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# GDS NEWSLETTER



The Global Development Section draws together scholars broadly concerned with development and global justice working across a number of fields, for example, postcolonial studies, development studies, critical political economy, critical security studies, social and political theory, history, sociology, gender studies, and public policy. The Section approaches the phenomenon of development in its broadest sense as the study of change, rather than in its narrow hegemonic conceptualization as technical interventions in social worlds. GDS is further concerned with investigating alternative understandings, especially those that excavate the intimate links between

development, colonialism and global capitalism. In this respect, the Section seeks to cultivate an intellectual space of provocation, supporting many ways of seeing and being in the world. And for this purpose the Section is committed to facilitating diverse modes of inquiry, establishing research networks and supporting early-career scholars in their professional endeavours.



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## NOTE FROM THE SECTION CHAIR (2017 – 2018)

Dear GDS members,

I hope you are all keeping well! It's a great pleasure to serve as your Section/Program Chair this year. I would like to give a huge thank you to Shiera el-Malik for steering the ship last year so well.

We have had lots of excellent submissions to GDS for next year's Annual Convention Program in Toronto and we are being proactive in working with other sections, caucuses and groups to stretch our panel allocation as far as possible. Inevitably, there will be some great submissions that don't make it onto the program but I am hopeful that we can be as inclusive as possible. I will also be emailing a number of you to ask you to serve as Chairs / Discussants and I hope you will be able to oblige.

Thanks to all of you who came along to our very well-attended business meeting in San Francisco this year – we had a really important set of discussions and the future of the section is looking bright. A very special thank you to those of you who have served on award and social media committees last year and those who have volunteered for this year.

I would also like to remind you that the ISA also has a number of positions available on institutional committees which can be viewed here:

<https://www.isanet.org/ISA/Governance/Committees>

These can play crucial roles in steering the future direction of the organization and it would be great if GDS members could be involved in influencing that. If you would like to volunteer for one, please email me at [ms140@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ms140@soas.ac.uk) by the end of July with details of which ones are of interest to you.

Best wishes,

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## MINUTES FROM THE BUSINESS MEETING

For those of you that weren't able to make this year's Business Meeting in San Francisco, we discussed:

- Our panel allocations in 2018 (100 sponsored / co-sponsored this year; 4th largest section footprint)
- 572 members - highest membership for section so far
- Reasonable funds available in section account, used up in part for sponsorship of reception this year
- Elections:
  1. *Book Award Committee*: Mary Jane Parmentier (chair), Roni Kay O'Dell, Rohan Kalyan, Michelle Brown
  2. *Edward Said Graduate Paper Award*: Jeanne Simon (chair), Samid Suliman, Clive Gabay, Althea Rivas
  3. *Social Media Committee*: Rohan Kalyan, Ajay Parasram, Riva Gewarges, Mariam Georgis
  4. *Next Newsletter Editor/ Section Chair-Elect*: Isaac Kamola
- Forward co-operation with the Global South Caucus including an annual joint panel and work on the Global South Task Force recommendations
- Relationship with Third World Quarterly

On this last item there was a wide-ranging debate around the events of last year that led to GDS temporarily suspending its current relationship with the journal pending consultation with the section. It was decided that a GDS Steering Committee would seek some areas of clarification and commitment from the journal with a view to renewing the relationship. We also had in mind the changes in the TWQ editorial structure going forward announced prior to the convention, specifically the intended appointment of a new Editor. We have since engaged with the journal and publisher on questions of editorial process, the journal's mission and ownership, and look forward to engaging with the new Editorial team on these issues. With this in mind the Steering Committee has agreed to pursue a renewed relationship with the journal, working with the new team on the Edward Said Award and the annual GDS reception.

Please email Meera Sabaratnam as Section/Program Chair ([ms140@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ms140@soas.ac.uk)) if you have any queries about the work of the section going forward or next year's program.

## AWARDS

The following authors received awards at the 2018 ISA conference in San Francisco:

### **Global Development Section Book Award**

The GDS Book Award Committee is pleased to announce the award winner for 2018: *Everyday Sustainability: Gender Justice and Fair Trade Tea in Darjeeling* by Debarati Sen, published by SUNY Press. Sen's book explores the impact of the fair trade movement on women tea farmers and plantation workers in Darjeeling, India, and by doing so makes a distinguished contribution to global development literature. Her research addresses the important international issue of the efficacy of fair trade and how development sustainability is pursued in the contemporary era, as well as explores the subsidiary questions of how marginalized people use, manipulate, or ignore the international practice of fair trade to continue striving to make their own lives better. The research provides an exceptional analysis of women's wage earnings and the mechanisms women use to counteract the negative effects of the fair trade movement while benefiting from the positive effects. Sen's feminist ethnographic analysis of women's empowerment from both the international and individual levels is exceptional in how it both challenges us to think in new ways about exciting interventions like fair trade, and confronts the continued power disparities between and within societies that endure with such interventions.

