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### Study Group Symposium Scheduled For August, 1992

The IGU Study Group on Gender and Geography will hold a symposium on the theme "Women's Paid and Unpaid Work in a Changing Global Economy" in the week prior to the Main Congress of the IGU in the USA. The symposium will be held at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 2-7, 1992.

**Format:** Four days will be devoted to a combination of plenary sessions and round table discussion groups. Mid-week, a visit will be arranged to international agencies in New York that are concerned with women's issues. Following the program on August 8, group travel will be arranged from New Jersey to the site of the Main Congress in Washington, DC. Other activities will include social events, a book show and sale, and meetings with women studies researchers and institutes on the Rutgers campus.

**Paper Submission:** Four sub-themes have been designated for the symposium: (1) women's productive work in the economy; (2) women's work in managing the environment; (3) women's work in maintaining the family and community; (4) women's political and educational work for social change.

A plenary session (lecture or panel) will be devoted to each theme, as will concurrent discussion groups. The organizers have chosen the discussion group

format to increase opportunities for exchanges among participants. These groups will replace formal paper presentation sessions. (Note: individual, 20 minute papers or posters may be submitted for the Main Congress, see page 2.)

At each discussion group session, a leader will chair a conversation about a set of related short papers. To submit a paper for discussion, please comply with the following instructions:

1. Prepare a manuscript of approximately 1500 words which includes a statement of your research question, a summary of your data or arguments, and your conclusions.
2. Type the manuscript on paper that is approximately 8 1/2" by 11" (approx. 21 cm x 28 cm) leaving a margin of 1 1/2 inches (4 cm) on all sides. Elite or 10 point type is preferred. Manuscripts may be in French or English. Include the paper title and your name and full address on the first page of text.
3. Papers must be submitted by November 30, 1991 to the Symposium Local Organizer: Dr. Joanna Regulaska, Department of Geography, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, USA. Phone: 908-932-4103; 908-932-4018; FAX 908-932-2175.

**Costs:** \$US380 per person, includes registration, accommodation, meals, trip to New York, and travel from Rutgers to Washington DC. A deposit of \$US100 must be paid by October 9, 1991 to the 27th IGC, P.O. Box 727, Tulsa OK 74101 USA. This amount should be included with registration for the Main Congress. The balance must be paid by April 9, 1992. (See Preliminary Program, p. 78 for full details about changes, cancellations and refunds.)

A maximum of 100 places is available for the symposium. Applications will be accepted in the order they are received.

**NOTE:** The 27th IGC has established a **Host and Travel Grant Competition** to assist geographers from low income countries to participate in the 27th IGC. Some donors to this fund have specified that their donations be awarded to women geographers, in addition to the funds that may be awarded to women in the general competition. See Preliminary Program for details of the Host and Travel Grant Program.

## **Plan Now to Participate in the 27th International Geographical Congress in the United States, August, 1992**

The 27th IGC offers unprecedented opportunities for presentations and discussions in feminist geography. The Study Group on Gender and Geography is organizing a week-long symposium on "Women's Paid and Unpaid Work in a Changing Global Economy" to be held at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey from August 2-7 which will conclude with group travel to Washington, D.C. for the Main Congress which takes place between August 9-14.

Details about the Study Group's Symposium are provided on page 1. We are also hoping to see an array of sessions on women and gender themes at the Main Congress, both as individually contributed papers and/or posters and as part of packaged sessions arranged on behalf of the study group by our members.

Presenters at the Main Congress will be allowed 20 minutes to present a paper in English or French and the abstracts will be published. If you wish to organize a packaged session (up to four papers (international authors) plus a discussant please notify Maria Dolors

Garcia Ramon, Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain 08193 FAX 343-581-2001.

Abstracts for papers and posters are due at the 27th IGC Office by October 9, 1991 and must be submitted on forms included in the Congress Preliminary Program. Full details about submission, registration, housing etc. are in publication. If you do not have a Preliminary Program, please write for a copy to Cindy Challis Orr, Meetings Manager, 27th IGC, P.O. Box 727, Tulsa, OK, 74101 USA.

