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IGU Regional Congress 2006 Pre-Meeting Scheduled for New Zealand

On the June 28-30, 2006 the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography will meet in Hamilton, New Zealand. This meeting will be hosted by the University of Waikato and will precede the Regional Conference in Brisbane, Australia (held July 3-7, 2006). The theme of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography meeting is 'Shifting Boundaries: Gender, Bodies and Spaces'. The first two days will be devoted to paper presentations. These presentations are likely to be held at The Waikato Museum located at the South End of the city of Hamilton, on the banks of the Waikato River, close to numerous cafes and restaurants. On the third day delegates will be invited to join a field excursion to the nearby coastal town of Raglan, a site of many significant social, cultural, environmental and political issues. On July 1-2 delegates will be able to travel to Brisbane, Australia for the commencement of the Regional Conference. More information providing further details about the theme and arrangements for the Gender and Geography meeting will follow – Robyn Longhurst

Recent and Upcoming Conferences

The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography has several events in the planning stages and on the agenda between now and 2008 when the IGU is scheduled to meet in Tunisia. In addition to the pre-Congress meeting noted above, the Commission will organize sessions at the Regional Congress in Brisbane, July 3-7, 2006 and on “Social Policy and Livelihood” in **Zurich**, Switzerland in May 2007.

The Commission is also looking forward to the International Seminar, “Geography and Gender Worldwide: Contesting Anglo-American Hegemony” to be held in Barcelona, February 22-25, 2006 at the **Autonomous University of Barcelona** and the **Societat Catalana de Geografia**. This seminar will bring together invited speakers from Latin and North America, Eastern and Western Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Mediterranean region to assess the regionally specific development of gender studies in the discipline and the importance of context in shaping knowledge. For further

information contact Rosa Cerarols (g.geogenere@uab.es).

Critical Geopolitics and Everyday Life will be held at the University of Durham, UK, July 11-12, 2005. Contributions by feminist geographers and by postgraduate students are welcome. For details, including information on submission of 100-200 word abstracts, see www.geography.durham.ac.uk/conferences/Fear_conference/index.html or contact rachel.pain@durham.ac.uk

The 10th Encuentro of Latin American Geographers (XEGA) was held March 20-25, 2005 at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. **Rosa Ester Rossini** coordinated presentations on “Women and Socio-Spatial Dynamics.” Contributing were Rossini on “O exemplo de agricultura canavieira altamente tecnificada e capitalizago, Sao Paulo, Brasil;” **M.:nica Colombara** on “La perspectiva de gñero en proyectos y programas de desarrollo;” and **Rossana Claudia Rocha de Aguilar** and **Lilia Mabel RodrPguez**, “El espacio de los hombres, el espacio de las mujeres, diferentes territorialidades a la luz de las representaciones sociales.”

At the October, 2005 meeting of the Association of German Geographers in Trier, which will focus on “BorderValues,” feminist geographers will present a symposium “Borderwalk: feminist geography between (de)constructions of gender/sex and power analysis.” The aim is to show that feminist geography offers a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches, not confined to study of gender, but valuable for addressing power relations across social and scientific spheres. Presentations will be given by **Claudia Michel** (University of Berne, Switzerland)

on feminist discourses of human rights in Swiss NGOs and the UN; **Marina Richter** (University of Berne, Switzerland) on ambivalences among Spanish migrants in Zurich; **Bente Knoll** and **Elke Szalai** on gender-budgeting (analyzing public budgets in urban and regional planning); and **Elisabeth Buehler** (University of Zurich, Switzerland) offering an overview of trends in contemporary feminist geography in Swiss, German, and Austrian universities. For further information contact **Katja Brunders** and **Claudia Wucherpennig** (katja.brunders@gmx.ch).

