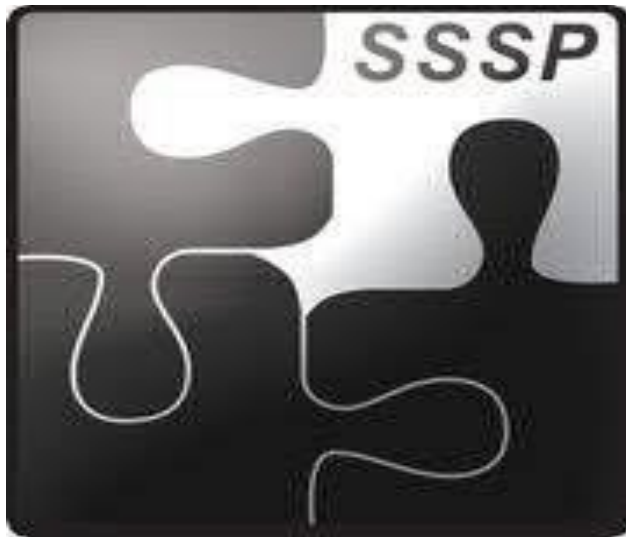


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Message from the Chair

Dear Global Division Members:

I hope that everyone is doing as well as possible in these times. I am glad to see the 2024 Summer newsletter published, which is my first newsletter as Chair of the Global Division. In particular, I wish to extend much my gratitude to our fantastic newsletter editor, Álvaro Germán Torres Mora.

The first point of order is to congratulate our division's awardees: Kimberly Kay Hoang, Book Award winner; and Chetna Khandelwal, Student Paper Award winner. Additionally, this year we have two Honorable Mentions for the Book Award: Elena Shih and Anjuli Fahlberg. We had an impressive number of book award nominations this year, and I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the winners! Much gratitude as well to everyone who served on a committee. In addition, this newsletter contains information about our division-sponsored and co-sponsored sessions for the Montreal conference, a graduate student spotlight, and members' recent publications.



In various literal and figurative ways, the world is on fire, and I know that I find myself fighting against despair and for hope. In these times, our division's mission becomes even more relevant. I began to write out the locations experiencing catastrophic rain, flooding, fires, and draught, but the truth is that in this short note, there is no space to do so. The climate is changing, and extreme weather events are felt the hardest by those who are already most precarious. Our rapacious global economic system continues to grow the divide between those who hoard most of the wealth and the rest; and the growing demand for minerals is fueling unspeakable atrocities the world over, including in the Congo and Sudan. Around

the world, people are speaking out against the ongoing genocide in Gaza; and in reaction, we see a militaristic and anti-democratic reaction to stifle them. All of these things are interconnected.

This is why the work of our division is more relevant today than ever, as we pay attention to how systems of oppression, including capitalism, imperialism, colonialism, and cisheteropatriarchy are all linked. Just as the current form of economic globalization is causing rampant environmental and social injustice, people are resisting and working to build a different world. We can choose to

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make this a moment of transformation. As we move forward, we must remember the role of imagination, hope, and joy: if we cannot imagine a different world, we cannot build it. There is much destruction and pain; there is also much beauty and resistance.

While I will sadly not be able to join everyone in Montreal this year, I would like to extend my gratitude for being chosen to serve as chair of the Global Division of SSSP. I look forward to working with many wonderful colleagues in our division to envision and create a more just world, and hope to see you in 2025!

Note from the Editor



Greetings, Global Division Members!

The inspiring message from our Division Chair, Caitlin Schroering, is worth reading many times due to the concerning global circumstances. In this issue, we extend our heartiest congratulations to the Division's 2024 award winners, whose work and dedication to studying problems at a global scale deserve special recognition. We also

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highlight the Global division sessions at this year's SSSP conference and spotlight the work of Debadatta Chakraborty, who studies how the Indian/Indian American youth in the US understands Hindutva (Hindu nationalism). We end by showcasing the recent publications of our members.

Taking into consideration all the ongoing conflicts and the persistent inequality over the world, it is again time to underline the importance of global Sociology. The work of our members and others is of utmost relevance to better understand social disparities and what alternatives we have to mitigate the impacts of historically rooted inequalities and reduce the class, race, and gender gaps from a global perspective. These issues will be deeply explored through the Global division-sponsored sessions at SSSP. The annual meeting in Montreal will be the perfect scenario to discuss new concepts and ideas, build networks, and make new friends. Please check out what sessions we are sponsoring or cosponsoring, make a list, and attend as many as you can!

