

From the Editor



The last issue of the year 2012 carries four substantial pieces. The lead essay entitled 'Towards Internationalism: Beyond Colonial and Nationalist Sociologies' is by Sujata Patel. In this paper, the author poses two crucial questions: First, given the organic links between power-knowledge, what frames of hegemonic social sciences organise global/international knowledge? Second, what are the protocols to be mobilised in order to displace these hegemonic trends in global/international social sciences? These are questions of universal, cross-cultural relevance and do concern sociological communities globally. However, it would be interesting to see what kind of responses different sociologists would make to these queries. This issue introduces a new segment in this publication, in which the intention is to feature a body of sociological works from particular places. This issue presents three essays in a segment entitled 'Sociology in Singapore': the first piece is entitled 'Us' and 'Them': Ethnic Minority Gangs in the Singapore Prisons' by Ganapathy Narayanan, the second is entitled 'Alternative Engagements with 'Homeland': Sindh as an Expression of Diasporic Sindhi Identity' by Mamta Sachan Kumar and the third piece is entitled 'Neofundamentalist Thought, Dakwah, and Religious Pluralism Among Muslims in Singapore' by Mohamed Imran bin Mohamed Taib. This segment allows featuring of a body of scholarship and to convey the density and diversity of sociological work emanating from particular socio-cultural and political contexts. I invite ISA members, and in particular, the National Associations, to make contributions to this segment. I also welcome all feedback to enhance the scope and aims of the ISA eSymposium.

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