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Commission Approved for Research on Gender and Human Rights

The IGU Delegate Assembly voted in the Hague in August to approve continuation of the Commission on Gender and Geography for the period 1996 - 2000. The selection of the theme follows from the central idea of the 1995 Beijing UN Women's Conference (Point 14 of the Beijing Declaration) that women's and children's rights are human rights. Within this rubric, human rights are interpreted to mean equal opportunities and access to resources and equal sharing of responsibilities for the family (Point 15 of the Beijing Declaration).

The selection of this theme links the work of the Commission to an important global program and seeks to include the work of geographers in international thinking about this program. The Commission proposes that work could highlight national and regional variations in the interpretation of human rights and the gendered nature of these interpretations, with reference to the masculinities and femininities they include; identity and the social construction of citizenship, particularly in relation to the experiences of immigrants at different desti-

nations; the gendered nature of planning and development programs, including access to and management of resources; and local practices of equal access and opportunities in the different sites of people's daily lives (workplaces, homes, public spaces). Particular attention might be paid to women's bodily rights (e.g. in studies of sex tourism).

The Commission aims to organize programs that elaborate these themes at the 1998 IGU Regional Meeting in Lisbon and at the Congress in Seoul in 2000. In addition, special meetings will be convened in regional sites, on specific themes, and in collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Study Groups and with other organizations. Among these are a conference on Gender and Tourism in California (October, 1997) and the Conference on Women in the Asia-Pacific Region (August, 1997) (see below). Other programs will be announced in future newsletters.

Welcome to New Commission Members

Following IGU procedures, eleven full members of the Commission on Gender and Geography have been appointed to lead activities for the period 1996-2000. Chairing the Commission will be **Ruth Fincher**, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Melbourne, Parkville, VIC Australia 3052 (After January 1997, Department of Urban Planning -- see below); email <fin@ariel.its.unimelb.edu.au>.

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Commission Organizes Successful Sessions at 1996 IGC in the Netherlands

The Gender Commission was one of the most active of the IGU Commissions and Study Groups at the Congress in the Hague, August 4-10, 1996. Thanks to local organizer **Joos Droogleever Fortuyn**, papers for the Commission's sessions were arranged into coherent sessions which were well attended and received. In keeping with the Congress theme, "Land, Sea and Human Effort," several gender sessions were offered under the rubric of "Navigating Women's Lives: Residences,

Resources and Routeways." Several papers addressed issues related to women's relationship to coastal resources and their management. Papers also focused on the experiences of "mobile" women -- travellers abroad, women migrants, and planning settlements for previously mobile Bedouin women. Other sessions addressed issues of rural women and resources, including research on tourism, home working, and food security.

The Commission co-sponsored several sessions. A strong set of papers presented gender perspectives on ethnicity and international migration in a session co-sponsored with the Commission on Urban Development and Urban Life and the Commission on the World Political Map. Several gender papers were presented in sessions organized with the international Time Geography Research Group. An afternoon workshop on integrating teaching about gender at the K-12 level was co-sponsored with the Commission on Geographical Education, offering a welcome participatory session rather than regular paper presentations. Screening of a documentary video on women's sense of place, accompanied by panel commentary, also offered a change of pace and was very well attended. In addition, the Commission offered a half-day field trip to "Women's Domains in Amsterdam" that visited a women's business development, a health center, and the International Women's Archive.

The Congress organizers invited each Commission to present a "state of the art" lecture. **Maria Dolors Garcia Ramon** delivered the lecture for the Gender Commission, centering her remarks on an extensive bibliometric review of international journals in geography to examine how feminist geography has been represented in "the mainstream." Her review revealed the substantial growth of the field and

its widespread representation, but also indicated how particular journals, including *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, *The Professional Geographer*, and *Gender, Place and Culture* have been important in giving visibility to research on gender.

Prior to the Congress, outgoing and incoming full members of the Commission met in Amsterdam to review work over the last four years, orient new members, and plan future activities. We are especially appreciative of the hospitality of **Joos Droogleever Fortuyn** and her family in hosting this meeting. Discussions of achievements focused on the marked successes of the Commission in attracting corresponding members, establishing continuing communication and publication, and organizing successful programs in Heidelberg, Prague, Pretoria, and Havana as well as co-sponsoring programs with national and regional organizations in Spain and the US. Plans for the next four years were made as indicated on page 1.

