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APRIL MEETINGS REVEAL THE DIVERSITY WITHIN FEMINIST GEOGRAPHY

The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), held March 29-April 2 in San Francisco and the Erasmus Intensive Course "Women in Public Space: Experiences from North and South" held in Athens, April 13-21, demonstrated the diversity of approaches and interests that characterize contemporary research on gender issues.

The AAG meeting was so massive, and gender studies so well represented, that multiple feminist papers were being given at virtually all times. Some long-standing topics, such as issues related to women and employment, continued to attract attention, but new directions were strongly evident. Among these were attention to women and health and to women and environment. The latter two areas brought together geographers working in first and third world settings, in contrast to the common pattern in the past where research on different world areas has tended to be discussed separately. Presentations on sexuality and on cultural representation were also spread throughout the program. Research in historical geography on gender also appears to be attracting increasing interest.

Sessions on methodological issues also took new directions. One panel addressed "Should

Women Count? Feminist Epistemology and Quantitative Methods." Two sessions addressed the field work experiences of women geographers in the past and present. The latter were videotaped for the AAG Geographers on Film Series.

Theory and methodology were also integral to the course on "Women and Public Space." British speakers dealt with the place of post-modernist theory and issues of representation, while Dutch presentations on gendered use of public spaces in Amsterdam and student field projects in Athens were devoted to experimental use of observational methods in public spaces. In the field project, students attending the course (from Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Durham, Roskilde, and Sheffield) were divided into multinational teams to observe how women and men use public spaces in selected neighborhoods of Athens at different times and days. Students gave presentations of their findings and also reflected on the methodological approach.

A number of the presentations at the course reinforced feminist writing on the ways in which public and private space are intertwined in everyday life, but the focus on public space also demonstrated how this concept can be

interpreted in multiple ways, crossing geographic scales and reflecting the specificities of place and time. Empirical studies on Spain, Greece, The Netherlands, and Denmark ranged from research that looked at the incorporation of public space into the private space of the home (for example, as rural Catalonian women open their homes to tourists), to the scale of urban public spaces (at the scale of streets, parks, cafes and pubs; neighborhoods and markets, to the examination of institutions such as unions, schooling, and the state); at the latter scale, several speakers addressed public policies and women's political activism.

PLANS FOR AUGUST, 1994 MEETINGS NEARING COMPLETION

An array of presentations, primarily on Europe and North America, are confirmed for the IGU Gender Symposium "Beyond Borders: The Gender Implications of Multistate Economic Policies" to be held in Heidelberg, August 16-21. A few spaces may be available for brief presentations or participation in discussion sessions. Please contact Janice Monk by the end of June if you wish to know about such openings (email: jmonk@ccit.arizona.edu or fax (USA) 602-621-1533.

Sessions in Prague jointly sponsored with the World Political Map Commission will focus on gender and citizenship. Eleonore Kofman has been coordinating these and has developed a strong gender program. A session on gender and environment is being coordinated by Janet Momsen. Please let her know if you have submitted directly to Prague so that all presentations can be coordinated (email: jmomsen@ucdavis.edu; fax: (USA) 916-752-9592). We are pleased to report that Mariama Awumbila, University of Ghana, has received an award from IGU to support her participation in the Regional Conference.

The status of the workshop on women and environment at the University of Ghana is still unclear at the time of writing. Funding support was approved by the British Council but its allocation remains to be resolved. For current information, contact Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf, Department of Geography and Resource Development, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana; fax 233-21-774-338.



PUBLICATIONS

New Books

Grete Brochmann Middle East Avenue: Female Migration from Sri Lanka to the Gulf Boulder CO: Westview, 1993.

Moncreiff Cochran (ed.) International Handbook of Child Care Policies and Programs Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1993.

Nanette Davis (ed.) Prostitution: An International Handbook on Trends, Problems, and Policies Westport CT: Greenwood, 1993.

Ruth Fincher, Lois Foster, and Rosemary Wilmot Gender Equity and Australian Immigration Policy Canberra: Australian Government Publishing Service, 1994.

