

Publishing Global South Cases

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About this event

- One of the Sociology of Development Section virtual events
 - Next event: [April 11, "Development Theory and Social Theory from/in the Global South"](#)
- Aims to provide practical tips for getting your Global South case studies published in wider-reach journals than you initially targeted
- Serial interview for 40-50 mins, Open Q&A for 30 mins
 - Type your questions in the chat whenever you want to.

About this event

- All the resources mentioned today will be shared on the last slide of this Google Slides presentation after the meeting.
- Will be recorded and shared (maybe) via an unlisted—accessible but not publicly searchable—YouTube link for those unable to attend.
 - If you'd prefer not to be visible on video, you can turn off your camera.
 - If you'd like to keep your comments private, you can ask the moderator (jlee28@albany.edu) to remove your question or the entire open discussion segment from the recording.

Theoretical Framing

Question 1/4

How do you find broad theoretical discussions that align well with your research and persuade your audience to value your findings?

i.e. How can you write a good introduction and literature review?

Research Design

Question 2/4

What specific challenges do you expect when designing a Global South case study, and what do you do to manage them?

i.e. how can you write a good research plan that can be used as the introduction of your article?

Selecting Empirical Evidence

Question 3/4

How do you choose the most relevant empirical details to present in your case background and findings sections?

i.e. How can you write a strong empirical context and findings sections?

Negotiating Reviews

Question 4/4

How do you respond to reviewers/editors who still question your focus on the Global South?

i.e. How can you write a good discussion section and response letter?

Open Discussion!

Type your questions or raise your
virtual hands!

Recording

- [March 21 Publishing Global South Cases Recording](#)

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Further Recommendations

- Also, Erin McDonnell's [Curating a Sense of Theoretical Impact from Less Familiar Cases](#)
- Good examples of answering “why this case”
 - Varshaver, Evgeni, Anna Rocheva, and Nataliya Ivanova. 2023. “[Bazaar-Related Migrant Residential Concentration Areas in Post-Socialist Russian Cities](#).” *International Migration Review* 01979183231193637 (OnlineFirst).
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Mentioned Theory Section Session at 2024 ASA Meeting

- About sociological writing to manage the gap between data and theory
- The Boundaries Between Theoretical and Empirical in Sociological Writing
 - organized by Shai Dromi, Harvard University; shai.dromi@g.harvard.edu
 - This panel will engage with best practices, pitfalls, and varying approaches to incorporating data and empirical evidence into theoretical writing. Some of the most prominent theoretical texts rest on empirical foundations, but theory publication is often subject to unspoken rules and norms which lead to papers being deemed “atheoretical” or “too empirical.” Different kinds of empirical evidence can be incorporated more or less easily into theoretical writing, leading some forms of research to be commonly understood as more theoretical. We welcome submissions from writers, reviewers, and editors of theory. Submissions can take the form of papers, abstracts, or reflections on best practices.

Thanks!

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