

**IGU COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2019-2020**

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In addition to the above, the Commission initiated the Young and Early Career Scholars (YES!). YES! mirrors the Youth Task force forming at the IGU level and acts as a networking, sharing and mentoring platform for early career feminist geographers. 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. YES! promotes new membership in the Commission from early career scholars and fosters transnational collaborative networks. Details of our YES! Committee are as under:

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Membership to the Commission on Gender and Geography is through the mailing list maintained by our commission. As of 31 Dec 2020, our mailing list consisted of over 800 members. Many members use Gmail addresses to subscribe. We are in the process of ascertaining country wise membership based on institutional affiliations.

Our focal theme for 2020-2024 is *Care, Connection and Change*.

**B. Meetings**

**Meetings and Conferences held in 2020**

- 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.
- 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 2021**

- 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.

#### **YES! Online Meetings held in 2020**

- Inaugural Online Meeting hosted by Kamalini Ramdas and Menusha De Silva on 25th June 2020. YES! members discussed how to better support each other during the time of pandemic. A statement of solidarity was drafted and shared on the YES! blog page at <https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/yes-blogs>
- Fieldwork in the context of Covid-19 hosted by Balawansuk Lynrah and Ananya Bhuyan on 29th July 2020. YES! Members met to discuss fieldwork ethics during the time of the pandemic. A summary of the discussion can be read at <https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/yes-blogs>
- Movie Meetup on the Netflix series 'Indian Matchmaking' hosted by Kanchan Gandhi on 28th August 2020. At the meeting, a discussion on the themes of gender, marriage and patriarchy in the Asian context based on the Netflix series 'Indian Matchmaking' was conducted. Themes which emerged out of the discussion are shared at <https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/yes-blogs>
- 'Living a Feminist Life' hosted by Kamalini Ramdas on 19th November 2020. The meeting focused on discussing the value and challenges of developing a feminist voice/philosophy when writing research and teaching statements.

#### **C. Networking**

In 2020 our networking was impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and had to shift to online spaces. Members of the Commission participated in online webinars and conferences in their individual capacities in most cases as participation in conferences and networking events shifted from in person to online.

As part of our initiative to visibilize the work of early career as well as feminist geographers from less represented regions, we have begun a mentorship program named after Prof Janice Monk. Details of the Mentorship can be found on our website

a. Means, if any, by which your commission has collaborated with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces during 2019-20: Planned sessions at IGC Istanbul in collaboration with the Commissions for History and Politics

b. Cooperative efforts, if any, with ISC (International Science Council), and CIPSH (International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences) programs : We are seeking to collaborate with the ISSC and ISCU programmes.

#### **D. Publications**

##### **Special journal issues**

- *GeoAgenda* (the information/research communication journal of the ASG Association of Swiss Geography) published a special issue on ongoing research in the area of feminist geography: Landolt,

Sara and Marina Richter (eds.)(2019) *Feministische Geographie - géographie féministe - feminist geography*, special issue of *GeoAgenda*, 1/2019 (papers in English and German).

- Other special issues from the German speaking feminist geography community are *Feministisches Geo-RundMail* 78: *Sommerschule Gender and Space*. January 2019 <http://ak-geographie-geschlecht.org/rundmail/>
- Chen Misgav and Gilly Hartall are guest-editors of a new special issue of *Geography Research Forum* (2019, 39: 1) on "**Queer urban movements from the margin(s): activism, politics, space**". The papers in the special issue discuss LGBT activism from diverse perspectives, contributing to the growing scholarship on geographies of sexualities. The perspective on activism comes from the urban margins – the periphery, the socio-cultural margins, the suburban, the political margins or marginality within LGBT and queer communities.
- *Gender, Place & Culture* (2019, 26, 7-9) published a special issue 'Country and region reports', edited by Marianne Blidon and Sofia Zaragocin, to mark the 25th anniversary of the journal
- *Gender, Place & Culture*(2019, 26:12) published a themed section on "Mentoring and difference in feminist geography", edited by Karen Falconer Al-Hindi
- *Gender, Place & Culture*(2020, 27:1)published a themed section on (En)countering sexual violence in the Indian city, edited by Atreyee Sen, Raminder Kaur and Emilija Zabliūtė
- *Gender, Place & Culture*(2020, 27:3) published a themed section on "Populationism", edited by Anne Hendrixson, Diana Ojeda, Jade S. Sasser, Sarojini Nadimpally, Ellen E. Foley and Rajani Bhatia
- *GeoHumanities* (2019, 5:2) published a special issue on "Auto-methods in feminist geography", edited by Pamela Moss and Kathryn Besio,
- *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
- *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
- *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
- *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,
- *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* (2020, 41:3) published a special lecture article with commentaries on Yvonne Underhill-Sem's 'The audacity of the ocean: gendered politics of positionality in the Pacific'
- *Social & Cultural Geography* (2020, 21:s1) published a virtual special issue on "Sexualities and gendered intersectionalities", edited by Gavin Brown & Avril Maddrell

