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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS CONTRASTS WITHIN EUROPE

A ten-day intensive symposium in geography and gender—held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, June 18 - 28, 1993 focused on women's work and everyday lives with an emphasis on southern Europe. Sponsored by the Erasmus Program of the European Community, the program was designed for faculty and students from the host institution; the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands); the National Technical University of Athens (Greece); Roskilde University (Denmark); and Durham and Sheffield Universities (UK). The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography co-sponsored the program. Additional financial support from the Institut Català de la Dona, the Ministry of Education and Science, Caixa de Catalunya, Fundació Bofill, and the Autonomous University of Barcelona permitted the program to be expanded to include speakers and participants from Canada, France, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Switzerland, the United States.

Particularly interesting were discussions about the differences in the patterns of women's employment in southern and northern European countries, with northern Europeans being more likely to be engaged in part-time work and southern women to hold full-time employment. Differences in the role of the state compared to the family and the private sector in providing support for women's reproductive work also became apparent. Yet the patterns do not simply vary between "North" and "South." Presentations which addressed child care services, for example, showed varying models among France, Germany, and Britain. While discussions on the North brought

out the cut-backs which are occurring in state support in some countries, presentations on the South revealed ways in which labor policies support income supplements for women day-laborers in Spanish agriculture and the efforts of Italian local governments to adjust shopping and service hours to meet the needs of women who are increasingly committed to labor force participation. An important question was the extent to which models in feminist geography and models espoused by the European Community are dependent on assumptions that the experience of the North is representative.

In addition to the sessions on Europe, several speakers addressed global and international comparative themes—placing the European work in the larger context of economic restructuring, and assessing methodological approaches and progress within gender studies in geography.

Two interesting field trips took up the course theme—one in Girona and the other in central Barcelona, where participants toured the historic areas and met with local scholars, government officials, especially those working with women's programs, and women's community groups.

The hospitality of the organizing group at the Autonomous University, their planning of the program, and success in securing additional funds were outstanding. Coordinated by Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon, the planning group included Gemma Canoves, Montserrat Solsona, and Antoni Tulla assisted by Mireia Baylina and Herminia

Pujol. The presentations from the program are being translated into Catalan and will be published in Documents d'Anàlisi Geogràfica. Work is in progress to produce and edit a book that includes selected work and related studies on comparing women's work and everyday lives in the "South" and "North" of Europe.



PLANS PROGRESSING FOR 1994 MEETINGS

The Commission on Gender and Geography plans two meetings in conjunction with the 1994 European Regional Congress in August. An array of speakers from Europe, North America, Sri Lanka, Australia, and New Zealand have indicated their interest in participating in discussions for the Symposium "Beyond Borders: The Gender Implications of Multistate Economic Policies" which will be held at the University of Heidelberg. Final planning of the program is now in progress. Geographers interested in contributing to the program who have not yet contacted Janice Monk, SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 85721, USA, should do so before the end of December, 1993.

An interesting program on citizenship issues will be co-sponsored at the Prague meeting with the World Political Map and Public Administration Commissions of the IGU. Eleonore Kofman is coordinating the presentations on gender. She has received offers of papers from several world areas dealing with such issues as refugee and immigrant

women as well as with the ways in which concepts of citizenship are gendered. For further information, contact her at Department of International Studies, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, NG11 8NS, England.

Registration and other details regarding the Prague meeting may be obtained directly from the local organizers: IGU RC, Albertov 6, 128 43 Praha 2, Czech Republic, Ph. 42-2-203608 or 296025, Fax 42-2-296025 or 205878, e-mail KUCERA@PRFDEC.NATUR.CUNI.CZ

The Gender Commission is also interested in coordinating sessions at the Prague Congress that address relevant themes, especially papers dealing with women and environmental or political change. If you are intending to participate, please contact Janet Momsen, Department of Geography, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, 95616, USA.



PUBLICATIONS

New Books

Michal LeVasseur Finding A Way: Encouraging Underrepresented Groups in Geography. Indiana, PA: National Council for Geographic Education, 1993. (An annotated bibliography)

Mary Morris Maiden Voyages: Writings of Women Travelers. New York: Vintage Books, 1993.

Annegret Pelz Reisen durch die Eigene Fremde: Reiseliteratur von Frauen als autogeographische Schriften. Koln: Bohlau Verlag GmbH and Cie, 1993.

Gillian Rose Feminism and Geography: The Limits of Geographical Knowledge. Cambridge: Polity Press, 1993.

