

FOREWORD

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Dear Readers: I am pleased to present to you this special issue, entitled, *Experimental Urbanity in São Paulo*. The issue is the culmination of a major scholarly undertaking that began at the University of Chicago in 2013. Since then, the eight authors represented in this collection have held conferences and workshops at Tulane University and Princeton University, convening numerous other scholars whose work focuses on the largest city in the Americas. I will allow the organizers of the issue to present their findings in their introduction, and I will reserve my own comments for the editor's note, both to follow this brief foreword. I do, however, again wish to convey my satisfaction that this project has been brought to fruition through the *Journal of Global South Studies*, and I hope that it will become the first of many special issues focusing on distinct geographic or thematic areas.

In addition to our guest authors and editors, I would, as always, like to extend my sincere gratitude to the anonymous peer reviewers who have worked to improve each article, as well as the volunteer associate editors (Fodei Batty for Africa, Srobana Bhattacharya for Asia, Vaughn Shannon for the Middle East, Tyler Ralston for the Americas, Jason Strakes for Eurasia, and Michael Hall for book reviews), and offer equally big thank-yous to the JGSS copy editor, Sara Abernathy, and to Lauren Phillips, journals manager at the University of Florida Press. Anyone wishing to contribute a book review can do so by visiting the guidelines page at the Association of Global South Studies website here: <https://apps.gsw.edu/agss/index.php/guidelines-for-book-reviews/>.

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University in Americus, Georgia, founded the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), Inc., in 1983. The association now has a global membership and chapters in South Asia and Africa. In the summer of 2016, following a vote of the members of the association, ATWS was renamed the Association of Global South Studies (AGSS).

As ATWS, the association began its history as an institution in 1991 when, under the newly ratified ATWS constitution, elected officials assumed responsibility for the management of the organization. Since 1992 the executive headquarters have been located at Georgia Southern University (1992–2003), Mississippi State University (2003–2006), and Louisiana State University-Shreveport (2006–). Due to the dedicated and energetic leadership of Zia H. Hashmi and Paul Rodell at Georgia Southern, Shu-hui Wu at Mississippi State, and William Pederson at LSU-Shreveport, AGSS has made great progress as a global, professional organization. In 1995 the United Nations recognized the success of AGSS by granting it UN “consultative status,” thus enabling the association to increase its direct impact on world development. AGSS has an established and newly revamped website, to be found at <http://apps.gsw.edu/atws/>.

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