Forthcoming Conferences

The Gender Commission is a co-sponsor of the First Conference on Women, Land and Forestry Development: Forum for Emerging Policy Issues which will be held November 4 - 7, 1996 at the Institute of Fundamental Studies, Hantana Rd., Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is designed for researchers, policy makers, activists and NGOs to share research findings, assess policy options and requirements, and identify priorities for future policies and improved links between research and action. The conference is being organized by **Anoja Wickramasinghe** Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. It is co-sponsored by CORRENSA (Collaborative Regional Research Network in South Asia) which she coordinates.

The Department of Geography at Chiang Mai University, Thailand is holding a symposium on "Population, Health and the Environment" 7-11 January, 1997. The symposium is being organized on behalf of the IGU Commission on Population and the Environment with the participation of the Commission on Health. Attention will be paid to issues of gender inequalities and their impact on health. Abstracts were due November 1, 1996. Registration is US\$200, including reception, lunches, tea breaks, conference dinner, study tour and excursion. For further information contact Department of Geography, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The Inaugural International Conference on Critical Geography will be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada, August 10-13, 1997. A listserv has been established to facilitate communication. To subscribe send email to <majordomo@email.rutgers.edu> with the message:

subscribe icg_vanc(your email address).

The 7th Erasmus course on Gender and Geography will be held in Amsterdam, June 24-28, 1997. The theme will be "Women in Public Space." Full details will be included in the next IGU Gender Newsletter. In the interim, further information is available from **Joos Droogleever Fortuyn**, Department of Human Geography, University of Amsterdam Nieuwe Prinsengracht 130, 1018 VX, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (email <jmaas@isg.frw.uva.nl>).

An **International Conference on Tourism and Gender** is planned at the University of California, Davis, October 24-26, 1997. It is co-sponsored by the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography, the IGU Study Group on Sustainable Tourism, the California Department of Trade and Commerce, Tourism Division, and

the International Sociological Association RC50 on International Tourism. Local organizers are **Margaret Swain** <mbswain@ucdavis.edu>, **Valene Smith** <vsmith@aovax.csuchico.edu>, and **Janet Momsen** <jdmomsen@ucdavis.edu>. European contacts are **Maria Dolors Garcia Ramon** <ilge8@cc.uab.es> and **Vivian Kinnaird**, <esOvki@environment.sunderland.ac.uk>. The organizers seek papers that explore the global-local nexus of gender in tourism relationships and identities, especially the ways in which gender intersects with questions of nationalities and citizenship, rights, race, class, sexuality, and age vis-a-vis tourism consumption, tourism employment practices and production; gender and place specific tourist development; gender and the intersection of tourism with the globalization of agribusiness and manufacturing; and gender aspects of tourism-related migration. Abstracts of not more than 300 words should be submitted by March 31, 1997 to Margaret Swain, Dept. of Anthropology, University of California, Davis, Davis CA USA 95616. FAX 916-752-8885. Participants will be informed of acceptance by April 30, 1997. Papers of 5,000 words maximum length must be received by September 30, 1997 to allow for distribution at the conference.

The **5th Asian Urbanization Conference** will be held in London, England August 26-30, 1997. Papers are sought on the theme of gender and access to employment and services. Details are available from Prof. Graham Chapman, Department of Geography, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YB Fax 44-1524 847099; email <g.chapman@lancaster.ac.uk>.

Women in the Asia-Pacific Region: Persons, Power and Politics is the theme for a conference jointly organized by the Department

of Geography, the Southeast Asian Studies Programme, and the Centre for Advanced Studies of the National University of Singapore in association with the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography and the Commonwealth Geographic Bureau. The conference will be held 11-13 August, 1997. The program centers around issues of the gendering of the global-local nexus and the intersections of gender with other categories of difference. The organizers invite critical papers addressing these issues within the Asia-Pacific context. Abstracts should be submitted by January 31, 1997 and acceptances will be announced by 28 February, 1997. Papers of 6,000-8,000 words must be received by 30 April, 1997. For details contact Dr. Peggy Teo, Co-Chair, International Conference on Women in the Asia-Pacific Region, Centre for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore, 10 Kent Ridge Rd. Singapore 119260. Email <geoteop@nus.ag>

News From Around the World

Supported by local municipalities **Lia Karsten** (U. of Amsterdam) is busy with several research projects on children in the public spaces in Amsterdam and Groningen. She has lectured on this subject at a symposium organized by the Dutch Institute for Physical Planning. **Joos Droogleever Fortuyn** is also bringing feminist geography to the public, lecturing on emancipation and mobility for the North Holland Provincial Office of Emancipation to government employees, women's organizations, and employees of transport businesses.

