

# CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ISA RC46: CLINICAL SOCIOLOGY

9 January 2024

Dear RC46 Members,

Greetings from Johannesburg! As we enter the new year, I am mindful of the challenges faced by different parts of the world. I hope that amidst these circumstances, the holiday season brings you moments of joy and tranquillity. However, as we embrace the start of a potentially brighter year, I urge your attention to a few matters regarding the RC.

First, please make sure **both your ISA and RC46 memberships are up-to-date**. Seeing that we only need to renew the membership once every four years, it is easy to forget about it. You can check your membership status by logging in to <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/login>. Maintaining our membership above 100 holds significant importance due to its impact on our allotted sessions for hosting and the funding we can seek through registration and activity grants from the ISA. Every January, the ISA removes the names of individuals whose ISA or RC46 membership, or both, has lapsed at the end of the previous year from our roster. Unfortunately, our membership has decreased from 141 at the end of 2023 to 110 at the beginning of 2024. I kindly request your assistance in bolstering our membership by encouraging interested colleagues and students to join RC46. You could also consider gifting student membership in the ISA and RC46 or ask your department or organisation to do so. This will support our ability to secure the necessary resources and opportunities for the organisation.

Second, the **upcoming ISA conference will be the Forum**, scheduled to take place in Morocco in 2025. We will communicate the deadlines for the calls for sessions and abstracts and the other arrangements for the Forum as soon as we receive the information from the USA. In the meantime, you could start making plans to attend the Forum.

Third, we aim to organise **an interim conference for RC46 during 2024**, ideally aligned with a local conference in a member's country. If there's a possibility of hosting such a conference in your country, please do let me know.

Finally, I encourage you to explore the articles featured in our journal, the *Clinical Sociology Review*, during 2023. Below is the table of contents for each of the two issues. Additionally, I invite you to consider submitting an article for potential publication in the journal.

**Please note that we will be putting out a newsletter in April.** It will contain information about new publications from our members. If you have published an article, report or book in the last five months, please send that information to Johanna Zulueta with a copy to me. Also, send us announcements of forthcoming events or reports about events that have already happened. We would be happy to include the information in the following newsletter. Your information must be received by 31 March 2024 to be included in the newsletter.

I wish you the very best in 2024!

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RC46 President  
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# NEWS FROM Clinical Sociologists Around the World

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## News from Bandana Purkayastha

Bandana Purkayastha. Awarded the title Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, University of Connecticut.

<https://today.uconn.edu/2023/06/three-faculty-awarded-board-of-trustees-distinguished-professor-title/>

Gave a talk on the role of Professional Bodies.

<https://doingsociology.org/2023/11/15/the-role-of-professional-bodies-in-the-development-of-sociology/>

Bandana Purkayastha and Rianka Roy\*. (December 2023). Hidden in Plain Sight: “Neutral” Enclosures for High-Skilled Immigrants during COVID-19. *Sociological Forum*.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/socf.12965>

Bandana Purkayastha, Riana Roy\*, S. Anandhi and E. Deepa\*. (accepted, forthcoming 2024 spring). Gendered Inclusions, Gendered Exclusions: Lessons from Media Discourses During the Pandemic. *Journal of Social and Economic Development*.

Bandana Purkayastha. (2023) Eroding inclusions and expanding exclusions: Education during pandemics. *Sociological Bulletin*. Currently online:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00380229231196716>

Purkayastha, Bandana. (2023). What Can We Learn about Migration and Migrants from Southern Scholars? A Brief Discussion. *Sociological Forum*, 8 (3): 865-875.

Elizabeth Chacko, Paromita Sanyal, Soma Chaudhuri & Bandana Purkayastha (2023): Caregiving and Care receiving among Asian Indian immigrants in the USA during the covid-19 pandemic, *Geographical Review*,

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/socf.12915>

Another book on humanitarianism and inequality, co-edited, will be out in February 2024.

