

Research Plans Submitted for IGU Projects

Twelve proposals have been submitted to date in response to the call for research on the theme of economic restructuring and women's paid and unpaid work. Five projects focus on women's work in the paid labor force in urban settings in industrial societies. Maria Angeles Diaz Munoz and Juana Rodriguez Moya, Universidad de Alcala de Henares, will work on two related efforts--a study of spatial variations in women's labor force participation in the Madrid region between 1981 - 1986, a period when male employment in metallurgical industries was declining and female service sector employment was rising. This will be accompanied by a detailed study of the Torrejon area over the period 1960 - 1981 which will also include analysis of women's attitudes to labor force participation. Also in the Madrid region, Ana Sabate Martinez, Department of Human Geography, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, will consider the increasing role of female labor in rural industrialization, especially in the development of homeworking in the clothing industry. A similar study will be undertaken by Alison Kaye, Queen Mary College, University of London. She will study immigrant Bengali women doing homework in the clothing industry in the Tower Hamlets, London, focusing on the links between the construction of their social roles and place in the community and their participation in this kind of work.

Research on different types of participation in productive and reproductive work by women and men will be conducted in the Netherlands and England. Joos Drooglever Fortuijn, Department of Environmental

Sciences, University of Amsterdam, will compare two geographic contexts, urban and suburban, and three types of households, dual-income households with and without children and "traditional" families with young children, to examine variations in the gender divisions of productive and reproductive work. Nicky Gregson, CURDS, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Michelle Lowe, Department of Geography, Reading University, will also study the gender division of labor in dual-income households, comparing two regions in the southeast of England and two in the northeast and also contrasting households of different income levels within each. They are particularly interested in the ways consumption patterns shape the behavior of dual-income households.

Rural studies have been proposed in two industrialized countries. Maria Dolores Garcia-Ramon, with colleagues from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and two other universities, will examine household productive and reproductive work in three rural regions which have contrasting farming systems. The research will document the nature of the farming systems as well as the details of work by all generations of males and females in the household. Suzanne Mackenzie, Fiona Mackenzie, and Iain Wallace, Department of Geography, Carleton University, Ottawa, will examine the survival strategies of farm households in two communities, one in Ontario and one in Quebec, within the framework of changing agricultural and economic policies. They are interested in the dynamics of gender relations in the organization of the farm, the household, and the community.

Three other projects incorporate cross-national analyses. Susan Christopherson, Department of Regional Planning, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, is working on a five country comparison of women's employment in the service sector. The research will cover the U.S., Sweden, France, Japan, and Germany and will focus on questions of skill formation and occupational mobility. Janet Townsend, Department of Geography, University of Durham, and Donny Meertens, Department of Social Geography, University of Amsterdam, propose comparative studies of women's experiences in frontier land settlement schemes in Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia. Their work will include field study as well as a review of literature in English, Spanish, and Dutch on the women's experiences of colonization in other world regions.

Clarissa Kimber, Department of Geography, Texas A. and M. University, Janet Momsen, Department of Geography, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Janice Monk, SIROW, University of Arizona, are developing a collaborative project with colleagues in the Caribbean region. They aim to compare the contribution of women's work to household survival in three areas--Martinique, Barbados, and Puerto Rico, that are differently connected to metropolitan economies and political systems.

Several other scholars have indicated their intention of submitting proposals and additional projects are sought, especially from regions not represented above. Please send 1-2 page proposals to Janet Momsen, Dept. of Geography, University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE1 7RU and Janice Monk, SIROW, 102 Douglass Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

Workshop Forges Links Among Feminist Geographers

The IGU Study Group on Gender and Geography co-sponsored a workshop April 16 - 21, 1989 at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. Organized by Janet

Momsen, it was an exciting experience for feminist geographers, bringing together for the first time scholars from a number of African and Asian countries as well as from Europe, North America, and the South Pacific. Over 85 people participated, mostly women geographers, representing 28 countries. The principal support and sponsorship came from the Commonwealth Geographic Bureau with assistance from the Commonwealth Foundation, the British Council, the Institute of British Geographers, the Canadian High Commission, the Province of Alberta, and the Department of Geography, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

More than 40 papers presented at the Workshop revealed the wealth of empirical work that is being conducted by feminist geographers on gender and development issues including agriculture, industrialization, the environment, health, education, housing, migration, reproductive work, and the links between the various spheres of life. They also drew attention to different theoretical and methodological issues and approaches--to questions that arise as one considers whether to study women or gender, how class intersects with gender, the role of religious ideologies or ethnicity in shaping attitudes towards women's work, and, of course, the significance of geographic context in influencing the patterns observed, the problems women face, and their actions to shape their own lives.

