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Plan to Participate in the 1996 International Geographical Congress in the Hague

Arrangements for the 1996 Congress in the Netherlands call for Commissions and Study Groups to meet during the Congress in The Hague, August 4-9, 1996, rather than in separate meetings as has been the past custom. Organizers in the Netherlands have established a general theme of "Land, Sea, and Human Effort." Within this framework, the Gender Commission has proposed that its sessions will address **Navigating Women's Lives: Routeways, Residences, and Resources**. Suggested aspects of this theme include: 1) land and sea as routeways: migration, colonial and post colonial societies, women and travel; 2) women, gender roles and /gender relations in maritime cultural areas such as the Mediterranean, the Pacific Rim, and the Caribbean; 3) women's utilization of marine and coastal resources in, for example, fishing and tourist industries; gender differences in the conservation of resources. This list of topics is offered to stimulate proposals and is not intended to be exhaustive.

The Gender Commission is also collaborating with the Commission of Geographical Education to arrange a half-day workshop on teaching gender within geography,

emphasizing the pre-University levels of education. For information on workshop planning contact **Janice Monk**, SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721 USA prior to December 31, 1995.

The Commission is represented on the Organizing Committee by **Joos Droogleever Fortuijn**. She has indicated that a feminist field trip will be organized during the Congress as part of the Commission's activities.

Calls for abstracts were mailed from the Netherlands in late October. If you have not received instructions, registration materials etc., please contact IGC 96, Postbox 80. 115 3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands; fax: 31-30-254-0604; or email: igc1996@frw.ruu.ne Deadline for submission of abstracts is **February 1, 1996**; deadline for registration and hotel reservations is **May 1, 1996**. All abstracts will be collected by the Congress Secretariat. Authors will be asked if they wish to include their paper in a Commission session.

We would appreciate it if you would send information on the title of your proposed presentation to Janice Monk, 102 Douglass, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ 85721, email jmonk@ccit.arizona.edu or fax 520-621-1533 so that we can publicize gender presentations in the next Commission newsletter.

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Recent Meetings

The IGU Regional Conference of Latin American and Caribbean Countries was held in conjunction with the Latin American Geographical Meeting July 31-August 5, 1995. The Gender Commission collaborated with the Commission on Health, Environment and Development and the Study Group on Development Issues in Marginal Regions to hold a half day program. Papers ranged from health-related topics (including issues related to women's reproductive rights in Brazil; perceptions of conditions of life and health in Cuba) to theoretical perspectives on gender and environment and the changing conditions of life for women in marginal rural and urban areas of Argentina. The meeting offered an opportunity for the Commission to make contact with Latin American geographers who have been under represented in its work.

German-speaking feminist geographers met in Les Emibois, Switzerland, June 16-18, 1995. Papers addressed themes of women, geography and power; women's work as the missing link in economics; and access to knowledge and education/access to seeds: women's independence. The papers were followed by workshops on these topics and also on issues of interacting with the environment in a responsible way and on

feeling a 'foreigner' in research activities (which need not mean working in a foreign country). The third part of the meeting was dominated by discussions of how feminist geographers can achieve continuity in their work. The group discussed use of the internet, the book project (see item on **Katharina Fleischmann** and **Ulrike Meyer-Hanschen**, below) and the institutionalization of a working group for the Geographentage conferences of German-speaking geographers.

A group of about 20 women geography students met at Osnabruck, May 19-21. Main topics of discussion were a critique of a recent issue of *Geographische Rundschau*, a discussion of lesbian geography, and of women's perspectives in geography and planning. A report is available from **Sybill Bauriedel** Nojastr. 38, D-12051 Berlin or **Claudia Mayer**, Simon-Dach-Str. 20, D-10245 Berlin, Germany.

The Women and Geography Study Group of the Institute for British Geographers met for a one day conference in London, September 22. Keynote speaker Elizabeth Wilson addressed "Sexuality and the City" and there was also an open forum on feminism and physical geography.

At the Montreal meetings of the Canadian Association of Geographers in 1995 sessions were held on the themes of "Women, Work and Economic Restructuring," "Women's Health," "Workers and Families -- Gender Relations in Pulp and Paper Communities" and "Feminist Geography and Identity."

The Gender and Geography Study Group of the Institute of Australian Geographers organized a session comprised of three modules on gendered methodologies at the IAG meeting, September 24-27, 1995. Papers

addressed issues in urban planning, transportation, work-family relationships, sexuality, and specific groups of women including suburban women, Aboriginal women, and prostitutes. Additionally, a session on suburban spaces also included a number of gender papers.

