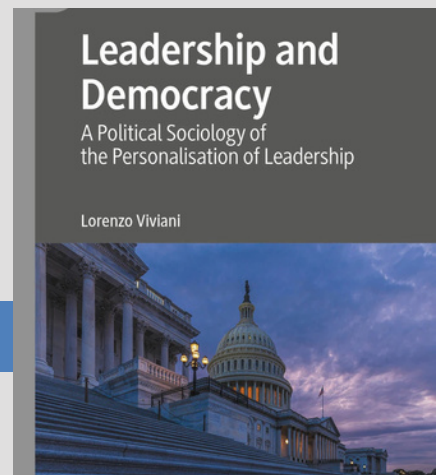
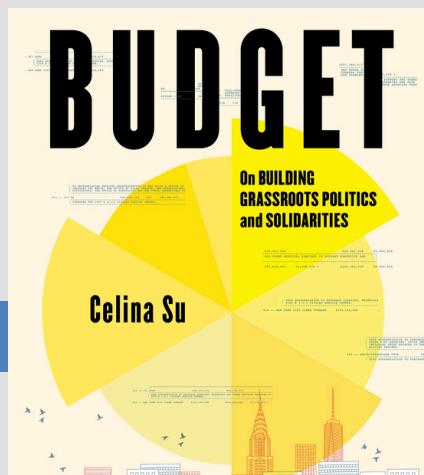


NEWSLETTER



We are pleased to share the first newsletter of 2026, highlighting recent research, publications and activities from our academic community. This space seeks to strengthen dialogue and visibility across our network.



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- *General Announcements & Member Publications*
- *Recent Publications and Academic Activities*
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- *Upcoming Events / Calls for Papers*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESULTS OF THE IPSA RC06–18 BOARD ELECTIONS

Following the recent RC06-18 elections, we are pleased to share the updated composition of the RC06-18 leadership and board, reflecting a new term structure designed to ensure continuity and rotation within the committee.

FINAL BOARD POSITIONS (2025-2029)

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF RC06–18



CHAIR

LUCÍA MIRANDA LEIBE

Professor at Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez and FLACSO-Chile. Her work focuses on political sociology, youth, participation, and democratic processes in Latin America.



VICE-CHAIR

DR. MARICEL RODRÍGUEZ BLANCO

Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the Catholic University of Paris, specializing in political sociology, democracy, and comparative social analysis.



SECRETARY

DR IŞIL ZEYNEP TURKAN İPEK

Associate Professor at Yeditepe University (Turkey), working at the intersection of political sociology, international relations, and comparative politics.

CONTINUING ELECTED MEMBERS



MARÍA ESPERANZA CASULLO

Associate Professor at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Her research addresses populism, political discourse, and democratic representation in comparative perspective.



PEDRO MAGALHÃES

Senior Researcher at the Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon. His work focuses on political behavior, elections, and public opinion in Europe.



KASI ESWARAPPA

Senior Lecturer at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (India), specializing in political sociology, tribal studies, and social movements.



CHUN-CHIH CHANG

Associate Professor of Political Science at Xiamen University (China), with research interests in comparative politics and political sociology in East Asia.



ROBIN ARCHER

Director of the Postgraduate Program in Political Sociology at the London School of Economics, working on democracy, labor politics, and political theory.

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS



JUAN J. FERNÁNDEZ

Director of the Postgraduate Program in Political Sociology at the London School of Economics, working on democracy, labor politics, and political theory.



SPYROS SOFOS

Associate Professor of Sociology at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and researcher at the Juan Linz Institute, specializing in European integration, welfare attitudes, and reproductive rights.



ARDITA OSMANI

PhD candidate at the University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany), researching labor migration from China to Europe and state-society relations.



GIOVANNI BARBIERI

Associate Professor of Political Sociology at the University of Perugia, with research on populism, political parties, democracy, and classical sociological theory.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Board Members in advancing the activities of RC06-18 and fostering scholarly exchange within the political sociology community during the 2025–2029 term.