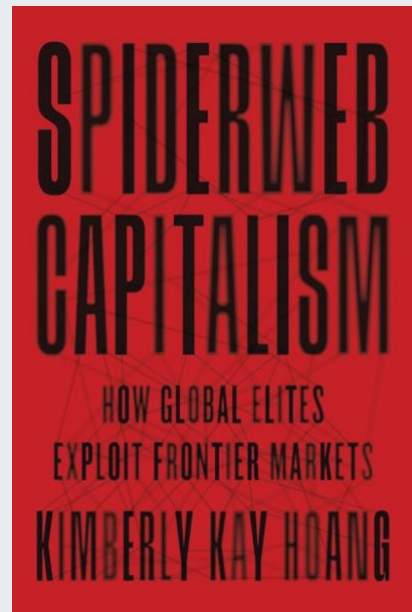
2024 Global Division Award Winners

Paper Award Winner: “Critical Phenomenology of Citizenship and Protest Spaces: Online Anti-immigration Movement Discourse in India,” Chetna Khandelwal, University of Calgary

Book Award Winner: *Spiderweb Capitalism: How Global Elites Exploit Frontier Markets*, Kimberly Kay Hoang, Princeton University Press, 2022

Book Award Honorable Mention: *Activism Under Fire: The Politics of Non-violence in Rio de Janeiro’s Gang Territories*, Anjuli Fahlberg, Oxford University Press, 2023

Book Award Honorable Mention: *Manufacturing Freedom: Sex Work, Anti-Trafficking Rehab, and the Racial Wages of Rescue*, Elena Shih, University of California Press, 2023



SSSP 2024 Global Division Sessions

Division-Sponsored Sessions

Saturday, August 11

12:30pm-2:10pm (Eastern Time)- *Session 106: Crisis and Globalization(s)*

Room: Musset

Sponsor: Global

Organizer & Presider: David A. Smith, University of California, Irvine

Description:

The papers in this session cover a lot of topics in the area of world-system analysis. Come hear from junior scholars and faculty members alike as they present on issues of food, water, the Global South, tech workers, and issues of inequality and hierarchy. All five papers will dive deep on some very interesting topics!

Papers:

- “A taste for terroir: The science and politics of the EU’s global

geographical indication development agenda,” Matthew J. Zinsli, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

- “Comparative Analysis of Public Response to Mexico’s Junk Food Labeling Policy,” A. Susana Ramirez, University of California, Merced.
- “Privilege is a Prison: Indian Tech Workers Facing Covert Carcerality in India and the US,” Rianka Roy, University of Connecticut.
- “Why’s the Water Gone?: The Treadmill of Production through Global Water Exploitation,” Joshua C. Cafferty, Utah Tech University.
- “World-system Hierarchy, Economic Productivity, and Global Economic Downturns: Analyzing Trade Networks Post-2008 Global Financial Crisis,” Martin Jacinto, California State University, Chico.

Joint-Sponsored Sessions

Friday, August 9

8:30am-10:10am (East Time) - *Session 005: Violent Environments: Empire and Colonial Legacies*

Room: Musset

Sponsors: Global; Critical Race and Ethnic Study; Environment and Technology.

Organizer, Facilitator & Discussant:
Allison R. Madia

Description:

This session’s papers discuss the violence of colonization and empire and the use of the environment as an agent of social change. “Environment” is broadly defined, extending beyond traditional understandings of “the environment.” Papers included in this session

address historical and contemporary dynamics associated with empire and/or colonization with an emphasis on place-based ways of being and anti-colonial resistance to environmental violence.

Papers:

- “Black Skin, White Asks: The Role of Emergency Managers in Carrying out the Flint Water Crisis,” Aaron C. Foote, Central Michigan University and Cedric de Leon, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- “Setting the Context for Denver Police Shootings: Historical Racialized Violence,” Robert J. Durán, Texas A&M University.
- “Urban Renewal and the Imperial Spatial Imaginaries of Postwar Chicago,” Peter Kent-Stoll, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

2:30pm-4:10pm (Eastern Time) - *Session 028: Decolonizing the Canon: Global South Scholarship and Countering Western Hegemony in Social Problems Theory and Research*

Room: Lamartine

Sponsors: Global; Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Social Problems Theory

Organizers & Presiders: Faryal Razzaq, Karachi School of Business & Leadership
Korey Tillman, Northeastern University

Discussant: Korey Tillman, Northeastern University

Description:

The session is dedicated to shed light on the realities of social justice and social problem theory implications in the Global South, as mostly the social problem theories were developed in North America, and create a hegemony in research and thesis, which may have discounted the ground realities in global south.

