect Jyoti Puri and Council Member Minwoo Jung. The teach-in was very well attended. The event contributed to our ongoing efforts to present academically grounded transnational perspectives on Palestine and was the third teach-in in a series that began in 2023.

On May 2nd and May 8th, 2025, we hosted two virtual webinars on the topic of “Decolonizing Sociology: Perspectives from the Global South.” The webinar was organized by Caroline Schoepf of the University of the Philippines in cooperation with Smitha Radhakrishnan, Chair of GATS, and featured scholars from all over the global South discussing various dimensions of decolonization. Representatives from South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, and South Africa participated in this remarkable set of events, each attended by 80-90 participants from around the world. This event supported our commitment to collaborate with scholars located in the Global South to reimagine a just and balanced understanding of sociology that is truly global and transnational, not just in name. The speakers challenged all of us to examine the hierarchies and power structures that operate in our nation-states, industries, journals, and institutions, while also reflecting on the hidden histories of global South knowledge production.