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**Title of Session:** Comparative Sociology and Area Studies: How Can Sociology Gain From the Interdisciplinary Knowledge of the World Regions?

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**I) Title of Selected Paper:** The Linkages of the Central and East European Studies Centers with Sociology Departments in the United States: Regional Knowledge and Comparative Sociology

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**II) Title of Selected Paper:** Welfare Transfers and the Social Segregation of the Rural Poor : On the Specificity of Central and Eastern Europe

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**III) Title of Selected Paper:** The Division of Europe into West and East in Explanations Concerning Social Inequality

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**IV) Title of Selected Paper:** The Relationship between Sociology and Middle East Studies: Navigating “Crises”

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**V) Title of Selected Paper:** American Sociology and American Studies: On the Mutual Relationship and its Consequences for Comparative Research

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