The **Inaugural Nordic Geographers Meeting**, held in Lund, Sweden, May 10-14, 2005 featured a theme section on Gendered Spaces with six authors and one artist. The sessions, organized by **Carina Listerborn** and **Christina Scholten** included presentations offered in two groups, “Public Spaces to Live and Work In” and “Moving Spaces: Movement, Migration, and Glocality.” The presentations will be published in an anthology in 2005. Further details, including abstracts, are available online at http://www.ngm.cc/html/sessions/session_gendered_spaces.pdf

The **Society of Woman Geographers** of Korea held a meeting April 30, 2005. Presentations included research on women.

The Annual Meeting of the **Association of American Geographers** in Denver, April 5-9, had a record attendance of over 5,000. Gender themes were addressed in almost 80 sessions, many of them sponsored or co-sponsored by the Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group, especially with the Specialty Group on Sexuality and Space. In addition to presentations on empirical research (for example, on gender and

technology; gender and water resources; and on conflict zones), speakers addressed issues of social theory and the infiltration of feminist perspectives into the discipline. A number of sessions also offered professional support for women geographers, a long-standing aspect of the meetings in which women geographers have taken leadership, not only on issues of women but on diversity themes more widely, and addressing an array of aspects of professional development, such as mentoring. Among such sessions this year were panels sharing approaches of the student-led organizations, Supporting Women in Geography; the challenges of women making the transition from graduate student to faculty roles; and advice on writing proposals to fund qualitative research.

The **Women and Geography Study Group** of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) is planning sessions on gendered spaces of tourism; fractional work; spatial technologies; technological spaces; and reclaiming the state: feminism beyond the local global for the annual meeting in London, August 31-September 2, 2005.

Where is Gender and Geography Being Taught?

Sorina Voiculescu (University of West Timisoara, Romania) recently requested help in identifying geography courses focusing on gender to support her teaching in this area since it had been questioned as a field of practice limited to US institutions. Numerous geographers replied. A sample indicates how widespread the field has become. **Norah Chiang** is teaching "Gender, Society, and Space" (200 students in the last two years) and "Gender

Relations" at National Pingtung University, Taiwan. The courses are offered at the request of the Education Department under Gender Equity laws. **Teresa Vicente Mosquete** reported that several courses are offered at the University of Salamanca (Spain) including "Geografía y Género" and "Espacio y Género: el Lugar de la Mujer." **Elisabeth Buehler** (University of Zurich) teaches two courses "Gender and Geography: Theory and Practice" and "Gender Inequalities and territorial context." **Tony Fielding** (Sussex, UK) reported discontinuation of special courses because of lack of student enrolment, however. Yet another model is incorporation of gender content into other courses. **Rupali Phukan Bhuyan** (Guwahati University, India) noted incorporation of gender themes into the post graduate program in social geography there and in the M.Phil. program at Jawaharlal Nehru University. **Sarah Radcliffe** (Cambridge University, UK) described topics included in all three years of the undergraduate degree.

News From Around the World

Congratulations to **Helen Ruth Aspaas** (Virginia Commonwealth University, USA) who has been awarded a Fulbright grant in the Africa Regional Research Program to spend the Spring semester, 2006 in the Republic of Kenya. She will be conducting a longitudinal study comparing contemporary women entrepreneurs with those of 1990 in order to understand how such women have been affected by social, political, and cultural changes over that period.

Teresa Vicente Mosquete (Universidad de Salamanca, Spain) is coordinating the Interdepartmental Doctoral Program "Interdisciplinary Study of Gender" for the Department of Geography at her university

for 2004-2006. Further information is available at <http://www.usal.es> or from her at mosquete@usal.es

Shahnaz Huq-Hussain (University of Dhaka, Bangladesh) presented on the role of women in environmental conservation in Bangladesh at the recent meeting of the Association of South Asian Scholars (in the USA). With **Janet Momsen** (UC Davis, USA) and **Amanat Ullah Khan** (University of Dhaka) she is finalizing *The Gender Atlas of Bangladesh*, a project prepared for the Women's Studies Department of Dhaka University and funded by USAID.

Congratulations to **Regina Scheyvens**, Massey University (New Zealand) who has received an award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching and been nominated for a National Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award.

