Message from the Chair
My heartfelt thanks goes to Janice Monk for her 30 years as Editor of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography Newsletter. For over three decades, Jan’s dedication to producing our Newsletter has been truly remarkable and I am sure everyone will agree, she has gone above and beyond expectations. Our Commission is diverse and one way to show our diversity is through the Newsletter. Jan has played a vital role showcasing our strengths and connecting us through the Newsletter. Thank you Jan!
I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank Joos Droogleever Fortuijn for stepping in and taking on the job as Newsletter Editor. Joos is a strong supporter of the Commission, and has served as a Steering Group Member and Chair. She is Vice President of the IGU. We are in good hands, thanks to Joos.
Earlier this year I attended the joint New Zealand Geographical Society (NZGS) and Institute of Australian (IAG) Geography Conference, which took place in Auckland Aotearoa New Zealand, 11 – 14 July 2018. I also was delighted to be part of organising and hosting (with Annie Bartos and Yvonne Underhill-Sem) the Gendered Geographies of Care and Mentoring Symposium. We started the Symposium in the Women’s Bookstore. Professor Robyn Longhurst (ex Chair of our Commission) was a key note speaker, as was Aotearoa New Zealand’s Member of Parliament, and Minister of Social Development and Disabilities Carmel Sepuloni. The Symposium – which approximately continued on the following day and involved workshops on care and mentoring. Gender, Sex, Space and Place specialist sessions were part of the NZGS / IAG Conference Programme in Auckland 11 - 15th July 2018. The presentations were inspiring, reminding all of us about the importance of critical geographical research. The range of approaches and depth of empirical evidence are important contributions to feminist and queer geographies. It was a pleasure to listen to all presenters.
I also was able to attend the IGU’s Regional Conference and Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers in Quebec City, Canada, 6 – 10 August 2018, ‘Appreciating Difference’. Prior to this (4 – 6 August), the Feminist Geographies in/during Troubled Times: Dialogues, Interventions and Praxis Conference took place at the University of Montreal. Huge thanks goes to the organisers: Marianne Blidon (Université de Paris-Sorbonne); Caroline Desbiens (Université Laval); Patricia Martin (Université de Montréal); Tiffany Muller-Myrdahl (Simon Fraser University); Julie Podmore (John Abbott College); Valerie Preston (York University); Laura Shillington (John Abbott college); Laurence Simard-Gagnon (Queen’s University); and, Ebru Ustundag (Brock University).
The Commission is always interested in co-hosting events. In 2019 we are pleased to support the IV Latin American Seminar on Geography, Gender and Sexualities will be held at the Buenos Aires Center University - Tandil – Argentina, 13-15 November 2019 (see https://geografiadegenero.wixsite.com/geografiadegenero). All enquiries to Diana Lan, 
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To keep up to date with events, please visit our website https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender.