C.H. Gredd Women and Planning: Creating Gendered Realities Routledge: New York, 1994.

Audrey Kobayashi (ed.) Women, Work, and

Place Montreal: McGill-Queen's Press (forthcoming, fall, 1994)

Barbara J. Nelson and Najma Chowdhury (eds) Women and Politics Worldwide New Haven: Yale University Press, 1994.

O. Nieuwenhuys Children's Lifeworlds: Gender, Welfare and Labour in the Developing World Routledge, London and New York, 1994.

Saraswati Raju and Deipica Bagchi (eds) Women and Work in Asia: Regional Patterns and Perspectives London: Routledge, 1993.

Helen Safa The Myth of the Male Breadwinner: Women and Industrialization in the Caribbean Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1993.

Recent Articles and Book Chapters

Bina Agarwal "The Gender and Environment Debate," Feminist Studies 18 (1) 119-58.

Sherry Boland Ahrentzen "Home as a Workplace in the Lives of Women," in Irwin Altman and Setha M. Low (eds) Place Attachment New York and London: Plenum Press, 1993.

Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf "Women's Health Status in Africa--Environmental Perspectives from Rural Communities," Health Care for Women International 14 (4) 1993 375-86.

David Bell "Erotic Topographies: On the Sexuality and Space Network," Antipode 26 (1) 1994 194-96.

D. Bell, J. Binnie, J. Cream, and G. Valentine "All Hyped Up and No Place to Go," Gender Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 31-47.

Liz Bondi "Locating Identity Politics," in Place and the Politics of Identity, M. Keith and S. Pile (eds) Routledge, London and New York,

1993.

Martin Brockerhoff and Hogsook Eu "Demographic and Socioeconomic Determinants of Female Rural to Urban Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa," International Migration Review 27 (3) 557-78.

E. Buehler, H. Meyer, D. Reichert, and A. Scheller (eds) Ortssuche: Zur Geographie der Geschlechterdifferenz, Zurich and Dortmund: eFeF Verlag, 1993.

Judith Carney "Converting the Wetlands, Engendering the Environment: The Intersection of Gender with Agrarian Change in the Gambia," Economic Geography 69 (4) 1993 329-48.

Tim Cresswell "Putting Women in Their Place: The Carnival at Greenham Common," Antipode 26 (1) 1994 35-58.

Robyn Dowling "Feminity, Place, and Commodities: A Retail Case Study," Antipode 25 (4) 1993 295-319.

Robyn Dowling "Home Truths: Recent Feminist Constructions," Urban Geography 14 (5) 1993, 464-75.

Kim V. L. England "Changing Suburbs, Changing Women: Geographic Perspectives on Suburban Women and Suburbanization," Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies 14 (1) 1993 24-43.

Kim V.L. England "Getting Personal: Reflexivity, Positionality, and Feminist Research," The Professional Geographer 46 (1), 1994 80-89.

U.J. Fairhurst and P.S. Hattingh "Time-Space and Everyday Life: South African Mothers in Urban Context," SA GEOGRAAF, 20 (1/2) 1992/1993 116-127.

Melissa R. Gilbert "The politics of location: doing feminist research at 'home'" The Professional Geographer 46 (1) 1994 90-96.

Patricia Gober "Why Abortion Rates Vary: A Geographical Examination of the Supply and Demand for Abortion Services in the United States in 1988," Annals of the Association of American Geographers 84 (2) 1994 (forthcoming, June).

Susan Hanson "Never Question the Assumptions and Other Scenes from the Quantitative Revolution," Urban Geography 14 (6) 1993 552-56.

Cecile Jackson "Environmentalisms and Gender Interests in the Third World," Development and Change 24 (4) 649-77.

Peter Jackson "Black Male: Advertising and the Cultural Politics of Masculinity," Gender, Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 49-59.

Louise Johnson "Text-ured Brick: Speculations on the Cultural Production of Domestic Space," Australian Geographical Studies 31(2) 1993 201-13.