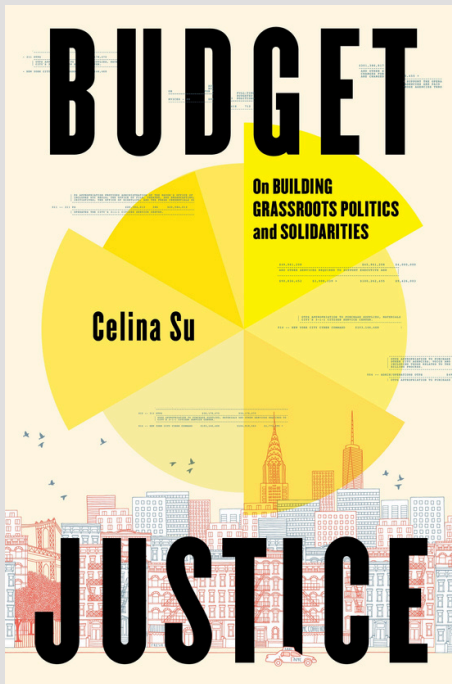
RECENT PAPER & ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- Wiatr, J. J. (2022). *Political Leadership Between Democracy and Authoritarianism: Comparative and Historical Perspectives*. Opladen–Berlin–Toronto: Verlag Barbara Budrich.

This book draws on more than forty years of comparative research to analyze political leadership across democratic and authoritarian regimes. Prof. Wiatr is one of the founding members of the ISA/IPSA Research Committee on Political Sociology.

- Goldstone, J. A. (2026, forthcoming). *10 Billion: How Aging, Immigration, Women and Youth Will Change the World in the 21st Century*. Oxford University Press. (A demographic perspective on global change.)

PROF. CELINA SU SHARES RECENT WORK ON PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING, GRASSROOTS POLITICS, AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE.



FEATURED BOOK:

Su, Celina. (2025). Budget Justice: On building grassroots politics and solidarities. Princeton University Press.

Drawing on extensive research on participatory budgeting, *Budget Justice* traces local struggles for collective governance and explores how grassroots movements build solidarities in contexts marked by democratic and affordability crises. Written to engage both academic audiences and broader publics, the book offers an accessible yet rigorous account of participatory democracy as a response to contemporary political challenges.

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

In addition to this publication, Prof. Su continues to collaborate with people's budget campaigns across the United States and is an active member of the PAR-CITY research consortium on urban participatory innovations. She was recently appointed to the New York City Mayor-Elect Zohran Mamdani's Transition Team, serving on the Community Organizing Subcommittee, where she contributes her expertise on participatory governance and civic engagement.

PAR-CITY (Participatory Democracy and Urban Governance Research Consortium) is an international research network focused on participatory innovations and urban democratic governance. More information at: parcity.org.

CELINA SU

Celina Su is the Marilyn J. Gittell Chair in Urban Studies at the City University of New York, where her academic, pedagogical, and creative work focuses on everyday struggles for collective governance, centering economic democracy, and racial justice. Her new book *Budget Justice: On Building Grassroots Politics and Solidarities* is available from Princeton University Press.





ABDELKARIM AMENGAY

Abdelkarim Amengay is an Assistant Professor of Political Science (Comparative Politics) at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. He holds a dual PhD from Sciences Po Paris and the University of Ottawa. His research focuses on political behavior, with particular emphasis on populism, elections, and trust.

FEATURED ARTICLES:

HOW POPULIST ARE ARAB CITIZENS? ASSESSING POPULIST ATTITUDES IN THE ARAB WORLD.

Amengay, Abdelkarim. 2025. "How Populist Are Arab Citizens? Assessing Populist Attitudes in the Arab World." *Middle East Law and Governance*, 17(1): 33–61.
<https://doi.org/10.1163/18763375-20251489>