## News from David Du Toit

David was invited as a visiting scholar by Prof de Casanova from the Sociology Department at the University of Cincinnati for 10 days in November. During his visit, he presented at a seminar with a presentation entitled: "The contours of paid domestic work in South Africa: Progress, gaps and threats". He is also working on a paper with Prof de Casanova where they are comparing domestic work in Ecuador and South Africa. The aim of this visit is to establish long-term relations between the Sociology Department at the University of Johannesburg and Cincinnati.

Recent publication is: Du Toit, D. 2023. Paid Domestic Work and Outsourcing in South Africa: Clients' Views on Trust, Control and Power Relations. *Current Sociology*, 71(6): 1063-1081.

## News from Matheus Viana Braz

In January, Matheus will be in Paris working as a Visiting Researcher at the Laboratoire de Changement Social et Politique (LCSP) at the Université Paris Cité. In this context, along with Margaux Trarieux, he will be organising a seminar on teaching work, focusing on burnout and resistance, with other researchers from Brazil, France and Chile.

For more information:

<https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/france/journee-detude-interdisciplinaire-franco-americaine-activite-enseignante-entre-epuisement-et-resistances/>

## News from Suava Zbierski-Salameh



A sociological research and its conclusions became a springboard for a collaboration between a sociologist and a local government to create a new social institution in the Poznan Metropolitan Area, Poland. On Dec 1 2023, A Center for Democracy and Citizens' Participation was officially opened in the Poznan Metropolitan Area.

The idea of creating a center for democracy stems from Suava Zbierski-Salameh's sociological research conducted in this country on the early stages of post-socialist transformation, and from her book *Bitter Harvest: Antecedents and Consequences of Property Reforms in Post-Socialist Poland*. In it, she outlined factors contributing to a

shallow democracy in post-socialist Poland.

Her subsequent work centered on community engagement, in the context of her earlier sociological research. The newly erected Center aims to deepen social integration and democratic processes by engaging ordinary citizens in the governance on the local level, through various programs and initiatives. S. Zbierski-Salameh also just signed a four-year MOU with the county Mayor for creation of the supra-local conferences/workshops at the Center on various issues related to contemporary democracy.



(Center of Democracy; S Zbierski-Salameh with T. Czajka, Mayor)

This multimillion dollar Center for Democracy, erected mainly from EU funds, is a result of a long-term partnership. Its conceptual design was developed by S Zbierski-Salameh, as a head of non-profit Haverford institute, working during 7 semesters with the architecture faculty and students from Poznan Polytechnic University, in continuing consultations with the county government in the Poznan Metropolitan Area. In addition, the seven-semester cooperation of the academics with the local government yielded comprehensive urban, architectural analyses of the county, substantially aiding the county's local government in its work on county's spatial planning and charting its sustainable development.

Several academic publications and conference presentations appeared on various facets of this long-term collaboration, most notably in *Journal of Heritage Conservation* • 68/2021 pp 87-101. A paper "Title Post-Socialist Urban-periphery Development towards Sustainability: Combining Deliberative and Design Intervention to create the socialscape in the Rural County in the Western Poland" Author(s) Suava Zbierski-Salameh, Bartosz Kaźmierczak and Dominika Pazder has been accepted for publication by *Oeconomia Copernicana*.

Within the last two years, S Zbierski-Salameh collaborated with sociologists in Poland engaged in right2city and local democracy issues, and with those engaged in urban

planning in the post-socialist context. She joined M Nowak of Sociology Department, Poznan Mickiewicz University, (and a member of RC 46) to research another county within the periphery of Poznan Metropolitan Area. The joined research aims to discern patterns of governance and strategies for sustainable development. Currently, the paper is being drafted based on this comparative research. Earlier this year, M Nowak co-authored a paper on the social-spatial profile of the county in the periphery of the Poznan Metropolitan Area.

<https://pressto.amu.edu.pl/index.php/cis/article/view/38854/33068>

## News from Fernando de Yzaguirre



El grupo de Sociología Clínica de Madrid, España, dentro de sus encuentros de otoño, celebra una serie de seminarios dedicados a las distintas actividades y convocatorias en marcha, y a dos metodologías socioclínicas: la de los relatos de vida y el teatro foro. En la foto se ve a parte del grupo en una sesión de intercambio de técnicas de intervención socioclínicas.

