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Pre-Congress Commission Symposium in Hamilton, NZ

Reminder and Update Abstract Deadline April 28

The International Geographical Union Commission on Gender and Geography is holding a Pre-Congress Commission Symposium at the Waikato Museum of Art and History, Hamilton, Aotearoa/New Zealand **June 28-30, 2006** on the theme Shifting Boundaries: Gender, Bodies and Spaces. The Symposium is co-hosted by the Department of Geography, Tourism and Environmental Planning at the University of Waikato.

The first two days of the meeting will be devoted to paper presentations. It is envisaged that each presenter will have a total of 30 minutes - 20 minutes to speak and 10 minutes for questions and discussion. Deadline for receipt of titles and abstracts (no more than 150 words) is **28 April 2006**. Abstracts can be submitted online to Robyn Longhurst . A programme of presentations will be circulated mid-May. On the third day of the Symposium participants are invited to join a fieldtrip to the coastal town of Raglan.

If you would like more information on the Symposium and a registration form please e-mail . Thank you to those who have already registered. We have processed your registrations and hotel bookings and you will receive an official receipt via e-mail soon. Also, please let me know if you would like us to book a shuttle bus from Auckland Airport to your hotel in Hamilton. A couple of you have requested this and we are happy to oblige. We look forward to seeing you in Hamilton soon.

---Robyn Longhurst

Message from the Commission Chair

We are looking forward to the symposium in New Zealand and to the Regional Congress in Brisbane, Australia that will follow, July 3-7, 2006 Our thanks to **Robyn Longhurst** in Hamilton and to **Jenny Cameron** in Brisbane for their supportive work.

Sessions at the IGU Conference in Brisbane. Some 800 participants already registered for the Congress which is a joint meeting with the Institute of Australian Geographers and the New Zealand Geographical Society. The Gender Commission has organized four sessions but we still welcome those of you who wish to take part in these sessions. You can send your abstract up to **April, 28 2006** and write down that you wish to present it in the gender sessions. You can send

the abstract to **Jenny Cameron** our local organizer: Jenny.Cameron@griffith.edu.au or to myself, tobiws@post.tau.ac.il but you also must register at the same time at : www.igu2006.org

We also invite those of you who are interested to join us for a half day field trip that will be organized by Jenny Cameron and that will focus on women's spaces and activities at Brisbane. We will also have a commission meeting to which all of you are invited.

FUTURE PLANS

2007

Under the leadership of **Elisabeth Buehler** we will have a Commission meeting on the theme "(De)-Constructing Gendered Public Spaces" in **Zurich, Switzerland, June 1-2, 2007**. It will be followed by an optional field trip on June 3 that will be coordinated with the meeting of the **Commission on Public Policy** being hosted by **Doris Wastl-Walter** at the University of Berne on June 4-6, 2007. The Public Policy Commission's meeting will take up the theme of "Local Governance and Citizenship." Further details, including the call for papers, will be sent after discussions at the upcoming IGU meetings in New Zealand and Australia.

Some of the Commission members have expressed interest in organizing local meetings at their universities but at this time plans are not definite. I can just let you know that Saraswati Raju expressed interest in organizing a meeting in **New Delhi, India** towards the end of 2007. We will inform you once these plans become certain.

2008

There are expressions of interest to organize a meeting at the beginning of 2008 in Hungary – Romania. In this case too nothing is certain and we will inform you in due course.

31st IGU Conference in Tunis, Tunisia . This may seem like a long time but we have to start making contacts with local organizers. I wanted to ask all of you to let me know if you know any Tunisian Geographers who work on the field of gender and can help us organize our sessions for the conference. Likewise, if those of you from neighboring countries wish to organize a pre-meeting please let me know.

Please feel free to suggest to organize meetings at your places during these coming two years or even afterwards. We will do our best to cooperate with you.

Hope to see you in one of our events --**Tovi Fenster**, Chair

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Ana Sabaté-Martinez is leading the recently established Office for Gender Equity at the Complutense University of Madrid. (Spain) She also reports that the 2000 Women's Worlds Congress will be held in Madrid.

A Research Group on Gender Geography in Complutense University, Madrid and University of Alcalá, including **Ana Sabaté, Juana Rodríguez, María Ángeles Díaz, Cándida Gago**, and **Milagros Serrano** has received funding from the Spanish Ministry of Work and Social Affairs for a research project entitled "Towards a gender indicators system in Spain: A Territorial Analysis." The final goal of the project is to elaborate a system of indicators, to apply it at the municipal and regional scales; and to publish an atlas on women and gender differences in Spain.

The **British Women and Geography Study Group** has a reading weekend planned for May 5-7, 2006. Themes include emotional geographies, sexualities, subjectivity and environment, and neoliberal economic restructuring and gender.