The Congress Scientific Program Committee is eager to see papers on women and gender. Suggestions for such work are provided in many sections of the program outline. Please read the Preliminary Program carefully. Within the descriptions of the seven sections are examples of topics that might be presented. Note that these are examples and are not intended to exclude other topics. We have listed below a number of the sections in which gender topics might be placed.

### Section I: Observing and Representing the Earth

IA1: Cultural interpretations of space and place--e.g. gender and landscape

IA2: Spatial cognition--e.g. gender differences

### Section II: Environmental Change

IIA: Approaches to the study of human-environment relationships--e.g. ecofeminism

### Section III: Dynamics of the World Economy

IIIA3: The definition and measurement of economic concepts--e.g. revising the concepts of "work" or the "household"

IIIB1a: Women and the reorganization of the agricultural enterprise

IIIB1d: Changing production and labor practices and their consequences

IIIB1e: Changing demands for women workers; gender segregation in the workforce

IIIB3d: Impact of the debt crisis at local and national scales--e.g., on the household

### Section IV: Human Wants, Needs, and Rights

IIVA2 Conceptual and methodological approaches to the study of women's needs and rights (e.g. strategic versus practical needs).

IVB1: Changing world patterns in the quality of life--e.g., reproductive rights; changes in household and family structures

IVB2: Access to and control over land, shelter, natural resources and food

IVB3: Women's physical and mental health (including leisure)

IVB4: Personal and collective security--e.g., domestic and personal safety

IVB6: Changes at the interface of systems of rights--e.g. maternal mortality and access to contraception; access to employment and provision of care for children and the elderly

IVC4: Geographic education--e.g., teaching about sexism

#### Section V: Political Order and Change

VA: Concepts and methods--e.g. conceptualizing politics at the intra-household scale

VB3: Local politics, e.g. community service provision for women; women as local political activists

#### Section VI: Geography: Defining Territory and Crossing Boundaries

VIA1: Geography in the world of the mind--e.g., the development of feminist geography

VIA3: Intellectual bridges--e.g., feminist geography and its relation to interdisciplinary feminist scholarship

VIB: Geography in the post-secondary curriculum--e.g., integrating feminist perspectives

#### Section VII: New Worlds Discovered (a section commemorating the Columbian Quincentennial)

VIIB2: Women travellers' and settlers' views of the Americas

VIIB4: The transformation of New World economies--e.g. women in plantation agriculture

VIIC2: Transformations in the making--e.g., contemporary women and migration in the Americas

## **PUBLICATIONS**

The International Labor Office publishes a series "Women, Work, and Development," of low-priced books covering a variety of world areas. Among the 18 titles are Indian Women in Subsistence and Agricultural Labour; From Peasant Girls to Bangkok Masseuses; Cuban Women: Changing Roles and Population Trends; Women Carpet Weavers in Rural Turkey; Seven Roles of Women: Impact of Education,

Migration and Employment on Ghanaian Mothers; and Unpaid Work in the Household: A Review of Economic Evaluation Methods. Further information on publications may be from the ILO, 1828 L St. NW, Suite 801, Washington DC 20036 or from the ILO Office, CH 1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland.

A special issue of Geografisch Tijdschrift Vol. 25, No. 1, 1991 is devoted to research on women. Articles are in Dutch with English abstracts. They include papers by Lia Karstens, on women and leisure outside the home; Joos Droogleever-Fortuijn, on child-care arrangements of dual-income families; Lambert van der Laan and Herman Scholten, on female labor market participation in the Netherlands; Lenie Scholten, on regional restructuring and the sexual division of labor in the metal industry in the Netherlands; Gonnie Hendriks, on spatial conditions and women re-entering the labor market; Donny Meertens on women colonists in the Colombian rainforest; Marleen Nolten on the gender division of labor in rural Malaysia; Isa Baud, on women in Indian industrial production; Henk van Dijk and Aalt Riezebos, on gender differences in students' interests in geography; Irene Tom and Josanne Kers, on women's studies in geography school textbooks; and Lia Karstens and Donny Meertens on the state of the art of feminist geography. Copies may be purchased from KNAG, Weteringschans 12, 1017 SG Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

SEEDS: Supporting Women's Work in the Third World is a collection of nine of the case studies on innovative and practical programs for low income women from the pamphlet series published with support from The Population Council. Further information on the series is available from SEEDS, P.O. Box 3923 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 USA. For information on the edited collection contact The Feminist Press, CUNY, 311 E 94th St, New York, NY 10128.

