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This newsletter is dedicated to Suzanne Mackenzie, 1948 - 1998, pioneer feminist geographer

LISBON SYMPOSIUM FOCUS ON MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Twenty geographers participated in the Commission's symposium at the University of Lisbon, August 28-29, 1998 preceding the IGU Regional Conference in Lisbon. They represented Argentina, Canada, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Spain, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the U.K., and the U.S. A. Particularly pleasing was the attendance by four graduate students (from Italy, Portugal, and South Africa). The core theme of the symposium was "Gender, Migration, and Human Rights." Most of the papers dealt with contemporary concerns, though several introduced historical perspectives as well, ranging from discussion of European colonialism and European women travel writers in north Africa (Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon and Abel Albet) to comparative analyses of earlier and recent Japanese women migrants to Canada (Audrey Kobayashi) and of Italian women emigrants in the U.K. and Switzerland at different time periods (Gisella Cortesi, Marina Marengo, Chiara Ghilardi). They also compared the Italian women abroad with contemporary women immigrants to Italy. Collectively, these papers showed the importance of paying close attention to the ways in which women negotiate gender roles and identities in specific contexts.

Elisabeth Buhler and Elena Izis took up issues of state structures, culture, and social practice in their papers which focused respectively on citizenship and the political rights of Swiss women and on women's associations in Italy. Both made use of regional scale analysis and explored intersections between national level politics and policies and local empowerment of women. Human rights concerns were the main focus of three papers. Tovi Fenster and Kiyomi Kogo, emphasized issues relating to minority women. Tovi's presentation focused on the dilemma of adopting relativist versus universalist perspectives in planning, drawing on her work with Bedouin women in Israel. Kiyomi outlined the main human rights issues for women in Japan (reparations for "comfort women;" treatment of migrant women workers, especially those in sex and entertainment industries; and conditions of foreign brides, especially in rural communities). Agnes Musyoki took up the issue of rights to land and the related economic implications for women of rights to land in the current land restitution claims process in South Africa. Like the previous two papers, her work links

policy and action. She is actively serving groups in northern regions of the country, combining oral history and group interview methods to establish territorial claims.

Skilled women migrants, who are frequently invisible in the literature, were the theme in complementary papers by Eleonore Kofman and Irene Hardill. Eleonore reviewed the evolution of research on skilled migrants in Europe and the extent to which gender has (not) been incorporated into the literature, including the typologies and theories developed. She highlighted implications of narrow research agendas that focus on corporate-driven movements and of feminist work that emphasizes unskilled women. Irene presented in-depth, qualitative research on immigrant women nurses, a long-standing, major group of skilled women migrants who have been overlooked in research. She contrasted the experiences of those who leave the UK with those who migrate to the UK, considering the effects of labor markets, visa, and settlement regulations on the creation of an international middle class, and the ways in which the nurses actively negotiate the structural conditions.

The final group of papers addressed structural economic concerns in relation to gender and state development policies. Judit Timar and Janet Momsen presented progress reports on their collaborative work in border regions of rural Hungary, looking at women's access to jobs and the development of women's entrepreneurship with the transition from socialism to capitalism. They highlighted the methodological problems they were encountering in a situation where people are manipulating any possible openings to secure government support, questions relating to women's unequal economic chances, and the tensions between regional, national, and supranational development policies. Mercy Mudau turned to development programs in northern South Africa, highlighting efforts to engage women in cultural tourism and the efforts of the state to promote such work. Gemma Canoves and Montserrat Villarino presented a comparative analysis of the opportunities open to rural women in Spain and Portugal as governments promote rural tourism, and the implications of these policies for sustainable development and changes in women's status in society and the household.

The discussions following all papers were lively, offering opportunities for elaboration and constructive critique. As in previous Commission symposia, participants remarked on the supportive atmosphere and value of the sessions. We are grateful to Eleonore Kofman for organizing the program and to Isabel Margarida Andre and Patricia Morrera for handling local arrangements.

In Memoriam: Suzanne Mackenzie

A much beloved member of the Canadian and international feminist geography

community, Suzanne Mackenzie, died at her home in Nelson, British Columbia, October 25 after a long illness. Suzanne began presenting and publishing her research in feminist geography in the late 1970s. Her studies on gender and the city and on women's work are classics in the field. She was a founding member of the IGU Study Group on Gender and Geography, of the Canadian Women and Geography Study Group, the Women and Geography Study Group of the Institute of British Geographers, and active in the Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers. Suzanne taught at Queens University 1982-1985 and subsequently at Carleton University. We will long remember her optimism, vitality, and inspiration.