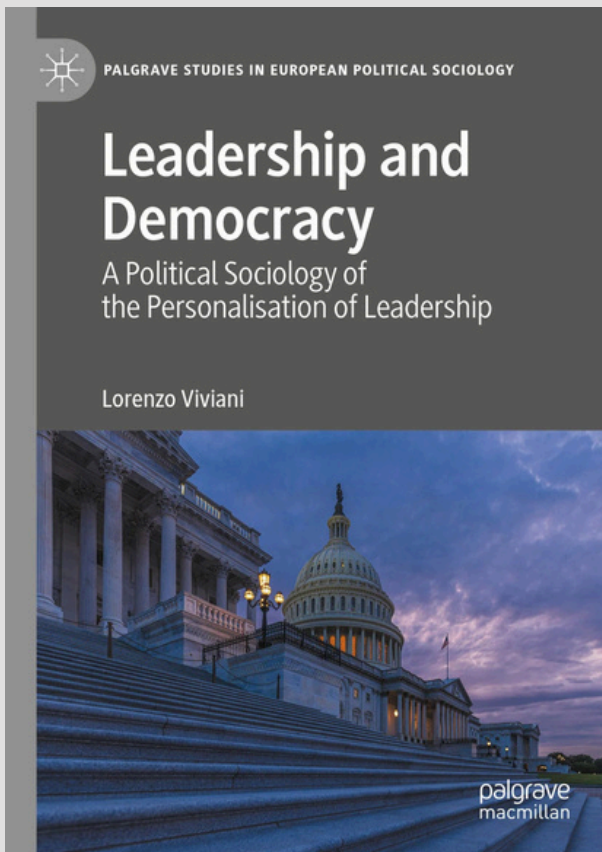
Although populism is widely recognized as a global phenomenon, its contemporary manifestations in the Arab world, particularly at the individual level, remain underexplored. This article assesses the prevalence of populist attitudes across the Arab world using data from the 8th wave of the Arab Opinion Index (2021–2022), covering fourteen countries. It also identifies the sociodemographic profile of "populist citizens" in the region.

EXPLORING ZERO-SUM THINKING AND SYSTEM JUSTIFICATION: IMPACTS ON ATTITUDES TOWARD DEMOCRACY AMONG ARAB POPULATIONS.

Khatib, Ibrahim, Abdelkarim Amengay, Mohamed Abdelrahman, and Azzam Amin. 2025. "Exploring Zero-Sum Thinking and System Justification: Impacts on Attitudes Toward Democracy Among Arab Populations." *Political Studies Review*.
<https://doi.org/10.1163/18763375-20251489>

This study examines the relationships between zero-sum thinking, system-justification beliefs, and attitudes toward democracy among individuals in the Middle East and North Africa living under different regime types and within diverse social contexts. The findings show that both zero-sum thinking and system-justification beliefs are negatively correlated with democratic attitudes.

LEADERSHIP AND DEMOCRACY: A POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY OF THE PERSONALISATION OF LEADERSHIP.



FEATURED BOOK:

Viviani L. (2025). *Leadership and Democracy: A Political Sociology of the Personalisation of Leadership*. London. Palgrave.

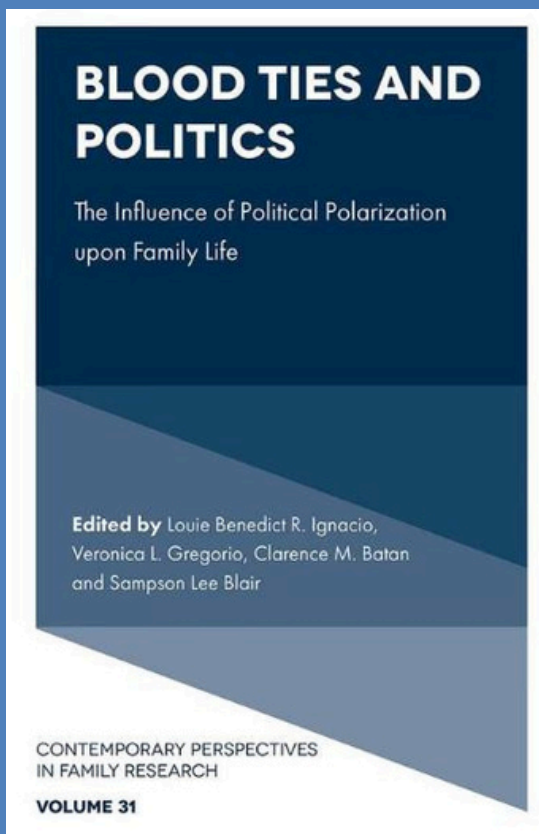
This book examines political leadership as a key lens through which to understand the transformations of contemporary democracies. It explores the relationship between leadership and power, the role of individual actors in historical processes, and the dynamics of political personalisation, distinguishing between leader democracy and populism. Drawing on foundational social theory and contemporary debates, the volume analyses the persistence and transformation of charismatic leadership in modern democratic societies.