Papers:

- “Critical Phenomenology of Citizenship and Protest Spaces: Online Anti-immigration Movement Discourse in India,” Chetna Khandelwal, University of Calgary, Winner of the Global Division’s Student Paper Competition.
- “Gender-based Violence and Human Security in Conflict Zones: The Lived Experiences of Internally Displaced People from Zamboanga and Marawi,” Diana Therese M. Veloso, De La Salle University.
- “Why A Focus on Autonomous Social Science Traditions in the Global South Is Vital for Decolonizing Knowledge Production,” Caroline M. Schöpf and Ramon Guillermo, University of the Philippines Diliman.

4:30pm-6:10pm (Eastern Time) – *Session 035: Global Health, Climate, Inequality and Environment I*

Room: Kafka

Sponsors: Global; Environment and Technology; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Poverty, Class, and Inequality.

Organizer, Presider & Discussant: Clare E.B. Cannon, University of California, Davis

Description:

This session tackles issues related to global health, climate, inequality and the environment. It is one of two sessions on this topic.

Papers:

- “Under What Conditions Are Ethnic Enclaves Beneficial for Health in Urban Areas? - A Conceptual Framework,” Oluwaseun Temitope Emoruwa, University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- “‘Ready to Abandon Your Community?’: Unsaid Analysis of Disaster Capitalism Impacts on Native Hawaiians Post Maui Wildfire,” Sydney M. Shevat and Helen E. Wilds, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- “Environmental Risk and the Reorganization of Urban Inequality in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century,” Jonathan Tollefson, Brown University, Winner of the Environment and Technology Division’s Student Paper Competition.
- “A Feminist Community-Based Participatory Action Research Approach to Advance Climate Justice,” Clare E. B. Cannon, University of California, Davis.

Saturday, August 10.

**10:30am-12:10pm (Eastern Time) -
Session 053: Global Health, Climate,
Inequality and Environment II** Room:
Hemon

Sponsors: Global; Environment and Technology; Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Poverty, Class, and Inequality.

Organizer & Presider: Clare E.B. Cannon, University of California, Davis

Description:

This is a second session on global health, climate, inequality and the environment.

Papers:

- “Corporate Corruption and Energy Transitions: Global Harm within a World-systems Framework,” Kimberly Ann Haliburda, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- “Conceptualizing ‘Just Transition’: A Comparative Historical Analysis of U.S. and German Cases,” Jeehyun Lee, Chonnam National University.
- “Limits on What Is Possible: Realities in Existing ‘Just Transition’ Politics,” Nadia Smiecinska, University of California, Davis.
- “Critical Climate Justice: Understanding How Cities Recognize and Redistribute Equity in Climate Action Planning,” Clare E.B. Cannon and Eric Chu, University of California, Davis and Asiya Natekal, University of California, Irvine.
- “Queer Political Culture in the Face of the Climate Crisis,” Cameron T.

Whitley and Melanie M. Bowers,
Western Washington University.

**2:30pm-4:10pm (Eastern Time) - Session
071: CRITICAL DIALOGUE:
Decolonizing the Academy using
Institutional Ethnography and Other
Approaches: From Theory to Praxis**

Room: Drummond East

Sponsors: Global; Community Research and
Development; Critical Race and Ethnic
Study; Institutional Ethnography

Organizers: Angela Fillingim, San Francisco
State University Urmitapa Dutta, University
of Massachusetts Lowell

Presider and discussant: Molly Clark-Barol,
University of Wisconsin- Madison

Description:

This critical dialogue session dives into the complexities of decolonizing academic spaces, methodologies, and epistemologies. The papers will showcase how activist scholars center and attend to structurally marginalized voices in pursuit of epistemic justice. Employing anti-colonial, intersectional, and transnational lenses, they interrogate dominant knowledge systems while exploring the liberatory potential of diverse onto-epistemologies and research methodologies. Beyond critique, this critical session seeks actionable pathways, bridging the gap between theory and praxis to dismantle colonial legacies within academia and beyond. Join us as we connect ideas with action to co-create more just and pluriversal ecologies of knowledge.

Papers:

- “Black Agency, Racial Imperialism, and the Creation of a Racial State --

the Case of Haiti,” Rodney D. Coates,
Miami University.

- “Ethnography, CBPR, and Theory: Tensions in Sociological Research as Liberatory Praxis,” Molly Clark-Barol, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- “Filling in the Blanks: South to South Exchanges of Blackness, (Re)Shifting Research as Resistance, and (Re)Negotiations of Difference in the Diaspora,” Masonya J. Bennett, Kennesaw State University
- “Intersectionality in Institutional Ethnography,” Dara Gordon, University of Toronto.
- “Understanding Justice, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEADI) from Perspective of Unveiled Histories,” Assata Zerai, University of New Mexico.
- “What and Who’s Research Is ‘Real’: The Role of Qualitative Social Scientists within Medical Institutions,” Melinda Leigh Maconi, Carley Geiss and Hayden J. Fulton, Moffitt Cancer Center.