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Future events
The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography co sponsors the 7th International Conference on Gender Studies Gender, Space & Place and Culture.
The 7th International Conference on Gender Studies will be held in Famagusta, North Cyprus on 10-12 October, 2019 by the Center for Women’s Studies of the Eastern Mediterranean University. The goal of the conference is to provide a place for scholars, experts, professionals and activists with interdisciplinary backgrounds related to gender and space relations to exchange new ideas and latest researches. We seek to create a ground to examine relations between various disciplines such as urban planning, architecture, politics, gender and women’s studies, anthropology, environmental studies, sociology, and history.
One of the earliest findings of feminist geographers is how gender relations varied and altered through space (Massey, 1994). Feminist academics and researchers who study on gender and space aim to examine and reveal the latent mutual constitution between gender discrimination and space segregation (Dias ve Blecha, 2008). Spatial relations are constitutive parts of social life; the spatial concepts and approaches developed by feminists would provide new insights and perspectives for various disciplines. So, looking at the mutual constitution between gender and space would also provide new ideas on the current changes in social sciences. In North Cyprus and Turkey, although there is a limited number of studies entitled itself in the category of feminist geography, in recent years there is an increasing interest focusing and examining gender and space relations by various disciplines, such as gender and women’s studies, political science, sociology, anthropology, history. Increasing numbers of articles and graduate degree dissertations, which based on peculiar field studies, display the specialty on gender space relations. Researchers and activists at all stages of their careers are that are interested in presenting papers engage with discussions on current and emerging theoretical or methodological innovations on gender and space studies. We aim to promote intergenerational and intersectional dialogues among feminist scholars, researchers, and activists around the theme of practicing gender and space.
The conference will aim to explore, but not limited to, following themes: * Exploring Feminist Geographies: Theories, Methods and Strategies * Gender and the City: Feminist Analyses of Urban Space * Gendered Spaces of the Public and Private: Negotiations and Boundaries * Gender and Workplace: Spatial Analyses of Work * Gender and Changing Meanings of Home * Neoliberalism, Gender, Spaces of Power and Resistance * Gender and New Geographies of Inequality: Gentrification, Urban Renewal and Housing * Gender, Development and Rural Geographies * Geographies of Gender, Migration and Transnational Spaces * Gendered Geographies of Displacement and Dislocation * Gender, Place and Memory * Religion, Space and Place: Doing Feminist Geographies of Religion Eastern Mediterranean University, Center for Women's Studies, Room: BE 159, Famagusta, Turkish Republic of North Cyprus, (Via Mersin 10, Turkey) Doğu Akdeniz Üniversitesi, Kadın Araştırmaları ve Eğitimi Merkezi, BE 159, Gazimağusa, KKTC, (Mersin 10, Türkiye) Tel: 00- 90 392 630 2269 Fax: 00- 90 392 365 4038 E-mail: cws-kaem@emu.edu.tr http://cws.emu.edu.tr * Emotional Geographies: Body, Sense and Space * Gender, Body and Spaces of Disability * Queer Spaces and Geographies of Sexualities * Spaces of Masculinities and Manhood * Representations of Gendered Spaces in Literature and the Visual Arts
Submissions are subject to blind peer review at every stage. Papers without gender perspective will be rejected. Abstracts and papers will be accessible to all participants on the conference website once the complete program is set. Due to the international nature of the conference only abstracts written in English will be accepted for review. Please send your abstracts (not more than 250 words) through e-mail; gspc@emu.edu.tr

Past events
The Canadian Women and Geography (CWAG) specialty group of the Canadian Association of Geographers and the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography organized a pre-conference on ‘Feminist Geographies in/during Troubled Times: Dialogues, Interventions and Praxis’ in Montreal, Canada on August 4-6 2018, in conjunction with the IGU Regional Conference in Québec. wrote the report.

The Canadian Women and Geography (CWAG) specialty group of the Canadian Association of Geographers and the International Geographic Union (IGU) Commission on Gender and Geography hosted a feminist geography pre-conference with the University of Montreal on August 4-6, 2018 in Montreal, Quebec. The success of the conference was the result of the dedication and contributions of the organizing committee, which included Patricia Martin (Université de Montreal); Julie Podmore (John Abbott College); Laura Shillington (John Abbott College); Ebru Ustundag (Brock University); Marianne Blidon (Université de Paris-Sorbonne); Tiffany Muller Myrdahl (Simon Fraser University); Valerie Preston (York University); Laurence Simard-Gagnon (Queen’s University); and Caroline Desbiens (Université Laval). The theme of the conference, Feminist Geographies in/during Troubled Times: Dialogues, Intervention and Praxis, focused on how to practice feminist geography while experiencing ecological and societal changes. This theme was explored through intergenerational and intersectional dialogues among researchers, scholars and activists from various parts of the world who participated in workshops, roundtables and panels. The topics discussed covered a range of subjects, including Indigenous mapping, mental health, the future of work, spaces and places, the international, bodies and embodiments, feminist-queer geography as well as many other topics. The first day of the conference, August 4th began with a walking tour of Montreal’s former Red-Light District to explore the social, economic, cultural, racial and gendered history of Montreal. The tour ended at the feminist bookstore, L’Euguelionne, librarie feministe, for a welcome ceremony and party. This event not only was a chance to network in an informal setting, but it was a celebration of the retirement and contributions to feminist geographies of Dr. Fran Klodawsky (Carleton University) and Dr. Damaris Rose (Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique) with introductions by Dr. Valerie Preston (York University).

