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GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES: TOWARDS A FEMINIST DIALOGUE

The preliminary program is now set for the IGU Gender Commission pre-Congress conference at St. Aidan's College, Durham University, **August 12-14, 2004**. Some 18 presentations have been organized into sessions on "Thinking/Acting Beyond Development and Globalization;" "Gendering Health Under Globalization;" "Globalizing Gendered Livelihoods;" "Transnational Migration;" and "Globalizing Childhood." Presenters represent scholars from an array of countries and research that addresses Latin America, Asia, North America, Europe, and Africa within the global context. In addition, the Commission will hold two joint sessions with the Commission on Political Geography. Transportation will be available on August 15 for participants going on to the Congress in Glasgow. For further information, contact **Janet Townsend**, Department of Geography at Durham University (janet.townsend@durham.ac.uk).

PLANS FOR IGU CONGRESS IN GLASGOW, AUGUST 15-20, 2004

The 30th Congress of the International Geographical Union will be held in Glasgow, UK, 15-20 August 2004. During this congress the Commission on Gender and Geography is organizing several sessions. We have received abstracts of 37 papers from 17 different countries in all parts the world (with the exception of Australia/Oceania), from Colombia to Japan, Sri Lanka to Switzerland, Canada to Ukraine, and South Africa to Norway. The papers deal with a variety of topics such as participation of women in self-help housing, micro-enterprises, trafficking in women, safety, men's suicide, refugee war widows, migrant domestic workers, landscapes and bodyscapes in lesbian films, gendered geographies at the circumpolar north, and the new borders of the European Union. At the end of May the program of all sessions will be available on the websites of the Congress www.meetingmakers.co.uk/IGC-UK2004 and of the Commission www2.fmg.uva.nl/igugender. The Women and Geography Study Group of the RGS/IBG will also be sponsoring a number of sessions on women and gender.

Workshop "Gender, Space and Culture" and Jantina Tammes Chair University of

Groningen

The Jantina Tammes Chair was established in 2000 at the University of Groningen (The Netherlands) to enable female visiting professors to do research and to teach in the field of gender studies. **Janet Momsen** currently holds the Chair to pursue work in gender and geography. In relation with the chair, the Faculty of Spatial Sciences organised a workshop "Gender, Space and Culture" from 10-15 May, 2004. Cultural geographer, **Bettina van Hoven**, and social demographer, **Inge Hutter**, invited several feminist geographers from The Netherlands and abroad to give lectures and workshops on a variety of themes for a group of students in geography and several other disciplines. Plenaries were given on gender and development by Janet Momsen, gender and health by **Isabel Dyck**, gender and sexuality by **Gill Valentine**, gender and the labour market by **Diane Perrons**, and gender and the city by **Clara Greed**. Other themes in lectures and workshops referred to migration, ageing, masculinity, reproduction, literature, education, culture, urban spaces, family formation, war, disability and media.

The specialist presenters offered an overview of the development and current state-of-the-art in feminist geography and demography and stimulated students and staff to reflect on important feminist concepts and ideas. Janet Momsen's official public lecture, "Different Places, Different Voices: Gender and Globalization" highlighted Millennium goals and the changes in the position of women, gender relations, and gender identities on a global scale.

--Joos Droogleever Fortuijn, University of Amsterdam

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Congratulations to **Marina Todorovic** who was recently elected as President of the Serbian Geographical Society. Dr. Todorovic is the first woman to serve as present of the Society since its founding in 1910.

Manishaa Sharma (Dyal Singh College, Karnal, India) visited the University of Arizona in December, 2003 to pursue her interests in feminist geography. She reported on the **4th Punjab Geographer's Conference** which featured the theme "Social and Economic Security." Most of the 32 papers offered focused on women and gender issues. They dealt with changing patterns of inequalities; female foeticide, women's health; violence against women, women's work and education, and issues of elderly women. This conference marks a significant development in research on women and gender by Indian geographers.

The East-West Center (along with a number of organizations/agencies including USAID/OFDA, USDA, UN ISDR, University of Hawaii Social Science Research Institute, the Pacific Disaster Center, and the Gender Disaster Network are holding a conference in Honolulu, "Gender Equality and Disaster Risk Reduction" August 10-12, 2004. The Web site is www.ssri.hawaii.edu/research/GDWwebsite.

Saraswati Raju (JNU University, New Delhi) has recently been awarded the CIDA-IDRC VisitingFellowship in Feminist Perspectives on Globalization by Carleton University and

University of Ottawa (Canada). She is the first awardee of this fellowship and will be in residence for six months starting September/October 2004. Her research will focus on the interface of gender, poverty and work in the globalizing context of South Asia.

Yoga Rasanayagam is serving as Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Colombo (sri Lanka). She has initiated a gender stream within the undergraduate curriculum wherein students choose approximately seven course units on gender-related themes. They receive a certificate with their degree. Yoga is also member of a team on the project "Gender Equity in Higher Education," a five-country project including Sri Lanka. It is supported by the DFID (UK) and undertaken by the Institute of Education, University of London.

Congratulations to **Robyn Longhurst** (University of Waikato, New Zealand) on her promotion to Associate Professor; to **Diana Liverman, Linda McDowell,** and **Sarah Whatmore** on their appointments to chairs at Oxford University (UK); and to **Helen Ruth Aspaas** (Virginia Commonwealth University, USA) on her promotion and tenure and award of a WISC grant to develop collaborative and comparative research with **Mary Njeri Kinyanjui** (Kenya) on African/African American women and microentrepreneurship in Kenya and the U.S. The project resulted from the contact they made at the IGU Regional Conference in Durban in 2002.