Louise C. Johnson "What Future for Feminist Geography?" Gender Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 103-113

Cindi Katz "Playing the Field: Questions on Fieldwork in Geography," The Professional Geographer 46 (1) 1994 67-73.

Audrey Kobayashi "Coloring the Field: Gender, 'Race' and the Politics of Fieldwork," The Professional Geographer 46 (1) 1994 73-80.

Wendy Larner "Changing Contexts: Globalization, Migration and Feminism in New Zealand," in Feminism and the Politics of Difference, S. Gunew and A. Yeatman (eds) Sydney: Allen and Unwin, 1993.

Glenda Laws "Oppression, Knowledge and the Built Environment," Political Geography Quarterly 13 (1) 1994 7-32.

D.A. Leslie "Femininity, Post-Fordism, and the 'New Traditionalism'" Environment and Planning D: Society and Space 11 1993 689-708, .

Robyn Longhurst "Pregnant Corporeality and a Postmodern Mall in Hamilton," Proceedings of the conference on Postmodern Urban Spaces, University of Sydney, Sydney

Angela Barron McBride "From Gynecology to Gyn-Ecology: Developing a Practice Research Agenda for Women's Health," Health Care for Women International 14 (4) 1993, 315-26.

Linda McDowell "Making a Difference: Geography, Feminism, and Everyday Life--an Interview with Susan Hanson," Journal of Geography in Higher Education 18 (1) 1994 19-32.

B. M. Milroy, and S. Wismer "Communities, Work and Public/Private Sphere Models" Gender Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 71-90.

B. Monicat "Autobiography and Women's Travel Writing in Nineteenth-century France: Journeys through Self Representation" Gender Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 61-70.

C. Nash "Remapping and Renaming: New Cartographies of Identity, Gender and Landscape in Ireland" Feminist Review 44 1993 39-57.

Heidi J. Nast "Opening Remarks on 'Women in the Field'" The Professional Geographer 46 (1) 1994 54-66.

Shi-Hak Noe and Jong-A Son "Gender Difference in the Separation of Employment from Home and Commuting: A Case Study of Married Women and Men in Seoul," (in

Korean, English summary) Geography 28 (3) Series 51 1993 227-246.

Ann Oberhauser "Industrial Restructuring and Women's Homework in Appalachia: Lessons from West Virginia," Southeastern Geographer 33 (1) 1993 23-43.

Geraldine Pratt and Susan Hanson "Geography and the Construction of Difference," Gender, Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 5-29.

Sarah Radcliffe "Women's Place/el Lugar de Mujeres: Latin America and the Politics of Gender Identity," in Place and the Politics of Identity, M. Keith and S. Pile (eds) Routledge, London and New York.

Dagmar Reichert "Woman as Utopia: Against Relations of Representation" Gender Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 91-102.

V. Robinson "Race, Gender and Internal Migration within England and Wales," Environment and Planning A 25 (10) 1453-66.

Gillian Rose "Progress in Geography and Gender. Or Something Else?" Progress in Human Geography 17 (4) 1993 531-37.

Gillian Rose "Across the Disciplines: What is Feminist Theory?" Gender Place and Culture 1 (1) 1994 115-117.

Joni Seager "Creating a Culture of Destruction: Gender, Militarism and the Environment" In Toxic Struggles: the Theory and Practice of Environmental Justice, R. Hofrichter (ed.) New Society Publishers, Philadelphia, 1993.

Keejeong Shim "A Study on Journey-to-Work Patterns of Females in Seoul," Journal of Geography Education, 28 1992 1-30 (in Korean, English summary)

Aron Spector and Fran Klodawsky "The Housing Needs of Single Parent Families in

Canada: a Dilemma for the 1990s," in Single Parent Families: Research and Policy Implications J. Hudson and B. Galaway (eds) Thompson Educational Publishing.

Judith Tyner "Geography Through the Needle's Eye: Embroidered Maps and Globes in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century" The Map Collector 66 1994 2-7.