August 5th consisted primarily of the workshops, roundtables and panels as mentioned above. The day began with a welcome from members of the organizing committee and took place at the University of Montreal. At the end of the day, the conference then moved to Le Rond Point, Café Autogéré in Montreal for a special panel on social movements. This Francophone panel, organized by Laurence Simard Gagnon and Stéphane Guimont Marceau, consisted of activists who discussed the feminist, anti-racist work in which they are involved, such as working with
domestic violence survivors; working in an anti-racist and anti-fascist group; working with the intersections of migrant justice, feminism, independent media and antiracist struggles; and working as an activist in the education system.
The final day, August 6th, began with an open session, Troubling CWAG: What’s in a Name, to discuss the future of CWAG’s name. After this session, there was the final session of panels, roundtables and workshops. The day finished with the Gender, Place and Culture editorial committee meeting. Overall, the conference was a success and enjoyed by all. New dialogues were initiated, questions asked, and solutions brought forward on how to practice feminist geography in troubled times. More importantly, spaces were created to explore the important connections between feminist geographies, queer and anti-racist geographies, political ecology and non-human geographies so that we can work in solidarity to address the societal and ecological changes that we are currently undergoing.

Leanne Letourneau

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She is a leading scholar in gender, social and cultural geography. Her sustained intellectual and institutional contributions – nationally and internationally – continue to profoundly reshape the discipline. She served the Union’s Gender and Geography Commission for three terms, one of which as Chair, and is a global collaborator with numerous groups and institutions. Robyn’s theoretically and empirically rich research focuses on the challenges and complexities of people, inequalities and injustices. Her research on gendered spaces - particularly pregnancy, mothering and social media - is ground-breaking. A committed educator, she has many awards for her geography teaching and research supervision and is a richly deserving recipient of the Lauréat d’honneur.

The Lauréat d’honneur has traditionally been dominated by men, so even in receiving the award, Professor Longhurst is continuing to help shape the organisation and change gender boundaries. “Although this award has been conferred upon me, and for this I’m deeply grateful, it actually reflects positively on the incredible work carried out by the Gender and Geography Commission,” she says. “It has been a privilege working with members of this highly successful Commission on issues of inequality over many years, and I see this award as being for all of those who contributed to this success. The award also reflects positively on the discipline of Geography in New Zealand.”

This is the first time in the Union’s long history that New Zealanders have received the award, with Professor Richard Le Heron from the University of Auckland also being honored alongside Professor Longhurst. “At the risk of it sounding like national pride, I think two New Zealanders receiving a Laureat this year is very special indeed.”

Robyn receives the award from Michael Meadows Secretary General, IGU.
Robyn and Commission members at the IGU’s Regional Conference and Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers in Quebec City, Canada, 10 August 2018.

More good news about Robyn:
Robyn Longhurst has been elected as Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand (FRSNZ). Becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society Te Apārangi is a prestigious honour that recognises true international distinction in research and advancement in the areas of science, technology and the humanities.
As part of the announcement the Royal Society has said the following about Robyn: **Professor Robyn Longhurst’s** highly original scholarship on gender, space and ‘the body’ has transformed the way that human geographers and other social scientists understand people-place relationships since the mid 1990s. The concept of embodiment is now seen as integral to feminist research, as well as to all research on space and place. Professor in Geography and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic at the University of Waikato, she was elected Chair of the Gender and Geography Commission of the International Geographical Union and was awarded the Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Medal in recognition of her sustained intellectual and institutional contributions to international and New Zealand feminist geography. She has consistently challenged the canons of mainstream geography and published five insightful books that provided distinctive interventions in international research and scholarship and made visible the ways in which knowledge is produced. In 2018 she received the award of Lauréat d’honneur from the International Geographical Union for her contributions to gender, social and cultural geography.

