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Sunday, August 19, 2001. Please mark this date on your calendar or palm. A listing of our section presentations (papers and roundtables) as well as paper presentations in other sections that may be of interest to section members will be presented in the next issue. Hope to see you in Anaheim.

CONFERENCES CALL FOR PAPERS

**5th ASEAN INTER-UNIVERSITY
SEMINARS ON SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT 23-25 May 2001**

National University of Singapore

Southeast Asia Theme: Post-Crisis

In Partnership with:
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

UPCOMING ASA MEETING IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

The upcoming Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association will be held on August 18-21, 2001 at the Anaheim Hilton and Towers, Anaheim Marriott, and the Anaheim/Orange County Convention Center in Anaheim, California. The sessions and the business meeting of the Asian and Asian America Section will be held on

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background

Set up in 1993, the ASEAN Inter-University Seminar series aims to promote common pursuits in exploring social issues in the ASEAN countries. This series provides a platform for communication and contact between scholars to facilitate collaborative research, to enhance mutual understanding and encourage contributions to the enrichment of social scientific knowledge of the region.

The seminars are held in a different Asean country each time to enable participants to experience the richness of the region. Efforts are also made to bring attention to the peripheral regions of the member countries by holding these seminars outside capital cities. The Seminars are organized in the spirit of autonomous development and regional cooperation so that the social sciences can flourish along with and support the advancement of the region.

Objectives

- to encourage the development and promote the consolidation of ASEAN-based scholarship on social issues, a necessary condition for empowerment.
- to generate valuable and meaningful analyses of critical social, economic, and political development trends within the ASEAN region and the rest of Southeast Asia.
- to create unparalleled opportunities to interact and network with a view to establishing future collaborative

scholarly ventures and solidarity in the interest of justice and equity.

- to provide a unique forum for scholars, academics, intellectuals, government and non-government decision-makers and others.
- concerned with the multi-faceted issues in development in the region.

Themes

The main theme for the Fifth ASEAN Inter-University Seminar on Social Development is Post-Crisis Southeast Asia. Panels will be organized based on the following sub-topics:

1. Conflict and Cohesion in SE Asia
2. Environment and Politics
3. Gender, Culture and Power
4. Globalisation and Identities
5. Governance and the State
6. Health and Illness in SE Asia
7. Information Technology and the New Economy
8. Political Economy of Crisis and Response
9. Rural and Urban Poverty and Inequality
10. SE Asian Families: Surviving the Crisis
11. Security and Strategic Challenges
12. Social Restructuring: Citizenship, Welfare and the Market

For further information, please contact:

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**NORTH AMERICAN CHINESE
SOCIOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION**

NACSA's Annual Conference 2001
August 17, 2001
Anaheim, California

Call for Papers

NACSA's conference 2001 will take place in Anaheim, California, on August 17, one day before the ASA annual convention. The theme of this conference 2001 is set as "*Globalization and Regional Development: An Asian-Pacific Focus.*" It directs attention to Asia-Pacific trans-national or societal interaction or influence in changes in household, neighborhood, urban/rural area, nation-state, or region; in norms and behavior; in business, government, education, religion or any social institutions and organizations. All NACSA members and interested others are invited to submit an abstract, proposal, paper on panel topics or to volunteer as organizers and discussants. All other sociological topics, not necessarily related to the main theme, will be considered for presentation. We especially encourage submissions from sociologists in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other Pacific Rim countries as well as from graduate students. All submissions should be received by the 1st of June 2001 by one of the co-organizers as follows:

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**NORTHEASTERN POLITICAL
SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**

A panel session for the 33rd annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) that will be convening in Philadelphia from November 8-11, 2001 is being organized.

The panel theme is "Contemporary Asian American Politics: Conflict and Coalitions in Urban America." This panel is affiliated with the Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC). However, interested panelists do not have to be members of APAC, nor do they need to be political scientists.

Papers can cover a range of issues that fit broadly into the theme. They can focus upon conflict and/or coalition across race (as long as one group, obviously, is Asian American), or on conflict and/or coalition within an Asian American ethnic group, or between Asian ethnic groups. What is hoped for is a lively, interdisciplinary dialogue about the state of Asian American politics and its future direction.