### *Honorable Mention:*

- *Neo Delhi and the Politics of Postcolonial Urbanism* by Rohan Kalyan, published by Routledge
- *Informal Order and the State in Afghanistan* by Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, published by Cambridge University Press
- *Order at the Bazaar: Power and Trade in Central Asia* by Regine Spector, published by Cornell University Press

### **Edward Said Award 2018 (Best Graduate Paper).**

We are delighted to announce that María José Méndez Gutiérrez is the winner of the Global Development Studies Section's Edward Said Award 2018. Her paper entitled "'The River Told Me': Rethinking Intersectionality from the World of Berta Cáceres' is available online [here](#).

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## **Past, Present and Future of African-Asian Relations**

University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

April 25-27, 2019

In recent years, there has been a growing interest in the relations between Africa and Asia. This is mainly due to what is perceived as increasing Chinese influence and presence in Africa. Initially hardly noticed in Western Europe and Northern America, a key moment in this gradual process was the “Five Points Proposal” presented by then-President Jiang Zemin during his tour of Africa in 1996. What was termed a “new relationship with Africa” included catchwords such as non-intervention, reliable friendship and mutually beneficial development. Among the earlier scholars to analyze these developments, Alden (2005, 2007) described China’s need for energy (especially oil), strategic minerals, and arguably stable sources of key foodstuffs. He pointed to China’s drive for new markets, especially for low-value consumer goods sold through a growing network of Chinese merchants. Africa is also a considerable market for Chinese construction firms using contracted Chinese labor, especially in the domains of infrastructure and housing. Finally, there is growing Chinese direct investment in land and businesses. Not only Africa’s ties with the world economy are redefined, but also its ties with the international community, as Brautigam’s (2009) widely known analysis of Chinese development aid shows.

With this call for papers, the organizers encourage researchers to investigate sociological theories and conceptual tools for the analysis of the relationships between Asia and Africa. They welcome reflections on questions of methods and data for analysis of these relationships. The organizers are interested in past and current developments in the social structure of the world society. They invite papers on the economic, political and social changes triggered by African-Asian relationships, both on the African continent but also in China and other Asian countries. Finally, this call is interested in the driving forces behind these developments and their interests, again on both continents.

Highest priority will be given to papers that combine a general theoretical discussion with new empirical findings. These papers may be based on new comparative research as well as single-case studies, and on qualitative as well as quantitative research methods. Papers can take a long durée perspective or focus on limited time periods, including contemporary ones.

**Submission procedure:** Please submit a 500 word paper abstract in English before **September 30, 2018 (CET)** to [africa-asia.conference@unine.ch](mailto:africa-asia.conference@unine.ch). The abstract should include the title of the paper, all author(s) names and affiliation as well as contact information. It should contain clear information on the research methods, data sources and analytical tools to be used. Please note that the organizers are seeking original contributions.

**Travel grants:** The organizers award a limited number of travel grants covering airfare and accommodation (in full or in part) to researchers from the Global South (International Sociological Association country categories B and C) and to doctoral students. Travel grants will be allocated on the basis of a competitive assessment of papers submitted. To apply for travel grants, please submit as paper proposal a 500 word abstract before **May 1, 2018 (CET)** to [africa-asia.conference@unine.ch](mailto:africa-asia.conference@unine.ch).

**Publication:** A selection of outstanding papers will be published in a conference volume.

For a full CFP, please see: [http://www.worldsociety.ch/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=cfp\\_african-asian\\_relations\\_2.pdf](http://www.worldsociety.ch/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=cfp_african-asian_relations_2.pdf)

## CALL FOR PAPERS (CONT.)

### **ISA at UNAI: “The United Nations At 75”: Call for Panel Proposals**

The International Studies Association will be sponsoring a series of events in New York, at UN Headquarters, on the topic of “The United Nations At 75.” ISA members are invited to submit applications to participate in an informal, Chatham-House Rules style event as part of this series. These will be held in conjunction with the United Nations Academic Impact office, leading up to the UN’s anniversary in 2020. They are part of the ongoing “ISA at UNAI” initiative to bring together scholars and practitioners around various topics, and to make the UN aware of the expertise of the ISA.

This program provides a forum for the sharing of ideas, in an informal and off-the-record setting, between ISA members and their counterparts at the United Nations in New York and Geneva. Members can suggest a discussion topic, and the names of three to five ISA members interested in participating. ISA and UNAI will then find UN Secretariat staff, or diplomats from UN Missions, with similar interests. Some money is available to offset transportation and lodging costs for participants. There is no specific deadline for proposals, which will be considered on a rolling basis working with the schedule of our UN counterparts.