Congratulations to **Saraswati Raju** (JNU University, New Delhi) and **Janet Townsend** (Durham U., UK) for their work *Making Them Visible: An Atlas of Women and Men in India*

which will be published by Kali Press, New Delhi in 1997. Selected maps (in poster format) were displayed at the IGU Congress in the Hague and also at Forum 95 in Beijing. The atlas captures differential life chances (juvenile sex ratios, gender differentials in mortality); workforce participation in primary, secondary and tertiary sectors; access to land; literacy; and political participation at the district level.

A seminar on "Migration and Cultural Conflict" was recently held at Geography Institute of the Free University of Berlin, which incorporated attention to gender. Also of interest is the March 1996 conference of the Frankfurt Women's Environmental Network which involved participants from multiple European countries. It focused on an evaluation of the extent to which women's integration into the social justice and development plans of the 1992 Rio environmental agenda had been reached, concluding that insufficient progress had been achieved.

Montserrat Solsona has edited the papers presented at the January, 1996 seminar "Gender Inequality in Old and New Households" held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. The seminar was organized by the Demographic Studies Center and the Department of Geography in connection with the Gender Inequality and European Regions Network. The book (see "New Books" below) has two parts: demographic trends, household composition and gender relations; and work and caregiving responsibilities: between the family and the state.

Tovi Fenster (Israel) has been working on an irrigation project in southern Nepal financed by the World Bank. Her assignment was to devise means to include women (who are responsible

for 50-70% of the agricultural work in the area) in the project, but she was able to go beyond economic issues to add components to increase women's literacy, broaden their skills, deal with environmental and social awareness, and collaborate with a Nepali NGO to train project workers to deal with gender issues. She plans to return in January, 1997.

In collaboration with a sociologist **Yoga Rasanayagam** (U of Colombo, Sri Lanka) is conducting a research project on the impact of globalization on female labor in the Kurunegals District. They will examine the effects of an adjacent free trade zone, focusing on subcontracting. She is also carrying out a consultancy for a local government agency, the People's Trust Fund, on the integration of gender into poverty alleviation programs.

The Women and Geography Study Group of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers have gained an RGS/IBG award to enable **Denise Bates** (Waikato U., New Zealand) to attend the 1997 meeting and present in a planned session of "Gender and Physical Geography."

Double congratulations to **Doris Wastl Walter** (Klagenfurt University, Austria) for completing her habilitation and for her forthcoming appointment as Professor of Cultural Geography at the University of Bern, Switzerland.

A limited number of copies of the Proceedings from the Institute of Australian Geographers conference on "Gender and Environments" are available for \$A10 from Jennifer Bonham, C/- School of Informatics, Planning and Building, University of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide, SA 5000 Australia.

Congratulations to **Ruth Fincher** who takes up a new position as Professor of Urban Planning at the University of Melbourne, Australia in January, 1997.

Agnes Musyoki (South Africa) reports that the conference "Gender Perspectives in the Transformation of Tertiary Education in Southern Africa" held at the University of Venda August 19-23 resulted in a number of policy recommendations and had local and national media coverage. International speakers and South African speakers addressed theoretical and practical topics ranging from feminist epistemology and black feminist thought to experiences in developing women's studies, and prospects in specific fields including geography and development studies. Agnes is taking a leading role in institutionally-supported efforts to strengthen gender perspectives at the University of Venda. The University of Venda will also be hosting the 1997 South African graduate student conference in geography and would welcome international graduate student participation. Gender and Geography will be among the themes. For further information contact Agnes Mosyoki <amusyoki@caddy.univen.ac.za>.

Peter Meusbürger (University of Heidelberg) has recently completed a research project on gypsy women in Hungary focusing on issues of education and family patterns.

