



RC-31 Newsletter, May 2024

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Already for the 2025 ISA Forum, our RC31 organizers, Manashi Ray and Cristian Dona, are working behind the scenes to make it a momentous meeting. One of our RC 31 members, Dr. Shaima Jorio, who is a professor at the University of Rabat, has offered to help us coordinate an Applied Perspectives on Migration Workshop, so that we may meet local Moroccan professionals doing human rights and general or mental health work with migrant communities. We hope to book a venue in Rabat for a social event with light food and fellowship. Details will follow as we know them, and I hope you will plan to take part.

While understanding the changing nature of global migration and mobility is complicated, we as migration scholars stand ready to meet this challenge. Human mobility has reached a new scale with an estimated 281 million international migrants worldwide, and of these, 34 million are refugees and asylum seekers. Adding to this magnitude of movement, individuals of varied statuses struggle to cope with economic inequality, climate changes, political and military turmoil, and urbanization. Quite separately, there is a trend called demographic aging which portends to be of tsunami proportions in its consequences for middle- and high-income countries, who need labor to sustain themselves.

Following the border closures during the pandemic of 2020-21, the past two years have seen a major rebound in human mobility, alongside new displacement crises, climate shocks, and the resurgence of migration in response to labor needs in receiving countries. Global mobility flows continue to shift and diversify, featuring an increasingly complex mix of regular and

From the president:

Hi Colleagues,

The goal of the RC31 is to advance sociological knowledge on the Sociology of Migration throughout the world, with the objectives to promote high quality research on migration and the international exchange of scientific information in this field. Together with the board, I want to encourage you to get involved over the next several months as we plan and prepare for the 2025 ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco.



irregular migration and displacement. International and internal migration are increasingly salient for individuals' wellbeing, social integration, and civil and human rights.

Last, it is a pleasure to work on migration with you all. I am in awe of your research productivity and curiosity as evidenced in the pages of this newsletter. This academic year, I have been working in Jefferson Fellowship as an applied sociologist for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C. One highlight has been working on the Global Migration Task Team, which has been formalizing a policy position on migration as a possible lever of human and economic development. It has been amazing to participate in crafting evidence-informed briefs that seek to protect and serve the needs of migrants and sending countries. Another highlight for me was meeting Little Amal, the puppet who embodies a Syrian migrant girl, walking outside my building. Little Amal, in fact, was quite large at 3.5 meters tall and beautiful with her fluid movement and hair blowing in the wind. Amal means "hope" in Arabic, and I will share a picture I took that day. Little Amal has been celebrating human migration and cultural diversity since 2021 when she was first carried over five months from the Syria-Turkey border and then across several European countries to United Kingdom. More recently, she has crossed the Atlantic. I feel fortunate that she walked into my life one day. Wishing you well!

*Loretta*

Loretta Bass, President

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Little Amal, USAID Headquarters, Washington, DC



## NOTEWORTHY AWARDS BY MEMBERS

Guillermina Jasso delivered the Clifford C. Clogg Memorial Lectures, sponsored by the Departments of Sociology and Statistics, at Pennsylvania State University in April 2024. The first lecture was titled "How Statistics Advances Sociology," and the second was titled "How Sociology Advances Statistics"

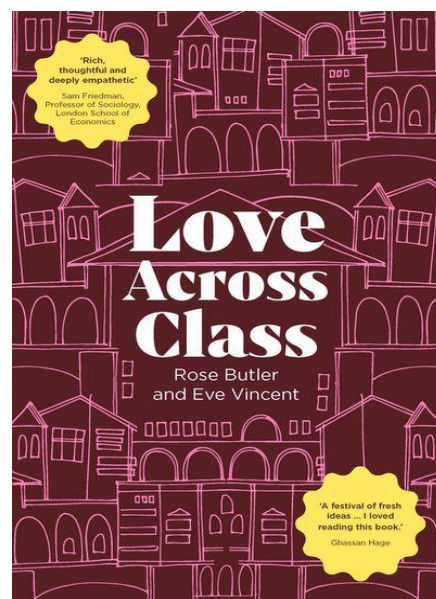
A conversation with Guillermina Jasso was featured in the Spring 2024 Newsletter of the Social Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association.



## MEMBERS' NEW BOOKS

Rose Butler & Eve Vincent, 2004. [\*Love Across Class\*](#). Melbourne University Publishing.

What does it mean to partner across class difference? This lucid and original book is the first to explore cross-class relationships in contemporary Australia, a society long-invested in the myth of egalitarianism. Drawing on in-depth interviews with people from a range of class and cultural backgrounds, *Love Across Class* brings to life the role of class in shaping people's childhoods, as well as the adult lives couples have built together. These stories move between the mundane, the profound and the taboo, as interviewees reckon openly with the pain, pleasure, humour and contradiction that comes with forming a close relationship across class. From escaping one's class background and confronting class dissimilarity, to managing money and negotiating holidays, this book offers rich accounts of personal worlds shared across class as they are lived. Yet not only do those interviewed reflect on the classed dynamics and tensions present in their relationships and family...