In addition, several workshops provided an opportunity for closer interaction between participants, as did urban and rural field trips that viewed aspects of English women's work and community lives. The social program, including amongst other events, a reception by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle for participants and women in local government, provided a warm atmosphere for forging new associations.

Publication of papers is planned. For further information contact Janet Momsen, Department of Geography, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 7RU, England.



Congratulations

Rosa Ester Rossini, Department of Geography, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil has completed the thesis and other requirements for promotion to "livre-Docente" (comparable to a senior professorship). The thesis, entitled Geografia e Genero: A Mulher Na Lavoura Canvierira Paulista deals with the changing nature of women's work in the fields and the home, its relationship to economic transformation of the sugar industry and the region, and related patterns of migration.

Susan Hanson, Department of Geography, Clark University, USA, has been awarded a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship to write a book based on her research on the spatial aspects of gender and occupational segregation.

Bose Iyun, Department of Geography, University of Ibadan, received grants in 1988 from the Rockefeller Foundation to study the impact of agricultural development projects on the status of rural women in Nigeria and from the International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) to study infant and child mortality as these are affected by environmental factors and the socio-economic status of Nigerian women.

Publications

Please send information on your publications and/or reprints to Janice Monk, for inclusion in this newsletter.

Caroline Andrew and Beth Moore Milroy, Life Spaces: Gender, Household, Employment, Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1988.

IGU Study Group Makes Progress and Plans Future Program

The Newcastle Workshop was attended by several committee members of the IGU Study Group (Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf, Nora Chiang, Maria Dolores Garcia-Ramon, Janet Momsen, Janice Monk, Saraswati Raju, and Kiyomi Kogo (representing Isamu Ota)) who met to discuss the study group's progress and future plans. The first newsletter was sent to about 200 people and its information was further disseminated through national newsletters. To date, over 200 people have responded that they wish to become corresponding members. Future issues of the newsletter will incorporate information on these members interests.

The research proposals submitted to date present an interesting and valuable set of projects, but more studies are sought, especially from world regions not yet represented (see above article on projects for regions covered). It appears that the Newcastle Workshop will be helpful in stimulating such studies.

For the Beijing meeting in 1990, the Group, in accordance with the wishes of the Chinese organizers, has not planned a pre-Congress event in China but has requested a period to be set aside for its symposium during the main Congress. During the Newcastle meeting, Canadian representatives indicated their intention of organizing a Group meeting for 1991, and plans are also proceeding for a pre-Congress symposium in the U.S. in 1992.

Judith Carney, "Struggle over land and crop rights in Gambia: conflict and accumulation in the household," in J. Davison (ed.) Land, Women and Agriculture in Africa. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1988.

Jeanne Fagnani, "Les Parisiennes seraient-elles malthusiennes?" Regards sur L'Île de France No. 2, 1988 (published by Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economique). In the same issue is an article by Guy Desplanques, "Forte activite feminine dans l' agglomeration parisienne."

Maria Dolores Garcia Ramon and Gemma Canoves, "The role of women on the family farm: the case of Catalonia," Sociologia Ruralis 28, 1988.

Merete Lie and Ragnhild Lund, "Malaysian women in Norwegian industry and the new international division of labour," Norsk Geografisk Tidsskrift (Norwegian Journal of Geography) 1, February, 1989.

David Lee, Women and Geography: A Comprehensive Bibliography contains 658 entries and also has available a 1988 update. Order from the author (US\$4.00) at Department of Geography, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431. (Update available separately for US\$1.00.)

Jo Little, Linda Peake, and Pat Richardson, Women in Cities: Gender and the Urban Environment, New York: New York University Press.

Linda Peake, (ed.) "The challenge of feminist geography," Journal of Geography in Higher Education, 13 (1) 1989 is a compilation of reports by feminist geographers from 21 countries. This is an invaluable overview of the field.

Saraswati Raju, "Female literacy in India: The urban dimension," Economic and Political Weekly, October 29, 1988.

Virginia Scharff, "Of parking spaces and women's places: the Los Angeles parking ban of 1920," NWSA Journal, (National Women's Studies Association, USA) 1, 1, 1988.

Vandana Shiva, Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development, London: Zed Books, 1988.