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Sylvia Chant Women and Survival in Mexican Cities: Perspectives on Gender, Labour Markets, and Low-income Households. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1991.

Ruth Fincher and Stephanie Fahey "Introduction: Feminist Perspectives in Australian Geography," Australian Geographical Studies, 28(1) 1990, 3-4.

Gunnel Forsberg "On feminism and geography in Sweden," Nordisk Samhallsgeografisk Tidskrift, 11, 1990, 117-125.

Allison Gill "Women in isolated resource towns: An examination of gender differences in cognitive structures," Geoforum, 21(3), 1990, 347-58.

Gladwin, Christina H. (ed.) Structural Adjustment and African Women Farmers. Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1991

John Gold "Changing places, creating spaces," Area, 22(1), 1990, 77 (report of presentation by Janice Monk to Centre for Geography in Higher Education, Oxford Polytechnic).

Susan Hanson and Geraldine Pratt "Geographic perspectives on the occupational segregation of women," National Geographic Research, 6(4) 1990, 376-99.

Louise Johnson, "New courses for a gendered geography: Teaching feminist geography at the University of Waikato," Australian Geographical Studies, 28(1), 1990, 29-37.

Janet Kodras and John Paul Jones III (eds.) Geographic Dimensions of United States Policy London: Edward Arnold, 1990 (includes chapters on women's issues and state legislation (H. Briavel Holcomb, Janet E. Kodras and Stanley Brunn) and work, welfare, and poverty among Black female-headed families (John Paul Jones III)

Sara McLafferty and Valerie Preston "Gender, race, and commuting among service sector workers," The Professional Geographer, 43(1), 1991, 1-14.

Valentine Moghadam Gender and Restructuring: Perestroika, the 1989 Revolutions and Women WIDER Working Paper 87. Helsinki: World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University, 1991.

Janet Henshall Momsen Women and Development in the Third World, Routledge: London, 1991.

Janice Monk "Feminist Geography," in Gary Dunbar (ed.) Modern Geography: An Encyclopaedic Survey. New York: Garland Publishing.

Janice Monk and Vera Norwood "Re-membering the Australian city: Urban landscapes in women's fiction," in Leo Zonn (ed.) Place Images in Media: Portrayal, Meaning and Experience. Totowa, NJ: Rowman and Littlefield.

Lisa Drewes Nielsen "Flexibility, gender, and local labour markets—some examples from Denmark," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 15(1), 1991, 42-54.

Gloria Orenstein, Reweaving the World: The Emergence of Ecofeminism, Sierra Club Books, 1990

Geraldine Pratt and Susan Hanson "On the links between home and work: family-household strategies in a buoyant labour market," International Journal of Urban and Regional Research, 15(1), 1991, 55-74.

Joanna Regulska "Women and Power in Poland: Hopes or Reality," in Jill Bystydzinski (ed.) Women in International Perspective, Bloomington: Indiana UP (forthcoming).

Marion Roberts Living in a Man-Made World: Gender Assumptions in Modern Housing Design London: Routledge, 1991.

Jane Robinson Wayward Women: A Guide to Women Travellers. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990.

Gillian Rose "Resources for teaching gender and geography," Journal of Geography in Higher Education, 157-162.

Scharff, Virginia Taking the Wheel: Women and the Coming of the Motor Age New York: The Free Press, 1991.

Elizabeth Teather "Early postwar Sydney: A comparison of its portrayal in fiction and in official documents," Australian Geographical Studies, 28(2), 1990, 204-23.

P. Thomas and H. Skeat "Gender in Third World development studies," Australian Geographical Studies, 28(1), 1990, 5-15.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Gemma Canoves Valiente has been awarded her doctorate at the Autonomous University of Barcelona upon completion of the thesis "Mujer, trabajo, y explotacion familiar: un analisis desde la Geografia del Genero."