Research Handbook in the Sociology of Migration, edited by Martina Cvajner, Peter Kivisto and Guiseppe Sciortino: <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/research-handbook-on-the-sociology-of-migration-9781839105456.html>

Adeptly navigating one of the most pressing issues on the current global agenda, this topical Research Handbook provides a comprehensive and research-based exploration of the sociology of migration. As well as highlighting the field's achievements and current challenges, it explores key concepts used in current research, methods employed, and the spheres and contexts in which migrants participate.

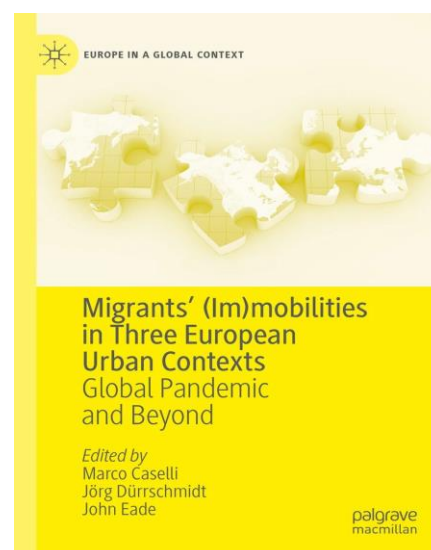


Marco Caselli, Jörg Dürrschmidt, John Eade (Eds)

(2024), *Migrants' (Im)mobilities in Three European Urban Contexts. Global Pandemic and Beyond*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-53773-8>

This book analyses the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on three ethnic minorities in three European cities: Bangladeshi in London, Turks in Stuttgart and Peruvians in Milan. Considerable debate has emerged during the pandemic concerning its impact on minorities, and although considerable quantitative data has been generated by epidemiologists, qualitative studies also have great relevance, socially and culturally as well as institutionally. While in normal circumstances the position of migrant communities is associated with unequal access to scarce resources such as wealth, power and social prestige, the coronavirus pandemic shifted the focus to more specific variables: living in segmented or overcrowded conditions, working in jobs with higher risk exposure, difficulties with online schooling, and lack of access to health care and information.



The book will therefore be of interest to researchers and students of sociology, anthropology, global studies, migration and urban studies.



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## DISSERTATIONS

Paul Akuetteh Agoe, The Significance of ‘Traditional’ Clothing and Dress to Children of Ghanaian Immigrants in Germany. Bielefeld University. Supervisors: Thomas Faist (Bielefeld University) & Takyiwaa Manuh (University of Ghana). *Congratulations, Paul!*



## MEMBERS’ OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Call for participation:

#### Volunteer for Committee Work:

Research Committee 31 needs a few volunteers for two RC 31 awards to be announced at the 2025 ISA Forum: the Best Sociology of Migration Book Award and the Best Sociology of Migration Article Award. If you would like to get more involved, please send your preference to volunteer for either the book or article award committee to Loretta Bass ([Lbass@ou.edu](mailto:Lbass@ou.edu)). Serving the section in this way is a great way to forge friendships while supporting our colleagues. You can find more information about these awards on the [ISA RC 31 webpage HERE](#).

#### Propose a session for the RC 31 Migration section of the 2025 ISA Forum in program:

We are looking for fresh and thought-provoking ideas (Session Titles and Descriptions) to stimulate broad participation of our membership at the upcoming July 6-11, 2025 ISA Forum to be held in Rabat, Morocco. Any member may propose a session until the deadline of June 30, 2024. To propose a session, use this [LINK HERE](#). You will click on Research Committees, RC 31 Migration, and then Propose a Session. Manashi Ray and Cristian Dona will serve as Coordinators for the RC 31 Migration portion of the program. You will hear more from them and the ISA when it is time to submit paper abstracts for sessions.

*Let’s meet in Rabat for the 2025 ISA Forum!*



## Call for Publications and Presentations:

The **Sociology Studies of Children and Youth** series invites paper contributions for its upcoming volume titled *Uprooted! The Wellbeing and Social Integration of Migrant Children and Youth*. This peer-reviewed, annual volume invites research from different contexts and regions, and from varied methodological and theoretical orientations. This collection will feature articles providing empirical insights about migration for children. Papers from every region of the world are welcome. Topics may include how children and/or youth perceive migration, the root causes of migration, children and/or youth as internal, rural-urban, circular, forced, or international migrants, the social integration and acceptance of children and/or youth migrants, and children's/youth's rights in migration contexts. Read the full call for proposals and [detailed guidelines HERE](#). Submit full paper (4,000-8,000 words) and abstract by **July 1, 2024** to Loretta Bass, Professor, University of Oklahoma ([Lbass@ou.edu](mailto:Lbass@ou.edu)).



### **ISA Research Committee 31 Sociology of Migration Mission:**

The goal of the RC31 is to advance sociological knowledge on Sociology of Migration throughout the world. Its general objectives are to promote high quality research on migration and the international exchange of scientific information in this field.

### **RC 31 Sociology of Migration Webpage:**

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc31-sociology-of-migration/>

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**SUBMIT YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

(Not only announcements – there is also scope for longer pieces in the form of op-eds, etc.)

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*Amal, puppet of Syrian girl,  
bringing awareness to  
migrant children's experience  
since 2021*