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### COMMISSION MEETINGS BEING PLANNED

The Commission is currently planning for meetings that will be held in Heidelberg, Germany, August 17 - 19, 1994, and in Prague, Czech Republic, the following week.

The theme for the Heidelberg symposium is "Beyond Borders: The Gender Implications of Multistate Economic Policies." It will explore the differential implications for women and men of new multistate policies, especially the Single European Market and the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Commission is especially interested in developing a comparative analysis of likely regional shifts in employment opportunities and in modifications of social policies (such as gender equity in pensions, maternity/family leave rights) that affect the quality of women's lives as states start to adjust to and resist demands of the new policies. Studies that address the diversity of women by ethnicity, age, marital status, local, national, and international comparative scales are welcome. If you are interested in pursuing research in this area and developing a paper for the symposium, please notify Janice Monk (SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 USA; fax 602-621-9424; e-mail JMONK@CCIT.ARIZONA.EDU) by August 15, 1993.

At the Prague Regional IGU Congress, the Commission plans a joint symposium with the World Political Map and Public Administration Commissions on "The Politics of International

Migration and Citizenship." We are interested in papers that deal with the specific experiences of women as migrants and refugees and the gendered nature of citizenship, recognizing the importance of these issues at local, regional, national, and suprastate scales, particularly in relation to changing political structures in Europe and the rising incidence of xenophobia and racism. The Commission's participation in this joint program is being planned by Eleonore Koffman, Nottingham Trent University, Clifton Lane, Nottingham, NGH 8NS, England, FAX 44-602-486632 by August 15, 1993. Please contact her if you are interested in presenting a paper in this program.

The Commission is also interested in organizing additional sessions during the Prague program on gender themes, particularly around issues of women and political change and women and environmental change. Offers of papers should be sent to Janet Momsen, Department of Geography, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616; fax 916-752-9592 by September 15, 1993.

### BARCELONA MEETING TO FOCUS ON SOUTHERN EUROPE

The Commission will co-sponsor the Erasmus network meeting on "Women's work, Women's Employment, and Everyday Life: Focus on Southern Europe" to be held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, June 18-28, 1993. Organizing Committee for the meeting are Professors Gemma Canoves, Ma. Dolors Garcia Ramon, Montserrat Solsona, and Antoni Tulla. Interest in the program is high, with

100 participants expected. Cooperating Erasmus universities include Amsterdam, Autonomous of Barcelona, Durham, National Technical, Athens, Roskilde, and Sheffield. Speakers and student representatives from these institutions will be joined by others from Portugal, France, Canada, Italy, the UK, USA, and elsewhere in Spain.

The program will place the southern European experience in an international context both substantively and methodologically. Sessions will be devoted to urban and rural issues and case studies on Portugal, France, Italy, and Spain, together with a detailed look at Catalonia, including local field study.

## **1995 IGU REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR CUBA**

The IGU has accepted an invitation to hold a regional meeting in Cuba in 1995. Emphasis will be on environmental issues. If you are working on research related to women and environment and participating in this meeting (and/or assisting with the organization of sessions for the Commission), please contact Janice Monk (see address above.)

## **GEOFORUM ISSUES VOLUME ON GENDER**

Janet Henshall Momsen has edited an issue of Geoforum (Vol. 20, No. 3, 1992) devoted to gender themes. The issue contains articles by Ma. Dolores Garcia Ramon et al on rural women in Galicia, Spain, Proinnsias Breathnach on women and foreign industrial investment in Ireland, Maria Ciechocinska on gender aspects of dismantling the command economy in Poland, Janet Townsend with Jenny Bain on women in land settlement in Mexico, Parvati Raghuram and Janet Momsen on domestic service in New Delhi, India, Anoja Wickramasinghe on development and the changing status of women in Sri Lanka, Fiona Mackenzie on structural adjustment, gender and the environment in the developing world, and Leslie Grey on the effect of drought and economic decline on rural women in western Sudan.

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**Liz Bondi** "Gender Symbols and Urban Landscapes," Progress in Human Geography, 16 (2), 1992, 157- 170.

**John S. Brierley** "A Profile of Grenadian Women Small Farmers, in Janet Momsen (ed.) (see below).

**Ruth Fincher** "Gender Relations in the social and Spatial Forming of Suburbs" in Patricia Grimshaw, Ruth Fincher and Marion Campbell (eds.) Studies in Gender: Essays in Honour of Norma Grieve, Equal Opportunity Unit, The University of Melbourne, Parkville, 1993.