Kim Yang-hee "A Study of Environmental Attitudes and Behavior," Women's Studies Forum 9 1993 (Korean Women's Development Institute)

Leo Zonn and Stuart Aitken "Of Pelicans and Men: Symbolic Landscapes, Gender and Australia's Storm Boy" in Place, Power, Situation and Spectacle: A Geography of Film S. C. Aitken and L.E. Zonn (eds) Rowman and Littlefield 1994.

Other Publications

R. Camstra, Rising Female Labour Force Participation in the Netherlands: the Geodemography of Gender, PDOD-publication 14, PDOD, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. (Can be obtained without charge by sending a postcard to PDOD, PDI, Nieuwe Prinsengracht 130, 1018 VZ Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

U. Joan Fairhurst (ed.) Gender Issues in Africa: Women and Change Department of Geography, University of Pretoria, 1993. May be purchased for R 15.00 from the Department.

U. J. Fairhurst (ed.) Geography and Gender: A Record of Shared Experiences Department of Geography, University of Pretoria, 1993. (May be purchased for R 20.00 from the Department)

Maria-Dolors Garcia-Ramon, Gemma Canoves, and Maria Prats Les Dones i l'ús del Temps a Barcelona: El Cas del Barrio de Sants Adjuntament de Barcelona, Institut Estudis Metropolitans de Barcelona. (This study reports

on policy-oriented research related to attitudes towards changing daily time organization of shopping, services, etc., in the city.)

Iain Hay, Fear of Violence and the Use of Urban Space in the City of Unley Unpublished Report to the Unley City Council. Copy available from author, Department of Geography, Flinders University, Adelaide, SA Australia.

Ranghild Lund "Gender, Locality and Changing Resource Management Practices: The Dry Zone of Sri Lanka," Gender Studies Occasional Paper 5 Gender and Development Studies Unit, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, 1993.

Several new books as well as reissues of classics resulting from conferences and other projects at the Centre for Cross-Cultural Research on Women, Oxford University, England are now available. Those of particular interest to geographers include Women and Space (reissued); Migrant women: Crossing Boundaries and Changing Identities; Servants and Gentlewomen to the Golden Land: The Emigration of Single Women from Britain to Southern Africa 1820-1939; and Muslim Women's Choices: Religious Belief and Social Reality. Information on the Centre's work, fellowships, and publications is available from the Director, Centre for Cross Cultural Research on Women, Queen Elizabeth House, 21 Giles St., Oxford OX1 3LA England; email CCCRW@UK.AC.OXFORD.VAX

Special Journal Issues

Canadian Woman Studies/les Cahiers de la Femme 13 (3) 1993 "Women and the Environment."

Social Science and Medicine 37 (4) 1993 "Women and Tropical Diseases"

Social Science and Medicine 37 (11) 1993 "Women, Development and Health."

Women and Environments 13 (3/4) Winter/Spring, 1993 is a special issue on environment and development. Includes articles in English and French.

Women in Action (Isis International) 4/92 and 1/93 focus on women and sustainable development with an emphasis on environmental themes.

Electronic Journals and Lists

The following new journal may be of interest to feminist geographers:

SUSDEV is an electronic bulletin that collects original papers, review papers, database descriptions, book reviews, and other items on sustainable development and the environment. The focus is on Central and Eastern Europe. For further information and to subscribe, contact "nagy-arpad.inbox@parti.inforum.org" or "aponce@iif.kfk.hu" on internet.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OF WOMEN AND PLACE SERIES EXPANDS

Two more books in the Routledge Series "International Studies of Women and Place" will be forthcoming shortly: Servicing the Middle Classes (due July, 1994) by Nicky Gregson and Michelle Lowe deals with the relationships between professional class couples in England and the nannies and cleaners who facilitate their life style. Women of the Israeli Occupation, edited by Tamar Mayer (due October, 1994) looks at the effects of Israeli occupation on Palestinian and Israeli (Arab and Jewish) women. Five more books are under contract in the series, with publication expected in 1995: Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt Gender, Work and Space; Janet Townsend et al. Women's Voices from the Rainforest; Marianne Marchand and Jane Parpart (eds) Feminism,