The Clinical Sociology group of Madrid, Spain, within its autumn meetings, holds a series of seminars dedicated to the different activities and calls in progress, and to two socioclinical

methodologies: that of life stories and forum theater. In the photo you can see part of the group in a session exchanging socioclinical intervention techniques.

El profesor Carlos Alberto Castillo Mendoza, ofrecerá el 16 de diciembre la conferencia virtual "Relación de la Sociología Clínica con el Psicoanálisis" dentro de la programación periódica del Aula Virtual de Sociología Clínica "Federico Rubio y Galí", que es impulsada por profesores de Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia y España, dentro del Nudo Sur de la Red Internacional de Sociología Clínica RISC. Coordinadora AVSC: profesora Matilde Fernández-Cid.

Carlos Alberto Castillo es profesor de la UCM. Es doctor en sociología y sociólogo, con formación en psicoanálisis y sociología clínica.

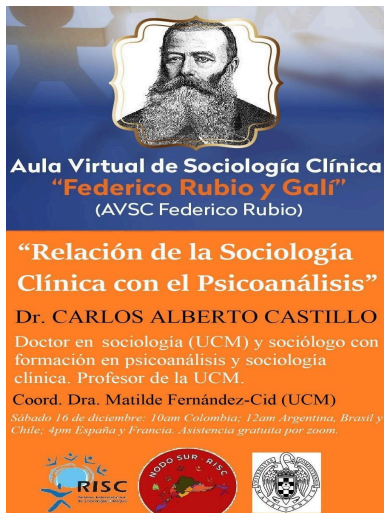
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Se celebra virtualmente el sábado 16 de diciembre 2023, a las 10am de Colombia; 12:00 A.M. de Argentina, Brasil y Chile; 4:00 P.M. de España y Francia.

Le professeur Carlos Alberto Castillo Mendoza proposera le 16 décembre la conférence virtuelle «Relation entre la sociologie clinique et la psychanalyse » dans le cadre de la programmation périodique de la Classe Virtuelle de Sociologie Clinique «Federico Rubio y Galí», promue par des professeurs d'Argentine, du Brésil et du Chili, Colombie et Espagne, au sein du "Nodo Sur" du réseau international RISC de sociologie clinique. Coordinatrice AVSC: Professeur Matilde Fernández-Cid.

Carlos Alberto Castillo est professeur à l'UCM. Il est docteur en sociologie et sociologue, avec une formation en psychanalyse et en sociologie clinique.



Professor Carlos Alberto Castillo Mendoza offered on December 16 the virtual conference “Relationship of Clinical Sociology with Psychoanalysis” within the periodic programming of the "Federico Rubio y Galí" Virtual Classroom of Clinical Sociology, which is promoted by professors from Argentina , Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Spain, within the "Nodo Sur" of the RISC International Network of Clinical Sociology. Coordinator AVSC: Professor Matilde Fernández-Cid.

Carlos Alberto Castillo is a professor at the UCM. He is a doctor in sociology and a sociologist, with training in psychoanalysis and clinical sociology.

## News from Daniela Jauk-Ajamie

We celebrate that the paper “Global governance and climate stress of incarcerated women: the case of the US” (2023) by certified clinical sociologist Daniela Jauk-Ajamie published in *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 47:2, 115-129, DOI: [10.1080/01924036.2022.2146731](https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2022.2146731), was referenced in an *Open Letter from Women Beyond Walls* addressed to all UN High-Level Forums on women’s rights, July 17, 2023 with over 220+ signatories [https://www.womenbeyondwalls.org/\\_files/ugd/2d77c8\\_953ab705db55479dbafeda0005b21223.pdf](https://www.womenbeyondwalls.org/_files/ugd/2d77c8_953ab705db55479dbafeda0005b21223.pdf)

Daniela Jauk-Ajamie (C.C.S., University of Akron/Ohio) and collaborator Angela Adkins (Stark State College, Ohio) developed a podcast to make sociology recognizable and educate about applied and clinical sociology careers. The first season was published in the summer and consists of seven interviews averaging 20 min each, with Sociology

graduates in applied and intriguing career fields. Check out an [overview of all seven episodes](#) and the [podcast website](#). The podcast is available on all major podcast apps and should so be a new and accessible learning tool to students on apps/media they already use.



