Message from the Chair

Stepping up to the position of Chair in a long line of inspiring leadership is a huge honour. I also see it as an opportunity to give back to this community of feminist geographers. I thank our previous Chair Lynda Johnston for her warm support and elegant leadership. Thanks also to earlier Chairs and past and present members of the Steering Committee from whom I have received much support and encouragement.

As part of the Commission’s activities I am pleased to report the following three international conferences organised by our members and endorsed by our Commission.

- Specialist session: Gender and feminist geographies: Developments, directions and tensions at the New Zealand Geographical Society Conference 2020 organized by Prof Lynda Johnston and co-sponsored by The New Zealand Geographical Society (NZGS) Women and Gender Geographies Study Group; The Women and Gender Geographies Research Network (WGGRN); The IGU Gender and Geography Commission Young or Emerging Scholars (YES)! together with IGU Gender and Geography Commission.

- 4th International Congress on Gender and Space, to be held between 19th and 23rd April 2021, on the Virtual Platform of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (National Autonomous University of Mexico). This meeting is organized by Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (National Autonomous University of Mexico), Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (Metropolitan Autonomous of Mexico University), Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (Autonomous University of Mexico State) and Universidad Veracruzana (Veracruzana University). Steering Committee Member Prof Joseli Maria Silva is involved in supporting this conference.

- The V Latin American Seminar on Geography, Gender and Sexualities to be held in Santiago, Chile at Chile University from 7th to 10th September 2021. It will be organized by Martin Ignacio Torres Rodriguez. This conference too will have the active involvement of our Steering Committee Member Prof Joseli Maria Silva.

The Commission has also put in place plans to honour the contributions of Professor Janice Monk to gender and feminist geography. These include the following:

- The Jan Monk Mentorship programme: In honour of the ways Jan has supported so many of us, this program is meant for early career researchers and feminist geographers from under represented regions.

- Festschrift in honour of Jan Monk to be published in 2022: This volume will also commemorate thirty years of full commission status for the IGU Commission on
Gender and Geography. The CFP for this festschrift has already been shared on our listserv and is also available on our website.

- Other initiatives such as special sessions named after her at annual meetings and joint sponsorship of such sessions at other meetings are being discussed.

As before, we are thankful to Dr Caroline Faria for keeping our web page refreshed and up to date. Please visit us at https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender. We also have a twitter handle now @IgUgender. Please follow, tag, share your thoughts, achievements and ideas with us on this.

The last months have been challenging as the pandemic has impacted our taken for granted freedoms, deepened fissures in our societies and demonstrated irrevocably that we cannot ride this out unless we do it together. Across the world, feminist leadership has shown the way and underlined our focal theme ‘Care, connection and change’.

In solidarity and with good wishes to everyone!

Anindita

New Steering Committee
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Sybille Bauriedl, Germany
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Warm thanks to the former chair and steering committee members:
Lynda Johnston, New Zealand
Orna Blumen, Israel
Linda Peake, Canada
Anke Strüver, Germany

News from around the world
Congratulations for Linda Peake who received the Award For Scholarly Distinction In Geography 2020 of the Canadian Association of Geographers. The purpose of the award is to recognize a member of the CAG for outstanding scholarly work in geography either in the form of sustained contributions over a number of years or as a single major research contribution.
Judicaëlle Dietrich (University Lyon 3 Jean Moulin) and Marion Tillou (University Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis) have taken over the leadership of the Feminist Geography Commission of the CNFG - French National Committee of Geography. Marion Tillous will be the scientific director of the next International Geography Festival of Saint-Dié-des-Vosges, whose theme will be "Corps" / "Body-ies", and which will take place at the beginning of October 2021. This event will prefigure the Year of Geography in France, in which the IGU congress Paris 2022 will take place.

Congratulations for Menusha De Silva from National University of Singapore who won the Wiley Publisher’s Area Prize for New Research in Geography, for the paper “‘Daughter’ as a positionality and the gendered politics of taking parents into the field”.
https://www.rgs.org/geography/news/dr-menusha-de-silva-receives-area-prize/

Lydia Delicado initiated a new research project "Mapping pimping and sexual exploitation of girls, women and trans people spaces in Alicante" funded by the Local Council of Equality of Alicante (Spain).

