

## **RC32: Women, Gender, and Society**

### **Essay Competition for New Scholars from the Economic South**

#### **Topic: Feminist Responses to Current Setbacks and Threats to Gender Equality**

**Established: 2001**

**Frequency: Every four years**

**Essay Competition Submission Deadline: December 15, 2022**

*Research Committee 32 Women and Gender in Society* of the International Sociological Association (ISA) is organizing a world-wide essay competition to stimulate the development of comparative feminist theoretical frameworks and empirical studies on feminist responses to current setbacks and persistent threats to gains in gender equality and social justice since the Beijing Platform for Action. The papers and findings should be informed by theoretical and empirical analyses, using an intersectional approach in examining the feminist responses to current setbacks to gender equality anywhere in the world.

The 2023 competition will take place in celebration of the life and legacy of RC32 late Co-President, Esther Chow who, until her untimely death on April 11, 2022, was Emerita Professor at the American University in Washington D.C. Esther was a beloved professor and researcher who dedicated 37 years of her life doing research at the forefront of gender and development, work and family, social equality, migration, and policy studies. She was one of the pathfinders who pioneered sociological analysis of the intersectionality of race, class, and gender in the case of Asian American women. She was recognized as a pioneer in the intersectional investigation of Asian American women and Asian immigrant communities.

The award invites papers that speak to Esther Chow's contribution to intersectional analyses addressed in her scholarship, with the goal of bringing insights from her work in solidarity and to ensure that we keep her legacy alive as part of our feminist scholarship and activist work.

An international jury of four members, including the Co-Presidents-Elect as Co-Chairs, will serve as jurors. Papers will be evaluated on the basis of their use of sociology and an intersectional approach to analyze issues pertaining to feminist responses to current setbacks to gender equality; their conceptual innovation; their way of developing the arguments; and the possibility of their use in a comparative international framework. Papers that are not on the topic as outlined will not be considered.

## Eligibility

- New scholars in the Economic South—scholars who received their Ph.D. in sociology and related social science disciplines from 2018-2023, or
- Members of indigenous groups, or
- Graduate students in sociology and related social science disciplines from the Economic South, studying in the Economic South, or
- Graduate students in sociology and related social science disciplines from the Economic South, studying in the Economic North.
- Only one submission, whether as author or co-author, is allowed.

## Language of Submission

Written papers in English, French, or Spanish, the official languages of ISA are invited. Capacity of verbal communication in one of these languages is also desirable.

## Format, Presentation and Accompanying Information for 2023 Essay Competition

Candidates must submit an original paper that has not been previously published elsewhere. Papers should be typed and double spaced. Maximum length is 6000 words (i.e., no more than 20 pages of text) and a maximum of 10 pages of references and notes. Notes and the bibliography should appear at the end of the text. The paper's title but not your name should be on the top of your paper. Since papers will be judged anonymously, submit your name, address, e-mail, phone, and fax numbers (if relevant) and an abstract of the paper (250 words maximum) on a separate page. Submit a brief *curriculum vitae* as well. Papers which do not confirm to these rules run the risk of being rejected.

An electronic version (doc. or pdf) of the paper should be e-mailed to Co-Chairs: Solange Simoes ([ssimoes@emich.edu](mailto:ssimoes@emich.edu)) and Marlise Matos ([matos.marlise@gmail.com](mailto:matos.marlise@gmail.com)).

Please indicate "RC32 Essay Competition" in the subject of your message. An electronic acknowledgement will be given upon receipt of the electronic submissions.

## Deadline

Deadline for the 2023 essay competition is December 15, 2022. The winner will be notified by January 30, 2023.

## Award

Competition winner (s) will be invited to present their papers at the World Congress on Sociology which will take place in Melbourne, Australia, June, 2023. The winner (s) will receive an award of \$500 and a plaque at the RC32 Reception. Although full funding cannot be promised, RC32 will provide partial financial support to help the winner(s) attend the conference.