Marion Tinling, Women into the Unknown: A Sourcebook on Women Explorers and Travellers, New York: Greenwood Press, 1989.

Janet Townsend, Women in Developing Countries - A Select Annotated Bibliography for Development Organisations, (v + 190 pp.) (9.00 + 11.00 postage) and Sarah Radcliffe with Janet Townsend Gender in the Third World - A Geographical Bibliography of Recent Work, (viii + 90pp) (6.00 and 1.00 postage) are available from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 7RE England.

Elaine Yi-Ian Tsui, Are Married Daughters Spilled Water?: A Study of Working Women in Taiwan, (1987) and Past and Current Status of Women in Taiwan by Nora Chiang and Yenlin Ku (1985) are two of the monographs available from the Women's Research Program, Population Studies Center, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

An English translation of "A spatial and socio-economic profile of economically active women in Capetown," South African Geographer, 14, 1987, by I.J. van der Merwe and W. van Deventer, is available from the authors, Department of Geography, University of Stellenbosch, Republic of South Africa.

Documents D'Analisi Geografica No. 14, 1989 will be a monographic issue on "Gender, Space, and Geography." partially funded by the Instituto de la Mujer (Ministerio de Cultura). It is the first Spanish monograph on gender and geography and includes contributions from Australia, France, Spain, the U.K. and the U.S.A. The first part deals with theoretical approaches (articles by M. Dolores Garcia Ramon, Sophie Bowlby, and co-authored by Janice Monk and Susan Hanson). The second section includes empirical papers (by Garcia Ramon, Janet Momsen, Martine Berlan, Gemma Canoves, Ana Sabate, and Antoni Tulla) from the conference "Agriculture, Gender, and Space" held in Barcelona in December, 1987. The last section carries a short essay on gender and

urban geography (by M. Angela Diaz) and book reviews. Information on purchasing the issue is available from M. D. Garcia Ramon, Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Bellaterra, 08193, Spain.

Recent Conferences

A Conference on "Development in Geography: Feminist Perspective on Development Geography," was held in the Institute of Social Geography, University of Amsterdam, November 24, 1988. The morning was devoted to theoretical presentations by Alison Scott (U. of Exeter), Saskia Wieringa (Institute for Social Studies, The Hague), and the Dutch Committee on Women's Studies and Geography. Afternoon sessions included a presentation on "Gender and Geography in the Third World" by Janet Townsend and workshops on Asian and Latin American case studies as well as on methodological issues. It is planned to publish conference proceedings. Information is available from Gerda van der Straat at the Institute of Social Geography, Jodenbreestraat 23, 1011 NH, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Women and Geography Study Group sessions at the annual conference of the Institute for British Geographers, held in January, 1989, focused on two themes. One, on "Patriarchy, Racism, and Nationalism," included three papers emphasizing patriarchy--by Tracey Skelton on the reproduction of patriarchy in Montserrat, by Sarah Radcliffe on the transformation of ethnic identity required of female labor migrants (domestic servants) in Peru, and by Audrey Kobayashi on Japanese picture brides in early 20th century Canada. Two other papers took racism and nationalism as their main focus. The second session, on leisure, aimed to introduce feminist perspectives to "mainline" topics in geography and to encourage re-assessment of gender-blind definitions and categories. Jacqui Burgess and Caroline Harrison examined gender differences in the use public spaces and

whether open space policies address women's needs. They stressed the sexual politics that affect women's access to and use of open space. Miriam Bernard analyzed leisure in the lives of women in the 20 - 30 age group, particularly the constraints on those with young children. Rachael Dixey discussed bingo as a type of leisure available to working class women.

Gender and Geography Workshop sessions at the conference of the Institute of Australian Geographers in February, 1989 featured presentations on economic/industrial geography (Stephanie Fahey), social/urban/political geography (Ruth Fincher), environmental geography (Sandy Taylor), Third World Development geography (Pam Thomas), cultural geography (Kay Anderson), population geography (Dianne Rudd) and teaching feminist geography (Louise Johnson). In addition, papers were given on "key issues": the impact of restructuring of manufacturing on employment of migrant men and women; children's play spaces; problems of single parent families; and service provision. It is anticipated that a special issue of Australian Geographical Studies (late 1989 or early 1990) will be devoted to the presentations. For information contact Dr. Elspeth Young, Department of Geography, Australian Defense Force Academy, Campbell, ACT Australia, 2600.

The annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers held in Baltimore, March 19 - 22, 1989 included an array of papers on gender in sessions organized by the Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group and also others submitted individually by authors. Among the GPOW sessions were two on the interactions between life stage and gender (one on the Third World, the other on industrial societies) arranged by Cindi Katz, Environmental Psychology, City University of New York; a panel on gender, race and ethnicity, organized by Sallie Marston (Geography, University of Arizona and Audrey Kobayashi, Geography, McGill University,

Montreal); a panel on the status of feminist geography internationally, organized by Linda Peake (see below, "publications"); and a panel on the history of women geographers in the United States in the 20th century organized by Janice Monk (University of Arizona) and Alice Reclin (National Geographic Society, Washington, DC).

Forthcoming Conferences

Members of the IBG Women and Geography Study Group will meet with geographers from West Germany, Austria, and Switzerland in London in June, 1989. For further information contact Sophie Bowlby, Department of Geography, Reading University, Whiteknights, Reading, RG6 2AB England.

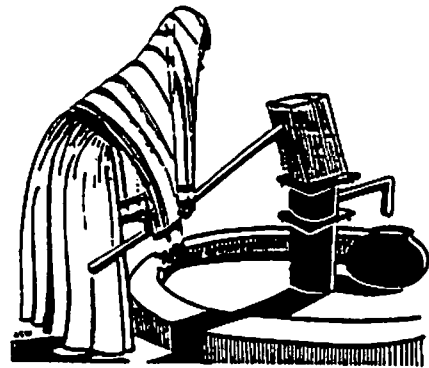
The conference "Gender and Class: International Developments in Theory and Research," will be held September 18 - 20, 1989, focusing on the implications of female labor force participation for class structure and politics in cross-national perspective. For information contact Professor Alison Woodward, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Antwerp, Universiteitsplein 1, B-2610, Wilrijk, Belgium.

A geography and gender session is planned for the Association of Spanish Geographers meeting in Madrid in September, 25-30, 1989.

The German Working Group on Feminist Geography will meet at the 47th Deutschen Geographentag in Saarbrücken, October 2 - 7, 1989. For information contact the editor of GeoRundbrief: Informationen zur feministischen Geographie, Elisabeth Roques-Baschlein, Geogr. Institut der Universität Bern, Hallestrasse 12, 3012 Bern, Switzerland.

Research Collaboration Sought

Professor Ann Henderson-Sellers, School of Earth Sciences, Macquarie University, Ryde, N.S. W., Australia, 2109 is planning research on public awareness of the risks associated with global environmental changes such as the greenhouse effect and the "hole" in the ozone layer. She would like to follow-up on evidence that gender is an important factor in the perception and evaluation of such risks and seeks colleagues for collaboration in one or more countries where problems and media differ from those in Australia. If you are interested in collaboration or know of potential collaborators, contact Professor Sellers at the above address.



African Network Being Developed

At the Newcastle workshop in April, African women geographers formed a regional network with the objective of improving communication within the region and developing collaborative research on the theme of women and water resources. Initial members of the group include Julie Ajakpo, Department of Geography, University of Swaziland, Private Bag 4, Kwaluseni, Swaziland; Bose Iyun, Department of Geography, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria; Victoria Mwaka, Department of Geography, Makerere University, P.O. Box 7062, Uganda; and Julie Okpala, Department of Education, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria.

New Members Appointed to IGU Geography and Gender Study Group

Since publication of the first newsletter, the following full members have been appointed to the study group committee:

Ruth Fincher, Department of Geography,
University of Melbourne, Parkville, VIC
3052, Australia

Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf, Department of
Geography, University of Ghana, Legon,
Accra, Ghana. (replacing Bose Iyun who was
unable to serve because of a prior appoint-
ment to another IGU Study Group)

Suzanne Mackenzie, Department of Geography,
Carleton University, Ottawa, K1S 5B6 Canada

Isamu Ota, Department of Liberal Arts, Toyo
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and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of
Sciences, 00-927 Warszawa, Krakowskie
Przedmiescie 30, Poland.

Call for Papers

Journal of Women and Gender Studies, published by the Women's Research Program, National Taiwan University, is seeking papers for Volume II to be published in August, 1990. Deadline for paper submission is February 28, 1990. This is a bilingual, refereed journal. Papers submitted in English should not exceed 35 pages, including tables and maps. Papers in Chinese should not exceed 12,000 characters. Both English and Chinese abstracts are necessary, but the editor can provide help in translating English abstracts to Chinese. References should follow the style of the Annals of the Association of American Geographers.