Marit Aure (University of Tromso, Norway) reports that the annual English edition of **NIKK** magazine 2003 presents the first comparative analysis of several gender and power studies in Norway and Denmark. The journal also includes an article on the radical changes in parental leave system in Norway with research on a new analysis of the fathers' quota. The journal is free and can be ordered at www.nikk.uio.no/ and read in pdf format on the web page.

A research project on the "Social Integration and Exclusion of Immigrant Women in Switzerland" is being directed by **Yvonne Riano, Doris Wastl-Walter** and **Nadia Baghdadi** (Department of Geography, University of Bern) and **Martina Caroni** (Faculty of Law, University of Lucerne). The research will investigate processes of social integration and social exclusion of migrant women, differentiated by national origin, ethnocultural characteristics and occupational skills. It will address the strategies that migrant women adopt to strive for social integration; and examine the contents and effects of prevailing discourses and official policies regarding the social integration of migrant women. The project is supported by the Swiss National Science Fund as part of the National Research Program 51 on Social Integration and Exclusion. The research will span November 2003-October, 2006.

There was a strong feminist presence on the program of the Centennial Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Philadelphia in March, 2004. **Susan Hanson** spoke on the plenary panel on looking back, and **Mei-Po Kwan** on the panel devoted to looking forward. **Cynthia Enloe**, who had been named Honorary Geographer for 2003, spoke on the panel on views of geography from other disciplines, and was also honored at a reception. The Committee on the Status of Women in Geography organized a series of five panels addressing the past, present, and future status of women in the discipline, covering issues for students, junior faculty, and women in administration. The Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group sponsored some 23 sessions, some in collaboration with other specialty groups, with topics including nature-society relations, urban issues, migration, body politics, sexuality, identity,

media representations, violence and masculinity and others. The GPOW newsletter with session details and also a series of short papers on feminist teaching can be viewed at <http://www.online.masu.nodak.edu/divisions/hasdiv/meartz/gpow/gpow.htm>

Feministiches Geo-Rundmail Number 22 was edited at the Geography Institute of the University of Zurich. It features profiles of the ten geographers (faculty and students) in the Institute who are engaged in feminist research. Their studies encompass work in India, Nepal, Kenya, and Switzerland and address issues of gender and nature, resource management, ethnic identity, urban geography, and the work of women's groups in women's education. Descriptions of their projects and contact addresses are listed in *Geo-Rundmail*. To be on the mailing list for the newsletter which is published four times per year, contact michaela.schier@ssg.geo.uni-muenchen.de

The Fourth International Conference of Critical Geography will be held in Mexico City, Mexico, 8-12 January 2005. The aim of the conference is to stimulate debate among critical geographers from around the world and to promote the development of critical geography. The conference will feature eight themes which are as follows, with contact people) 1) Poverty and migration (Helen Sakho helen@assyrria.globalnet.co); 2) People's geographies (Don Mitchell, DMMitc01@maxwell.syr.edu and Robert Ross rbross@maxwell.syr.edu); 3) Geographies of Nature (Caroline Desbiens, desbiens@uga.edu; Koji Nakashima, koji331@kenroku.kanazawa-u.ac.jp, and Juanita Sundberg, sundberg@geog.ubc.ca) 4) Geopolitics and geopolitical economy. State, power and the reorganisation of national territories: Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro, sengeldi@uwsp.edu; 5) Gender and spaces of difference (Sue Ruddick, ruddick@geog.utoronto.ca); 6) Political economies of development: regional problems and international economies (Aurian Haller, ahaller.@sfu.ca); 7) Urban and rural issues (Eric Clark, Eric.Clark@keg.lu.se); 8) Geographical concepts in action: critical perspectives and histories (Claudio Minca, claudio.minca@ncl.ac.uk; Abel Albet, abel.albet@uab.es and Kate Simpson, kate.simpson@ncl.ac.uk). Deadline for submitting abstracts is June 30th, 2004. Participants are asked to submit their abstracts to the convenor of the subject of their preference as well as to the coordinator of the conference at the following address: resumenes@4th-iccg.org. For further information see: <http://www.4th-iccg.org>

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SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE

The Proceedings of the XXVIII Congresso Geografico Italiano (2000) have now been published (Rome 2003). They include ten papers from the gender section on the following topics: female immigrants from Sardinia to Belgium; female immigrants from the Third World to Sardinia; Moroccan women in Spain; women's jobs and innovation in Italy; homeless women in Genoa; women's associations in Italy and Tuscany; spaces for religious women in Israel; women and the production of social services; Polish immigrant women in Italy; and immigrant women in Rome. Anyone interested in these papers can contact **Maria Luisa Gentileschi** (mlgentil@tiscali.it) who chaired the session and edited the publication.

“Gender and Planning” is the theme for the Dutch journal *Agora Tijdschrift voor sociaal-ruimtelijke vraagstukken*, 19 (5) 2003. The special gender section includes articles:

Clara Greed “Steden zijn ongeschikt voor vrouwen; erkenning van sekseverschillen in stedelijke planningsprocessen” (Cities are not made for women; recognising gender differences in urban planning processes (with a section on the toilet revolution), pp. 27-30; Joos Droogleeveer Fortuijn “Gender en veiligheid in de openbare ruimte” (Gender and safety in public spaces), pp. 31-33;

Lieve Coorevits “Moeders alleen in tijd en ruimte” (Single mothers in time and space), pp. 34-36, and “Els de Vos Een vrouwvriendelijk park; hoe in Gent een park voor en door vrouwen met kinderen ontstond” (a woman friendly park; how a park for and by women developed in Ghent), pp. 37-39).

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