Contributions Sought for Glossary of Cultural Approaches in Geography

The IGU Study Group on Cultural Approaches in Geography has undertaken to produce an international, multilingual glossary with the aim of promoting national and internet versions. They would particularly like to receive entries on gender themes, focusing on the terms most used and why these are key. For further information, contact Vladimir V. Annenkov, Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Staromonetny per 29, Moscow 109017, Russia. Email annenkov@glasnet.ru

Forthcoming IGU Gender Meetings

Early registrations for the Conference "Gendered Sites, Human Rights/Gendered Sights, Human Rites" to be held at the University of Otago, Dunedin, Aotearoa/New Zealand, February 8-11, 1999 are due December 15, 1998. For full information and registration materials, contact <igu.gender@hyperperth.otago.ac.nz> or fax Dr. Ruth Liepins, 64 3 479 9037.

The Commission has been awarded UNESCO support through the IGU to host a conference in Hong Kong, November, November 25-26, 1999. Preliminary plans call for a 2-day meeting with an optional 1 1/2 day field trip in southern China. The theme for the conference is "Men and Women on the Move: Gendered Mobilities in Asia" -- to include internal and international migration, and related issues (including the Commission's theme of human rights). The conference will be co-hosted by the Gender Studies Program of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia Pacific Studies in the Chinese University of Hong Kong with the cooperation of Dr. Catherine Tang. Further information regarding the program will be available from the Commission Chair, Professor Ruth Fincher, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, University of Melbourne, Australia, 3052. FAX 61-3-9344 5532; r.fischer@architecture.unimelb.edu.au.

For local arrangements, contact Dr. Catherine So-kum Tang, Director, Gender Research Program, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, NT, Hong Kong. Fax 852-2603-5019; email

<ctang@uhk.edu.hk>.

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Historical Geography, 26, 1998, includes four articles (see below) with an editorial introduction by Doreen Mattingly on the theme of "Gender and the City." The journal is available from Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, USA (\$US15).

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WEB SITE

The Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers has established a web page which can be accessed at <http://www.masu.nodak.edu/hssdiv/meartz/gpow/gpow/htm>

The site is the work of Paul Mertz (University of North Dakota), Cynthia Pope (University of Arizona) and Kim Elmore (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill). The authors welcome short notes on current research of members.

NEW JOURNAL

International Feminist Journal of Politics is a new journal working at the intersections of international relations, politics, and women's studies. The journal encourages submissions of papers that explore broad definitions of politics and theory and practice within a global frame. Studies at national, sub-national, and local scales are welcome. Contributions should be sent to Jan Jindy Pettman, Centre for Women's Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, ACT Australia. Email IfjP@anu.edu.au

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Feminist geographer Fay Gale has recently retired as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Western Australia. She is currently serving as President of the Australian Academy of Social Science. She is the first woman to have held this position.

Geeta Reddy from the Centre for Area Studies for Urban and Regional Planning, in the Indian Ocean Countries at Osmania University, India, three spent months in the Ron Lister Visiting Lectureship at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand visiting secondary schools and lecturing on development issue. She also gave a staff seminar on the urban informal economy, emphasizing women's work and devoted time to writing on urban household energy consumption in India, on alternative afforestation.

A session on "Gendered Identities and Discourses in the Caribbean" was held

at the Third Royal Geographical Society/Institute for British Geographers British-Caribbean Seminar in Mona, Jamaica, July 8-15, 1998. Contributors included Linda Peake, Tracey Skelton, Jean Besson, Beverly Mullings, Audrey Rodrigues and Pat Mohammed. For information contact Linda Peake at lpeake@yorku.ca

The Network, Women in Development Europe (WIDE) includes individuals and representatives of European NGOs committed to integrating gender perspectives into EU and Member State cooperation and external policies. For more information and a list of publications see <http://www.eurosur.org/wide.porteng.htm> or email wide@gn.apc.org

The Gender and Geography Study Group and the Economic Geography Study Group of the Institute of Australian Geographers will hold a meeting on the theme "Celluloid Geographies" at the Caulfield Campus of Monash University, February 18-19, 1999. Papers, workshops, and panels of the following themes are welcome: using film as a teaching tool; using film as a research tool and means of disseminating the results of research; techniques for analyzing films.

The Third World Organization for Women in Science has received a grant from Sweden to assist women scientists from the developing world to obtain advanced university degrees. The project focuses on young women from Sub-Saharan Africa. For information on fellowships and application, contact Ms. Leena Mungapen, TWOWS, C/- Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Via Beirut 6, P.O. Box 586, Trieste, Italy. FAX 39 040, 2240 321; email twows@ictp.trieste.it

Madeline Wong (York, Canada) coordinates the collection of syllabi for the Canadian Women and Geography Group. Plans are to post the collection on a web site. For information contact Madeline at mwong@yorku.ca

Congratulations to Verena Meier on her appointment as Professor in Regional Geography at the Technical University of Munich. This marks the first professorship for a feminist geographer in Germany. Also congratulations to Felicitas Hillmann, Berlin, who was awarded a prize for her dissertation "Jenseits der Kontinente-Migrationsstrategien von Frauen nach Europa" by the Deutschen Stiftung Weltbevölkerung.

