

# **INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY**

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## **PLAN NOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IGU CONGRESS IN SEOUL**

The Organizing Committee of the 29th International Geographical Congress has issued detailed arrangements for the Congress which features the theme, Living with Diversity. The broad interpretation of this concept encompasses environmental, spatial, economic, and cultural diversity and asks how diversity can be sustained in a globalizing era. The goal of the Congress is to talk on and for diversity. The Congress will be held in Seoul, August 15-18, 2000 with Pre-Congress sessions August 7-12 and Post Congress Field Trips of varying length between August 19-25. The Congress will offer substantial opportunities for papers and discussions on gender themes.

The Commission is organizing a two-day Pre-Congress Symposium in Seoul, August 12-13. Themes are broadly defined as "Gendered Processes," "Gendered Spaces," "Gendered Lives," and "Gender and Human Rights." Hae Un Rii is serving as the symposium organizer. Details can be obtained from her at: [hurii@cakra.dongguk.ac.kr](mailto:hurii@cakra.dongguk.ac.kr); or Geography Dept., Dongguk University, Seoul 100-715, Korea, FAX>82-2-516-5112; phone 82-2-2260-3404. Costs are yet to be announced. Details are also available from the Commission Chair, Ruth Fincher: (fax) 61-3-9344-5532 or at [r.fischer@architecture.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:r.fischer@architecture.unimelb.edu.au).

The main Congress will include invited symposia and plenary sessions on such topics as "Post-Modern Societies: Culture, Space, and Place" and "Globalization, Economic Integration, and Regional Responses" as well as six major thematic sections for which papers are solicited. These are "Understanding the Natural Environment," "The Nature of Geography," "The Mosaics of Global Economic Landscape," "New Socio-Political Culture," "Representing and Re-Assessing the Earth," and "Emerging Issues on Development and Equality." Within each of these sections, suggested topics have been identified, though presenters are at liberty to identify others.

One section is specifically devoted to gender at the Congress (suggested topics: gender in public space (e.g., offices, parks, schools); women's status in developing countries (e.g., in politics, enterprises, universities); gender and human rights, education, and resource use (e.g., space, life stage); gender perspectives in geographic research (e.g., international sex tourism, marriage laws, safety, trends in use of electronic communication). Beyond this section, there are numerous opportunities to link gender with sessions devoted to ethnicity, health, development and socio-political culture.

Early registration for the Congress is due February 1, regular registration, May 1, and on-site registration is also available. Note that early registration offers a significant discount.

Information about submission of abstracts (due February 1, 2000), accommodation (including home stays), field trips, and host and travel grant program is provided in the preliminary program recently published by the Organizing Committee. The homepage for the Congress is: [www.geog.snu.ac.kr/IGC2000](http://www.geog.snu.ac.kr/IGC2000)

Hong Kong Conference The Commission is co-sponsoring the conference, "Gendered Mobilities in Asia" at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, November 24-26. It offers an exciting program covering such issues as policy, labor markets, family and environment, with presenters on/from India, Bangladesh, Singapore, Vietnam, China, the Philippines, Japan, Vietnam and others. Information can also be obtained from the website which is located at the address:

<http://www.arbld.unimelb.edu.au/events/mobilities/home.htm>. A post-conference report will be carried in the next newsletter.

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ISRAEL WORKSHOP: "BEYOND TOLERANCE" ABSTRACTS DUE DECEMBER 31, 1999 The Commission's Workshop, "Beyond Tolerance: Spatial and Social Co-existence-Lessons of Gendered Exclusions" will be held in Tel Aviv, May 28-June 1, 2000. The workshop is designed for researchers, policy makers, practitioners, and activists, with the aim of identifying policies and strategies that will support inclusive spaces in situations of displacement, exclusion, and resettlement. Presentations and small discussion groups will address 1) theories, methods, case studies on such themes as gender, 'otherness' and exclusion; the intersections of gender and other forms of diversity in the creation of exclusionary spaces; gender and processes of stereotyping in the process of spatial exclusion; 2) planning and policy as mechanisms for creating inclusion or exclusion; and 3) strategies for action. Field trips will be included within Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Abstracts (maximum 200 words) may be sent as hard copy (with disk) or as email attachments to: Ortra Ltd., 1 Nirim St., P.O.B 9352, Tel Aviv 61092, Israel. Tel: 972-3-638-4444; fax: 972-3-638-4455; email [igu-gender@ortra.co.il](mailto:igu-gender@ortra.co.il) Workshop convenor is Tovi Fenster, Department of Geography and Environment, Tel Aviv University, P.O Box 39040, Tel Aviv, 69978, Israel. Tel: 972-3-640-9045; fax 972 3 640 6243; email [tobiws@ccsg.tau.ac.il](mailto:tobiws@ccsg.tau.ac.il)

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## **Commission Cosponsors Meeting in Argentina**

