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### Bio

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#### BIO

Dr. Ramirez conducts cross-national studies on the role of education in the formation of world society and the influence of world society on educational developments. These studies include topics such as patterns of women's access to higher education, the role of education and science in economic development, the interrelationships among education, citizenship, and human rights, and the impact of globalization on universities. Grants from the National Science Foundation (Sociology Program), the Spencer Foundation, and the Bechtel Initiative on Global Growth and Change have supported both research on education, science, and development and studies of the globalization of human rights and the challenge of human rights education. Ramirez has been a recipient of a Spencer Foundation Mentor Network award and a Fellow at the Center for the Advanced Studies of the Behavioral Sciences (2006-07).

Recent honors include election into the Sociological Research Association (2016) and Honorary Fellow in the Comparative and International Education Society (2018). In the fall of 2017 Ramirez will be a fellow at the Scandinavian Center for Advanced Studies in Sweden.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor Emeritus-Hourly, Graduate School of Education

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Diversifying American Higher Education, Spencer Foundation and Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (Stanford) (2018-19)

#### BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Assistant Professor-Professor of Sociology, San Francisco State University (1973 - 1987)
- Associate Professor of Education and (by courtesy) Sociology, Stanford Graduate School of Education (1987 - 1990)
- Professor of Education and (by courtesy) Sociology, Stanford Graduate School of Education (1990 - present)
- Associate Editor, American Sociological Review (2004 - 2007)
- Selected Fellow Center, Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences (2006 - 2007)

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PhD, Stanford University, Sociology (1974)

- MA, Stanford University , Sociology (1970)
- BA, De La Salle University , Social Science (1966)

## Research & Scholarship

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Higher Education
- International and Comparative Education
- Leadership and Organization
- Sociology

### CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Globalization and impact of human rights regime;rise of human rights education and analysis of civics, history, and social studies textbooks; transformations in the status of women in society and in higher education; universities as institutions and organizations;education, science and development

### PROJECTS

- Globalization, Citizenship, and Education: A Cross-National Study of Curricula
- Invited lectures on World Society and Human Rights Developments - Geroge Eckert Institute and Humboldt University
- Universities in Crisis - Instituto de la Empresa
- Portraits of Citizenship, State, and Society inn School Textbooks Around the World - School of Education at Albany University (2010)
- Comparing Universities: The Experience and Perspective of American Universities - Sabanci University (2009)
- Invited Keynote address at the International Conference on Multicultural Education - Hanyang University (2009)
- World Society and The Socially Embedded University - Yonsei University (2009)
- Globalization, Citizenship, and Education (2008)
- Plenary Lecture at the International Standing Committee in the History of Education - Rutgers University (2008)

## Teaching

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### COURSES

#### 2025-26

- Education and Society: EDUC 120C, EDUC 220C, SOC 130, SOC 230 (Win)
- Globalization and Higher Education: EDUC 349, SOC 297 (Win)
- Workshop: Comparative Sociology: EDUC 387, SOC 311A (Aut, Win)

#### 2024-25

- Education and Society: EDUC 120C, EDUC 220C, SOC 130, SOC 230 (Win)

#### 2023-24

- Education and Society: EDUC 120C, EDUC 220C, SOC 130, SOC 230 (Win)
- Globalization and Higher Education: EDUC 349, SOC 297 (Aut)
- Workshop: Comparative Sociology: EDUC 387, SOC 311A (Aut, Win, Spr)

#### 2022-23

- Education and Society: EDUC 120C, EDUC 220C, SOC 130, SOC 230 (Spr)

- Globalization and Higher Education: EDUC 349, SOC 297 (Win)
- Workshop: Comparative Sociology: EDUC 387, SOC 311A (Win)