LORENZO VIVIANI

Lorenzo Viviani is Full Professor of Political Sociology at the University of Pisa. He currently serves as the Coordinator of the Political Sociology Section of the Italian Sociological Association (AIS), and as the Editor-in-Chief of SMP Società Mutamento Politica. Rivista italiana di Sociologia. His main research interests include political leadership, political parties, the sociology of power, transformations of democracy, and populism.

BLOOD TIES AND POLITICS: THE INFLUENCE OF POLITICAL POLARIZATION UPON FAMILY LIFE, EDITED BY LOUIE BENEDICT IGNACIO, SAMPSON BLAIR, CLARENCE BATAN, AND VERONICA GREGORIO



FEATURED BOOK:

Blood Ties and Politics: The Influence of Political Polarization upon Family Life, edited by Louie Benedict Ignacio, Sampson Blair, Clarence Batan, and Veronica Gregorio

Blood Ties and Politics looks closely at how politics and family life are connected. It covers important topics such as how political views are formed at home, how harmful or extreme online content can influence people, how couples with different political opinions get along, and how political arguments can affect relationships within families. It also talks about how political beliefs are passed down—or changed—across generations, and how propaganda and political messaging can create tension at home.

ARTICLE IN THIS BOOK

Louie Benedict R. Ignacio, Paola Mari V. Jamola, Mark David C. Derayunan, Quinito M. Gonzales, 2025. "Uncovering the Dark Side: Social Capital and Political Beliefs in Filipino Families", Blood Ties and Politics: The Influence of Political Polarization upon Family Life, Louie Benedict R. Ignacio, Veronica L. Gregorio, Clarence M. Batan, Sampson Lee Blair
DOI:[10.1108/S1530-353520250000031009](https://doi.org/10.1108/S1530-353520250000031009)

Family has always been considered as a primary source of social capital. The benefits it provides extend to acquisition of other forms of capital, from economic, to cultural. But discussion of the underside of social capital, which includes exclusion and cohesion, remains to be underexplored. This is particularly true when politics is the point of discussion, especially in a time of election. This paper argues that this is highly observable in Filipino families. Further, this paper argues that the need for social capital pushes individual members of a family to conform to a collective political stance rather than subscribe to personal political beliefs.

PROF. JESSICA KIM SHARES RECENT RESEARCH ON GLOBAL NORMS, PUBLIC POLICY, AND SOCIOPOLITICAL CHANGE

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES (2025)

Tuncer-Ebetürk, I., Kim, J., & Nuhoğlu Soysal, Y. (2025). The Global Rise in Children's ADHD Prevalence: A Macro-Sociological Explanation. Social Forces, soaf153.

Drawing on world society theory and cross-national data from 135 countries (1996–2019), this article shows that rising ADHD diagnosis rates are linked to the global institutionalization of child-centered cultural perspectives and the diffusion of medicalized narratives of child well-being.

Kim, J., Henry, E. A., Carter, J., & Nuhoğlu Soysal, Y. (2025). Globalization, Populism, and Climate Skepticism: Untangling Varieties and Pathways. Environmental Sociology, 1–23.

Based on ISSP data from 26 countries, this study demonstrates that the relationship between populism and climate skepticism varies by ideological orientation and level of globalization, revealing both top-down and bottom-up mechanisms of influence.

Seida, K., Shaw, C., Kim, J., Shirazi, S., & Fallon, K. (2025). Adopting Gender-Based-Violence Legislation, 1980–2015: The Role of Norm Cascades, Women's Movements, and Level of Development. Sociology of Development, 11(4), 309–340.

Using event history models, this article analyzes the adoption of gender-based-violence legislation across developing countries, highlighting the role of norm cascades and international diffusion, with varying effects across income levels and policy types.