Ann Oberhauser (West Virginia, USA) recently visited South Africa to conduct exploratory research on women's economic networks. While there she met with Agnes Musyoki (Venda, S.Africa) at a conference on gender and health.

Janice Monk (Arizona, USA) was awarded the George J. Miller Distinguished Service Award by the National Council for Geographic Education at its 1998

meeting.

Linda Peake spent most of 1998 working in Guyana working with the Women's Development Program, Red Thread continuing her research on the construction of gender and ethnicity in the context of structural adjustment. She has co-authored a book with Guyanese colleague, Alissa Trotz, who is also a member of Red Thread. In addition, they have been undertaking research on the sex trade in the Caribbean, a ten country study to appear in an edited collection by Kemala Kempadoo and working with Red Thread on a large scale project of domestic violence and on women's reproductive health. For details contact Linda at lpeake@yorku.ca

Robyn Longhurst (Waikato, Aotearoa/New Zealand) spent 6 months on sabbatical at the University of Edinburgh in 1997-98 continuing her research on flexible managerial bodies. Karin Morin (Bucknell, USA) visited Waikato in August, 1998 to conduct research on early women travel writers in New Zealand. In July, Janice Monk (Arizona, USA), was interviewed by Radio New Zealand about gender in the urban landscape, especially about symbolic representations in public monuments.

Jennifer Hyndman (Arizona State West, US) is participating in a conference in December in Sri Lanka with the Women in Conflict Zones Network, a small group of feminist scholars and activists.

Jenny Williams is working for DIMITRA, a training and development agency in Greece and managing a development project in southern India, partially funded by the European Union. Information on the project is available [athttp://www.dimitra.gr/index7uk.htm](http://www.dimitra.gr/index7uk.htm) (see India page.

"Women and the Global Environment, A Gender Perspective: From the Global to the Local" was the theme for the Erasmus Gender and Geography Network Course held at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, July 2-9, 1998. The program included a theoretical introduction by Sarah Whatmore, sessions of "Women, City and the Environment," "Engendering Rural and Urban Environments," "Women and Environments in the Developing World," "Nature, Society, and Body," and field exercises. The program was coordinated by Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon.

Sarah Radcliffe (Cambridge, UK) and Nina Laurie (Newcastle, UK) were awarded a research grant by the British Economic and Social Research Council for the project " Now we are all Indians?: Transnational indigenous communities in Ecuador and Bolivia."

Feminist sessions planned for the January, 1999 conference of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute for British Geographers include "Feminisms and Geographies: Theoretical Orientations and Future Directions," "Is the

Future Female?" "Insiders and Outsiders: Methodological, Theoretical and Empirical Explorations of Exclusion and Inclusion" and "Gender at Work in the 21st Century." The conference will be held at the University of Leicester.

Monica Columbara reports that the network of Argentinian feminist geographers continues to stay in contact and submitted some work to the V Jornadas de Historia de las Mujeres y Estudios de Genero held at the University of La Pampa in September and are preparing for the 7th Encuentro de Geografos de America Latina in Puerto Rico, March 22-26, 1999. Information on the conference is available from <http://www/tld.net.users/informat>

Soledad Morales (Autonomous University of Barcelona) spent a month at the University of Arizona in September-October pursuing readings and discussions in feminist methodologies.

Valerie Preston (York University, Canada) has spent part of her study leave at the University of Melbourne.

Teaching Gender Studies in High School Geography

The National Council for Geographic Education in the U.S. has recently released a volume in its "Pathways" resource series to support teaching about gender in high school geography. Edited by Carolyn Prorok (US) and Kiran Banga Chhokar (India), the publication brings together a series of essays on Asian women (Bangladeshi, Chinese, Indian, Iranian, S.Korean, Malaysian, and Sri Lanka), some reproduced or modified from chapters in J. Momsen and V. Kinnaird (eds), *Different Places, Different Voices*, others newly commissioned for this book, with teaching activities for the high school classroom. The teaching activities incorporate a range of strategies (role playing, data analysis, visualisation, decision-making) that have special potential to stimulate girls' interest in geography. The volume represents a significant contribution to taking the research literature on gender and applying it for teachers and students who do not usually get ready access to gender materials. The book is available from the National Council for Geographic Education, 16A Leonard Hall, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA, 15705, \$US 12.95.