They also developed an assignment to use the podcast in Sociology classrooms that has now been [published on TRAILS](#), the national teaching repository of the *American Sociological Association* for your enjoyment and use. They started working on Season #2 already on the regional level, and they are open to collaborating if you want to host their own season about their own applied and clinical sociology graduates and use the existing infrastructure! Contact [djauk@uakron.edu](mailto:djauk@uakron.edu) and/or [aadkins@starkstate.edu](mailto:aadkins@starkstate.edu) for info and a chat.

### Committee of Interest

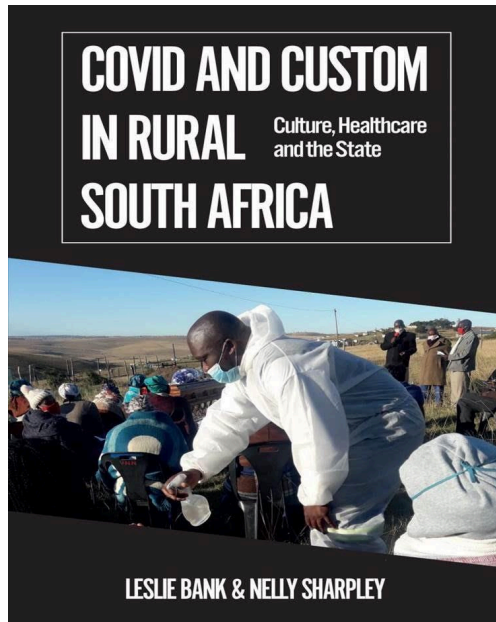
In the US there are eight regional sociological associations ([CAPCAS lists them on their website](#)). The North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) is the regional sociology association serving the areas of Eastern Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ontario, Canada. It is currently preparing for its 2024 Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, which will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2024. This conference will be a special one, as NCSA will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary. NCSA has a lively committee on applied, clinical, and public sociology that is committed to all those who practice sociology outside of traditional academic appointments. To express our commitment to this ideal and the open sharing of resources, the committee posts related materials and resources, as well as interviews with Sociology graduates who work in applied settings (that can be used in teaching!) to other sociologists free of charge [on their website](#). For questions contact the committee chair Gail McGuire [gmcguire@iusb.edu](mailto:gmcguire@iusb.edu).

## News from Nelly Sharpley

As a black female academic, I approach my work as a calling that demands a commitment to social justice, decoloniality, and my African Philosophy of Ubuntu. I am deeply grateful to those who recognise my passion and impact and push me to venture into more challenging spaces of growth and impact, [#myNIHSSfamily](#) [#ProfSarahMosoetsa](#). Growth occurs when we challenge the norm and rethink our worldviews. Rebuilding is a collective effort and indeed our advantage for post-Covid recovery as the country and BRICS+ countries.

**UKZN Academic Addresses BRICS Think Tank Roundtable**  
[ndabaonline.ukzn.ac.za](http://ndabaonline.ukzn.ac.za) • 3 min read

Nelly has published a new book:



This book explores the impact of Covid-19, and the associated state lockdown, on rural lives in a former homeland in South Africa. The 2020 Disaster Management Act saw the state sweep through rural areas, targeting funerals and other customary practices as potential “super-spreader” events. This unprecedented clampdown produced widespread disruption, fear and anxiety. The authors build on path-breaking work concerning local responses to West Africa’s Ebola epidemic, and examine the HIV/AIDS pandemic, to understand the impact of the Covid crisis on these communities, and on rural Africa more broadly.

To shed light on the role of custom and ritual in rural social change during the pandemic, Covid and Custom in Rural South Africa applies long-term historical and ethnographic research; theories of people’s science, local knowledge and the human economy; and fieldwork conducted in ten rural South African communities during lockdown.

