

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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POSITION

Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology (Columbia University)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Present **Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology**
Columbia University, New York (United States)

Present **Member of the Committee on Global Thought**
Columbia University, New York (United States)

2009–2019 **President of the Committee on Global Thought**
Columbia University, New York (United States)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Italian	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
English	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Spanish	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
French	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Dutch	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
German	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Honours and awards

Main Awards

- *Twelve doctor honoris causa*
- *Multiple named lectures*
- *The 2013 Principe de Asturias Prize in the Social Sciences*
- *Election as a Foreign Member of the Royal Academy of the Sciences of the Netherlands*
- *Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres by the French government*

Other Awards

- *Ford Foundation, Tinker Foundation, The Mellon Foundation, The Revson Foundation, Chicago*

Institute for Architecture and Urbanism, Twentieth Century Fund, American Academy in Berlin. A studio she co-directed won the national prize of the American Institute of Certified Planners. She was a Fellow at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Germany; Distinguished Lecturer at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, Austria; Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Law School of the University of Toronto; Visiting Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She has been a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (Palo Alto). She has served as visiting professor in large number of institutions; most recently she was named the 2012 Luhmann Visiting Professor at the University of Bielefeld, Germany.

- *Received Doctor Honoris Causa from DePaul University (Chicago) where she also gave the commencement address, Delft University (Netherlands), Université de Poitiers (France), the Royal Stockholm Technical University (Sweden), Ghent University (Belgium), Warwick University (UK), Universidad de Murcia (Spain), European University Institute (Florence), Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires and Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (both from Argentina), Universidad de Valencia (Spain), Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico), Ecole Normale Supérieure (Paris).*
- *Awarded the Prince of Asturias Prize in the Social Sciences in 2013, elected as a Foreign Member to the Royal Academy of the Sciences of the Netherlands, and made a Chevalier du Ordre des Arts et Lettres by the French Government. Other honors and prizes from bodies representing diverse disciplines in the social sciences, include most recently Honorary Geographer (2011) by the American Geographers Association, Eminent Development Scholar (2012) by the International Studies Association, Eminent Scholar in Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies (2014) by the International Studies Association. She has delivered many named lectures, among them the 1994 Henry Luce Lecture at Clark University, the 1995 Memorial Schoff Lectures at Columbia University, the 1997 LeFrak Lecture at the University of Maryland, the 1999 Georg Simmel Lectures at Humboldt University (Berlin), the 2000 Theodore Hesburgh Lectures on Politics and Ethics at the University of Notre Dame, the 2005 Sherril Lecture at the Yale University Law School, the 2010 Coulson lecture at Oxford University, The Luhmann Lecture at Bielefeld University, The Storrs Lectures in Jurisprudence and Philosophy at the Yale University Law School, and multiple named lectures at universities worldwide*

Publications

Books

- Sassen S., *The Mobility of Labor and Capital*, Cambridge University Press, 1988
- Sassen S., *The Global City*, Princeton University Press, 1991; 2nd ed 2001
- Sassen S., *Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages*, Princeton University Press, 2006
- Sassen S., *Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy*, Harvard University Press/Belknap, 2014
- Sassen S., *Ungoverned Territories?*, Harvard University Press, 2018
- Kaldor M. - Sassen S., *Cities at War: Global Insecurity and Urban Resistance*, Columbia University Press, 2018
- Sassen S., *A Sociology of Globalization*, Norton 2007
- Sassen S., *Losing Control? Sovereignty in an Age of Globalization*, The Schoff Lectures of Columbia University, Columbia University Press, 1996 (with a new edition in 2016)
- Sassen S., *Globalization and its Discontents. Essays on the Mobility of People and Money*, New Press, 1998
- Sassen S., *Guests and Aliens*, New Press, 1999
- Sassen S., *Cities in a World Economy*, Pine Forge/Sage, 1994 (coming out in its 5th updated edition in 2018)

Edited books

- Sassen S., *Deciphering the Global: Its Scales, Spaces and Subjects*, Routledge, 2007
- Sassen S., *Human Settlement and the Environmental Challenge*, Oxford, EOLS, 2006
- Sassen S., *Global Networks/Linked Cities*, Routledge, 2002
- Sassen S., *Digital Formations: Information Technologies and New Architectures in the Global Realm*, Princeton University Press, 2005
- Sassen S., *Global Networks, Linked Cities*, Routledge, 2002
- Sassen S., *Human Settlement and the Environmental Challenge*, Oxford, EOLS, 2006

- Sassen S., *Deciphering the Global: Its Scales, Spaces and Subjects*, Routledge, 2007

Projects **Completed projects**

Member of the Board of Directors, IBA (an initiative supported by the German Government with 300 million Euros for the upgrading of a vast poverty area in the North of Germany); Member, International Advisory Board chaired by the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, for the Mayor of Rotterdam, Ahmed Aboutaleb, at the time the first elected Muslim Mayor of any major city in Europe; Member of the Panel on Urban Population Dynamics, Committee on Population of the National Academy of Sciences; Chair, Information Technology and International Cooperation Committee of the Social Science Research Council; Director, Transnationalism Project of the University of Chicago; and co-Chair of the economy section of the Global Chicago Project. She was one of eight experts on the Mastercard Worldwide Centers of Commerce Index, a vast project involving 60 variables, from economic to social, covering 75 major and minor global cities around the world.

Directions and Memberships

two-year Volkswagen funded project on cities and global governance, and a five-year multi-country project on global cities and cross-border networks for the Institute of Advanced Studies, United Nations University (Tokyo). In the 1980s and 1990s she co-directed the Hispanic Women in the Garments and Electronics Industries in New York and California, supported by the Tinker and Ford Foundations, was a member of the Japan-based project on Economic Restructuring in the U.S. and Japan, sponsored by the United Nations Center on Regional Development and MIT (1988-1990); the SSRC (Social Science Research Council) Working Group on New York City, sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation (1985-1990); the SSRC Committee on Hispanic Public Policy, sponsored by the Ford Foundation (1987-1991); the New York-London Comparative Study sponsored by the Economic Social Research Council of the United Kingdom (1990-1995). She also was a member of the Ford Foundation Task Force for Research on Hispanics; the Research Working Group on the Informal Sector, supported by the Ford, Tinker, and Rockefeller Foundations; the Stanford University Project on Mexico-U.S. Relations; the Immigration and Economic Sociology Project sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation (1992-1995); the Comparative Urban Studies project at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC (1992-1993); The Group of Lisbon sponsored by the Science Program of the European Union and the Gulbenkian Foundation (Portugal 1993-1998).

Scientific Service

French Government's Ministry of Urban Affairs and the Belgian Government's Agency on Science and Technology in the Office of the Prime Minister. She has often served as an advisor, including to Queens Borough President Claire Shulman's Blue Ribbon Panel on Government; the New York State Industrial Corporation Council; Global Chicago; the LSE Mayors Project of the Cities Programme; and the World Economic Forum's Club of Mayors. Over the years she has served on the board of diverse professional journals and organizations. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Sociological Research Association, the European Academy of Sciences, The Royal Academy of Sciences of the Netherlands, and the Atheneum (UK).