Korean women geographers are meeting November 2. **Hae Vn Rii** reports that following the meeting, the group will publish its fourth newsletter. Hae Vn has been appointed local arrangements chair for the International Geographical Congress in Seoul in 2000.

New Books and Reports

Pilar Alberti et al. *Empoderamiento y la Mujer Rural en Mexico: Informe del Taller Realizado en "tapalehui", Xoxocotla, Morelos en Junio de 1995* Colegio de Postgraduados en Ciencias Agrícolas, Montecillo, Mexico/Universidad de Durham, Inglaterra

Eileen Boris and Elisabeth Prugl (eds) *Homeworkers in Global Perspective: Invisible No More* New York: Routledge, 1996

Elisabeth Buehler *Regional Arbeitsmaerkte fuer Frauen und Maenner in der Schweiz. Gemeinsamkeiten und Unterschiede in der vertikalen Geschlechtersegregation.* Bern: Bundesamt fuer Statistik

Jacqueline Coutras *Crise Urbaine et Espaces Sexues* Paris: Armand Colin, 1996

Editors Committee on Women's Studies in Asia *Search for Equality: Resources on Women in Asia* New Delhi: Committee on Women's Studies in Asia

Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon and Janice Monk (eds) *Women of the European Union: The Politics of Work and Daily Life*, London: Routledge, 1996

Roger Keil, Gerda R. Wekerle, and David J. Bell (eds) *Local Places in the Age of the Global City*, Montreal: Black Rose Press

Eleonore Kofman and Gillian Youngs (eds) *Global Politics: Setting Agendas for the Year 2000.* London, Pinter Press, 1996.

Faranak Miraftab with Women and Habitat *Women's Empowerment: Participation in Shelter Strategies at the Community Level in*

Urban Informal Settlements Nairobi, Kenya: UNCHS

Henrietta L. Moore *Space, Text, and Gender* New York: Guilford, 1996

Brinda Rao *Dry Wells and Deserted Women: Gender, Ecology and Agency in Rural India*, New Delhi" Indian Social Institute, 1996

Dianne Rocheleau, Barbara Thomas Slayter and Esther Wangari (eds) *Feminist Political Ecology*, London: Routledge, 1996

Montserrat Solsona i Pairo *Desigualdades de Genero en los Viejos y en los Nuevos Hogares*, Madrid: Instituto de la Mujer, 1996 (Estudios Fuera de Coleccion)

Recent Book Chapters and Articles

Liz Bondi "Geography degrees and gender: interpreting the patterns," *Area* 28 (2) 1996, 221-24

Alistair Bonnet "The new primitives: identity, landscape and cultural appropriation in the mythopoetic men's movement," *Antipode* 28 (3) 273-91

Kate Boyer "What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this? A geography of sexual violence in early twentieth century Vancouver," *Urban Geography*, 17 (4), 1996, 286-93

Sandra Buckley "A guided tour of the kitchen: seven Japanese domestic tales," *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 14 (4) 1996, 441-62

Camilla Cockerton "Less a barrier, more a line: the migration of Bechuanaland women to South

Africa, 1850-1930," *Journal of Historical Geography*, 22 (3) 1996, 291-307.

Meghan Cope "Weaving the everyday: identity, space and power in Lawrence, MA, 1920-39" *Urban Geography* 17 (2) 1996, 179-

Robyn Dowling "Symbolic constructions of place in suburban Surrey, British Columbia," *Canadian Geographer* 40 (1) 1996, 75-80

Joos Droogleever Fortuijn "Vrouwen op het Friese platteland" (Women in the countryside of Friesland), *Geografie* 5 (1) 1996, 24-28

---- "Verdiene, verzorgen en verbruiken door tweeverdieners met kinderen" (Earning, caring, and consumption in dual-earner families) *Huishousstudies* 5 (2) 1995, 20-28

Ali Grant "Dyke geographies: all over the place" in Gabriele Griffin and Sonya Andermahr (eds) *Straight Studies Modified: Lesbian Interventions in the Academy*, Cassell

Felicitas Hillman "Jenseits der Kontinente - Migrationsstrategien von Frauen nach Europa. Reihe Stadt, Raum und Gesellschaft," Centaurus-verlag, Pfaffenweiler.