JESSICA KIM

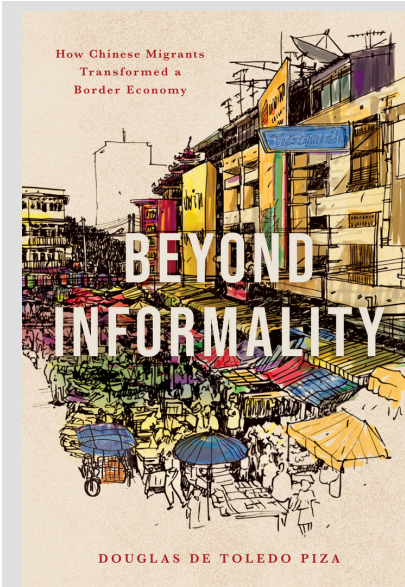
Prof. Jessica Kim is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh and a scholar of political sociology and international development. Her research adopts a global and transnational perspective to examine how norms are constructed, diffused, and contested across national policies, organizational practices, and public opinion. Using advanced quantitative methods, her work addresses key issues related to democracy, women's rights, health, and climate change.

PROF. DOUGLAS DE TOLEDO PIZA SHARES RECENT RESEARCH ON MIGRATION, INFORMALITY, AND MEMORY ACTIVISM IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH



DOUGLAS DE TOLEDO PIZA

Prof. Douglas de Toledo Piza is Assistant Professor of International Affairs at Lafayette College and a scholar of migration, informality, memory activism, and displacement. His research examines the intersections of (im)mobilities of people, goods, and material culture across borders, with a particular focus on East Asian migrations in South America. He holds a PhD in Sociology from The New School and has previously been affiliated with the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility and the International Rescue Committee.



FEATURED BOOK:

Beyond Informality: How Chinese Migrants Transformed a Border Economy. Stanford University Press, 2025

In this book, Prof. de Toledo Piza examines the role of Chinese migrants in South America's largest informal economy of counterfeit and smuggled goods, spanning from Ciudad del Este to São Paulo. The study reveals how structural inequalities in the global economy push migrants into precarious positions while simultaneously enabling the emergence of transnational business elites capable of reshaping markets and power relations in the Global South. By tracing the interaction between law, informality, and migration, the book offers a nuanced account of how marginalized actors both endure and transform unequal economic systems.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLE

de Toledo Piza, Douglas, Sarah Marie Cohen, and Christopher Joseph Toshikazu Kirch. 2025. "*The Mnemonic Activism of Nikkei in Brazil: Demanding an Apology for the Brazilian Government's Japanese Oppression.*" *Diaspora Studies*, 1-22 (advance online publication).

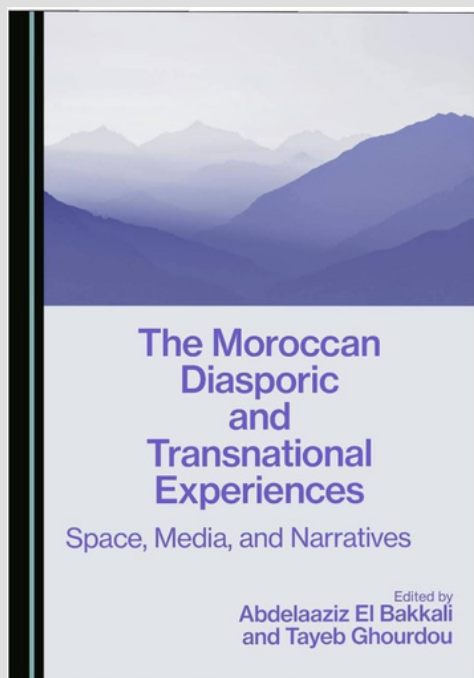
This article introduces the concept of mnemonic activism to analyze how Nikkei activists in Brazil have challenged dominant narratives portraying Japanese migration as uniformly successful. Drawing on journalistic and governmental sources from 2013 to 2024, the authors show how activist interventions reshaped public discourse, leading to official recognition and apology for historical oppression. The study highlights the role of memory politics in claims for recognition, remembrance, and reparations.

