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#### IGU MEETINGS IN EUROPE FOCUS ON GENDER POLITICS

August 1994 provided stimulating discussions in feminist geography in Heidelberg and Prague around political issues of gender and the state and gender and the environment, as well as excellent opportunities for enriching our personal ties. The symposium "Beyond Borders: The Gender Implications of Multistate Economic and Social Policies" brought together 34 participants from 18 countries and was superbly hosted by Dr. Peter Meusbürger and colleagues from the University of Heidelberg at the Internationales Wissenschaftsforum with funding support from the Stiftung Universität Heidelberg, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, and the Ministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung Baden-Württemberg.

Discussions in Heidelberg emphasized comparison of the implications of the European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement for women, but they also paid attention to women outside the cooperating nations as well as those within, and considered multi-state policies in South Asia. Papers provided comparative analyses, case studies of specific economic sectors, of social policies, of particular groups of women (for example, immigrant women), of regional and local effects (especially in border zones), and of the links between research, policy, and action. Recurring theoretical and methodological questions focused on scale, comparative analysis, and relating the local and larger contexts. Above all, however, participants commented on the value of a focused meeting, in which participation is sustained and the group supportive, with time for discussion and personal interaction.

In addition to the sessions in Heidelberg, the symposium included a visit to the international corporation BASF in Ludwigshafen, where staff from the personnel department made themselves available for intensive discussions of their labor policies with respect to women's training, and family and maternity leaves. Enjoyable social gatherings and a walking tour of Heidelberg with local geography students enriched the symposium.

In Prague, two sessions organized for the Commission by Eleonore Koffman and co-sponsored with the World Political Map and Public Administration Commissions provided strong papers around the theme of the politics of citizenship and immigration. Contributors addressed citizenship issues for gays and lesbians in Europe; planning's implications for Ethiopian women in Israel; gender equity and immigration policy in Australia; distinctions drawn among foreign domestic workers in Canada; "hidden" Irishwomen in Britain, and migrants from the former Yugoslavia. These sessions clearly showed the value of coherent, planned programs in contrast to sessions of independently submitted papers and suggest that the Commissions should foster such sessions at other Congresses.

Finally, the Commission brought together papers on gender and the environment, with speakers addressing case studies from Ghana, the Gambia and Spain, as well as an historical paper on women's participation in geographic organizations. These served to show how women's relations to the environment and their activism are enmeshed in local and international politics, and to highlight the connections women make between the environment and health.

## COMMISSION PLANS 1995 EVENTS

The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography is planning three meetings in 1995. First will be the **Migration and Gender Symposium**, co-sponsored with the Commission on Population Geography at the University of Pretoria, April 9-13, 1995. The intention is to treat the theme from a diversity of perspectives, including studies of migration at different scales, immigration policies, and migration in related to other issues such as development and economic change. The symposium will be followed by a five day field tour that will visit the Kruger National park; an ex-homeland; and discuss Mozambique refugee problems; rural issues; and tourism. For further information, contact Professor P. Hattingh or Dr. J. Fairhurst, Department of Geography, Univ. of Pretoria, 0002, Pretoria, South Africa. FAX 27-12-420-3284; email: phatting@scinet2.up.ac.za or ujfair@scinet2.up.ac.za

In August, the **IGU Regional Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Countries** is scheduled for Havana, Cuba, July 31-August 5, 1995. The overall theme of the meeting is "Latin America in the World: Environment, Society, and Development." Gender problems and their spatial manifestations have been included within the general call for papers in the section "Peoples, Space, and Region." The Gender Commission also plans to collaborate with the Commissions on Population and on Health and Development to arrange sponsored sessions for the meeting. We are interested in contributions that interpret women's health from diverse perspectives-- access and relation to services and service providers; women's relation to traditional and modern health systems; physical and mental health (including, for example, reproduction, sexuality, problems of violence against women, specific diseases); health across the life course; health issues of specific groups of women (for example, immigrant women, indigenous women, women of various social classes); and women's community activism in relation to health. Registration fees for the conference before March, 1995 are \$U.S. \$250 for delegates; \$150 for students; and \$100 for accompanying persons. After March, registration rises to \$280; \$180; and \$130 respectively. An array of field and social programs

are planned. For information on the Commission's plans, contact Janet Momsen, Department of Applied Behavioral Sciences, University of California-Davis, Davis, CA 95616. Liaison to the Commission from the Organizing Committee will be Prof. Blanca Morejon Soijas. For general conference information, contact Dr. J.R. Hernandez Santana, General Secretary, Regional Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Countries or Ms. Zosima Lopez Ruiz, P.C.O. International Conference Center, Palacio de las Convenciones, Apartado 16046, La Habana, Cuba FAX 22-83882/33-1657 or email: palcoext@ceniai.cu

The Commission's **Workshop on Gender and Environment** planned for Ghana, has received a grant from the International Council for Scientific Unions through the IGU and is now negotiating for additional external funds. Previously postponed while awaiting financial support, the intent now is to hold the workshop before the end of 1995. For current information, contact the Commission Chair, Janet Momsen, Department of Applied Behavioral Sciences, University of California-Davis, Davis, CA 95616.