The volume highlights differences between developments in Southern Africa and elsewhere on the continent, while exploring how the former apartheid homelands—commonly, yet problematically, represented as former ‘labour reserves’—have since been reconstituted as new home-spaces. In short, it explains why rural people have been so angered by the state’s assault on their cultural practices and institutions in the time of Covid.

# Announcements

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## Social Boundaries of Work Conference: Call for papers

Call for papers for the next edition of the Social Boundaries of Work Conference – Critical Labour Studies which will be held in Wrocław, Poland 16-18 October 2024. The conference is co-organised, among others, by the Institute of Sociology (University of Wrocław), the Polish Sociological Association and the Critical Labour Studies Network.

The call is attached and the conference website is: <https://socialboundariesofwork.pts.org.pl/en/>

VII International Conference

Social Boundaries of Work. Critical Labour Studies in the Times of a Polycrisis  
Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław 16-18 October 2024

<https://socialboundariesofwork.pts.org.pl/en/>

The Department of the Sociology of Work and Economic Sociology at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Wrocław, the Sociology of Work Section of the Polish Sociological Association, the Critical Labour Studies Network, the Wrocław branch of the Polish Sociological Association and the Research Committee 44 "Labour Movements" of the International Sociological Association invite you to participate in the international conference entitled "Social Boundaries of Work. Critical Labour Studies in the Times of a Polycrisis", to be held in Wrocław on 16-18 October 2024.

The seventh edition of the conference is co-organised with the Critical Labour Studies network (<https://criticallabourstudies.org.uk/>). CLS was established in 2004 as a collective to provide a platform for co-operative and radical research and education. The conference is dedicated to analysing the relationship between academia and the world of work in the context of overlapping and reinforcing socio-economic crises

The call for papers is attached. We would like to invite paper proposals till 1 March 2024 via the form <https://forms.gle/ufR2YxjtLcXUQZzh8>

We are also open to thematic group proposals, which should be sent to the conference organisers at [socialboundariesofwork@gmail.com](mailto:socialboundariesofwork@gmail.com) by 15 January 2024.

## SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION CONGRESS 2024: CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers: SASA Congress, 1-4 July 2024 at Stellenbosch University

### **Sociology and its Publics: Institutions, audiences, and vocabularies in a new era of contestation**

After thirty years of democracy in South Africa, the country remains a rich site for sociological inquiry, with established lines of inquiry around race, class and gender being supplemented by questions of generation, sexuality, and modes and media of expression. Sociology is an established discipline in many of the public higher institutions in South Africa, and its traditions of sociological thought extend back to at least the 1960s, with scholars like Fatima Meer and Bernard Magubane becoming prominent alongside a rich Marxist tradition, within which Eddie Webster was a leading figure. But to whom is Sociology speaking now, this conference promises to ask? If the national association was once dominated by questions of labour, workplace struggles and the shape of post-apartheid democracy, what questions and audiences should sociology now address? What vocabularies are appropriate to sociology and what kinds of institutional form should sociology as a discipline take? At a moment when the liberation party's hold on electoral power has been weaker than at any point in thirty years of democracy, how do popular contestations shape sociology, and which publics acquire platforms for contestations in South Africa?

This conference thus foregrounds questions relating to sociology and its publics in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. During this time, the authority of texts, teaching, and modes of learning are in question, and a deluge of information competes for the limited attention of subjects. While for some, the spectre of neoliberal managerialism haunts the university - turning students into customers and teaching and research into outputs, and provoking the defense of established forms of knowledge - for others, disciplines are themselves colonial products and we need to find new ways of organising and expressing knowledge. These engagements, and others, suggest the importance of considering our publics, asking us for whom we teach and write, how our audiences might be circumscribed or expanded, and how we as sociologists might transform ourselves to be heard better.