Though feminist geographers from Latin America have had limited opportunities to present their work outside the continent, they made important contributions at the First Latin American Workshop on Gender and Geography held at the National University Lomas de Zamora in Argentina on September 23-24. Co-sponsored by the Commission and the University's Faculty of Social Sciences, the program's theme, "Women and Territory in Latin America," was designed to promote analysis and reflection, both theoretical and methodological, on the construction of Latin American space from a gender perspective. Approximately 60 participants, including anthropologists,

psychologists, and sociologists in addition to geographers, represented Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. The conference was opened with a presentation by Rosa Ester Rossini (Sao Paulo) on the labor market, women, and social exclusion at the end of the century. Other papers addressed work, employment, and daily life; women, family, and environment; gender and education; gender, health, and quality of life; theoretical and methodological questions; panels were organized on violence and gender; gender, human rights, and citizenship; gender and education; women and political participation; and women and citizen participation. The group decided to organize a similar event every two or three years, to sustain an interdisciplinary orientation without losing sight of the geographic focus, and to foster more discussion on methodology at future events. Thanks to Commission member, Mónica Colombara for her report of the meeting.

## **News From Around the World**

An array of geographers presented at a conference "Gender and Rural Transformations in Europe: Past, Present and Future Prospects" held at Wageningen University (The Netherlands), October 14-17, 1999. Spain was especially well represented by Mireia Baylina, Gemma Canoves, Maria Dolores Garcia Ramon, and Soledad Morales (Autonomous University of Barcelona), Maria-Jose Prados-Velasco (Seville), and Montserrat Villarino (Santiago de Compostela). Also attending were Elisabeth Baeschlin (Bern), Nina Gunnerud Berg (Trondheim), Bettina van Hoven-Iganski (Groningen), Verena Maier (Munich), Jo Little (UK), and Janet Momsen (US). The conference was organized around two major themes: gender in rural households, livelihoods, and economies; and gender and rural environments, cultures, and living spaces.

At the June, 1999 meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, the Canadian Women and Geography Group (CWAG) organized sessions on "Migration, Identity, and Human Rights," and "Social Spaces: Gendered Issues in Canada." CWAG is currently seeking suggestions for the lecture series honoring Suzanne Mackenzie, the first of which will be given at the 2000 meeting.

The September, 1999 Conference of the Institute of Australian Geographers in Sydney featured a panel on "The (Un)doing of Gender," an opening plenary presentation by Janice Monk (Arizona) and Ruth Liepins (Otago), "Writing On/Across the Margins, in which they reflected on their practice as expatriate Australian feminist geographers, a paper session of the same title, and numerous papers incorporating feminist/gender perspectives in sessions on cultural and economic geography. Kathy Gibson and Jenny Cameron presented on their major grant-funded project (which also involves Lesley Instone) related to non-capitalist economic development. A parallel project is being carried out by Julie Graham in the US. Janice Monk was also presented with the Australia-International Medal.

The 52nd German Geography Meeting held in October, 1999 in Hamburg featured a feminist geography session with presentations by Inge Struder on "Gender und 'Raum': Wie Menschen in Ost- und Westdeutschland von unterschiedlicher sozialer und ideologischer Herkunft ihre Umwelt in ihr Handeln einbeziehen," and Katherin

Horschelmann, "Terra in/cognita-raum, Zeit, und Geschlecht in Mediendarstellungen. A business meeting and publication exhibit were also organized.

The Center for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore and the Transnational Communities Programme, Economic and Social Research Council, UK, are sponsoring a conference on "Transnational Communities in the Asia-Pacific Region: Comparative Perspectives," to be held at the National University of Singapore, August 7-8, 2000. The conference will address such issues as "home" and "away," the self-other divide, diasporic encounters, citizenship and national identities, the gendered character of transnational community formation, and media and transnational communications. Deadline for abstract submission is January, 31, 2000. Further details are available from Kathleen Ke (fax 65-779-1428) or Kris Olds (email [geoko@nus.edu.sg](mailto:geoko@nus.edu.sg); fax) 65-777-3091.

"Insurgent Planning, Globalization, and Local Democracy" a Planners Network Conference will be held in Toronto, June 22-5, 2000. Workshops will address themes such as rights to the city; communities of resistance, and contested open spaces. For information, contact Barbara Rahder [rahder@yorku.ca](mailto:rahder@yorku.ca); (fax) 416-736-5679.

The Second International Critical Geography Conference will be held in Taegu, South Korea, August 9-13, 2000 on the theme "For Alternative 21<sup>st</sup> Century Geographies." Among suggested topics are justice and environment; multiculturalism; Africa in and out of the global economy; and silent war: the new global geography of poverty and inequality. Information on the conference can be found at: <http://econgeog.misc.hit-u.ac.jp.icgg/>

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[www.online.masu.nodak.edu/divisions/hssdiv/meartz/gpow/gpow.html](http://www.online.masu.nodak.edu/divisions/hssdiv/meartz/gpow/gpow.html)