**Joos Droogleever Fortuijn** A Busy Life: the Use of Time and Space in Dual Earner Families. Amsterdam, 1993 (Original in Dutch: Een druk bestaan; English summary)

**Barbara Fredrich and Deborah Salazar** "Two Decades of Women Latin Americanist Geographers," Benchmark 1990, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers, 17/18, 359-ff.

**Dolores Garcia Ramon and Joana Ma Segui** "L'Approche du Genre dans la Geographie Espagnole (1982-1992)," Cahiers de Geographie du Quebec 36 (98) 1992, 399-403.

**Maria Dolores Garcia Ramon, Josefina Cruz and Mireia Baylina** "Vita e Lavoro delle Donne nelle Spagna Rurale: Lavoratrici Giornaliere e Divisione Sessuale del Lavoro in Andalusia," Inchiesta 22, 96, 1992 51-58.

**T. Geltmaker** "The Queer Nation Acts Up: Health Care, Politics, and Sexual Diversity in the County of Angels." Environment and Planning D 10(6):609 ff, 1992.

Clara Greed "The Reproduction of Gender Relations over Space: A Model Applied to the Case of Chartered Surveyors." Antipode 24(1):16-27, 1992.

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Cornelia J.M. Karsten Women's room to Play: Control over Leisure and Leisure Activities. Amsterdam: CIP Gegevens Koninklijke Bibliotheek den Haag, 1992. (Original in Dutch: Speelruimte van Vrouwen, Summary in English).

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L. Knopp "Sexuality and the Spatial Dynamics of Capitalism." Environment and Planning D 10(6):651 ff, 1992.

Marge Koblinsky, Judith Timyan, and Jill Gay The Health of Women. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1992.

Noeleen J. Kyle "Cara David and the 'Truths' of her 'Unscientific' Travellers' Tales in Australia and the South Pacific," Women's Studies International Forum, 16 (2) 1993, 105-118.

Linda McDowell "Multiple Voices: Speaking from Inside and Outside 'the Project.'" Antipode 24(1):56, 1992.

Janet Momsen (ed.) Women and Change in the Caribbean: A Pan Caribbean Perspective. London: James Currey; Kingston: Ian Randle; Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1993.

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Janice Monk with the late Charles S. Alexander "Migration, Development, and the Gender Division of Labour," in Janet Momsen (ed.) (see above).

Pamela Moss (ed.) "Focus: Feminism as Method." Canadian Geographer 37(1):48-61, 1993. Includes "Feminist and Interpretive Method: How Different?"/John Eyles; "Ethnography: A Feminist Method?"/Isabel Dyck; "On Feminism, Method and Methods in Human Geography: An Idiosyncratic Overview"/Damaris Rose.

M. Nolten "Een Kwestie van Ras, Klasse of Gender? De arbeidsdeling Tussen Mannen en Vrouwen op het Maleise Platteland." Geografisch Tijdschrift 25(1):54-63, 1991.

Shirley Nuss in collaboration with Ettore Denti and David Viry Women in the World of Work: Statistical Analysis and Projections to the Year 2000. Geneva: International Labour Office, 1992.

Angels Pascual and Jordi Cardelus "Migracio de Dones i Historia Personal: El Retorn des d'Europa," Documents d'Analisi Geografica 19-20, 1991-92, 81-102.

Eric Pawson "Rape and Fear in a New Zealand City." Area 25(1):55-63, 1993.

Linda Peake "The Development and Role of Women's Political Organizations in Guyana," in Janet Momsen (ed.) (see above).

Geraldine Pratt and Susan Hanson "Feminist Politics and the Dangers of Difference: Some Notes from Two Geographers," Occasional Working Papers in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, Vol. 1, 1992, Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, University of British Columbia.

Lydia Pulsipher "Changing Roles in the Life Cycles of Women in Traditional West Indian Houseyards," in Janet Momsen (ed.) (see above).

Saraswati Raju "Caste and Gender Disparities in Literacy in Urban India", Demography India 20(1) 1991, 113-26.

**Saraswati Raju with Satish Kumar** "Who Rocks the Cradle?: Women, Fertility Control and Technology in India", Indian Journal of Public Administration, Nov. 1992.

**Ana Sabate and Antoni F. Tulla** "The Geography of Gender: The State of the Art," in The Royal Geographical Society of Spain and the Association of Spanish Geographers, Geography in Spain (1970 - 1990), Madrid: Estudio Grafico Madrid.

**Isabel Salamana i Serra** "La Dona Pagesa, l'Oblidada de l'Explotacio Familiar Agraria: Una Aproximacio a les Comarques Gironines," Documents d'Analisi Geografica 19-20, 1991-92, 103-121.