As a site of debate and dialogue, our annual national conference aims to be a site for multiple sociological publics, and we encourage submissions from all with an interest in the present and future of the discipline. We aim to foreground the following themes:

- Sociologies of democracy, citizenship and violence
- Gender and generational contestations
- New politics of nationalisms, racism and xenophobia
- Intersections of economy and environment

- Technological mediations of public and private domains
- Contemporary contestations and audiences in higher education

Submissions are encouraged in these themes, or in others organized in our SASA working groups, listed at:

<https://sociology.africa/annual-conference/sasa-working-groups>

The closing date for abstracts is Friday, 29 March 2024.

Please email abstracts, together with author details to: [sasa2024conference@gmail.com](mailto:sasa2024conference@gmail.com) AND cc' the appropriate SASA working group convenor with your submission.

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## Congrès de l'AISLF été 2024 à Ottawa

Le congrès de l'AISLF aura lieu du **8 au 12 juillet, au Canada à Ottawa autour de la thématique « Sciences, savoirs et sociétés »**.

Une belle occasion pour discuter des enjeux sociétaux, sociaux actuels et aussi individuels auxquels nous sommes confrontés dans nos pays, mais aussi de manière internationale, et auxquels les approches cliniques en sciences sociales peuvent apporter des analyses spécifiques.

### Appels à communications

*L'appel à propositions est prolongé jusqu'au **12 janvier 2024**, ainsi que la possibilité des demandes de bourse*

**Les appels à communications** sont ouverts jusqu'au 12 janvier 2024 (au lieu du 15 décembre 2023). Ils sont accessibles en ligne sur le site **du CR19** mais aussi du **GT15, CR34 et CR37** avec lesquels le CR19 fait pour la première fois des **sessions communes**, élargissant ainsi **les liens de la sociologie clinique**.

*NB: la visioconférence sera possible pour les personnes dont les communications auront été acceptées et qui se seront inscrites*

<https://www.sociologie-clinique.org/canada/congres-de-laislf-ete-2024-a-ottawa/>

## CALL FOR INPUT | SPECIAL PROCEDURES

### Call for Input to the Report of the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls to the Human Rights Council on Prostitution and Violence Against Women and Girls

DEADLINE - 31 January 2024

**Purpose:** The thematic report will be presented to the UN Human Rights Council at its 56th session in June 2024 and will examine the nexus between the global phenomenon of prostitution and violence against women and girls

#### Background

Women and girls constitute the majority of those in prostitution. International law has recognised that prostitution is incompatible with the dignity and the worth of the human person and has included prostitution as a key element for the crime of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation. It has very importantly called on States to “take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women”.

Furthermore, article 9(5) of the Palermo Protocol calls on State Parties to “adopt or strengthen legislative or other measures, such as educational, social or cultural measures, including through bilateral and multilateral cooperation, to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of persons, especially women and children, that leads to trafficking.” In a number of jurisdictions, States have adopted legislation or policies through the criminalisation of pimps and traffickers and discouraging the demand that fosters such sexual exploitation.

Two international treaties are particularly relevant: one is in the 1949 Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Other. The 1949 Convention presents two shifts in perspective on the trafficking problem, in that it views prostituted persons as victims of the procurers. The Convention<sup>[4]</sup> requires State parties to punish any person who “procures, entices, or leads away, for purposes of prostitution, another person, even with the consent of that person”; or “exploits the prostitution of another person, even with the consent of that person” (Article 1), or runs a brothel or rents accommodations for prostitution purposes (Article 2). Article 3 of the Palermo protocol lays out the situations where the consent of the person traffickers would be deemed irrelevant. It also prescribes procedures for combating international traffic for the purpose of prostitution, including extradition of offenders.

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) notes that: “States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women” (article 6). Although the CEDAW Convention does not mention violence against

women and its different forms, prostitution has been included in the CEDAW Committee's General Recommendations No. 12, 19, 35, and 38. For example, in General Recommendation no 19 on violence against women (para. 15 and 16) it noted that poverty and unemployment often force women into prostitution, and that armed conflicts often lead to an increase in prostitution. In its various concluding observations to State party reports, it also noted that the vulnerability of prostituted women and girls to exploitation is heightened based on intersecting grounds. Foreign women, and women of ethnic and other minorities - amongst others - are particularly vulnerable. Moreover, the CEDAW Committee recognised how law often facilitates marginalisation and violence (including by State agents), and it has asked States to take punitive, preventive and rehabilitative measures to protect prostituted women.