Adhiambo Odago has earned her doctorate at Oxford University with the thesis "Kech En Mar Pesa: Livelihood and gender in a western Kenya sublocation."

Saraswati Raju (India) has been awarded a Traveyan Fellowship and grant-in-aid from the British Council in India to spend summer, 1992 at Durham University.

Sonia Alves Calio has completed her doctorate at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil on "Gender Relations in the City: A Contribution of Feminist Thought to Urban Geography."

Rochelle Ball completed her doctorate at the University of Sydney on the theme of women and international contract labor migration focusing on the case of the Philippines and especially of nurses. She has now accepted a position at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

## RECENT CONFERENCES

At the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Miami in April, 1991, 50 papers on women, gender, or adopting feminist perspectives were presented on a wide array of topics from women travellers and geographers, to studies of Third World women's work, women and service delivery, and issues in teaching about women. Large attendance was recorded at sessions on feminism and post-modernist theoretical approaches, and well-known feminist literary and women's studies scholar, Catharine Stimpson gave an invited evening lecture "Spacing Out and Closing In: Some Notes on the Politics of Location." Two innovations at the meeting included a women's breakfast, jointly sponsored by the

Geographic Perspectives on Women Specialty Group (GPOW) and the Committee on the Status of Women in Geography and the showing of a film produced by Maynard Weston Dow and Mildred Berman which brought together clips from interviews with several senior women geographers. The showing was followed by a panel reflecting on the film. The GPOW Award of Merit was presented to Joni Seager, recognizing especially the value of her co-authored atlas Women in the World: An International Atlas.

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At the Institute of British Geographers Meeting in Sheffield in January, 1991 the IGU Gender Study Group co-sponsored a set of 8 papers on "Gender and Development: The Impact of Restructuring." The papers, divided into three sets, addressed women's experiences in Europe (Spain & Ireland), South Asia (Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and India), and Middle America (Mexico and the Caribbean). Another set of papers took up the theme "Prisons or Spaces: Policies, Places, and Women," focusing on such issues as transportation, employment, and public safety, and considering how gender intersects with race and class. A number of other sessions included single papers on gender and feminist concerns including presentations on women and neighborhood political activism, feminism and cultural representations of the "other," and on one-parent families.

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Between April 3-11, approximately 75 students and 25 geography faculty and other staff members from universities in Greece, The Netherlands, Portugal, Denmark, Spain and the U.K. met for the second intensive Erasmus course in geography and gender. The course was organized by Janet Townsend, Nicky Gregson, Janet Momsen and Liz Bondi.

The topics covered in the morning lectures were gender relations in North-East England; gender divisions of labor; patriarchal gender relations; gender dichotomies, space, place and sexuality. The afternoons and some evenings were devoted to workshops and field trips about women's work and life in the North East (visit to factories, Washington and Peterlee New Towns, etc.)

In 1992 The Third Erasmus intensive course will be organized by The Autonomous University of Barcelona and will take place in Barcelona between March 24th and April 1st will probably focus on women's work

and life in Southern European countries. If interested, please contact Prof. M. Dolores Garcia-Ramon, Departament de Geografia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 08193 Bellaterra (Spain).

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A seminar on "Women and Environment" was organized by the Bangladesh Geographical Society, March 8-10 at the University of Dhaka. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Rosie Majid Ahsan, Department of Geography, University of Dhaka, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh.

The Feminist Geography Group (German-speaking countries) held a conference on "Nature, Ecology, Landscape" April 4-6, 1991 in Bern, Switzerland. Seven papers were presented on such themes as feminist urban politics and housewives and environmental conservation.

Because of unforeseen circumstances, the organizers of the Symposium on Gender and Economic Restructuring, scheduled for Waterloo, Canada May 5-10, reluctantly cancelled the program. A number of the papers prepared for the symposium have been accepted for publication in the IGU Gender Study Group Working Paper Series (see p. 7) and others are currently under review for inclusion in the series.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The IGU Gender Study Group is co-sponsoring a section on "Women and Work in the Third World" at the conference "Regional Question and Social Movements in the Third World" which is being organized by the IGU Commission on Third World Development. The conference will be held at the Department of Geography, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil, July 21-26, 1991. Further information is available by writing to the Comissai Organizadora do Encontro, Dep. de Geografia, Universidade de Sao Paulo, Caixa Postal 8105/CEP 05508, Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil.