**Elizabeth Ardayfio Schandorf** "Women and the Fuelwood Crisis in Africa", in African Development Perspectives Yearbook 3, 1992. University of Bremen, Germany.

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**Dina Vaiou** "Hogar y Lugar de Trabajo: la Experiencia de las Mujeres en el Desarrollo Urbano de Atenas," Documents d'Analisi Geografica 19-20, 1991-92, 123-140.

**Dina Viaou** "Il Lavoro Femminile nel Mercato Unico Europeo: Un Caso nel Sud Europa," Inchiesta 22, 96, 1992, 44-50.

**Dina Viaou** "Gender Divisions in Urban Space: Beyond the Rigidity of Dualist Classifications." Antipode 24(4):247-62, 1992.

**Anoja Wickramasinghe** "Women, Equity, and Natural Resource Management," Occasional Working Papers in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, Vol. 1, 1992, Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations, University of British Columbia.

**Diane Lauen Wolf** Factory Daughters: Gender, Household Dynamics, and Rural Industrialization in Java Berkeley: University of California Press, 1992.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Joos Droogleever Fortuijn and Lia Karstens** have recently completed their doctorates at the University of Amsterdam. In the Netherlands, this degree is awarded after some years of professional activity rather than at the beginning of an academic career. Both dissertations (see PUBLICATIONS section of the newsletter) have been issued in book form and attracted considerable press and media attention.

**Linda Peake** received tenure at York University in Canada in 1992. She has also received a large grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for a project "An Investigation of Household Livelihood Strategies of Guyanese Women in Low Income Households" which includes attention to the migration of Guyanese women to Toronto as well as their lives in Guyana.

**Sarah Radcliffe and Sally Westwood (UK)** have received funding from the Economic and Social Research Council for a project "Remaking the Nation: The Social Geography of Nationalism in Ecuador," which will examine nationalisms, nationhood, and national identity in relation to ethnic diversity, class, and gender divisions in the context of locality.

**Susan Hanson** (USA) received honors from the Association of American Geographers at its annual meeting in Atlanta in April, 1993. Honors are the Association's highest award. Susan's contributions to feminist geography were recognized, as well as her editorial services to the Annals, Economic Geography, and The Professional Geographer, and her recent presidency of the Association.

## RESOURCES

A bibliography of all feminist masters' theses written in West Germany will soon be available. Contact Petra Engelbrecht, Fachschaft Geographie, Geographisches Institut, Goldschmiedstr. 5, 3400 Gottingen, Germany.

ZED Books Series on Third World Women 1992-1993 list has a number of items of special interest to geographers including: Maria Mies and Vandana Shiva, Ecofeminism; Rosi Braidotti et al, Negotiating for Change: Debates on Women, the Environment, and Sustainable Development; Pamela Sparr (ed.), Mortgaging Women's Lives: Feminist Critiques of Structural Adjustment; Kumari Jayawardena, With A Different Voice: White Women and Colonialism in South Asia; Susanne Thorbeck, Gender and Slum Culture in Urban Asia; Miranda Davies (ed.), Women and Violence: A Global Crisis; Georgina Ashworth (ed.), A Diplomacy of the Oppressed: New Directions in International Feminism; Gay Young and Bette Dickerson (eds), Color, Class, and Country; Fareeha Zafar, Women in Pakistan.

Women's Studies Forum published by the Korean Women's Development Institute contains a variety of articles of potential interest to geographers, particularly given the limited amount of feminist work being published by East Asian geographers. Recent issues have contained articles on determinants female labor force participation in Korea; child care policies in low-income urban areas; home-based work in Korea; female employment in the food-service industry; Korean rural women's labor; and homemaker services for the aged. The journal may be obtained from Korean Women's Development Institute, C.P.O. Box 2267, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Cendoc Mujer, (Centro de Documentacion Sobre la Mujer), Av. Mcal. La Mar 170, Lima, Peru has developed an information package on "The grassroots women's movement as an answer to crisis" drawing on their files of testimonies and newspaper clippings. The package deals with the activities of over 50,000 women in 40 districts of Lima who participate in such activities as communal kitchens and milk distribution. It gives information about the organizations, the development of women's consciousness and leadership, and the situations they confront from terrorist groups. The package costs \$US33.00 mailed to the USA, Canada, or Europe.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

The Women and Geography Network has been formalized in New Zealand to offer support to women in the discipline, encourage awareness of feminist, gender, and equity issues, and promote the perspectives and involvement of women in geography. For information contact **Kay Booth**, Conservation Sciences Centre, Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 10420, Wellington. FAX 64 4 713279.