General Recommendation No. 38 on Trafficking in Women in the Context of Global Migration of 2020 has clarified the indivisible link between trafficking and sexual exploitation, while also acknowledging prostitution as a phenomenon rooted in structural, sex-based discrimination, constituting gender-based violence, which is often exacerbated in the context of displacement, migration, the increased globalisation of economic activities, including global supply chains, the extractive and offshore industries, increased militarism, foreign occupation, armed conflict, violent extremism and terrorism. It also states that sexual exploitation persists due to the failure of States parties to effectively discourage the demand that fosters exploitation and leads to trafficking along with the persistent stereotypes and norms regarding male domination and the need to assert male control or power, enforce patriarchal gender roles and male sexual entitlement, coercion and control, which drive the demand, especially in the context of digital technology, for the sexual exploitation of women and girls. It also recommends that States discourage the demand and investigate, prosecute and convict all perpetrators involved in trafficking in persons, including those on the demand side. According to Article 9 (5) of the Palermo Protocol, States are obliged "to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of persons, especially women and children, that leads to trafficking."

Reference should be made to the divergent views between advocates on the issue, with some arguing that the criminalisation of any act related to prostitution, including pimping and the purchase of sexual acts, as well as the criminalisation of prostituted women and girls, violates certain human rights such as the right to agency, bodily autonomy and integrity, as well as to non-discrimination. Others, however, argue that the acts and actors involved in prostitution should be disassociated from prostituted persons, who often come from the most marginalised communities, being considered as victims of violence, and as such, should not be criminalised and should be afforded protection, while pimps and those who pay for sex acts should be considered as their exploiters and penalised.

### **Objectives**

The Special Rapporteur would like to receive input to better understand the relationship between prostitution and violence against women, to clarify terms,



approaches and actions States should take in order to maintain the spirit of international human rights law and to effectively protect women and girls from all forms of violence.

### **Key questions and types of input/comments sought**

The Special Rapporteur kindly seeks the support of States, international and regional human rights mechanisms, National Human Rights Institutions, civil society actors, UN agencies, regional human rights organisations, academics, victims and survivor organisations, and other stakeholders to respond to one or more of the following questions:

1. Provide examples of the hidden forms of prostitution, and explain to what extent they are recognised and dealt with as such?
2. Describe the profile of women and girls affected by prostitution in your country, and provide disaggregated data, where possible.
3. Describe the profile of those who solicit women in prostitution and whether such relations are regulated, and provide supporting data, where possible.
4. What forms of violence are prostituted women and girls subjected to (physical, psychological, sexual, economic, administrative, or other)?
5. Who is responsible for the perpetration of violence against women and girls in prostitution?
6. Describe the linkages, if any, between prostitution and the violation of the human rights of women and girls.
7. What links are there between pornography and/or other forms of sexual exploitation and prostitution?
8. How is the issue of consent dealt with? Is it possible to speak about meaningful consent for prostituted women and girls?
9. What measures are in place to collect and analyse data at the national level with a view to better understanding the impact that prostitution has on the rights of women and girls?
10. What measures are in place to assist and support women and girls who wish to leave prostitution?
11. What are the obstacles faced by organisations and frontline service providers in their mission to support victims and survivors of prostitution?
12. What are some of the lessons learned about what works and what does not when it comes to stemming any negative human rights consequences from the prostitution of women and girls? Are frontline organisations and survivors' organisations sufficiently included in policymaking at the national and international level?
13. What recommendations do you have to prevent and end violence associated with the prostitution for women and girls?

Respondents may wish to answer some but not all these questions and provide supportive information focusing on either woman, girls, or both.

**Type of submissions and how inputs will be used**

The Special Rapporteur is particularly interested in hearing from organisations that facilitate the recovery of women and girls who have been prostituted; those that are advocating for the rights of women and girls who have been prostituted; as well as from survivors.

For minors who wish to send input, the express consent of one of their parents or a guardian will also be required.

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