Other news:

Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon participated in a Round Table at the Insitute of Geography (IGOT) at Lisbon, October 11th, in a Hommage to the feminist geographer Prof. Isabel Margarida André who died in 2017. The title of her presentation was “Geography and Gender in Spain and its relation with Isabel M. André”.
Margareta Lelea participates in an Upgrade Plus project “Decentralised postharvest processing of underutilized species to improve food and nutrition security in West Africa” and is leader of the work package focused on capacity development and collaborative learning with women’s groups who will create collective enterprises processing underutilized species of plants. This project aims using a transdisciplinary research approach to empower the women in selected partner groups to have an active role in the knowledge production process with us.

**Special journal issues**

A special themed section that arose from an International Conference on “Feminist Geographies and Intersectionality: Places, Identities and Knowledges”, held in 2016 at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, is published in *Gender, Place & Culture*, 2018, 25:4. It was the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography International Pre-Conference for the 33rd International Geographical Union Congress in Beijing, August 2016. The section is edited by Maria Rodó-de-Zárate and Mireia Baylina, and includes the following contributions:

Rodó-de-Zárate, Maria and Mireia Baylina (2018) Intersectionality in feminist geographies, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 25:4, 547-553


Two special issues on “New Actors, Old Donors and Gender Equality Norms in International Development Cooperation”, edited by Signe Cold-Ravnkilde, Lars Engberg-Pedersen and Adam Moe Fejerskov, is published in *Progress in Development Studies*, 2018, Volumes 18:2 and 18:3, with the following contributions:


A special issue on “Transnational families; cross-country comparative perspectives”, edited by Valentina Mazzucato and Bilisuma B. Dita, is published in *Population Space and Place*, 2018, volume 42:7, with the following contributions:


Eremenko, Tatiana and Amparo González-Ferrer (2018) Transnational families and child migration to France and Spain: The role of family type and immigration policies, Population Space and Place, 42:7, e2163

A special issue section on “Gendering the right to the city: critical perspectives”, edited by Elena Vacchelli and Eleonore Kofman, is published in Cities, 2018, volume 76, with the following contributions:

Vacchelli, Elena and Eleonore Kofman (2018) Towards an inclusive and gendered right to the city, Cities 76, 1-3


Vacchelli, Elena and Magali Peyrefitte (2018) From a/topia to topia: Towards a gendered right to the city for migrant volunteers in London, Cities, 76, 12-17

Bastia, Tanja (2018) Transnational migration and the gendered right to the city in Buenos Aires, Cities, 76, 18-22

Hancock, Claire, Sophie Blanchard and Amandine Chapuis (2018) Banlieusard.e.s claiming a right to the City of Light: Gendered violence and spatial politics in Paris, Cities, 76, 23-28

Misgav, Chen and Tovi Fenster (2018) Day by day - protest by protest: Temporal activism and the feminist Mizrahi right to the city, Cities, 76, 28-35

Van den Berg, Marguerite and Danielle Chevalier (2018) Of “city lounges”, “bans on gathering” and macho policies - Gender, class and race in productions of space for Rotterdam’s post-industrial future, Cities, 76, 36-42


Fabula, Sz. and J. Timár (2018) Violations of the right to the city for women with disabilities in peripheral rural communities in Hungary, Cities, 76, 52-57

A special issue section on “Gendered, spatial and temporal approaches to Polish intra-European migration”, edited by Marta Bivand Erdal and Louise Ryan, is published in Gender, Place & Culture, 2018, 25:6 with the following contributions:

Bivand Erdal, Marta and Louise Ryan (2018) Gendered, spatial and temporal approaches to Polish intra-European migration, Gender, Place & Culture, 25:6, 843-849


A special issue section on “Space, power and sexuality: transgressive and transformative possibilities at the interstices of spatial boundaries”, edited by Magali Peyrefitte and Erin Sanders-McDonagh, is published in *Gender, Place & Culture, 2018*, 25:3 with the following contributions:

