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Biosketch

The director of the International Studies program at Vassar College, Pinar Batur earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin. Her recent work includes *Global Color Line*, edited with Joe Feagin (1999) and *White Racism*, co-authored with Joe Feagin and Hernan Vera (2001), and more recently “Heart of Violence: Global Racism, War and Genocide,” in *Handbook of the Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations*, (2007). Her research and teaching interests, besides global racism and anti-racist social movements, includes urban environment and movements, the relationship between knowledge and policy making, and the meaning of risk in the 21st century. Her walk across Snow’s lawn began when teaching a course on critical issues in urban studies, she became engaged in the social implications of lead poisoning and the social and political controversies involving the scientific findings. Batur has received grants for research and teaching from SSRC, IREX, the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center, the Hoover Institution, Guggenheim Foundation, AAC&U, SENCER and the Dreyfus Foundation.