Any interested professors and/or graduate students whose work is appropriate for this panel, please submit abstracts or complete papers to Tamara K. Nopper, Department of Sociology, Temple University at tnopper@yahoo.com (via attachment). Also, there is a PROPOSAL FORM that needs to be submitted with the abstract. It can be downloaded from the website for the NPSA (where individuals can also get other specific information about the conference):

<http://www.apsanet.org/PS/conferences/npsa.cfm>

Submissions need to be sent to Nopper by May 10. She will notify accepted presenters by May 15, which is when the final submissions are due to the conference organizer. Also, if anyone is interested in being the discussant, please e-mail Tamara at the above address.

SPECIAL ISSUE ON GENDER AND SOCIETY

Global Perspectives on Gender and Carework

Guest Editors: Jacquelyn Litt, Iowa State University (Jlitt@iastate.edu) and Mary Zimmerman, University of Kansas (mzimmerman@ukans.edu)

The last half of the twentieth-century has witnessed major transformations in world economic and welfare systems, migration, and the role of the state. Unprecedented international networks and markets and the expansion of low-wage economies affect the lives of women in both developing and developed countries. Changes in carework is a critical aspect of these changes. We invite papers for submission to a special issue of *Gender & Society* on the allocation, meaning, and experiences of paid and/or unpaid carework in relation to globalization. Among the key questions are 1) How has globalization affected the organization of women's and/or men's unpaid carework in families and households? 2) How have deindustrialization, globalization and structural adjustment policy reinforced the gender, racial and national inequalities embedded in carework and/or given rise to

new patterns of stratification and activism? 3) What are the diverse experiences of women's carework in international and/or globalizing contexts? 4) What are the theoretical implications for feminist research of the comparative and global study of carework? Submit papers, including \$10.00 (US) submission fee payable to Gender & Society, to Professor Christine Bose, Editor. *Gender & Society*. Department of Sociology. SS 340 (Social Science 340). University at Albany, SUNY. 1400 Washington Avenue. Albany, New York 12222. Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2001.

NORTH AMERICAN CHINESE SOCIOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION ELECT NEW OFFICERS

An election committee consisting of Xueguang Zhou (chair), John Logan, and Ping Chun Hsiung has recently conducted an election for the vacancies on the Board of North American Chinese Sociologists Association (NACSA) through their electronic network. Zai Liang of Queens College/CUNY, Philip Yang of Texas Women's University, and Min Zhou of UCLA have won the election and will serve as Council members for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2001. The new council as of January 1, 2001 will consist of:

Che-fu Lee (NACSA President, The Catholic University of America)
Ping Chun Hsiung (University of Toronto at Scarborough)
Tim Liao (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
John Logan (University at Albany)
Zai Liang (Queens College/CUNY)
Philip Yang (Texas Women's University)
Min Zhou (UCLA)

To learn more about NACSA and its activities, log on to the association's Web site at www.nacsaglobal.net.

IMMIGRATION RESEARCH

Immigration Research for a New Century: Multidisciplinary Perspectives, edited by Nancy Foner, Rubén G. Rumbaut, and Steven J. Gold. Sage Publications.

The rapid rise in immigration over the past few decades has transformed the American social landscape, while the need to understand its impact on society has led to a burgeoning research literature. Predominantly non-European and of varied cultural, social, and economic backgrounds, the new immigrants present analytic challenges that cannot be wholly met by traditional immigration studies. **Immigration Research for a New Century** demonstrates how sociology, anthropology, history, political science, economics, and other disciplines intersect to answer questions about today's immigrants.

In Part I, leading scholars examine the emergence of an interdisciplinary body of work that incorporates such topics as the social construction of race, the importance of ethnic self-help and economic niches, the influence of migrant-homeland ties, and the types of solidarity and conflict found among migrant populations. The authors also explore the social and national origins of immigration scholars themselves, many of whom came of age in an era of civil rights and ethnic reaffirmation, and may also be immigrants or children of immigrants. Together these essays demonstrate how social change, new patterns of immigration, and the scholars' personal backgrounds have

altered the scope and emphases of the research literature, allowing scholars to ask new questions and to see old problems in new ways.