Joseli Maria Silva composed the IGU Gender Commission Latin-America report: The first Meeting of the Southern Feminist Geographies Network was held online (Google Meet). It was organized by Astrid Ulloa (Universidad Nacional de Colombia), Diana Ojeda (Universidad de los Andes) and Luna Cárdenas (Colectivo de Género Francia Márquez) on 16th and 17th September 2020. The central theme of the meeting was “Dialogues between feminist geographies and black, indigenous and decolonial geographies’. Twenty-one feminist researchers from several countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Peru took part in it. During the meeting, specificities of the Latin American feminist geographies were addressed. The next meeting will be held in Ecuador in 2022 and Sofia Zaragocín from the University of San Francisco - Quito is in charge of it.

Events to be held in preparation for 2021:
1- 4th International Congress on Gender and Space that will be between 19th and 23rd April 2021, on the Virtual Platform of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (National Autonomous University of Mexico). This meeting is organized by a group of institutions:
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (National Autonomous University of Mexico), Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (Metropolitan Autonomous University of Mexico), Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (Autonomous University of the Mexico State) and Universidad Veracruzana (Veracruzana University). Mariana Sánchez (Programa Universitario de Estudios de la Ciudad in Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México [City Studies University Program at the National Autonomous University of Mexico]) is in charge of the general coordination. For further details, please access: https://www.puec.unam.mx/index.php/difusion/51-eventos-proximos/1587-convocatoria-al-4-congreso-internacional-sobre-genero-y-espacio

2- The V Latin American Seminar on Geography, Gender and Sexualities will be held in Santiago, Chile at Chile University from 7th to 10th September 2021. It will be organized by Martin Ignacio Torres Rodriguez.

YES! Update
Members of the YES! have been meeting online regularly over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic period. During our first online meeting on 25 June 2020, we discussed how to better support each other during the current period of pandemic. We also drafted a statement of solidarity that you can read on the YES! blog page. In June we also canvased for volunteers to help with various new projects and to serve as members on the YES! Committee. YES! is very excited to report a new committee member, Anjeline De Dios who is based at Department of Cultural Studies in Lingnan University, Hong Kong. To read more about Anjeline and other members of the committee, please visit the YES! Committee page here: https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/yes-committee.
Since June, we have met two more times in August and September to discuss fieldwork ethics during the time of pandemic, and gender, marriage and patriarchy in the Asian context based on the Netflix series ‘Indian Matchmaking’. To read the statement of solidarity and reflections by the facilitators of the two subsequent sessions please visit the YES! blog page at https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/yes-blogs
YES! is currently in the process of migrating to our own Wix website that will remain connected to the main IGU Gender Website via URL links and will be similar in terms of the overall look and feel (i.e. colour, logo etc.) of the current IGU Gender Commission website. The reason for moving to a separate site, is to allow YES! to populate more pages with YES! specific content. These include write-ups linked to our monthly webinars and also additional content provided by YES! Members. This requires more storage space, and hence the decision to create our own website.
A second project that YES! is currently working on is our podcast series. We have recorded two interviews so far – one with outgoing Chair of the commission, Lynda Johnston and the other with the current Chair, Anindita Datta. The podcasts are currently in the production phase and are likely to be published in November. YES! will send out an email to the wider IGU Gender Commission list as soon as the podcast is ready for listening. YES! has plans for more podcasts and we hope you will show us your support when we reach out to you. The podcast will serve as a way to document the IGU Gender Commission’s journey over the years.
The next YES! webinar takes place on 19 November at 19:00 Singapore Time (11:00 GMT). We’ll be discussing the value and challenges of developing a feminist voice/philosophy when writing research and teaching statements. If you are an early career feminist scholar and
would like to attend the webinar, or learn more about YES! please get in touch with us at yescggigiu.website@gmail.com for more details.

**Special journal issues**

*Human Geography* (2020, 13:1) published a special issue on “**Women’s resistance against the extractive industry: embodied and water dimensions**”, edited by Martina Angela Caretta and Sofia Zaragocin, with the following contributions:


*Gender, Place & Culture* (2020, 27:5) published a special issue on “**Everyday geographies of family: feminist approaches and interdisciplinary conversations**”, edited by Anna Tarrant and Sarah Marie Hall, with the following contributions:

Tarrant, Anna and Sarah Marie Hall (2020) Everyday geographies of family: feminist approaches and interdisciplinary conversations, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 27:5, 613-623

Aitken, Stuart C. (2020) Erasure, activism and Slovenian fathers on the edge in times of political madness, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 27:5, 624-642