Women's Feature Service The Power to Change: Third World Women Shaping Their Environment London/New Delhi: Zed Books/Kali for Women, 1993.

Special Journal Issues

Simon Duncan has edited a forthcoming issue of Environment and Planning A "Spatial Divisions of Patriarchy in Europe. It contains eleven articles by authors from Britain, Germany, Greece, and Sweden on such themes as women's employment under different political regimes, measuring gender equality in Europe, and national variations in patriarchy.

A special issue of Documents d'Anàlisi Geogràfica (from the Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona) will include the presentations given at the Erasmus Course on Gender and Geography in June, 1993. The papers will be translated into Catalan with English and French summaries.

Recent Articles and Book Chapters

Stuart Aiken "(Weir(d) Sex: Representation of Gender-Environment Relations in Peter Weir's Picnic at Hanging Rock and Gallipoli" Environment and Planning D: Society and Space, 11 (2) 1993, 191-212.

John Bauer, Wang Feng, Nancy Riley and Zhao Xiaohua "Gender Inequality in Urban China: Education and Employment," Modern China 18 (3), 1992.

Mireia Baylina i Ferre "L'Enfocament de Genere en un Bloc de Contingut sobre Activitat i Espai Industrials a l'Ensenyament Secundari Postobligatori," Documents d'Anàlisi Geogràfica 21, 1992, 167-79.

Morag Bell "The Pestilence that Walketh in Darkness: Imperial Health, Gender, and Images of South Africa 1880-1910," Transactions, Institute of British Geographers, 18 (3) 1993, 327-41.

Karen Blackford "Images of Mothers with Multiple Sclerosis and Their Children: A Discourse Analysis

of MS Society Newsletters (1957-1992)," The Operational Geographer, 11 (1) 1993, 18-22.

Liz Bondi "Gender and Geography: Crossing Boundaries," Progress in Human Geography 17 (2) 1993, 241-46.

Kim V.L. England "Suburban Pink Collar Ghettos: The Spatial Entrapment of Women?" Annals of the Association of American Geographers 83 (2) 1993, 225-242.

M. Hayes-Mitchell "The Ties that Bind: Informal and Formal Sector Linkages in Street-Vending: The Case of Peru's Ambulantes," Environment and Planning A 25 (8) 1993, 1085-1102.

Andrew Herod "Gender Issues in the Use of Interviewing as a Research Method," The Professional Geographer 45 (3) 1993, 305-16.

Briavel Holcomb and Tamar Rothenberg "Women's Work and Urban Household Economy in Developing Countries," in Meredith Turshen and Briavel Holcomb (eds) Women's Lives and Public Policy: The International Experience Westport CT/London: Praeger, 1993.

Gloria Leckie "Female Farmers in Canada 1971-1986" The Professional Geographer 45 (2) 1993, 180-193.

Gloria Leckie "Female Farmers in Canada and the Gender Relations of a Restructuring Agricultural System," Canadian Geographer 37 (3) 1993, 212-29.

Donna Maitland "Women, Space, Vulnerability and Safety," The Operational Geographer 9 (4) 1992, 28-29.

Linda McDowell "Doing Gender: Feminism, Feminists, and Research Methods in Human Geography," Transactions, Institute of British Geographers, 17 (4) 1992, 399-416.

Linda McDowell "Space, Place and Gender Relations: Part I," Progress in Human Geography, 17 (2) 1992, 157-179.

Linda McDowell "Space, Place and Gender Relations: Part II," Progress in Human Geography, 17 (3) 1993 305-18.

Sara McLafferty and Valerie Preston "Spatial Mismatch and Labor Market Segmentation for African American and Latina Women," Economic Geography, 68 (4) 1992.

Pam Moss "Where is the 'Promised Land?': Class and Gender in Bruce Springsteen's Rock Lyrics," Geografiska Annaler, Series B 74 (3) 1992, 167-188.

Deborah Carter Park "Observations on Gender, Spatial and Thematic Content of Papers Presented at the CAG Annual Conference, Vancouver BC, 1992," The Operational Geographer, 10 (3) 1992, 18-19.

E.J. Pader and M. Breitbart, "Transforming Public Housing: Conflicting Visions for Harbor Point," Places 8 (4) 1993.

J.A. Peck "'Invisible Threads': Homeworking, Labour Market Relations, and Industrial Restructuring in the Australian Clothing Trades," Environment and Planning D: Society and Space 10 (6) 1992, 671-90.