Sessions at the Pacific Science Congress to be held in Hawaii, May 27 - June 2, are also being co-sponsored by the IGU Gender Study Group. A report on this meeting will be included in the next newsletter.

The Feminist Geography Group (German-speaking countries) is planning a meeting in April, 1992 with British women geographers in cooperation with the Feminist Organization of Women Planners and Architects, Hamburg. The conference will address social and economic problems and urban planning. For details contact Mechthild Roessler, Abteilung fur Wirtschaftsgeographie, Institut fur Geographie, Bundesstrasse 55, D-W-2000, Hamburg, Germany.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Xu Jianhui reports that though gender studies have barely developed in Chinese geography, she and colleagues Li Wenyi and Zhang Li are discussing possible projects. Zhang Li has written some articles on women in Tibet and Li Wenyi, a senior physical geographer, is concerned about the representation and advancement of women in the discipline. They decided to undertake a study of the problems women geographers face at the Institute of Geography, Chinese Academy of Science and of ways to address them.

Several studies on women and gender issues are underway at the University of Pretoria in the Republic of South Africa. Joan Fairhurst has completed a project on child care services in Greater Pretoria drawing on data from care givers ("day-mothers") and parents. The study examines the different patterns among parents of diverse ethnic background, income levels, and couples versus single parent households. Among students, topics include a geographical analysis of the informal sector flea markets in Pretoria, focusing on women's roles (Stene Henning); the status of women in cooperative home industries in Pretoria (Myrna Maree); spatial aspects of leisure patterns of women employees in different occupational groups at the University of Pretoria (Louise McKellar); and the role of women in selected environmental conservation organizations (Shellie Roodt). It is hoped to expand the latter project into a study for the Women's Bureau of South Africa. Three honors students have enrolled for a gender study component, including Precious Tshenase, the first Black woman honors student in geography at the University.

A national meeting of German women geography students was held November 15-18 in Tuebingen. About 20 women met to establish contact and discuss research on such topics as women and development (including migration); women and urban planning; and establishing a bibliography on German women's studies.

The Fall, 1990 Newsletter of the Women and Geography Study Group of the Institute of British Geographers provides a detailed report of discussions at a meeting held in September, 1990 in London on the theme of "Feminists and Feminism in the Academy." The meeting focused on the differences within feminism. Short reports are provided by Liz Bondi, Linda McDowell, Eleonore Kofman, and Gillian Rose.

Jember Teferra, Ethiopia, is setting up a project in Addis Ababa that adopts an integrated holistic approach to development. Target populations include low-income self-employed women, children, the elderly, and disabled. The project includes attention to housing, health, and community development, attempting to foster personal and social awareness and capacity to deal with problems.

The European Network for Women's Studies/Reseau Europeen d'Etudes sur les Femmes publishes a newsletter which covers reports from individual countries, announcements of conferences, and publications. For further information contact ENWS/REEF, Coordinator Hilly Lemaire, Ministry of Education and Science, P.O. Box 25000,, 2700 LZ Zoetermeer, The Netherlands. Geographer Gudrun Olafsdottir is the network contact for the Forum for Icelandic Women's Studies.

## **Working Papers**

The following papers prepared for the cancelled Waterloo conference have been added to the Working Paper Series. Several others are currently under review.

#12. "The relationship between community size, female employment rates and the educational level of the female labor force." Peter Meusberger and Jurgen Schmude

#13. "Child Care as a Space-Time Constraint in the Daily Life of the Economically Active Mother in Greater Pretoria." Joan Fairhurst

#14 "Un plan directeur du point de vue des femmes." Sonia Alves Calio

#15 "The Impact of the Debt Crisis on Nigerian Women." Marie Pauline Eboh

#16. "Women's Work and the Urban Household Economy in Developing Countries." Briavel Holcomb and Tamar Rothenburg

#17. "Women in the Italian Workplace: Evolution of a Role." Gisella Cortesi and Marina Marengo