Letter from Commission Chair

Dear Commission Members

It is an honour to be nominated as Chair of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography for the period 2016 – 2020. For many years I have been inspired by our Commission – members and Chairs - and I will do my very best to continue to build on our successes. Our membership continues to grow, and our activities make a positive difference in people’s lives. I’m excited about the next four years, working with the Steering Committee, and supporting our activities around the globe. We have a number of meetings planned, but before I discuss these, I would like to say a special thank you to our past Chair.

Thanks to Shirlena Huang

Shirlena Huang’s strong leadership - Chair 2012 – 2016 - is evidenced in the many activities during this period. The Commission had meetings in Hamburg and Cologne (2012), Nara and Kyoto (2013), Warsaw, Krakow, Rondônia and Delhi (2014), Milwaukee and Moscow (2015), Beijing and Barcelona (2016). During Shirlena’s term, the Commission gained the inaugural ‘Commission Excellence Award’ in 2014 in recognition of our activities and achievements for 2012 and 2013. This is a most impressive period of leadership. Thank you Shirlena. We very much appreciate your commitment to the Commission.

Planned Activities

The following meetings are scheduled.

- International Seminar: Gendering Qualitative Methods: People, Power and Place December 12-13, 2016, Manipal University, Manipal, India
- III Latin-American Seminar on Geography, Gender and Sexualities. May 16 – 19, 2017, Mexico City
- In July 2018, Auckland Aotearoa New Zealand. Details to follow.

Please refer to our website (http://igugender.socsci.uva.nl/) for details of activities.

Our theme 2016 - 2020

Our theme for the next four years is ‘A Continuing Agenda for Gender: Respecting Difference, Fostering Dialogue’. We will continue to create spaces for pluralism and difference in geography. We can do this by strengthening and increasing collaborative engagement among geographers, across national borders, sub-disciplinary boundaries, and generations. Specifically, we plan to: (a) continue organizing conferences and supporting workshops to train feminist geographers and result in consciousness-raising of gender issues and feminist approaches especially in countries outside the ‘Anglo-American center’; (b) develop a Young and Early Career group within the Commission to mentor younger and emerging
scholars interested in gender/feminist geography; and (c) foster dialogue on the intersection of gender with other identities that play a role in the experience of place, such as age, social class, ethnicity, sexuality, ability and others.

I very much look forward to working with you all.

Warm wishes

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**Feminist Geographies and Intersectionality: Places Identities and Knowledges Conference**

Hosted by the Geography and Gender Research Group of the Autonomous University of Barcelona the IGU Gender Commission sponsored a stimulating and highly successful conference July 14-16, 2016. It brought together 76 researchers from 21 countries (Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, US and UK) and included three keynote lectures, twelve paper sessions, one panel, and a walking tour of the old city of Barcelona led by Antoni Luna and Rosa Cerarols of Pompeu Fabra University. The Commission highly appreciates the excellent organization and sustained efforts of the organizing hosts and the organizers expressed their gratitude to all delegates for their participation and generous collaborations.

The first keynote lecture, by Joos Droogleever Fortuijn (IGU Vice-President) University of Amsterdam linked research and teaching to demonstrate why intersectionality matters in any learning environment and how to engage with intersectionality. Hanna Hamdam Saliba (Urban and Regional Planner, Palestine/Israel) focused on everyday spatial experiences, practices, and behaviors of Arab women in
Barcelona and Jaffa/Tel Aviv and how these women cope with various power structures which influence their spatial practices in urban space. Margarida Queirós do Vale (University of Lisbon) spoke on gendering smart cities: time-spaces and places for feminism, the main issue of a project that employs innovative methods to research socio-economic aspects of men’s and women’s daily uses of space and time.

Participants presentations took up multiple themes emphasizing attention to intersectionality of various identities and domains: teaching and learning, activism, intersectional theory, sexualities, masculinities, religions, migrations, methodologies and mobilities, work and gender contract. They explored identities and representations (in a broad sense of human rights, citizenship, environmental justice and rights to housing, planning and policies) and reflected what is less considered in relation to human rights – sexualities and queer politics, citizenship, environmental justice, and rights to housing. The conference especially sought attention to theories and methodologies for their learning potential and with themes less studied such as religion.

