



28th Annual Conference

# ***PROCEEDINGS***

*of the GLOBAL AWARENESS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL*

*Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities in a Global World*

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## **Marrakech, Morocco**



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## GLOBAL AWARENESS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

The Global Awareness Society International, Inc. (GASI) is a non-profit organization composed of people and organizations of various backgrounds that recognize that the world is no longer made up of independent nations and cultures. This technologically induced change affects everyone. We, as an organization, wish to explore the exciting potential that globalization of the world's cultures and societies presents to each and every one of us as citizens of this planet. Established in 1991, our membership includes both academic and non-academic based professionals and individuals from various organizations and nations including the United States of America.

Globalization has made possible what was once merely a vision: the peoples of our world united under the roof of one global village. Yet, despite increasing interdependence, human conflicts continue to blemish the landscape of our planet. We believe that a vital step toward achieving peace, harmony, and cooperation among the diverse peoples of our globe is to promote mutual understanding and appreciation for one another. GASI strives to turn a global vision into global reality.

### **Purpose and goals of GASI:**

- To promote awareness of the diversity of cultures within our global community;
- To enhance our understanding of the political, economic, social, demographic, technological, and environmental issues among members of the global community;
- To increase sensitivity to issues related to rapid globalization;
- To develop a mutual support network of scholars, professionals, interested people and organizations;
- To provide multiple forums for the exchange of research, knowledge, and expertise on people oriented issues related to globalization;
- To help people recognize the diversity and interdependence of the globe's peoples and the process of globalization;
- To develop and expand the number of national or regional Global Awareness Societies under the direction of GASI to pursue our common goals.

### **Proceedings:**

The *Proceedings* of the 28<sup>th</sup> annual GASI conference will be assembled and published online under the editorship of Dr. James Pomfret. Guidelines for submitting papers are found at the end of this program booklet.

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## GLOBAL AWARENESS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL (GASI)

### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Conference

### *Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities in a Global World* *Marrakech, Morocco*

#### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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#### Thursday, May 23, 2019

- GASI attendees arrive and transfer to Iberostar Club Palmeraie Marrakech
- 3:00 – 6:00 PM On-site Registration Desk with GASI Logo
- 4:30 – 6:00 PM GASI Board of Directors Meeting RIF Room
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM GASI Executive Officers Meeting RIF Room
- **8:00 – 9:00 PM GASI Welcome Reception (Informal)** Garden Area
- 9:00 PM Student Meeting Garden Area

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#### Friday, May 24, 2019

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM On-site Registration Desk with GASI Logo
- **9:00 – 10:30 AM Opening Ceremony and Keynote** RIF Room
- 10:30 – 12:00 PM Opening Plenary Panel RIF Room
- 12:00– 1:20 PM LUNCH BREAK
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM Concurrent Paper Sessions 1 M’Goune, Siroua, & Zalagh Rooms
- 3:00 – 3:25 PM Coffee Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM Concurrent Paper Sessions 2 M’Goune, Siroua, & Zalagh Rooms
- 5:00 PM Adjourn

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#### Saturday, May 25, 2019

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM On-site Registration Desk with GASI Logo
- **9:00 – 10:30 PM All Conference Session and Keynote** RIF Room
- 10:45-12:15 Concurrent Paper Sessions 3 M’Goune, Siroua, & Zalagh Rooms
- 12:15 – 1:20 PM LUNCH BREAK
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM Concurrent Paper Sessions 4 M’Goune, Siroua, & Zalagh Rooms
- 3:00 – 3:25 PM Coffee Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM Concurrent Paper Sessions 5 M’Goune, Siroua, & Zalagh Rooms
- 5:15 – 6:15 PM **GASI Business Meeting** Ayachi Room
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- 8:00 PM **Global Awards Dinner (Formal)** Pool Patio

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#### Sunday, May 26, 2019

- Departure for *Exploring Morocco Post Conference Field Work*. Pre-conference Reservations Required.

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**GASI Past Presidents**

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**Message from Dr. Sarah Moore Oliphant,  
President,  
Global Awareness Society International**

Dear GASI Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the executive officers and the conference planning committee, I extend my warmest welcome and appreciation for your participation at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Global Awareness Society International (GASI).

This year's conference in Marrakech, Morocco is GASI's first conference held in a predominantly Muslim country. We have been welcomed during the Ramadan season and appreciate the importance of this occasion. Our conference and post-conference cultural tour will conclude just in time for the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. What an incredible opportunity to learn and appreciate the customs and traditions of this culture! I am grateful to be part of GASI as we continue to "promote awareness of the diversity of culture within our global community."

The GASI 2019 conference theme *Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities in a Global World* offers a framework for interdisciplinary discussion about the issues facing us in an increasingly globalized society. We have keynote speakers, panel discussions, service projects, workshops, and paper presentations. Over 100 presenters from around the world will share information in the next three days. Conference participants represent professors, students, clergy, and service providers from over 40 universities, international NGOs, and the private sector. Together, we will learn from research, listen to ideas, and develop relationships that enable us to contribute to the ongoing mission of GASI to achieve "peace, harmony, and cooperation among the diverse people of our globe."

At GASI, we are continuing to look for ways to increase our reach to be more inclusive of the broad global community. I invite you to spread the word about this unique GASI organization and your commitment to promoting appreciation of our global community by sharing your conference experiences on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram using the hashtag #GASI2019

I look forward to engaging with each of you during the many opportunities of this conference.

My best,

Sarah Moore Oliphant  
President & Conference Program Chair, 2018-2020  
University of North Texas

## 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GASI CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### **Friday Keynote Speaker: Behzad Noubary**

Mr. Behzad Noubary has been serving as Deputy Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Morocco since August 2016. Mr. Noubary joined UNICEF in 2008, with assignments in New York, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Yemen. Prior to joining UNICEF, Mr. Noubary worked as management consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the US and served in the Peace Corps in Burkina Faso. An American citizen of Iranian descent born in the UK, Mr. Noubary holds degrees from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. In 1995, he received one of GASI's first Student Scholarships in support of his conference presentation in Shanghai, China. He currently resides in Morocco with his wife and daughter.



### **Saturday Keynote Speaker: Mia Jeong**

Ms. Jeong is a child protection and humanitarian professional, with over 10 years of experience working in a broad range of capacities, including coordination, technical assistance, research, assessment, monitoring and evaluation, and project management. Since 2003, Ms. Jeong has worked for UN agencies and NGOs in Yemen, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Central African Republic, Nepal, Cambodia, Lebanon and Morocco, and much of her work has involved working with conflict-affected populations. She has an in-depth knowledge and experiences in child protection, sexual and gender-based violence, humanitarian coordination, cash-based intervention and rapid response for displaced populations. Ms. Jeong holds two Master's degrees, one in Peace Studies from Graduate Institute of Peace Studies, Korea, and the other in Humanitarian Assistance from Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