Chiu, Tuen Yi (2020) Everyday mixed status: spillover effects of state power in Mainland China-Hong Kong cross-border families, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 27:5, 643-659


Longhurst, Robyn (2020) Thinking about research, space, Skype and swamps, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 27:5, 695-703


Morgan, David H. J. (2020) Family practices in time and space, *Gender, Place & Culture*, 27:5, 733-743
Journal of Geography in Higher Education (2020, 44:2) published a Symposium section on ‘Teaching geographies of sexualities: 20 years on’, edited by Martin Zebracki and Joseph J. Hall, with the following contributions:
Browne, Kath (2020) Isn’t this just about lesbians? Teaching hegemonic geographies of sexualities and genders here and now, Journal of Geography in Higher Education, 44:2, 203-216

Feministische Geo-RundMail (September 2020, 83) published a special issue on “Feminist Research Practice in Geography: Snapshots, Reflections, Concepts”, edited by S. Klosterkamp and A. Vorbrugg, with the following contributions:
Yaka, Özge (2020) Research as a transformative process: Methodology, practice and positionality, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 6-9
Adler, Viktoria (2020) Privileged interlocutors, privileged researcher. Reflections on how (white) privilege travels transnationally, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 10-14
Dijkema, Claske (2020) In search of research relations based on reciprocity, the (im)possibilities of setting up a collaboration between the University and a marginalized social housing neighborhood in Grenoble (France), Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 24-28
Nimführ, Sarah (2020) Reflections on collaborative knowledge production in the context of forced migration, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 29-33
Abena Akese, Grace (2020) Researching Agbogbloshie: A reflection on refusals in fieldwork encounters, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 52-54
Cima, Ottavia (2020) From failure to emancipation: the case for a feminist research practice, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 55-60
Huizinga, Rik P. (2020) Off the beaten track: The walking interview as a novel research method in refugee studies, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 66-70
Schmidt, Katharina (2020) A visual reminder on positionality and the limits of reflection, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 71
mLAB Uni Bern (2020) The mLAB – where geography, art and media collaborate, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 72
Scheerer, Madeleine (2020) Diffraktion als feministische Wissensproduktionspraxis, Feministische GeoRundmail, 83, 81-84

Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography (2020, 41:3) published a special lecture article with commentaries:
Skelton, Tracey (2020) The importance of feminist audacity: learning from the Pacific and the Caribbean; A commentary on Yvonne Underhill-Sem’s The audacity of the ocean: gendered politics of positionality in the Pacific, Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography, 41:3, 339-340

Social & Cultural Geography (2020, 21:s1) published a virtual special issue on “Sexualities and gendered intersectionalities”, edited by Gavin Brown & Avril Maddrell, with the following contributions (published in earlier volumes and issues):
Brown, Gavin and Avril Maddrell (2020) Sexualities and gendered intersectionalities, Social & Cultural Geography, 21:s1,1-9
Brown, Gavin (2020) Ceramics, clothing and other bodies: affective geographies of homoerotic cruising encounters, Social & Cultural Geography, 9:8, 915-932
Brown, Michael and Larry Knopp (2020) Sex, drink, and state anxieties: governance through the gay bar, Social & Cultural Geography, 17:3, 335-358
Browne, Kath (2020) A party with politics? (Re)making LGBTQ Pride spaces in Dublin and Brighton, Social & Cultural Geography, 8:1, 63-87
Gorman-Murray, Andrew (2020) Intimate mobilities: emotional embodiment and queer migration, Social & Cultural Geography, 10:4, 441-460
McKinnon, Scott, Andrew Gorman-Murray and Dale Dominey-Howes (2020) ‘The greatest loss was a loss of our history’: natural disasters, marginalised identities and sites of memory, *Social & Cultural Geography*, 17:8, 1120-1139
Mohammad, Robina (2020) Transnational shift: marriage, home and belonging for British-Pakistani Muslim women, *Social & Cultural Geography*, 16:6, 593-614
Nast, Heidi J. (2020) Into the arms of dolls: Japan’s declining fertility rates, the 1990s financial crisis and the (maternal) comforts of the posthuman, *Social & Cultural Geography*, 18:6, 758-785
Radley, Alan, Darrin Hodgetts and Andrea Cullen (2020) Fear, romance and transience in the lives of homeless women, *Social & Cultural Geography*, 7:3, 437-461

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**Recent articles and book chapters**

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