**The Gender Commission at the IGU Congress in Beijing: August 22-25**

The Commission sponsored a full suite of sessions at the Congress both independently and jointly with the Commissions on Political and Urban Geography. Additionally, individual members presented papers in sessions organized by other Commissions, for example, the Commission on the History of Geography. Recurring themes included migration, women’s employment and economic situation, aspects of work and family, gendered bodies, empowerment in public and private spheres, and gendered rights. They addressed urban and rural settings. Regional representation was diversified, with multiple presentations by Asian geographers, especially from India and Singapore. Presentations that broke new ground included one presented in poetic form and another on collaborative research by two undergraduates from Tehran on young women’s perceptions and experiences of sexual harassment in urban Tehran.

The Gender Commission business meeting on August 24 was led by Commission Chair Shirlena Huang, was well attended by both continuing and new members. A featured topic was development of the YES! Initiative to support young and early career scholars, presented jointly by co-chairs Kamalini Ramdas (National University of Singapore) and task force member Milena Janiec Grygo (University of South Florida). The task force is currently conducting a survey that can be accessed at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYSYFO8](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JYSYFO8). The intent is to use the taskforce to build a platform for networking, sharing and peer-peer mentoring, while also connecting to the resources of established feminist geographers who can be mentors and allies for early career feminist geographers.

To learn more about YES! please contact co-Chairs Caroline Faria [cvfaria@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cvfaria@austin.utexas.edu), Kamalini Ramdas [geokr@nus.edu.sg](mailto:geokr@nus.edu.sg).

Research Project

We are pleased to report that a research grant from the University of Delhi has funded Andindita Datta for preparation of *Voices from the Disciplinary Edge: Mapping the Development of Gender and Feminist Geographies in India*. The first phase of the project has just been completed.

Honors for Maria Dolors Garcia Ramon. Autonomous University of Barcelona

Recognizing her sustained local and international contributions to gender studies in geography Maria Dolors Garcia Ramon has received two major honors. At the closing ceremony of the IGU Congress in Beijing in August she awarded the IGU Lauréat d’Honneur for her scholarship and leadership. These include her role as founding secretary of the Commission in 1988, initiator of the active Gender Group at her university which has engaged and fostered many gender scholars some of whom who are now colleagues. She has hosted multiple international visitors and organized international gender conferences. Her research on women’s work and identities in rural settings has been sustained, as have her studies on the histories of women travelers. The occasion at the IGU offered a great opportunity to celebrate her contributions and friendships.

In October, she was honored with the Prix Vautrin-Lud which is also known as the “Nobel Prize of Geography” since 1990 it recognizes distinguished geographers and is presented at the International Geography Festival held annually in Sant-Dié de Vosges in France. Maria Dolors becomes the fourth woman geography to be recognized.
New Books


姜蘭虹 and 宋郁玲 (Nora) and Yu-Ling (Cathy) Song (2017) 社會與 空間讀本 (eds)Gender, Society and Space: Selected Translations. Taipei, Taiwan: Tonsan.


Worth, Nancy and Claire Dwyer (eds). 2016 . *Identities and Subjectivities*. Singapore: Springer. This edited collection, Volume 4 in the series on Geographies of Children and Young People includes a number of chapters that have a gender focus and set in diverse contexts. The table of contents can be accessed from the Springer website -- http://link.springer.com/referencework/10.1007%2F978-981-287-023-0

**Journal Theme Sections**

*The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographie Canadien* 60 (2)2016 includes a theme section with x articles addressing issues of mental health in academia in contemporary North American. See below for individual items.

*The Professional Geographer 2016* (early view) has a focus section on feminist research and knowledge . See below for individual papers.

**Recent Articles and Book Chapters.**

Note – all articles from volume 7 of the Brazilian electronic journal *Revista latino-americana de geografia e gênero* are listed as Rlagg v.7


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* Note – all entries listed as Rlagg are from Revista Latino-americana de Geografia e Gênero


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Pinheiro da Silvam Reijane, 2016, “Imigrantes Goianas na Irlanda: Agências e Interpretações.” 10.5212/Rlagg.v.7.i2.o0004


Rauta Petarly, Renata. 2016. “Economia solidária e feminista: apontamentos sobre a representação do trabalho doméstico pelas mulheres de Araguainha.” TO 10,5212/Rlagg.v.7.i2.o0009


Schurr, Carolin. 2016. “From geopolitics to bioeconomies: The ART of (re)producing white futures in Mexico’s surrogacy market. Environment and Planning D: Society and Space

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