Part II contains the work of a new generation of immigrant scholars, reflecting the scope of a field bolstered by different disciplinary styles. These essays explore the complex variety of the immigrant experience, ranging from itinerant farm workers to Silicon Valley engineers. The demands of the American labor force, ethnic, racial, and gender stereotyping, and state regulation are all shown to play important roles in the economic adaptation of immigrants. The ways in which immigrants participate politically, their relationships among themselves, their attitudes toward naturalization and citizenship, and their own sense of cultural identity are also addressed.

Immigration Research for a New Century examines the complex effects that immigration has had not only on American society but on scholarship itself, and offers the fresh insights of a new generation of immigration researchers.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Vanderbilt University. The Department of Sociology invites applications for an assistant professor of sociology, tenure-track faculty position, commencing August, 2002. Strong preference will be given to candidates with expertise in deviance and crime, and advanced statistics. The candidate will be expected to teach graduate statistics courses. Other areas of expertise will be considered. Applicants should submit a letter of interest in the position, curriculum vitae, and any supplemental material (e.g. reprints, pending manuscripts, teaching evaluations) indicating

promise or evidence of outstanding scholarship and effective teaching. Application materials, including three letters of recommendation, should be received by October 1, 2001. Vanderbilt is an Equal Opportunity-Affirmative Action Employer and women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Send all materials to Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, VU Station B Box 351811, Nashville, TN 37235-1811. Information on the department, the College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University and e-mail addresses can be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/sociology>.

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation provides grants of \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support research and social action projects. Areas of interest include but are not limited to social welfare, human rights, literacy, language learning and use, dialect use and curricular issues in teaching second languages and non-native languages. The Foundation is also interested in supporting research by sociologists and linguists whose work may provide practical documentation of initiatives that may be useful to communities. Complete guidelines for the September 2001 application deadline are available at <http://www.grantsmanagement.com/sifguide.html>. For more information, contact Prentice Zinn at zinn@grantsmanagement.com or 617-426-7172.

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Stanford M. Lyman, "Engels Was Right! Organized Labor's Opposition to Chinese in the U.S.," *NEW POLITICS*, VIII:1, new series, Whole issue #29, (Summer, 2000), pp. 60-67. [both of the articles in *NEW POLITICS* may also be found on that journal's web site. The website publication includes the "endnotes" that are not printed in the print journal edition.]

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Mia Tuan and Jiannbin Lee Shiao, University of Oregon, received a two-year grant for their research on Asian adoptees raised in White families from the Russell Sage Foundation. The study will be the first to directly compare Korean adoptees with Asian American non-adoptees, regarding racial and ethnic identity development. Congrats!

EDITOR'S NOTES

In an effort to reduce costs, this newsletter is sent via e-mail. If you received this

newsletter via email, , then your e-mail address is correctly noted in my files. In the future, the newsletter may be somewhat shorter as announcements of job opportunities and conferences will be sent out on the Section list server (particularly if they have an early deadline. This way, you will have the information as soon as possible to do with as you wish. If you do not wish to receive announcements, please let me know and I will delete your name from the list-serve.

Some of you are receiving this newsletter in hard print. This is because the e-mail address that was given to me by ASA was incorrect or because your computer could not read my attachments. I will attempt to keep all of you as informed and up to date as possible. I will continue to send hard copies of the newsletter until notified otherwise. If you have updated or changed your email address and wish to be placed on the Section's list server, then please take a moment and email me informing me of your new address. Do it right now before you forget! It should only take you a minute. I can be reached at M.Wong@tcu.edu. This way, you will received the newsletter as soon as it is ready for print, announcements for conferences, job, and publication opportunities as soon as they become available, and you will save the Section (actually my department) money for printing and mailing.

I am currently in the process of setting up a website for our Section. Items that may included on the website are a listing of current officers, a listing of past officers, a listing of current committees and their members, by-laws, newsletters (where available), a listing of award recipients, statement of awards criteria, business report to ASA, statement of our purpose,

registration forms, employment opportunities, future conferences, and publications by members, email address, and links to other resources. Any other suggestions? The website will be linked from the ASA website. I will be the first to admit that I am not a computer guru, so this may take some time. Hopefully, I will have something up by the meetings. No guarantees.

Lastly, I need your help. Please send me via e-mail or fax items that you think other Section members might be interested in know. This could include notices of recent publications, news clippings from newspapers, recent articles of concern to Asia and Asian American Section members. Any help is appreciated. This is your newsletter.