**Yukiko Bedford** (Japan) has organized a Gender and Geography Study group in cooperation with a woman graduate student of Osaka City University.

Two new projects underway at the University of Pretoria are on black professional women in the urban environment of Garankuwa, Bophuthatswana by **Maria Moate** for her master's thesis, and a study of the impact of industrialization in the same community by **Rosina Phalatdsi**.

**Yoga Rasanayagam** (Sri Lanka) presented a paper on "Recent State Policies and Autonomy of Women in Sri Lanka" at a seminar organized by the Women's Wing of Public Services International and also gave a paper on "Coping Strategies and Tamil Women Refugees in Colombo" at the August meeting of Sri Lanka's National Geography Conference. She is currently teaching a two-part women and development course (theory and Sri Lankan cases).

**Janet Momsen (USA), Janice Monk (USA), Gudrun Olafsdottir (Iceland), and Vidya Samarasinghe (Sri Lanka/USA)** participated in the International Interdisciplinary Women's Studies in San Jose, Costa Rica in February, 1993. The next meeting will be held in Adelaide, Australia in 1996. At that time, the Commission would like to see sessions organized with a geographical focus. Australian, New Zealand, and Asian members please take special note!

A colloquium series in the Department of Geography, University of Zurich in the Fall semester, 1992-1993 addressed theoretical issues of feminist geography as well as case studies of women in education, part-time employment, and planning positions.

The IGU Commission on Health, Environment, and Development" has included gender and health on its agenda. For further information and potential collaboration, contact **Yola Verhasselt**, Geografisch Instituut, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussel, Belgium.

**Agnes Musyoki (Kenya)** is serving as a visiting faculty member at the Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Botswana.

**Judit Timar (Hungary)** is editing a special issue of the journal Ter es Tarsadalom (Space and Society) on women. Her new address is Alfold Institute, Centre for Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Bekescsaba, Szabo Dezso u. H-5600, Hungary.

**Doris Wastl-Walter (Austria)** offered a seminar on "Environment or Co-habitat: A Critical Evaluation of Human and Environmental Education Based on Ecofeminism" at Trier (Germany) during the Spring semester.

A panel on feminist critiques of the North American Free Trade Agreement at the International Studies Association meeting in Acapulco, Mexico in March, 1993 included presentations by **Janet Momsen** on implications of NAFTA for Caribbean women and by **Janice Monk** on gender and ethnic considerations for the Arizona workforce.

## **CALLS FOR INFORMATION**

The Canadian Women and Geography Group is seeking outlines for courses taught across North America on geography and women's issues or feminist planning. In order to facilitate publication, submissions should be sent on 3 1/2" or 5 1/4" IBM readable diskettes in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word ASCII or DOS formats. Contact Pam Moss, Editor, CWAG Newsletter, Department of Geography, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC V8W 3P5 Canada. FAX 604 721-8653; e-mail [MOSS@UVVM.UVIC.CA](mailto:MOSS@UVVM.UVIC.CA).

**Yoga Rasanayagam**, Department of Geography, University of Colombo, Colombo 3, Sri Lanka (please note address correction from Newsletter 9) would welcome references and papers on women and environment for inclusion in her gender course.

**Robyn Longhurst (New Zealand)** wishes to establish contact with feminist geographers interested in the theme of geography and women's bodies. Her current research on the spatial behavior of pregnant women in Hamilton, N.Z., examines connections between people's lived, sexed, bodily experiences and their perceptions, access, compartment, and use of geographical space. Her address is Department of Geography, University of Waikato, Te Whare Wananga o Waikato, Private Bag 3105, Hamilton, N.Z. Fax 64 7 856 2158.

## **PAST AND FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES**

The 8th Historical Geography Conference held in Vancouver, August, 1992, included a number of well-attended papers on gender themes. Foremost was a special session organized by **Alison Blunt (Canada)** and **Gillian Rose (UK)** which included papers by **Jeanne Kay (Canada)** on female archetypes in 19th century North America; **David Smith** and **Judy Barrett-Litoff (USA)** on U.S. women's use of space in World War II; and papers on 19th century women travel writers by **Alison Blunt** and **Cheryl McEwan (UK)** which brought together theoretical issues of gender, class, race, and space. Outside this session, feminist/gender papers

were also given by **Jenny Robertson** (South Africa) on post-colonial critiques and **Iain Robertson** (UK) on women and social protest in 19th Scotland. The next Historical Geography Conference will be held in Perth, Australia in 1994 and offers scope for presentations in this expanding area of feminist geography.