Peyrefitte, Magali and Erin Sanders-McDonagh (2018) Space, power and sexuality: transgressive and transformative possibilities at the interstices of spatial boundaries, *Gender, Place & Culture, 25:3*, 325-333


A special issue section on “Gendered mobilities and transnational identities”, edited by Claire Dwyer, is published in Gender, Place & Culture, 2018, 25:1, with the following contributions:

Dwyer, Claire (2018) Introduction: gendered mobilities and transnational identities, Gender, Place & Culture, 25:1, 80-87

De Silva, Menusha (2018) Making the emotional connection: transnational eldercare circulation within Sri Lankan-Australian transnational families, Gender, Place & Culture, 25:1, 88-103

Lam, Theodora and Brenda S. A. Yeoh (2018) Migrant mothers, left-behind fathers: the negotiation of gender subjectivities in Indonesia and the Philippines, Gender, Place & Culture, 25:1, 104-117

Lin, Jun-Hua (2018) ‘Assisting you to become a local’: NGOs and constructed foreign spouses in Eastern Taiwan, Gender, Place & Culture, 25:1, 118-133


Feministisches Geo-RundMail, 2018, Vol. 77 published a special issue on “30 Jahre Feministische Geographie” with contributions of several feminist geographers from the German speaking community. Vol. 76, 2018, is a special issue on “Anarachafeminismus” and Vol. 75 a special issue on “Feministische Politische Geographie”.

New books

Johnston, L. 2018: Transforming Gender, Sex, and Place: Gender Variant Geographies. Gender, Space and Society Series. London: Routledge


Recent articles and book chapters

production and processing hubs: A comparative analysis of Ethiopia, Madagascar and Tanzania, *Journal of Rural Studies*, 60, 188-198


Byles, Julie, Cassie Curryer, Kha Vo, Peta Folder, Deborah Loxton and Deirdre MacLaughlin (2018) Changes in housing among older women: Latent class analysis of housing patterns in older Australian women, Urban Studies, 55:4, 917-934


Cavicchioli, Daniele, Danilo Bertoni and Roberto Pretolani (2018) Farm succession at a crossroad: The interaction among farm characteristics, labour market conditions, and gender and birth order effects, Journal of Rural Studies, 61, 73-83


Cush, Peter, Aine Macken-Walsh and Anne Byrne (2018) Joint Farming Ventures in Ireland: Gender identities of the self and the social, Journal of Rural Studies, 57, 55-64

Davies, Megan, Nathaniel M. Lewis and Graham Moon (2018) Sexuality, space, gender, and health: Renewing geographical approaches to well-being in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer populations, Geography Compass, 12:5, e12369

Davis, Sasha and Jessica Hayes-Conroy (2018) Invisible radiation reveals who we are as people: environmental complexity, gendered risk, and biopolitics after the Fukushima nuclear disaster, Social & Cultural Geography, 19:6, 720-740


Giacomelli, Stefano and Michael Gibbert (2018) “He likes playing the hero – I let her have fun shooting”. Gender games in the Italian forest during hunting season, *Journal of Rural Studies*, 62, 164-173


Klingorová, Kamila and Banu Gökarkısel (2018) ‘God was with me everywhere’: women’s embodied practices and everyday experiences of sacred space in Czechia, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 25:1, 37-60


Meszaros, Julia (2018) Race, space, and agency in the international introduction industry: how American men perceive women’s agency in Colombia, Ukraine and the Philippines, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 25:2, 268-287


Moore, Francesca (2018) Historical Geography, feminist research and the gender politics of the present, *Geography Compass*, 12:9, e12398
Moss, Pamela, Katherine Brickell, Kanchana N. Ruwanpura and Margaret Walton-Roberts (2018) Happy anniversary gender, place and culture!, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 25:1, 1-3


Singh-Peterson, Lila and Manoa Iranacolaivalu (2018) Barriers to market for subsistence farmers in Fiji – a gendered perspective, *Journal of Rural Studies*, 60, 11-20


Yu, Ting-Fai (2018) Class as a method to localise queer studies in Hong Kong, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 25:2, 309-312