At the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the New Zealand Geographical Society, 30 papers included significant feminist and/or gender/sexuality content. **Robyn Longhurst** and **Robin Peace** were instrumental in organizing the feminist contributions, which accounted for a greater share of the program than any other sub-discipline (see "Article Collections").

At the International Cartographic Association Meeting in Barcelona in August, the Gender in Cartography group met and discussed plans for a newsletter. For further information contact **Margareta Elg**, Sveriges National Atlas, P.O. Box 45029 S-104 30 Stockholm, Sweden. She is working as an editor on the Swedish National Atlas and is aiming to produce a gender atlas of Sweden.

Recent Books

Ardener, S. and Burman, S. *Money Go Rounds: The Importance of ROSCAs for Women* Oxford: Berg, 1995.

Bell, D. and Valentine, G. (eds) (1995) *Mapping Desire: Geographies of Sexuality*, London: Routledge.

Blay, E.A. *As Prefeitas: A Participacao Politica da Mulher no Brasil* Rio de Janeiro: Avenir Mulher.

Chant, S. and McIlwaine, C. (1995) *Women of a Lesser Cost: Female Labour, Foreign Exchange and Philippine Development*. London: Pluto.

Chiang, N. (ed.) *Bibliography of Population Studies of Taiwan in Recent Twenty Years (1974-1994)* Taipei: Population Studies Center, National Taiwan University (\$US 12, available from the publisher, Roosevelt Rd. Sec. 4, No. 1 Taipei, Taiwan, ROC).

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Hanak, I. (1995) *Frauen in Afrika ...ohne uns geht gar nichts*, Frankfurt a. M.:Brandes & Apsel Verlag.

Heyck, D.L.D. (ed.) (1994) *Barrios and Borderlands: Cultures of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*, New York and London: Routledge.

Marchand, M. and Parpart, J. (eds) *Postmodernism, Feminism and Development*, London: Routledge, 1995.

Shurnmer-Smith, P. and Hannam, K. (1994) *Worlds of Desire, Realms of Power*, London: Edward Arnold.

Sibley, David (1995) *Geographies of Exclusion: Society and Difference in the West*, London: Routledge.

Spang-Grau, I. (1994) *Die Handstrickerinnen von Istanbul*, Saarbrücken: Breitenbach GmbH.

Stasiulis, D. and Yuval-Davis, N. (1995) *Unsettling Settler Societies: Articulations of Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Class*, London/Thousand Oaks/New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Ulliwishewa, R. (1995) *Development, Environmental Degradation and Rural Women: A Case Study in the Kirindi Oya Irrigation and Settlement Project in Sri Lanka* Wageningen: Department of Gender Studies in Agriculture, Wageningen Agricultural University (Available from the publisher, 6701 KN Wageningen, The Netherlands)

Whatmore, S., Marsden, T. and Lowe, P. (eds) (1994) *Gender and Rurality*, London: David Fulton.

Recent Book Chapters and Articles

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Barrett, H. (1995) Women in Africa: the neglected dimension in development, *Geography* 80, 348: 21-24.

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Chapman, K. (1995) Geography degrees and gender: patterns and possible explanations, *Area* 27 (1): 62-73.

Chouinard, V. and Grant, A. (1995) On being not even anywhere near "the project," *Antipode* 27 (2): 137-66.

Fagnani, J. (1995) Les beneficiaires de l'allocation parentale d'education: une etude dans les Yvelines, *INSEE Premiere* No. 362.

— (1995) L'allocation parentale d'education: effets pervers et ambiguites d'une prestation, *Droit Social* No. 3: 287-95.

— (1995) Les mères des familles face a l'allocation parentale d'education, *Recherches et Previsions*, No. 40: 85-92.

Fogarty, M. (1994) Gender and the geography curriculum, *Geography Bulletin* 26(3): 91-92.

Gleeson, B.J. (1995) A public space for women: the case of charity in colonial Melbourne, *Area* 27 (3): 193-207.

Gregson, N. and Lowe, M. (1995) Homemaking: on the spatiality of daily social reproduction in contemporary middle-class Britain, *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 20 (2): 224-35.

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Huq-Hussain, S. (1993) (published in 1995) Migrant women, urban adaptation and modernity in Dhaka city slums *Bangladesh Urban Studies* 1(2). (Urban Studies Programme, Department of Geography,

Dhaka University, Bangladesh).

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Kumar, S. (1994) Gender issues in geography: a review of international perspectives, *Annals of the National Association of Geographers, India* 14 (1): 52-66.

--- (1994) Gender issues and quality of work life: a case study of the formal labour market, *Labour and Development Journal* 1 (1).