Panel suggestions will be considered on a competitive basis by a committee made up of Jacqueline Braveboy-Wagner (CUNY); Stephanie Hofmann (Graduate Institute of Geneva); (Kurt Mills (University of Dundee); Delidji Eric Degila (Graduate Institute of Geneva); and Joel Oestreich (Drexel University). Suggested panels will be evaluated according to importance of subject matter, timeliness, national and gender balance of participants, input from the UN, and other factors. There is no specific format for applications, but they should include a basic budget as well as a topic description and the names and brief bios of participants. Inquiries can be directed to Joel E. Oestreich, [jeo25@drexel.edu](mailto:jeo25@drexel.edu) or Delidji Eric Degila, [eric.degila@graduateinstitute.ch](mailto:eric.degila@graduateinstitute.ch).

# CALL FOR PAPERS (CONT.)

## **Emerging Global South Scholar Workshop**

Global South Workshop Application - ISA 2019  
Applications are open!

The Global South Workshop is a training, mentoring and networking program designed for emerging scholars (junior faculty) of the global South within the International Relations profession, and will take place the day prior to the ISA Annual Convention.

### *Purpose*

Exchange and Collaboration with(in) the Global South is a training, mentoring and networking program designed for emerging scholars (junior faculty) of the Global South within the International Studies profession. Established Global South scholars (and Northern scholars of the Global South) will act as guides throughout a one-day workshop and hopefully beyond. The workshop will address issues such as publishing, proposal writing, networking and conducting research in challenging settings. The purpose of the workshop is to provide more comprehensive information about how to navigate academia, locally, regionally and globally, to create robust networks of emerging Global South scholars and to address current inequalities and asymmetries within the International Studies profession with respect to the Global South.

### *Format*

The workshop will rotate between the annual ISA convention site and distinct conferences within the Global South sponsored by different organizations (universities, think tanks, ISA and other professional associations). In the case of the Association convention, the workshop will take place on the day prior to its start. Although the specific agenda and roster of senior scholars will differ from year to year, issues addressed will include networking, publishing and research. Special attention will be given to the conditions that characterize academic work and IR communities in many Global South sites, including lack of resources, institutional barriers, unhelpful government policies, constraints on academic freedom, and limited support for social science and humanities programs (as compared to professional and trade fields). Throughout the course of the full-day workshop, it is expected that all attendees participate in question and answer sessions, break-out groups, and mentoring and networking activities.

The workshop will include training seminars by established scholars in distinct areas of professional activity and sessions to provide feedback/advice on emerging scholar research. Additionally, mentoring efforts will focus on how emerging scholars can build local and regional institutions for knowledge production and foster connections with northern institutions and across the Global South.

### *Participation*

Exchange and Collaboration with(in) the Global South is a special workshop sponsored by the ISA's Committee on the Status of the Global South, in collaboration with the Global South Caucus (GSCIS). It is geared towards early career global South scholars, preferably based in the Global South. Interested participants apply for the workshop by July 20, and the Committee on the Status of the Global South and the GSCIS evaluate these applications and identify 20 scholars to take part in the workshop. A limited amount of funding is available for workshop participants through the ISA Travel Grant program. All applicants should expect to receive notification as to whether they've been accepted to the program by August 15.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS

### BOOKS & SPECIAL ISSUES

- Bendix, Daniel. 2018. *Global Development and Colonial Power*. German Development Policy at Home and Abroad. Series: Kilombo: International Relations and Colonial Questions (London: Rowman & Littlefield International).
- Pace, Michelle and Somdeep Sen, eds. 2018. *Syrian Refugee Children in the Middle East and Europe: Integrating the Young and Exiled* (Oxon: Routledge).
- Persaud, Randolph B. and Alina Sajed, eds. 2018. *Race, Gender, and Culture in International Relations. Postcolonial Perspectives* (London: Routledge).
- Shilliam, Robbie. 2018. *Race and the Undeserving Poor: From Abolition to Brexit*. (London: Agenda Publishing).

### ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

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- Sajed, Alina. 2018. "Interrogating the postcolonial: on the limits of freedom, subalternity, and hegemonic knowledge," *International Studies Review* 20(1), 152-160.



# GDS MEDIA

## Video Project

The GDS Social Media team has been working on developing a series of short videos on pressing topics related to the work of the section. The intent is provide insightful, stimulating, short videos that can be of considerable use to globalizing our classrooms. The idea is to conduct some short interviews via Skype over the next year that will ultimately be recorded and edited appropriately to produce short clips on critical concepts including, but not limited to:

- Raced Markets
- Postcolonial International Relations
- Black Feminist Thought
- Politics of Translation
- And more!

If you're interested in recording a video, please get in touch with us at [GDSmediaISA@gmail.com](mailto:GDSmediaISA@gmail.com), we look forward to hearing from you!

## Future Newsletters

If members have announcements – including news of published books or calls for papers or proposals, new appointments – would you please email them to Isaac Kamola at [ikamola@trincoll.edu](mailto:ikamola@trincoll.edu), with the words “GDS Newsletter” in the subject line.

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