

## From the Editor



Dear colleagues and friends,

As we near the end of the year, it gives me pleasure to bring to you the December 2018 issue of the ISA ESymposium. The three articles published in this issue are written by colleagues who are based in the U.S. and Canada. In the first paper by Paul D.C. Bones from Texas Women's University, he employs discourse analysis of *The Daily Oklahoman* in examining how white elites brought about policy-making in a segregated school system which on the surface appeared to benefit minority groups, but in reality served the interests of elites.

Matthew C. Mahutga (UC Riverside) and John Maldonado (Princeton University) draw attention to the partisan effects of production globalisation using a historical-comparative approach in the second essay. By juxtapositioning the instalment of Trump as the U.S. President, alongside the Brexit vote, the authors make a case for how globalisation brings about distinct partisan effects that tend to favour the right, and which vary across space and time.

The third article is brought to us by Siobhan O'Connell and Eran Shor from McGill University, where they deliberate upon how youth consider financial and educational achievements by analysing data from the 1997 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. Anchoring their analysis upon the lifecourse perspective, they found that the youth held positive expectations for their future, while exposure to negative social environments may lead to the development of negative or low expectations for one's future.

The final entry for this issue is an interview with Talja Blokland based at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, undertaken by Romit Chowdhury. Through the interview, Blokland shares her research experiences and thoughts on the field of urban sociology, including her views on pedagogy and urban studies, and on interdisciplinarity and research on city life.

As always, I extend a warm invitation to all who would like to contribute their papers for future issues and also welcome feedback on these articles. Please do email me if you have ideas, suggestions or queries about the eSymposium.

Thank you all for your support of the ISA eSymposium. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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