Eriko Ikeya (Kochi College of Technology, Japan) has received a research grant (2004-2006) from the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science for "Research on Realities, Backgrounds, and Resolution of Gender Gap at Work in Japan Compared with the United Kingdom". She recently presented a paper from this research at the Association of Society and Culture Conference.

Manishaa Sharma is beginning doctoral studies on gender themes at Chandigarh University (India). Her studies will be guided by Professor **Smita Bhutani** whose previous research has emphasized population and environmental issues.

Rachel Pain (Durham University, UK) is being hosted by the Institute of Geography, Victoria University of Wellington, Aotearoa/ New Zealand during May to work

with

Sara Kindon (Feminist Geography/Development Studies) on a forthcoming special issue of *Environment and Planning A* on participatory geographies. While there, they will also be developing collaborative research projects involving feminist theory and participatory approaches.

The Julian Minghi Prize for the Outstanding Research Publication in Political Geography awarded by the Political Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers has been awarded to **Lynn A. Staeheli** (University of Colorado, Boulder, USA), **Eleonore Kofman** (Middlesex University, UK), and **Linda Peake** (York University, Canada) for their co-edited book, *Mapping Women, Making Politics: Feminist Perspectives on Political Geography* (see below, New Books). Congratulations to the editors and contributors to the volume.

Amriah Buang has been appointed as the Coordinator for the Programme of Gender Studies, School of Social, Development and Environmental Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, National University of Malaysia (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi), beginning May 2005. The Programme's immediate task is to conduct its Masters in Social Sciences (Gender Studies). We wish her success in this new role.

The **Association of German Feminist Geographers** is a network that aims to develop approaches of gender/sex in arenas of theory, methodology, and thematic issues. It organizes seminars at the Congresses of the Association of German Geographers providing a multidisciplinary platform for presenting current research and approaches

to gender/sex studies. The next issue of the newsletter, **Georundmail**, will focus on feminist networks. Contributions may be sent to **Claudia Wucherpfennig** and **Katja Brundiars** (katja.brundiars@gmx.ch) until June 25, 2005.

Tony Fielding (University of Sussex, UK) is updating, with the 2001 Longitudinal Data Set, his earlier study with **Susan Halford** on geographies of opportunity in England and Wales (originally published in *Environment and Planning A* in 1993).

Jaysree De (M.S.Baroda University, India) has recently published a short article on women, environment, and health in the Newsletter of the Women's Studies Research Centre of her university.

Cindi Katz (City University of New York, USA), was awarded the Association of American Geographer's Meridian Book Award for her book *Growing Up Global: Economic Restructuring and Children's Everyday Lives*. The Award recognizes books that make unusually important contributions to advancing the art and science of geography.

Hae Un Rii (Donnguk University, Korea) reports that a former student of Ewha Women's University (Korea) has recently completed a dissertation in Japan on the movement patterns of Korean women in finding jobs. The research adopts a life course perspective.

Wendy Larner has been appointed as Professor of Human Geography and Sociology in the School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol (UK).

Saraswati Raju (JNU University, India) has held a Fellowship as Visiting Scholar in

Feminist Perspectives on Globalization, 2004-2005, at the International Development Research Centre, Carleton University-University of Ottawa, Canada sponsored by Canadian International Development Agency and the International Development Research Centre. She has recently completed several consultations and reports including two for the International Labour Organisation's Thematic Review Reports on India -- one on Vocational Training Education as part of Child Labor Elimination Project, the other on Formal and Non-Formal Education as part of Child Labor Elimination Project. She has also written "Social assessment: access to RCH services by vulnerable population: A qualitative study at Gurgaon District, Haryana" sponsored by DFID and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India.

New Books and Reports

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Special Journal Issues

Asia Pacific Viewpoint 46(1) 2005, edited by Nicola Piper and Brenda S.A. Yeoh, is a special issue on "Meeting the Challenges of HIV/AIDS in South and East Asia." It includes six articles listed below by author.

Geoforum 36(2) 2005 is a theme issue devoted to research on gender and skilled migration. Articles are listed below by author.

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