Valerie Preston "Impact of Family Status on Black, White, and Hispanic Women's Commuting," Urban Geography 14 (3) 1993 228-50.

Yoga Rasanayagam "Recent State Policies and Autonomy of Women in Sri Lanka," PSI/SASA Publication, 1992.

Yoga Rasanayagam "Refugee Tamil Women in Colombo, Constraints and Coping Strategies," Proceedings of the National Geographical Conference, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (forthcoming).

Joana Maria Segui Pons and Joana Maria Petrus Bey "Dona, Territori i Societat (Una Anàlisi des de la Geografia del Genere)," Documents d'Anàlisi Geogràfica 21, 1992, 195-98.

D. Sibley and G. Lowe "Domestic Space, Modes of Control, and Problem Behaviour," Geografiska Annaler, Series B, 74 (3) 1992, 189-98.

Gill Valentine "Negotiating and Managing Multiple Sexual Identities: Lesbian Time-Space Strategies," Transactions, Institute of British Geographers, 18 (2) 1993, 237-48.

Gill Valentine "Desperately Seeking Susan: A Geography of Lesbian Friendships," Area 25 (2) 1993, 109-16.

Other Publications

Joos Droogleever Fortuijn, Wim Ostendord and Frans Thissen "Ouderen op het Drentse Platteland," (The Elderly in the Countryside of Drenthe) Amsterdamse Geografische Studies, 44, 1993 (134 pp.)

Rekha Mehra "Gender in Community Development and Resource Management: An Overview," International Center for Research on Women/World Wildlife Fund Collaborative Research Report, 1993.

Rekha Mehra, Margaret Alcott, and Nilda S. Baling "Women's Participation in the Cotong Bay Mangrove Management Project: A Case Study," International Center for Research on Women/World Wildlife Fund Collaborative Research Report, 1993.

(Both of the above are available from ICRW, 1717 Massachusetts Ave, Suite 302, Washington DC, 20036.)

Sarah Radcliffe "Five Centuries of Gendered Settler Society : Conquerors, Natives and Immigrants in Peru," Centre For Developing Areas Research Papers, 4. (Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London).

Mahdu Sarin Wasteland Development and the Empowerment of Women: The SARTHI Experience, Available from SEEDS, P.O. Box 3923 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 USA

UNIFEM NEWS, the newsletter of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, June 1993 issue features a series of articles on grassroots women's views of human rights issues.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Rohana Ulluwishewa, Department of Geography, University of Sri Jayewardenapura, Sri Lanka, has been promoted to Associate Professor and been appointed as the first director of the Sri Lanka Resource Centre for Indigenous Knowledge (SLARCIK). Gender aspects of indigenous knowledge will be a priority area. He may be contacted at SLARCIK, Department of Geography, University of Jayewardenapura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka (FAX 94-1-852604).

Die Tukkier, the magazine of the University of Pretoria, featured an article "The link between...Geography and Gender," in its September, 1993 issue. The story featured remarks by Joan Fairhurst, and visitors Agnes Musyoki (Kenyatta University) and Linda McDowell (Cambridge University).

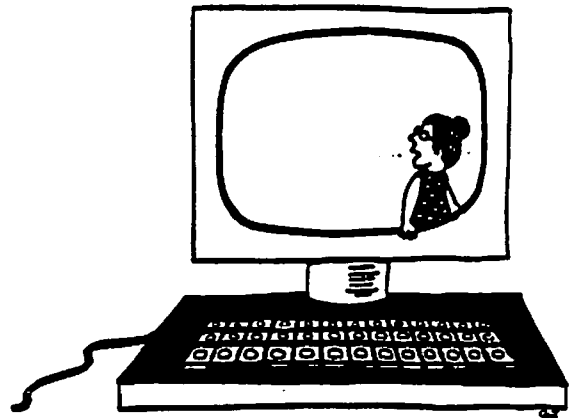
Hae Un Rii, Department of Geography, Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea, received the Distinguished International Alumni Award from Michigan State University in 1993. Congratulations! She is also serving as Chair of her Department.

Janet Momsen (University of California, Davis) and **Nora Chiang** (National Taiwan University) are carrying out a collaborative research and training program with scholars in rural Yunan, China. The project is supported by the Ford Foundation. Janet Momsen and Janice Monk also both gave colloquium presentations at the Department of Geography, University of Heidelberg in July.