PROF. ABDELAAZIZ EL BAKKALI SHARES RECENT WORK ON MEDIA, DIASPORA, AND TRANSNATIONAL CULTURAL NARRATIVES



ABDELAAZIZ EL BAKKALI

Prof. Abdelaaziz El Bakkali is Associate Professor of Media and Cultural Anthropology and a Fulbright Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar at the Center of Muslim Experience (CME) at Arizona State University. He is also a lecturer at SMBA University in Fes, Morocco. His research focuses on cultural studies and anthropology, with particular attention to media, gender, religion, and diasporic and transnational experiences.



FEATURED EDITED VOLUME:

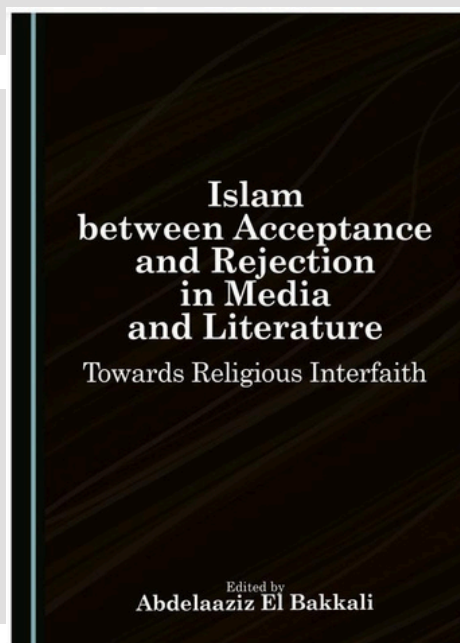
The Moroccan Diasporic and Transnational Experiences: Space, Media, and Narratives

Edited by Abdelaaziz El Bakkali and Tayeb Ghourdou
Cambridge Scholars Publishing

This edited volume brings together interdisciplinary perspectives on Moroccan diasporic and transnational experiences, examining how space, media, and narrative practices shape identity, belonging, and cultural circulation across borders. The book contributes to broader debates in media studies, cultural anthropology, and migration research.

OTHER EDITED VOLUMES

- El Bakkali, A. (ed.). *Islam between Acceptance and Rejection in Media and Literature: Towards Religious Interfaith.*
- El Bakkali, A., & Ghourdou, T. (eds.). *Youth Activism and New Media in Morocco: Rewriting Social Changes and Understandings.*



CAMILLE M. MARCELO, CZAIRA G. VILLAMAYOR, LOUIE BENEDICT R. IGNACIO, 2025. "THE NARRATIVES OF FILIPINO YOUTH ACTIVISTS AND THE EFFECTS OF RED-TAGGING ON PHILIPPINE DEMOCRATIC BACKSLIDING: THE CASE OF THE STRONGMAN DUTERTE REGIME", ONE SOCIAL SCIENCE JOURNAL, PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, VOL 1, 58-88.

The Narratives of Filipino Youth Activists
and the Effects of Red-Tagging on
Philippine Democratic Backsliding: The
Case of The Strongman Duterte Regime

Camille M. Marcelo,
Czaira G. Villamayor,
Louie Benedict R. Ignacio

Filipino youth activism has always been at the helm of social movements challenging the status quo, demonstrating unwavering commitment to engage, empower, and educate while pursuing the aspirations of a "good society," "good government," and "good politics." Red-tagging in the Philippines has emerged as a political strategy employed by state forces that contextualizes the decades-long communist conflict, resulting in red-scare attacks, threatening labels, and even the killings of left-leaning individuals and groups, i.e., Filipino youth activists. This study revealed that: (a) the Duterte regime views Filipino youth activists as "enemies of the state and society" by demonizing their unwavering idealism, (b) red-tagging creates a chilling effect that impacts their psychological, psychosocial and cognitive well-being, and fear paralyzes resistance while fueling a culture of impunity, and (c) there is a threat to human rights, undermining both horizontal and vertical accountability, and resulting in a loss of democratic participation that could lead to democratic backsliding.

