

Dear colleagues,

The [Call for Abstracts](#) for the ISA Forum of Sociology is now open.

We are pleased to announce that our session on “**Women’s Housing and Land Rights in an Urbanizing World**” was accepted (see description below).

We warmly welcome those of you working on this topic to send abstracts until September 30th. Once all abstracts have been submitted, we will have the opportunity to accept them into the panel or to pass on some abstracts to other session organizers.

Feel free to disseminate this call with anyone else you think might be interested.

Session description:

Women’s Housing and Land Rights in an Urbanizing World

Adequate housing is a key element of everyone’s right to an adequate standard of living, recognized by international human rights law. Yet the world is facing an unprecedented housing crisis, with over one billion people inadequately housed. It is widely recognized now, that women are more likely than men to become homeless and live in inadequate conditions due to a combination of factors that range from discriminatory laws, policies and practices, to social and economic disadvantages. They are the worst affected in forced evictions, resettlement schemes, slum clearance, domestic violence, civil conflicts, discriminatory inheritance laws and practices, development projects and globalization policies.

The purpose of this session is to highlight the relationship that women have with housing and land rights in urban areas. Presenters are invited to provide an overview of the housing and land rights violations or challenges experienced by women, particularly those related to multiple layers of discrimination including class, ethnicity, and civil status. The session will shed light on methodological approaches used to conduct analysis of housing issues, and on the implications for laws, policies and practices of addressing the gap between the de jure and the de facto protection of women’s housing and land rights.

The session will be chaired by Prof. Dra. Edith Jimenez Huerta (University of Guadalajara, México) and organized by Ph.D. candidate Raquel Ludermir (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil).

Kind regards,

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