Brenda Yeoh and **Shirlena Huang** of the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, are conducting research on women and childcare issues, examining the strategies used by different ethnic groups, household types, and income groups, as well as the employment of immigrant

women (for example, from Indonesia, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka) as child-care workers in Singapore.

Cathy Nesmith, with colleagues at Simon Fraser University, Canada has received a grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council for a research project "Gendered Responses to the Environmental Movement" which will examine women (and to some extent men) in the environmental movement in British Columbia. She is also involved in a project on gender and environmental change in India.



FEMINIST GEOGRAPHERS FIND WAYS TO COMMUNICATE

Ruth Fincher reports from Australia that the sizeable group of feminist geographers now working in Melbourne has instituted "Stress Management Excursions" on Fridays every five or six weeks during which they go out of the city for walking, picnicking, talking about their work, and generally letting off steam!

Women graduate students, post-docs., and faculty from McMaster, York, and the University of Toronto (Canada) have formed a feminist reading group that meets about once a month.

An international electronic mail network of scholars interested in gender and geography is generating regular communications. The network is based at the University of Kentucky, USA and can be joined by contacting **Jeff Jones**, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY, e-mail: JAJONE02@UKCC.UKY.EDU

The Women and Geography Study Group of the Institute of British Geographers met in London on September 22, 1993 to discuss the theme of "whiteness" drawing on articles dealing with issues of gender and colonialism/post-colonialism.

A pre-conference symposium was organized by **Sue Ruddick** and **Kim England** in association with the Canadian Association of Geographers, Ontario meeting. Focusing on geography and social identities, it included a session on gender and sexuality with presentations by **Allison Williams** (York) on native women in Toronto; **Marcia Nation** (Toronto) on gender and development: policy and practice; **Bernadette Stiehl** (Toronto) on gender and the spatial abilities of children; **Sean DiGiovanna** (Toronto) on gay and lesbian use of urban space; and **Ali Grant** (McMaster) on challenging heterosexism in social geography. Presentations were designed to be brief, introducing the issues, with extensive time for discussion.



GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY COURSES

The development of gender courses is being extended within geography. Among recently noted offerings: In Australia: "Gendered Places, Gendered Development" (cross-listed with Women's Studies at the University of Adelaide) by **Susanne Schech**; In Canada: "Femmes et Espaces," (4th year, Université d'Ottawa) by **Anne Gilbert**; "Women and the City," (3rd year, Queen's University, Kingston) by **Anne Godlewska**; "Gender and Environments" (Carleton University, Ottawa) by **Fran Klodawsky**; "Women and the City" (University of Victoria) where instructors have also chosen to include a gender component in all 1st and 2nd year courses). In New Zealand: two feminist geography course (at the University of Waikato) by **Robyn Longhurst**; In Singapore: A module, "The Geography of Gender: Women and Change" will be offered at the National

University of Singapore in 1994-95; In the USA: "Geography and Gender," and "Sexuality and Geography" (University of Kentucky) by **Heidi Nast**; "Women in the City" and "Women in Development" and "Women in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" (cross-listed with Women's Studies at Middlebury College) by **Tamar Mayer**; "Women's Work Internationally" (A graduate/undergraduate course cross-listed with Women's Studies at San Diego State University) by **Doreen Mattingly**.

RECENT CONFERENCES

A workshop "Spatial Aspects of Women's Condition: Geography and Gender in Italy" organized by **Gisella Cortesi** (University of Pisa) and **Maria Dolores Garcia-Ramon** (Autonomous University of Barcelona) was held in Cagliari (Italy), September 6-7, 1993 in conjunction with the Primo Simposio Italo-Britanico di Geografia della Popolazione. The session was attended by about 50 people and was the first step in the creation of a Study Group on Gender and Geography within the Study Group on Population Geography (President, **M. Luisa Gentileschi**) of the Association of Italian Geographers. The contributions will be published in a book edited by **G. Cortesi** and **M.L. Gentileschi** entitled L'altra Meta dell'Italia: Donna e Geografia, Milano, Franco Angeli (forthcoming).

The speakers at the workshop included **M. Luisa Gentileschi** (University of Cagliari) on female labor in peri-urban areas; **Marina Marengo** (University of Lausanne) on Italian women migrants; **Franca Battigelli** (University of Udine) on regional differences in abortion rates in Italy; **Givanna Meneghel** (University of Udine) on gender differences in health and illness, **Paola Visocchi** (University of Cassino) on women and family farms; **M. Dolores Garcia-Ramon** on geography and feminism; and **Gisella Cortesi** on gender and geography in Italy.