PROF. SIMON SUSEN PRESENTS RECENT WORK ON CRITICAL THEORY, SOCIAL ONTOLOGY, AND TEMPORAL ANALYSIS

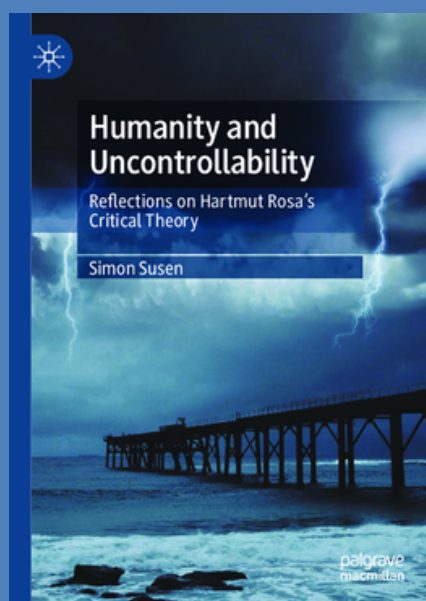
Prof. Simon Susen has contributed actively to contemporary debates in critical social theory through a series of recent publications and international academic engagements between 2025 and early 2026. His work addresses central questions in social ontology, public space, resonance, and temporality, engaging critically with key figures such as Jürgen Habermas, Walter Benjamin, Clifford Geertz, and Hartmut Rosa.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS (2025–EARLY 2026)

- Susen, S. (2026). Towards the (Re)Making of Public Space? *Berlin Journal of Critical Theory*, 10(1).
- Susen, S. (2025). On the Ontology of Social Association: Between Ideality and Reality. *Global Intellectual History* [Online First].
- Susen, S. (2025). Habermas and the Tasks of Contemporary Philosophy. In A. Khandizaji & J. J. Chriss (eds.), *Habermas and the Transformations of Critical Theory: Faces of Critique*. Palgrave Macmillan.

SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Closing keynote lecture: “Senses of Time: From the Future via the Present to the Past (and Back Again)”, Annual Conference on Philosophy and Social Science, Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague (May 2025).
- Conference presentation: “La théorie critique comme sociologie des relations au monde”, Colloque Hartmut Rosa, accélération, résonance et énergies sociales, Cerisy, France (August–September 2025).



FEATURED BOOK:

Susen, S. (2024). *Humanity and Uncontrollability: Reflections on Hartmut Rosa's Critical Theory*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Humanity and Uncontrollability: Reflections on Hartmut Rosa's Critical Theory (Palgrave Macmillan, 2024) offers a systematic and original engagement with Hartmut Rosa's critical theory, addressing central questions of resonance, social acceleration, and uncontrollability in late modern societies.

Originally featured in our January 2025 newsletter, the book remains highly relevant to ongoing debates in critical social theory and contemporary sociology.

Due to space constraints, this section highlights a selected sample of recent publications and academic activities.

DR. RAMESH K. MADAN: WRITING ON DEMOCRACY, LABOR, AND POLITICAL CHANGE

Dr. Ramesh K. Madan has recently published two opinion pieces addressing key contemporary debates in India. In *Panjab University Under Siege: Autonomy, Confusion and the Crisis of Faith* (Khabre Junction, November 2025), he examines the challenges facing university autonomy and academic governance. In *Empowering India's Workers and the Unfinished Fight for Justice and Dignity* (Youth Ki Awaaz, November 2025), he reflects on ongoing struggles for labor rights, justice, and dignity. Dr. Madan is also currently preparing two forthcoming books — *Delhi Elections 2025: Power, Politics and Public Mandate* and *Gandhi in the Current Global Perspective*. We look forward to sharing further updates on these publications in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (2025)