## THEMES SET FOR 1996 INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Dutch Organizing Committee for the 1996 International Geographical Congress has selected "Land, Sea and Human Effort" as the Congress theme. The program design calls for Commissions to hold their meetings during the Congress in The Hague, August 5-10, 1996, rather than as separate pre- or post-Congress events. This policy reflects the interests of the IGU Executive Committee in having the work of the Commissions available to all participants. In August, 1994, members of the Gender Commission discussed possible approaches to the theme. We have submitted a proposal for sessions under the title **Navigating Women's Lives: Routeways, Residences, and Resources**. We aim to focus on three aspects of the Congress theme. Land and sea as routeways will be the topic for sessions on migration, colonial, and post-colonial societies and

on women explorers and travellers. Sessions on maritime cultural areas such as the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, and Pacific Rim countries as a residence will focus on gender roles and gender relations. Women's utilization of marine and coastal resources in their work lives, for example, in fishing and tourism, and gender differences in the conservation of these resources will also be topics. The Commission will also be allocated a slot for a "state of the art" lecture, and has initiated discussions with other Commissions regarding the co-sponsorship of special speakers and activities. We would also like to include a feminist field tour. Commission member Joos Droogleever Fortuijn has been appointed to the Congress Organizing Committee and will keep Commission members informed of Congress planning. To receive general information regarding the Congress, place your name on the mailing list with the Congress Secretariat, Faculty of Geographical Sciences, Utrecht University P.O. Box 80115 3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands. FAX 31-30 54 06 04. Plans for the Gender Commission will be published in this newsletter.



## PUBLICATIONS

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#### **SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES**

**Documents d'Analisi Geografica** No. 26 is a special issue devoted to "Women, Work, and Daily Life," including 29 papers and reports, many of which were presented at the Erasmus Course co-sponsored by the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, June, 1993. The authors represent feminist geographers, sociologists, and historians from Spain, the Netherlands, Greece, France, Denmark, Britain, Italy, and the USA. Themes range from agricultural and industrial work (including homeworking) to women and leisure, environmental activism, immigrant women; everyday life (including discussions of new policies to organize time); and directions in feminist geography and methodology. The issue also contains reports on recent conferences—the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994; the Erasmus course "Women in Public Space (Athens, 1994); the International Congress "From Dictatorship to Democracy: Women in Mediterranean, Central and Eastern Europe" (Barcelona, 1994); and on the Institut Catala de la Dona, which has provided support for the publication. The foreword is prepared by Monserrat Solsona. For further information, contact Maria Dolors Garcia Ramon, Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Bellaterra (Barcelona) Spain, 08193.

The Hungarian geographic journal **Ter Es Tarsadalom** (Space and Society) 1/2, 1993 is a special issue devoted to gender issues. It includes ten articles, some in English, most in Hungarian with English abstracts. Themes range from directions in feminist geography and the relations of feminist geography to other areas of the discipline, to articles on contemporary women in eastern Europe. Authors are from Hungary, Britain, the USA and Switzerland. Further information is available from Judit Timar, Alfold Institute, Centre for Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Bekescsaba, Szabo Dezsp u. 42 H-56-- Hungary.

**Environment and Planning A**, has published a special double issue, 26 (8) and 26 (9), 1994 on "The Diverse Worlds of European Patriarchy" guest edited by Simon Duncan. Eleven articles cover comparative analyses, theoretical and methodological issues, and case studies on Sweden, Germany, Ireland, and Finland. Some address specific economic sectors (e.g. the financial sector), types of work (e.g. part-time employment) and others, specific groups of women such as single mothers. Copies of these two issues are available from the publishers for people who are not regular subscribers. Contact Pion Limited, 207 Brondesbury Park, London, NW2 5JN England.

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

A special issue on gender and the urban environment is planned for the Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography in December, 1996. It is designed to explore ways in which gender divisions structure urban spaces and processes in non-western and, in some cases, ex-colonial cities. Submit 1 page proposals by June 30, 1995, including title, brief statement of research aims, perspectives and concepts adopted, substantive issues addressed, and expected findings to the issue editors, Shirlena Huang and Brenda Yeoh, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, 10 Kent Ridge Crescent, Singapore 0511; email: [geoysa@nusvm.nus.sg](mailto:geoysa@nusvm.nus.sg) (for Yeoh); or [geoslenna@nusvm.nus.sg](mailto:geoslenna@nusvm.nus.sg) (for Huang).