Larner, W. (1995) Theorizing 'difference' in Aotearoa/New Zealand, *Gender, Place and Culture* 2 (2): 177-90.

Light, J. (1995) The digital landscape: new space for women, *Gender, Place and Culture* 2(2): 133-46.

Mackenzie, F. (1995) 'A farm is like a child who cannot be left unguarded': gender, land and labour in Central Province, Kenya, *IDS Bulletin* 26 (1): 17-23.

McDowell, L. and Court, G. (1994) Gender divisions of labour in the post-Fordist economy: the maintenance of occupational sex segregation in the financial services sector, *Environment and Planning A* 26: 1397-1418.

Morin, K. (1995) A 'female Columbus' in 1887 America: marking the new social territory, *Gender, Place and Culture* 2(2): 191-208.

Ploszajska, T. (1994) Moral landscapes and manipulated spaces: gender, class and space in Victorian reformatory schools, *Journal of Historical Geography*, 20 (4): 413-29.

Randall, J.E. and Viaud, G. (1994) A gender-sensitive urban factorial ecology: male, female, grouped and gendered social space in Saskatoon, *Urban Geography* 15 (8): 741- .

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Article Collections

A series of nine short articles in feminist geography appeared in *New Zealand Geographer*, 51 (1) 1995. Themes range from an analysis of feminist geography in New Zealand to cultural constructions of the body, discourse analysis, and aspects of women's empowerment. Some papers address the New Zealand context, others deal with the Solomon Islands and Bali.

A collection of twelve articles on the theme *Urbanization with a Gender Dimension: A Southern African Focus* edited by Joan Fairhurst and Agnes Musyoki will appear in February, 1996 in *African Urban Quarterly*. Three major themes emerge in the papers: the nature of rural-urban dynamics and their

effects; the impact of the process of urbanization on women; and the relationship between urbanization and development from economic, political, and social perspectives. For information contact Joan Fairhurst (ujfair@sci.uct.ac.za) Department of Geography, University of Pretoria, Pretoria 0002, South Africa or Agnes Musyoki (musyokia@noka.ub.bw), Department of Environmental Science, University of Botswana, Private Bag 0022, Gaborone, Botswana.

Lila: Asia Pacific Women's Studies Journal No. 4, 1994 is devoted to articles from multiple disciplines on the theme of women and environment. It also profiles the Center for Environment, Gender and Development (ENGENDER).

Multicultural Film on Women and Place Available

The Desert Is No Lady, a documentary film has recently been released. It features women writers and artists in the southwestern United States discussing how their identities and creative work reflect their sense of place and cultural heritages. Shelley Williams (UK) is producer-director, and Janice Monk (US) is Executive producer. The film presents nine contemporary women -- American Indian, Mexican American, and Anglo American, and is filmed in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah. It is being distributed internationally by the Arts Council of England and in the US by Women Make Movies. The book of the same title, edited by V. Norwood and J. Monk, originally published in 1987 (Yale University Press) is being reissued by the University of Arizona Press (1996).

Wanted -- Your Publications!

Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon urgently needs copies of recent feminist geographic publications from around the world in order to prepare the invited 'state of the art' lecture on feminist geography for the 1996 International Geographical Congress in the Netherlands. She is especially interested in papers that report on developments in the field in the various world regions. Please send your work to her at the Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Bellaterra (Barcelona) Spain, 08193.

News from Around the World

A gender specialty group is being organized within the new Society of South African Geographers. Also recently at the University of Pretoria **Johanna Mashaba** completed her MA with a thesis on "The Socio Economic Impact of Agricultural Modernization: the Bataua Community, Masemola" in which she addressed the impacts on women farmers. **Joan Fairhurst** and **Fana Ndlovu** gave a paper on gender issues in an expanding dormitory suburb at the Cape Town meeting organized by the IGU Commission on Urban Development and Urban Life.

Shahnaz Huq-Hussain has joined the Department of Geography, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, as Associate Professor.

Katharina Fleischmann and **Ulrike Meyer-Hanschen** have received a grant from the Commission on Gender Studies of the German government to prepare a German-

language book on feminist geography that will cover the development of the field, the place for feminism in physical geography, the practice of feminist geography in Germany, case studies of research, and interviews with women practicing feminist work.

Robyn Longhurst is teaching a new course "Crossing Boundaries" on corporeal/feminist geographies at the University of Waikato (having just returned from maternity leave!). The Department now offers four feminist courses: "Gendering Space" (2nd year level), "New Territories -- feminist and post-modern perspectives" (3rd year level) and two graduate courses.