--- "Immigrants in Milan: Gender and Household Strategies" in Curtis Roseman et al. (eds) *EthniCity*, Lanham MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 187-204

Felicitas Hillman and Th. Krings "Einwanderer aus Entwicklungslaendern nach Italien und ihre Integration in den informellen Arbeitsmarkt am Beispiel der 'domestica' und 'vu cumpra'. *Die Erde* 127, 1996, 127-43.

Robyn Longhurst "Refocusing groups: pregnant women's geographical experiences of Hamilton, New Zealand/Aotearoa," *Area* 28 (2) 1996, 143-49

Z. Ma, K-L Liaw, Y.Zeng "Spousal residence separation among young Chinese couples," *Environment and Planning A* 28 (5) 1996, 877-90

Christina Marouli "Women resisting (in) the city: struggles, gender, class and space in Athens," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 19 (4) 1995, 534-48

Sara Mills "Gender and colonial space," *Gender, Place and Culture* 3 (2) 1996, 125-48

Janet Momsen "The marginalisation of women farmers: gender and small scale agriculture in Barbados 1838-1935," *Caribbean Geography* 6 (1) 1995, 52-60

Janice Monk "Challenging the boundaries: survival and change in a gendered world " in I. Douglas, R. Huggett and M. Robinson (eds) *Companion Encyclopedia of Geography: The Environment and Humankind*, London: Routledge, 1996, pp. 888-905

Karen Morin and Kari Forbes-Boyte "Women and Gender Relations" in R. Tiessen (ed.) *Human Rights and Women's Realities: Beijing and Beyond Guelph*, ONT: Worldview of Canada, 1996.

Karen Nairn "Quiet Students in Geography Classrooms: Some Strategies for Inclusion," *New Zealand Journal of Geography*, October 1995, 24-31.

Ki Namaste "Genderbashing: sexuality, gender and the regulation of public space," *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 14 (2) 1996, 221-

Catherine Nash "Reclaiming vision: looking at landscape and the body," *Gender, Place and Culture* 3 (2) 1996, 149-70

Gearoid O'Tuathail "An anti-geopolitical eye: Maggie O'Kane in Bosnia, 1992-93," *Gender, Place and Culture* 3 (2) 1996, 171-86

Mechtild Rossler "From the Ladies Programme to the Feminist Sessions" in Marie-Clair Robic, Anne-Marie Briend and Mechtild Rossler (eds) *Geographes Face au Monde: L'Union Geographique et les Congres Internationaux/Geographers in the World: The International Geographical Union and the International Geographical Congresses*, Paris: Harmattan, 1996

Susan Ruddick "Constructing difference in public space: race, class and gender as interlocking systems," *Urban Geography* 17(2) 1995, 132-51

Kirsten Simonsen and Dina Vaiou "Women's lives and the making of the city: experiences from 'north' and 'south' of Europe," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 20 (3) 1996, 446-65

M. Sparke "Negotiating national action: free trade, constitutional debate, and the gendered geopolitics of Canada," *Political Geography* 15 (6/7) 1996, 615-39

Rachel Spooner "Contested representations: black women and the St. Paul's carnival," *Gender, Place and Culture* 3 (2) 1996, 187-204

Elizabeth Teather "Mandate of the Country Women's Association of New South Wales as a political lobby group," *Australian Journal of Social Issues* 31 (1) 1996, 73-94

--- "Farm women in Australia, New Zealand and Canada redefine their rurality," *Journal of Rural Studies* 12 (1) 1996, 1-14 (also published in *Zemedelska Ekonomika* 41 481-94

Hilary P.M. Winchester "Ethical issues in interviewing and research methods in human geography," *Australian Geographer* 27 (1) 1996, 117-31

Gerda R. Wekerle and Linda Peake "New Social Movements and Women's Urban Activism," in J. Caulfield and L. Peake (eds) *Critical Urban Perspectives*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press

Frances Winddance Twine "Brown-skinned white girls: class, culture and identity in suburban communities," *Gender, Place and Culture* 3 (2) 1996, 205-

Gill Valentine "Creating transgressive space: the music of KD Lang," *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 20 (4) 1995, 474-86

Craig Young "Production, social reproduction and gender in the micro-scale enterprise: a case study from rural Scotland c. 1928-c.1960," *Area* 28 (2) 199-210