Postmodernism and Development; Kim England (ed.) Who Will Mind the Baby?; Dianne Rocheleau, Barbara Thomas-Slayer and Esther Wangari (eds) Feminist Political Ecology; and Maria Dolores Garcia-Ramon and Janice Monk (eds) Women of the European Union.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Saraswati Raju (India) has recently undertaken several consulting assignments. Under the auspices of the United Nations Development Program/UNIFEM project "Macro Economic Management and Training" she assisted in the design of a survey for the Department of Statistics in Kampuchea and consulted on program development for the newly formed Department of Women and Youth. In addition, she has also been working in Laos, assisting on gender-sensitive analysis of surveys that had been conducted on mother-child health care and the urban labor force. At Jawaharlal Nehru University she is participating in a project co-sponsored by several government agencies to evaluate the effectiveness of changes in India's 1991 Census that were designed to improve data on the female workforce. Finally, she is associate director of a project supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development that is studying female infanticide in rural Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Saraswati has been promoted to Associate Professor, retroactive to 1988!

Rochelle Ball has moved from Hong Kong to

the University of Wollongong, Australia, where she is now co-writing and presenting a course for the multicultural television channel, SBS, on women and development. The course will be part of a graduate diploma in multicultural studies. She has also received a grant to continue her research on women and international migration which will involve research in the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Thailand.

Elisabeth Binder is now working for the Women's Studies Resource Center in Linz, one of three such centers in Austria. One function of the centers is to serve as clearinghouses for feminist researchers internationally. For further information, contact Elisabeth at Interuniversitaere Koordinationsstelle fur Frauenforschung, Altenbergstr. 69, A 4040 Linz, Austria. FAX 43-732-2468-9212 or email E.Binder@jk.uni-linz.ac.at

Rebecca Roberts would like to receive syllabi to help her design a new course on women and environments that includes first and third world material. She is also interested in hearing from people teaching about environmental social movements who include a gender focus. Her address is Department of Geography, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242 USA; email: rroberts@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

Kathie Gibson and **Margo Huxley** have been funded by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute to focus on restructuring and social polarisation in Melbourne.

A recently established network for gender and geography in South Africa has the goals of facilitating feminist research and monitoring and improving the status of women geographers. **Joan Fairhurst** is coordinating a survey of research, teaching, and resources with the support of the South African Geographical Society. She has also recently been promoted to Senior Lecturer, and elected Chair of the North Transvaal branch of the Society.

Jane Jacobs and **Ruth Liepins** of the University of Melbourne organized a Rural Women's Workshop around the visit to Australia of **Sarah Whatmore** (Bristol, UK). A monograph, Rural women: Exploring Research Agendas from the workshop is available from the Department of Geography, Monash University, Parkville, VIC 3052 Australia.

Ann Oberhauser has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to explore gender and industrial restructuring and household economic strategies in Appalachia, USA. For further details contact her at the Department of Geography and Geology, University of West Virginia, P.O. Box 6300, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506 USA; email oberhauser@wvgeog.wvnet.edu

As of July, **Audrey Kobayashi** will move to Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada to be Director of the Institute of Women's Studies and Professor of Geography.

Naila Hijazi is supervising M.A. research on the adjustment of rural women in Sudan to urban environments. This complements her earlier work on displaced women. She may be contacted at the School of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Khartoum, P.O. Box 321, Khartoum, Sudan.