## RECENT CONFERENCES

The 11th meeting of German-speaking feminist geography students was held in Bonn, June 3-5, 1994. The main topic was population geography, with discussions focusing on ambiguity in patriarchal expectations around expectations for women's careers and childbearing. Other themes included critique of such concepts as fertility rate and reproduction rate.



"Emancipation as Related to Physical Planning, Housing, and Mobility" was the theme of a conference held in Driebergen, The Netherlands, September 11-14, 1994. Sub-themes included the organization of daily life; mobility; regional development; housing; social safety; and women's career strategies in planning. The conference was organized by the Netherlands Institute for Physical Planning and Housing, NIROV/SEIROV P.O. Box 30833, 2500 The Hague, The Netherlands.

An international symposium "Racisms and Feminisms" was held October 29-30, 1994 at the University of Vienna. Further information on the program is available from Elisabeth Binder email [E.Binder@jk.uni-linz.ac.at](mailto:E.Binder@jk.uni-linz.ac.at)

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

The conference **Building Identities: Gender Perspectives on Children and Urban Space** has been re-scheduled for April 11-13, 1995. It will take place at the University of Amsterdam under the sponsorship of the Gender Studies Department of the Royal Dutch Geographical Society. English will be the conference language. For further information contact (re papers) Irene Tom, Secretariat, Preparatory Committee, Fax 31.20.525.40.51 or Else Rose Kuiper (re other questions), Conference Management, Fax 31.20.638.46.08 Stichting Geography and Gender, Postbus 16625, 1001RC Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Feminist geographers from the University of British Columbia (Canada) are on the move. **Rachel Spronken-Smith** completed her doctorate and has taken up a position at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand; **Alison Blunt** begins as lecturer at the University of Southampton (UK) and **Robyn Dowling** at Macquarie University, Australia in 1995. Four masters theses in feminist geography have recently been completed--by **L. Kate Boyer**, **Catherine Griffiths**, **Averill Groeneweld-Meijer**, and **Natalie Jamieson**. UBC students have also been successful in gaining grants for their research: **Anne-Marie Bouthillette** for a comparative analysis of gay men's and women's housing needs and neighborhood choices; **Nicky Hicks** for research on women and public space; **Jennifer Hyndman** for her project on culture, gender, and power in UN Refugee Camps in Kenya, and **Gisele Yasmeeen** for a study of street vendors in Thailand. **Rohana Ulluwishewa** (Sri Lanka) is a visiting research fellow in the Department of Gender Studies in Agriculture at Wageningen Agricultural University, The Netherlands. He is working on a project on environmental degradation and women with implications for Third World Development. Following completion of the fellowship in March, 1995 he will take up a Commonwealth Fellowship in the Department of Geography at the University of Leeds.

**Marion Ward** (Australia) recently worked on a World Bank project to advance agricultural development in Assam, India. The project will involve irrigated rice farming, domestic horticulture, aquaculture, and livestock, as well as strengthening the Department of Agriculture's Extension activities. Because of the importance of all these activities to women, provision was made for the appointment of a Women's Affairs Officer on the project staff. Training will include activities to increase the awareness of governmental staff to women's role in agriculture.

**Julie Graham** (USA) and **Maaria Sippanen** (Finland) are Visiting Fellows at the Center For the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Cultures at Rutgers University, (USA) for the academic year, and **Janice Monk** is spending the fall semester on sabbatical at the Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers. Monk also served as Visiting Woman Scholar at the University of Victoria (Canada) during late October-November.

**Bose Iyun** (Nigeria), IGU Vice-President, spent four weeks in South Africa in September, 1994 as Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Science Development, University of Pretoria. **Joan Fairhurst**, University of Pretoria, presented a paper "The Lifeworld of Single Working Mothers and with **Lucas Mohlala** "Women Street Traders and the Urban Landscape: A South African Example" at the Info Africa Nova Conference, "Women as a Resource for the Transformation of Southern Africa," in June, 1994.

At Simon Fraser University (Canada) **Cathy Nesmith** has received a grant for research on feminist environmental activism and **Bev Pittman** has submitted her doctoral dissertation (to the University of California, Los Angeles) on feminism and the advertising industry.

At the University of Victoria (Canada) **Joan Gillie** has a fellowship for research on Indo-Filippino Canadian women's health concerns and **Cheryl Hall** has grants to work on second stage housing and feminist decision making processes.

**Saraswati Raju** (India) completed another UNIFEM assignment last June in Laos, consulting on the development of gender-sensitive questions and training manuals for the Laotian census.

**Lisa Drummond** has entered the Ph.D. program at Australian National University and is undertaking field research in Vietnam. She has also been doing consulting for the World Bank, various NGOs, and the Canadian International Development Agency, focusing on the role of women during economic transition and in the household economy.

**Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf** (Ghana), **Elizabeth Thomas-Hope** (Jamaica), and **Janet Momsen** (USA) met in Thailand in June under the auspices of the United Nations University to plan gender components of a multi-regional research project on the theme of population, land management, and environment.