The Sexuality and Space Network (UK) held a meeting in September, 1992 which included a number of papers on lesbian and gay geographies. A full report of the conference prepared by **Gillian Rose** will appear in Area.

The National Conference of German Women Geographers, held in Gottingen, November 26-29, 1992, attracted 26 participants from Frankfurt, Trier, Oldenburg, Berlin, Gottingen and Halle. A presentation by **Heike Klamp** (Frankfurt) drew on her master's thesis on "Women's Ways, Men's Ways: Spatial Mobility as Necessity," which studies daily travel in a Frankfurt suburb. **Ulrike Meyer-Hanschen** (Berlin) drew on her work with a self-help group for prostitutes in Bangkok in a presentation, "Prostitution for Tourists in Thailand." Sociologist **Daniela de Ridder** spoke on "Safety in the City," using the campus area at the University of Gottingen as a case study to identify areas of danger for women. The next meeting of the group will take place in Berlin, June 18-20, 1993 following up on these topics and adding a discussion of feminist criticism of physical geography. Information is available from **Ulrike Meyer Hanschen**, Institut fur Geographische Wissenschaften, Grunwaldstr. 35, 1000 Berlin 41, Germany.

Two meetings including participation by German feminist geographers are the Workshop on Regional Sciences, Tirolia, April 21-24, 1993, where attention was directed to ecofeminism, and the upcoming 49th German Geographers meeting in Bochum, October 3-8, 1993.

Gender studies are gaining increasing attention in South African geography. The first session devoted to the theme is planned for the national geography conference in July. In addition, **Linda McDowell** will be a featured speaker. **Joan Fairhurst** (Pretoria) has also organized a panel for the meeting of the

African Studies Association of Southern Africa which will include presentations by **Agnes Musyoki** (Kenya) on women and development, **Steven Johnson** (Bophuthatswana) on women and environment, **Maria Moate** and **Joan Fairhurst** (S. Africa) on the daily lives of women living on the rural urban fringe in Nooitgedacht, Bophuthatswana, and **Milla McLachlan** and **Janine Erasmus** of the Development Bank of S. Africa on initiatives with regard to gender issues.

The Women and Geography Study Group of the Institute for British Geographers pursued the theme "Effective Communication: Reading, Writing, and Authority" at the Annual Meeting in January, 1993. Presentations were given by **Marcus Doel**, **Liz Bondi**, and **Sarah Radcliffe** dealing with post-modernist, psychoanalytic, and post-colonialist approaches. A workshop on (Representing) Postcolonial Women: Authority, Difference, and Feminisms" followed.

Feminist geography was highly visible at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Atlanta, April 6-10, 1993, with papers in virtually all the time slots, and sometimes simultaneously. Themes in sessions organized by the Specialty Group on Women (GPOW) and the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography (some co-sponsored with other groups) ranged from methodology (critical perspectives on women in the field), to pedagogy (approaches to teaching that will motivate and improve performance by girls and minority students in high school geography), to an array of theoretical and empirical papers in cultural geography, urban geography, comparative international feminist geography (including an international group of panelists—**Hae Un Rii** (Korea) **Joos Fortuijn** (Netherlands), **Linda McDowell** (UK), **Melissa Gilbert** (UK)), gay and lesbian studies, social (in)justice, historical geography, Latin American women, and graduate student and faculty concerns. A group of undergraduates from Vassar College gave excellent presentations on their research, and numerous other papers were included in sessions organized by other groups or submitted independently. A significant number of people attended a GPOW-sponsored breakfast meeting, a lunch-discussion, and the group's early evening

business meeting attracted about 70-80 geographers. Perhaps the best way to capture the presence of feminist geography at this meeting is to note that only one other area (the trendy Geographic Information Systems) appeared in the index of the Abstracts volume with greater frequency than the combined entries "women" and "gender!"

## **WORKING PAPERS OF THE IGU COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY**

Three new Working Papers have been published:

No. 24 "Women as Food Sellers in the informal Sector of the City of Colombo, Sri Lanka," by Yoga Rasanayagam.

No. 25 "Gender at Work in the OECD Area: New Trends in Female and Part-Time Employment" by Alan R. Townsend

No. 26 "Development Planning and gender Inequality: A Case Study in the Mahaweli Development Project, Sri Lanka" by Rohana Ulliwishewa.

These papers may be ordered from Janice Monk, SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 USA. Single copies \$U.S.5.00 payable to University of Arizona.

A complete list of papers is available on request.

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