The Department is continuing to have short term visiting lecturers -- **Karin Morin** (Nebraska), **Camille Cockerton** (Queens, Canada) and **Jan Penrose** (Edinburgh) have visited in 1995.

Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon (Autonomous University of Barcelona) conducted a three-week program in gender studies in geography in Argentina in July and August, 1995. She gave presentations in Buenos Aires and Mendoza.

The fifth Erasmus course on Gender and Geography was held at the University of Roskilde, Denmark in September, 1995 with support from the Commission of Europe. Students and faculty from the University of Amsterdam; National Technical University, Athens; Autonomous University of Barcelona; Durham University, Roskilde University, and Sheffield University participated in the program.

Michi Schier, Department of Geography, University of Tübingen, is seeking information about sex tourism in Brazil,

including institutions supporting research on such a topic and well as literature and practical help in setting such a project. Contact her at Reutlingerstr. 92f/14 D-72072 Tubingen, Germany.

Several items in **Geo-rundbrief** No. 24 (August 1995) mention interest in furthering feminist perspectives within physical geography, including attention to the feminist critique of sciences and incorporation of attention to ecofeminism.

A Gender and Geography Study Group has been formed at the University of Adelaide (Australia) which also includes participants from Flinders University and the University of South Australia. The group is attended mainly by staff and postgraduate students though is also open to undergraduate; it serves as a forum for discussing work in progress.

Satish Kumar presented a paper on "Women, Occupation and Work in Colonial India" at the 9th International Conference of Historical Geographers in Singapore, June, 1995 and also presented two talks to the Southeast Asian Department at the University of Singapore.. Satish is planning a boon on this theme covering colonial South and Southeast Asia.

On The Move

Rohana Ulliwishewa (University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka) is currently on leave at the University of Leeds, following a period at the Agricultural University of Wageningen, the Netherlands. He is pursuing research on women, environment, and development.

Alba Caballé, doctoral candidate at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, has spent August-November studying in the Department of Geography and the Women's Studies Program at the University of Arizona (USA).

Janet Momsen (University of California, Davis) has been a visiting scholar at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex (UK), September-October, 1995.

Ruth Fincher (University of Melbourne, Australia) is on sabbatical at the University of California, Los Angeles and is also visiting universities in Canada and elsewhere in the US.

Saraswati Raju (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India) spent two months in summer, 1995 as guest professor at the University of Heidelberg. She lectured in gender issues in literacy and education, workforce structure in South Asia, and ecofeminism. She also visited universities in Zurich and Vienna. Prior to leaving for Germany, she completed a research project on female life chances in rural Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

Folasade Iyun, University of Ibadan (Nigeria) is a Visiting Scholar at Mt. Holyoke College, Massachusetts (USA) under a grant from the Ford Foundation that is bringing together scholars in women's studies and area studies programs. She has given a seminar at Mt. Holyoke on her research related to the effects of the oil industry on the health and livelihood of women in Nigerian fishing communities and will be giving additional presentations elsewhere during her stay in the US.

Gender Commission Working Papers

The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography publishes Working Papers to foster rapid dissemination of research, especially by geographers from countries where international circulation of work is not readily accomplished. Newly released papers include:

No. 33 "The Status of Women Geographers and of the Teaching of Feminist Geography in Academic Institutions in the United Kingdom" by Linda Peake and Linda McDowell.

No. 34 "Las trabajadoras de las plantaciones de cacao en la isla de San Tomé" by Maria Prats-I-Ferret.

To order paper send \$5.00US to Janice Monk, SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ 85721 USA. You can also obtain a full list of papers from her.

Elizabeth Teather (University of New England, Australia) is spending September, 1995 - July, 1996 as Visiting Scholar in the David C. Lam Centre of Hong Kong Baptist University. She will be consolidating her research on recently formed rural women's organizations in New Zealand, Australia, and Canada and also hopes to carry out some research into service clubs and philanthropic organizations in Hong Kong.

Ghana Workshop on Gender and Environment

The IGU Gender Commission is organizing a workshop at the University of Legon, Ghana, December 11-15. Grants from the IGU, the Commonwealth Geographic Bureau and the British Council are supporting the program. A full report will be included in the next newsletter.

Plans for 1996 (continued from page 2)

Latest news from the IGC Organizing Committee in the Netherlands is that the Gender Commission will also be able to co-sponsor sessions with 1) the Time Geography group, which presents many possibilities for researchers studying women's productive and reproductive work (and even leisure) in all world regions; and 2) with the Population Commission on the theme of urban ethnic segregation (e.g. studies of gender and ethnic segregation in public space; of Third World women immigrants in Western cities (child and elder care employment; traffic of women in sex industries).