Hae Un Rii (Dongguk University, Korea) is preparing to teach a gender and geography course for Ewha Women's University. The university has an internationally-known women's and gender studies program that has lacked a geography component. Hae Un is seeking assistance from colleagues internationally to develop a course which she will teach as an overload from her other responsibilities at Dongguk. She is also heavily engaged with work for the International Council on Monuments and Sites and is organizing its Asia-Pacific Regional Conference this summer. An exhibit drawing on significant family history documents that Hae Un donated was recently featured at JeJu Museum in Korea.

Rouli Lykogianni recently completed her PhD in the department of Urban and Regional Planning of the National Technical University of Athens. The title is "The city through the gendered dimension of the everyday." **Dina Vaiou** reports that last November, in the same department, a conference was organized on "Women and men in the spaces of the everyday" which brought together scholars from all over Greece and some European guests, from different disciplines, including geography, history, planning and architecture. The proceedings will soon be available .

"Women, Planning and Design: International Perspectives" is the theme for a meetings of the London Women and Planning Forum meeting, June 20-21, 2006 . Speakers will represent Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Turkey, and the UK. Further information is available at www.lwpcf.org or contact **Claire Frew**, Department of Geography, Queen Mary, University of London (c.frew.qmul.ac.uk)

A new postgraduate course on gender that includes lecture, seminar, and field components is being developed by **Elisabeth Bühler** in collaboration with a student. It will quadruple gender offerings in geography at the University of Zurich.

At the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), more than 40 sessions were sponsored or co-sponsored by the Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW) Specialty Group covering a wide range of gender themes. Additionally, sessions addressed career issues for women geographers such as the challenges of combining personal and professional life and of beginning a faculty career. Approximately 200 people attended a reception at Prairie House Bookstore, near the conference site, honoring ten recently published books in feminist geography. GPOW awards were made to **Janet Momsen** (the Jan Monk Distinguished Service Award) and to students **Jessica Barnes** (U of Wisconsin-Platteville), **Elizabeth Lee** (University of British Columbia), and **Ann Marie Murnaghan** (York University) for the best undergraduate, master's and doctoral student papers. **Michael Brown** (University of Washington) received the Glenda Laws Award (co-sponsored by the AAG, Canadian Association of Geographers, and Institute of British Geographers) for his research focusing on the intersections of social, political, cultural, urban, and health geographies, especially for his leadership in geographies of sexuality and the body.

Emma Wainwright (Brunel University, UK) has received a grant from the British Academy for research on the "Meanings of work, learning and motherhood in family learning."

Ellen Hansen (Emporia State, US) has been a visiting professor at University of Vaasa, Finland, this spring, teaching a module on gender within the Regional Studies Program. The class has been

exceptionally well received, with students from other programs attending, in addition to those enrolled.

Ruth Fincher has been appointed as Professor of Geography at the University of Melbourne, Australia. She takes up this position at the end of this year, following her service as Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning in the same university. In March, Ruth delivered the first Janice Monk Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture in Feminist Geography at the University of Arizona. The series is supported by the generous donations of feminist geographers and colleagues to the University of Arizona. Ruth followed with a repeat performance, sponsored by Taylor and Francis, publishers of *Gender, Place and Culture*, at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Chicago. Her presentation focused on the need for feminist geographers to foster research on the ways in which organizational cultures and practices generate gendered processes of difference within societies.

A course on “Gender, Society, and Space” is being offered this spring by **Nora Chiang** at the National University of Taiwan. Congratulations also to Nora on her appointment as Vice-Dean of the College of Science at National Taiwan University.

The British Women in Geography Study Group has expressed interest in increasing communication with feminist geographers across Europe. For further information, contact **Fiona Smith** (f.m.smith@dundee.ac.uk).

Aida Aragao Lagergren of the Department of Social and Economic Geography at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, is conducting a three-year research project on female migration in Sri Lanka.

Katherine Hörschelmann (Durham University, UK) and **Bettina van Hoven** (Groningen University, The Netherlands) have prepared an extensive inventory of current research on masculinities for the Spring, 2006 issue of *Georundbrief* (No.29), the newsletter of the German-speaking network on feminist geographers. It includes work from a number of countries including the UK, US Singapore, Germany, and Norway. Summaries of the projects are provided in English.

Blackwell Publishers is initiating a new journal, *Geography Compass* designed to provide peer-reviewed surveys of recent scholarship in any area of physical and human geography. It is intended to have international coverage. For further information, guidelines or to submit an abstract for a proposed article contact Senior Editors Mike Bradshaw <http://blackwell-publishing.msgfocus.com/c/18PPq8fKAcf4XImf>, or Basil Gomez <http://blackwell-publishing.msgfocus.com/c/18PPD3OyHhsVjCmE>

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