Yukiko Bedford, Setsuan University, Japan, is making efforts to increase interest in feminist geography in Japan. She has also recently co-authored an article on gender relations among youth.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography and the Commission on Population Geography will co-sponsor a conference **Migration and Gender** in Pretoria, South Africa, 9-13 April, 1995. For information regarding submission of abstracts and other

details, contact Phillip Hattingh or U. Joan Fairhurst, Department of Geography, University of South Africa, Pretoria 0002 South Africa; FAX 97-12-420-3284; email phatting@scinet2.up.ac.za or ujfair@scinet2.up.ac.za

Building Identities: Gender Perspectives on Children in Urban Space will be held from 11-13 April, 1995 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The aim of the conference is to address how children, a neglected group in geographic research, relate to urban space. Particular attention will be paid to questions of how space can contribute to children's development, and particularly to the development of girls' gendered identities. Papers are invited on theory and methodology; ideology and concepts of child education; policy and design; networks and space/time behavior; knowledge and geographic education. Abstracts can be sent until 15 September, 1994. Further information from P.O. Box 16625, NL-1001 RC Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Phone 31-20-6247743; fax 31-20-6384608; email camstra@IVIP.FRW.UVA.NL

New Horizons in Feminist Geography, an international workshop supported by the National Science Foundation (US) will be held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY January 11-15, 1995. The workshop will address three issues: difference and diversity; methodological frontiers; and new forms of representation. Proposals submitted for presentations are currently under review, but additional people are invited to attend and participate in discussions. For information contact Heidi Nast or Sue Roberts, Department of Geography, 1457 Patterson Office Tower, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0027 USA; email hjnast01@ukcc.uky.edu or geg207@ukcc.uky.edu

The IGU Regional Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Countries will be held in Havana, Cuba, July 31-August 5, 1995.

Broadly defined themes with potential for include attention to gender include peoples, space, and region; environment: problems and alternatives; new methods and technologies; geographical thought and education; and Latin America: conflicts and trends. The Gender Commission will co-sponsor sessions with the Commission on Health and Development. Further information will be included in future newsletters.



RECENT CONFERENCES

Hae Un Rii reports that Korean women geographers met October 30, 1993 and that their presentations included two papers on feminist geography, one which she presented on international research trends in feminist geography, the other, by Sook Hee Bae on a squatter area in Taegu City. Articles from two master's theses on gender subjects have also recently been published.

The 10th Women Geography Students Meeting was held from 10-21 November in Tübingen, Germany. The meeting focused on connecting feminist research with issues of racism and ethnocentrism and featured a presentation by **Regula Renschler** and a workshop on strategies to avoid racism in research. The meeting also included a tour of the city from a feminist perspective led by representatives of the city planning agency. The next meeting of the group will occur June 3-5, 1994. For information about the group contact Ulrike Meyer-Hanschen, Frauenbeauftragte FB Geowissenschaften, Grunewaldestr. 35, 12165

Berlin, Germany.

An international, interdisciplinary conference "Drinnen-Draussen: Unterwegs--Frauen und ihre Raume" was held in Graz, Austria, March 17-20, 1994. It addressed historical and contemporary questions about women, housing, and architecture.

Ruth Fincher (University of Melbourne) reports that several well-attended sessions in feminist geography were held at the Institute of Australian Geographers Annual Conference in Melbourne, September, 1993. Under the theme "Sexuality and Space," several invited presentations were given by scholars from other disciplines including a keynote by philosopher Elizabeth Grosz entitled, "Women, Chora, and Dwelling." Sessions presented by the Gender Study Group included papers on issues of identity and ethnicity, including methodological and policy concerns; research on planning themes (both in Australia and overseas); and papers on rural women. Feminist papers were also presented in other sessions on economic policy themes and on indigenous women and environmentalism.

The Women and Geography Study Group and the Sexuality and Space Network of the Institute of British Geographers co-sponsored sessions at the 1994 meeting of the IBG on the theme "Gender Troubles/Troubled Spaces." Ten papers were presented together with a closing plenary discussion session. Presentations on contemporary and historical contexts and diverse geographical scales and contexts (among them Ireland, Africa, the Caribbean, the worlds of science fiction and of men's public toilets) dealt with the multiple realities of heterosexuality and homosexuality, gender and race.

