Abstract
Helen I. Safa is a pioneering anthropologist of Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and Latin America, one who brought Marxist and feminist perspectives to her work and who in her research and administrative duties engaged with progressive and feminist academics and activists in the region. She has maintained a long interest in investigating inequalities along various axes—especially gender, class, and "race"—and locating these in structural conditions and social relationships of dominance and subordination. This article is a life-history interview in which Safa reflects on her childhood and family, her coming of age, her training, and the development of her theoretical approach, as well as on her relationships with her colleagues in her nearly 50 years of anthropological research.

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