## STANFORD ADVISEES

### Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Nooran Chharan

### Master's Program Advisor

Zachary Brill

### Doctoral (Program)

Nooran Chharan

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **Dreams, dollars, and donors: organizational actorhood and the rising development orientation of global higher education** *SOCIAL FORCES*  
Lee, S., Skinner, N., Ramirez, F. O.  
2026
- **In the Name of Diversity: Analyzing the Adoptions of Diversity-Related Offices in US Higher Education, 1968-2020** *MINERVA*  
Gavrila, S., Overbey, L., Ramirez, F. O.  
2025
- **EDUCATIONAL CONTESTATIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD SOCIETY** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 2023*  
Song, J., Choi, M., Ramirez, F. O.  
edited by Wiseman, A. W.  
2025; 48: 39-56
- **To STEM or not to STEM: A cross-national analysis of gender and tertiary graduates in science, technology, engineering, and math, 1998-2018** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE SOCIOLOGY*  
Lee, S. S., Wotipka, C., Ramirez, F. O., Song, J.  
2024
- **Women's participation and challenges to the liberal script: A global perspective** *INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY*  
Lerch, J. C., Schofer, E., Frank, D., Longhofer, W., Ramirez, F. O., Wotipka, C., Velasco, K.  
2021
- **The status and agency of children in school textbooks, 1970–2012: a cross-national analysis** *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*  
Wotipka, C. M., Svec, J., Yiu, L., Ramirez, F. O.  
2021
- **Legitimacy, stratification, and internationalization in global higher education: the case of the International Association of Universities** *TERTIARY EDUCATION AND MANAGEMENT*  
Zapp, M., Jungblut, J., Ramirez, F. O.  
2020
- **The Societal Consequences of Higher Education** *SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION*  
Schofer, E., Ramirez, F. O., Meyer, J. W.  
2020
- **Reputation management by Chinese universities: Primary profile and comparative features** *PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION*  
Christensen, T., Gavrila, S., Ma, L., Ramirez, F. O.

2020

- **Beyond internationalisation and isomorphism - the construction of a global higher education regime** *COMPARATIVE EDUCATION*  
Zapp, M., Ramirez, F. O.  
2019
- **IS ENGINEERING HARDER TO CRACK THAN SCIENCE? A CROSS-NATIONAL ANALYSIS OF WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN MALE-DOMINATED FIELDS OF STUDY IN HIGHER EDUCATION** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 2018*  
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edited by Wiseman, A. W.  
2019; 37: 159–83
- **International Tests, National Assessments, and Educational Development (1970-2012)** *COMPARATIVE EDUCATION REVIEW*  
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2018; 62 (3): 344–64
- **TOWARD POST-NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP** *ROUTLEDGE INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION RESEARCH IN ASIA PACIFIC*  
Ramirez, F. O., Meyer, J. W.  
edited by Cha, Y. K., Ham, S. H., Lee, M.  
2018: 51–65
- **Wither the Nation-State? A Comparative Analysis of Nationalism in Textbooks** *SOCIAL FORCES*  
Lerch, J. C., Russell, S., Ramirez, F. O.  
2017; 96 (1): 153–79
- **The rise of individual agency in conceptions of society: Textbooks worldwide, 1950-2011** *INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGY*  
Lerch, J., Bromley, P., Ramirez, F. O., Meyer, J. W.  
2017; 32 (1): 38-60
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2017; 96 (1): 153-180
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- **American higher education: To be international, entrepreneurial, and diverse** *Internationalizing higher education in korea: challenges and opportunities in comparative perspective. Stanford: Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Center*  
Ramirez, F.  
2016
- **THE VALUE IN COMPARING ORGANIZATIONAL FIELDS AND FORMS TOWARDS A COMPARATIVE INSTITUTIONALISM: FORMS, DYNAMICS AND LOGICS ACROSS THE ORGANIZATIONAL FIELDS OF HEALTH CARE AND HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Pinheiro, R., Geschwind, L., Ramirez, F. O., Vrangbk, K.  
edited by Pinheiro, R., Geschwind, L., Ramirez, F. O., Vrangbaek, K.  
2016; 45: 9-32
- **HIGHER EDUCATION AND HEALTH ORGANIZATIONAL FIELDS IN THE AGE OF "WORLD CLASS" AND "BEST PRACTICES" TOWARDS A COMPARATIVE INSTITUTIONALISM: FORMS, DYNAMICS AND LOGICS ACROSS THE ORGANIZATIONAL FIELDS OF HEALTH CARE AND HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Ramirez, F. O., Byrkjeflot, H., Pinheiro, R.  
edited by Pinheiro, R., Geschwind, L., Ramirez, F. O., Vrangbaek, K.  
2016; 45: 35-57
- **World Society and the Globalization of Educational Policy** *HANDBOOK OF GLOBAL EDUCATION POLICY*  
Ramirez, F. O., Meyer, J. W., Lerch, J.  
edited by Mundy, K., Green, A., Lingard, B., Verger, A.  
2016: 43-63

- **EDUCATION, GENDER, AND DEVELOPMENT LEADERS IN THE SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION: INTELLECTUAL SELF-PORTRAITS**  
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- **World society and the globalization of educational policy** *The handbook of global education policy*  
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- **The Children of Immigrants at School: A Comparative Look at Integration in the United States and Western Europe (Book Review)**  
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- **Women’s enrollments in STEM in higher education: cross-national trends, 1970–2010** *Advancing women in science*  
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- **Educations in Ethnic Violence: Identity, Educational Bubbles, and Resource Mobilization (Book Review)** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY*  
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