Sunday, August 11

**8:30am-10:10am (Eastern Time)-Session
085: Migration, Mobility, and Place in
Global Context**

Room: Joyce

Sponsors: Global; Poverty, Class, and
Inequality

Organizer: Judith R. Halasz, SUNY New
Paltz

Presider and discussant: Frank Ridzi, Le Moyne College and Central New York Community Foundation

Description:

This session explores social processes of changing place, from immigration to housing relocation. How do people navigate the challenges associated with finding their place as they move through the world? How do migration and mobility transform place-based identities, opportunities, and resources in a globalized world? And how do race, class, gender, nationality, and the environment inform experiences of migration and mobility?

Papers:

- “Immigration Narratives of Loss and Belonging,” Amir B. Marvasti and Travis B. Saylor, Penn State Altoona.
- “Does Race Matter in the Race to Citizenship? An Asian Indian Immigrant Perspective,” Reema Sen, Case Western Reserve University.
- “Housing Aspirations in Turbulent Times: The Struggles and Strategies of Highly-educated Young People amidst Housing Crisis,” Tangi Pui-chi Yip, Gender Research Center of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- “Are High Lead Poisoning Rates Associated with Family Relocation to Safer Neighborhoods? Implications for Public Policy,” Frank Ridzi, Le Moyne College and Central New York Community Foundation and Colby Cyrus, Central New York Community Foundation.

**10:30am – 12:10pm - Session 090:
Criminalizing Immigration**

Room: Drummond West

Sponsors: Crime and Justice Family Global Law and Society Poverty, Class, and Inequality

Organizer: Rafia Javaid Mallick, Georgia State University

Presider and discussant: Melissa Maxey, University of Oklahoma

Description:

This conference session promises a deep dive into the intricate layers of the United States immigration system, shedding light on its profound impact on various marginalized communities. Our esteemed panel of researchers will present four compelling papers that encourage critical dialogue and foster a better understanding of the multifaceted issues surrounding race, surveillance, homonationalism, and crimmigration. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research and contribute to the ongoing discourse on immigration policy and its consequences.

Papers:

- “Crimmigration and Critical Criminology: Policing the Relative Surplus Population,” David B. Feldman, Oberlin College.
- “From Criminalization to Deportation: Race in the United States Immigration System,” Sarah Tosh, Rutgers University-Camden.
- “Quotidian Homonationalism: Green Card Adjudication, Immigration Law, and Liberal Inclusion of Same-sex Binational Marriages,” Juhwan Seo, Cornell University, Winner of

the Family Division's Student Paper Competition.

- "Unbounded Surveillance: Punishing Visitors in and out of U.S. Immigration Detention," Luis A. Romero, Texas Christian University.

Graduate Student Spotlight

Debadatta Chakraborty

Debadatta (she/her) is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology and a graduate certificate holder in Advanced Feminist Studies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.



A student from India from a working-class background, Debadatta holds a Masters in Sociology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and from Savitribai Phule Pune University, India with a concentration in Women's Studies. Her research interests include global authoritarianisms, diasporic community formation, gendered-racial capitalism, critical sociological theory, political economy, and culture and media.

Her dissertation focuses on transnational authoritarianism and diasporic right-wing politics from an intersectional feminist perspective. It examines the rise of Hindutva (Hindu nationalism) in India and its connection to diasporic youth mobilization, centering the nationalist politics of the Indian diaspora in the U S and its connection to white supremacy. It investigates how Indian/Indian American youth in the US, often inspired by multicultural perspectives, understand Hindutva and how the movement mobilizes the youth, both as supporters and as resisters. The dissertation also highlights how transnational Indian diasporic organizations employ a discourse and pedagogy of decolonization to mobilize the youth both for and against transnational Hindutva. Combining global ethnography, archival work, and interviews in the US and India, it contributes to understanding how youth at “home” and in the diaspora make sense of right-wing nationalist ideologies through transnational networks and how such ideologies and material practices flow through these networks, while also being resisted by counterpublics. The project addresses key concerns within global and political sociology, social movements and youth mobilization, gendered-racialized religion, and sociologies of South Asia.

Implications from this project will inform policymakers, local governments, and community education/youth programs, which lobby local politicians to build and defend inclusive democracies. As a public sociologist, Debadatta is involved in anti-fascist, feminist organizing with multiple South Asian left-wing organizations in the

US and has been actively involved in various social justice efforts on her campus. Before moving to the US, she taught Sociology at the high school level in India and was the Director of Creativity-Action-Service (CAS) projects. Outside of academia, she loves taking care of her plants and obsessively reads/watches fantasy fiction.

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