Geographers contributed significantly to two recent interdisciplinary conferences. "From Dictatorship to Democracy: Women in Mediterranean, Central and Eastern Europe" was held at the University of Barcelona, September 16-18. Geographers spoke on political rights and women's rights (**Joanna Regulska**, USA and **Judit Timar** (Hungary), work, labor markets and

emigration (Gisella Cortesi, Italy) and on future strategies (Dina Vaiou, Greece), and Maria Dolores Garcia-Ramon, Spain).

"Making Worlds: Metaphor and Materiality in the Creation of Feminist Texts" was held at the University of Arizona, October 13-16 with support from the Rockefeller Foundation. Of particular interest were the ways in which feminist scholars dealing with issues of "difference" have integrated geographic metaphors such as borders, terrain, space, and location into their writing across such fields as literary criticism, philosophy, history, and media studies. Geographer Geraldine Pratt (Canada) delivered the opening address on "Travelling Metaphors." Other geographers presenting included Cindi Katz and Holly YoungBear Tibbetts (USA). Sallie Marston and Janice Monk were among the conference coordinators. An edited book is being prepared from the conference.

About 30 feminist geographers and planners (students and faculty) met June 18-20 in Berlin. Speakers included Vera Rabelt on "Feminist Critique of the Natural Sciences" in which she explored how gender shapes the creation of knowledge about the earth, and Petra Rau on "Women as Urban Identity Representatives" in which she drew on her study of interaction between downtown and suburban areas of Vienna to consider women's activity spaces and their implications for planning. She dealt with women of different life course stages, economic backgrounds, and residential areas. Discussions at the meeting also focused on the problem of women's lack of acceptance in their departments. The group also organized a session to exchange information on current research and teaching at the 49th GeographInnentag in Bochum, October 4-8, 1993.

An array of gender-related papers were presented at the 1993 New Zealand Geographical Conference this fall. Topics ranged from ecofeminism (Tracey Gomas) to migration (Jacqueline Lidgard), poverty programs in the European community (Robin Peace), development issues (Regina Scheyvens), to lesbian space (Lynda Johnston), shopping centers (Susan Bowler) and gender in single industry towns (Jo Anne Munroe). Three speakers focused on methodological topics (Robyn Longhurst,

Lawrence Berg, and Karen Nairn). Several of the presenters were from the University of Waikato which has course offerings in feminist geography.

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers in Ottawa, May 30 - June 3, 1993 included two paper sessions on gender themes. Addressing "The Big Picture" were Audrey Kobayashi and Linda Peake (on 'race' and gender in geography); Simon Dalby on gender and geopolitics, and Wendy Larner on difference 'Down Under.' In the session on gender and the labor force, Valerie Preston, Wenona Giles, and Glenda Laws spoke on immigrant women in Toronto; Lyle Courtenay examined changes in work patterns and concepts of socio-economic status, using Vancouver as an example, and Natalie Jamieson spoke on gender representation in hotel worker unions.



FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

"Child (F/M) and Geography" is the theme for a conference being planned by the Royal Dutch Geographical Society Department of Women's Studies. Themes include geography for children (education); geography of children (research), and urban policy regarding children (policy). Gender issues are central. To be informed about conference plans or to submit a paper proposal write to Lia Karsten, Institute of Human Geography, University of Amsterdam, Nieuwe Prinsengracht 130, 1018VZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands by December, 1993. (FAX: 31-20-525-4051)

The IGU Gender Commission meeting proposed for Ghana in 1994 has been postponed. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.



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NEW WORKING PAPERS

No. 27 Janice Monk (ed.), Joos Droogleever Fortuijn, Hae Un Rii, Linda McDowell, and Melissa Gilbert Contextualising Feminist Geography: International Perspectives.

No. 28 Rohana Ulluwishewa Development Planning, Environmental Degradation, and Women's Fuelwood Crisis: A Sri Lankan Case Study

No. 29 Shanaz Huq-Hussain Female Migrants in Dhaka, Bangladesh: Urban Adaptation, Modernization, and Informal Sector Work

To order, please send US \$5.00 each (postage and packing included) to Janice Monk, Vice-Chair, IGU Commission on Gender and Geography, SIROW, Douglass 102, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 85721, USA.

A complete list of papers is available on request.