- *From Slogans to Systems: A New Blueprint for Congress Revival* Youth Ki Awaaz, 25 June 2025 <https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2025/06/from-slogans-to-systems-a-new-blueprint-for-congress-revival/>
- *Digital Freedom or Digital Fury? An Urgent Call for Responsible Speech* Youth Ki Awaaz, 12 July 2025 <https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2025/07/digital-freedom-or-digital-fury-the-urgent-call-for-responsible-speech/>
- *The New Quit India: Freedom's Unfinished Journey*. Youth Ki Awaaz, 10 August 2025 <https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2025/08/the-new-quit-india-freedoms-unfinished-journey/>
- *Here's What the Real Battle for Democracy Is About*. Youth Ki Awaaz, 12 September 2025 <https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2025/09/the-real-battle-for-democracy/>
- *Panjab University Under Siege : Autonomy, Confusion and the Crisis of Faith* Khabre Junction, 08 November 2025 <https://www.khabrejunction.com/panjab-university-under-seige-autonomy-confusion-and-the-crisis-of-faith/>
- *Empowering India's Workers And Unfinished Fight For Justice, Dignity*- Youth Ki Awaaz, 21 November 2025 <https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2025/11/empowering-indias-workers-the-unfinished-fight-for-justice-dignity/>



RAMESH KUMAR MADAN

Dr. Ramesh Kumar (also known as Dr. Ramesh K. Madan) is a senior political scientist and academic leader with over three decades of interdisciplinary scholarship in Indian politics, electoral behaviour, public policy, and cultural studies. He has authored numerous scholarly publications, presented more than 270 research papers at national and international forums, and continues to engage actively with global academic, institutional, and policy-oriented discourse.

APPLIED RESEARCH AND PUBLIC OPINION STUDIES



In 2025, the ARAR Foundation conducted multiple sociological public opinion Nationwide surveys addressing key socio-political challenges, public trust, civic attitudes, and political perceptions in Republic of Armenia. All studies were implemented using quantitative sociological methods, and the results were publicly presented to ensure transparency and public

accessibility. The analytical presentations are available on the Foundation's official website.

LIST OF SURVEYS (2025):

1. Political Attitudes and Social Perceptions in Armenia: A Nationwide Public Opinion Survey, November 11, 2025

<https://ararfoundation.am/en/news/public-opinion-survey-arar-foundation-presents-findings-from-latest-research/>

2. Political Attitudes and Social Perceptions in Armenia: A Nationwide Public Opinion Survey, August 26, 2025

<https://ararfoundation.am/en/news/public-opinion-today-arar-foundation-presents-new-sociological-research-results/>

3. Political Attitudes and Social Perceptions in Armenia: A Nationwide Public Opinion Survey, June 20, 2025

<https://ararfoundation.am/en/news/the-arar-foundation-presented-the-results-of-its-latest-sociological-research/>

4. Political Attitudes and Social Perceptions in Armenia: A Nationwide Public Opinion Survey, March 27, 2025

<https://ararfoundation.am/en/news/results-of-sociological-research-presented/>



ARMEN KHACHIKYAN

Armen Khachikyan is a sociologist and the Director of the ARAR Civilizational Research Foundation, where he leads sociological research projects focused on public opinion, political sociology, and evidence-based analysis of socio-political processes in Armenia. Researcher with broad academic and teaching experience, focused on political and military sociology, public communication and demography. Author of 12 peer-reviewed articles and co-author of a scientific monograph. Active participant in academic councils, research collaborations, and applied social projects at national level.

2026 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: MOROCCAN DIASPORIC AND TRANSNATIONAL EXPERIENCES – NATION AND NARRATION



The Faculty of Letters and Humanities, Dhar El Mehraz, and the CREDIF Lab (USMBA) announce an international conference exploring Moroccan diasporic and transnational experiences through interdisciplinary perspectives on nation, narration, media, and literature.

Building on a successful 2024 edition—later published as an edited volume in 2025—this conference invites scholars, writers, filmmakers, and researchers to critically engage with questions of mobility, belonging, identity, and the narrative construction of the nation. Special attention is given to the role of literature, film, and media in shaping, reproducing, and contesting national and transnational imaginaries, particularly within Global South contexts. The conference aims to foster dialogue on how Moroccan cultural identities are narrated across borders, media forms, and historical moments, examining both dominant and counter-narratives in folkloric, literary, and digital spaces.

📍 Fès, Morocco | 📅 April 10–11, 2026

Call for Abstracts – Deadline: February 20, 2026

Abstract submission: <https://forms.gle/iD4ho2WEEQoefLe79>

Conference website: <https://mdte-conference.weebly.com/>

Conference Chair:

Abdelaaziz El Bakkali (Arizona State University)

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