### New books

- Cookson, Tara Patricia (2019)*Unjust Conditions: Women's Work and the Hidden Cost of Cash Transfer Programs*. Oakland: University of California Press. Available Open Access: <https://www.luminosoa.org/site/books/10.1525/luminos.49/>
- Johnson, Jennifer L. and Christen Johnson (eds.)(2019) *Maternal Geographies: Mothering in and out of place*. Bradford, ONT Canada: Demeter Press
- Kinyanjui, Mary Njeri (2019) *African markets: utu-ubuntu business model. A perspective on the informal economy*. Cape Town: African Minds
- Ng, Isabella (2019) *Hong Kong Rural Women under Chinese rule: Gender Politics, Reunification and Globalization in Post-colonial Hong Kong*. London and New York: Routledge
- Colombara, Mónica (2019) 'El aborto en la agenda feminista de América latina. Estado de la cuestión. El caso de Argentina' presentado en el Eje Temático 6: Lugar, subjetividad, territorios y espacios de identidad, *Geografía Feminista en el XVII Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina*. Quito, Ecuador. <https://www.puce.edu.ec/>

- Colombara, Mónica (2019) 'La Geografía de Género en Argentina: Breve Panorama', presentado en el VII Congreso Nacional de Geografía de Universidades Públicas y XXI Jornadas de Investigación y Enseñanza en Geografía, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, La Plata
- Das, T., R. Bhattacharyya, F. Alam and A. Parvin (2020) In-depth Semi- structured Interviewing: Researching Domestic Violence as a Public Health Issue in Bangladesh, SAGE Research Methods Cases Medicine & Health, Disciplines: Public Health, Online ISBN: 9781529719840, DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781529719840>
- Kinyanjui, Mary Njeri (2019) The Sweet Sobs of Women in Response to Anthropain. New Castle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press
- Lund, Ragnhild, Kyoko Kusakabe, Nitya Rao and Nireka Weeratunge (in press) Fisherfolk in Cambodia, India and Sri Lanka: Migration, Gender and Well-being. India: Routledge
- Brickell, Katherine (2020) Home SOS: Gender, Violence and Survival in Crisis Ordinary Cambodia. London, Royal Geographical Society-IBG Book Series
- Datta, Anindita (ed.) (2021) Gender, Space and Agency in India: Exploring Regional Genderscapes. Oxon, New York, Routledge
- Guberman, Daniela (2019) Perspectivas de género en geografía: aportes para la renovación de la enseñanza de la geografía escolar. Buenos Aires, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Datta, Anindita, Peter Hopkins, Lynda Johnston, Elizabeth Olson, and Joseli Maria Silva, eds. Routledge Handbook of Gender and Feminist Geographies. Routledge, 2020
- Huang, S. and K. N. Ruwanpura (eds.) (2020) Handbook on Gender in Asia. Edward Elgar International Handbooks on Gender Series. Cheltenham, Edward Elgar
- Pulla, V., Bhattacharyya Rituparna and Bhatt Sanjai (2020) Discrimination, Challenge, and Response: People of North East India. London, Palgrave Macmillan
- Uteng, Tanu Priya Uteng, Hilda Rømer Christensen and Lena Levin (eds.) (2020) Gendering smart mobilities. London, Routledge

**b. The current (accurate) URL of the Commission's website:** <https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender>

**c. Twitter handle of the Commission:** @IgUgender

#### ***E. Archival Contributions***

Archival material including our bi annual newsletters and selected reports are available on our website <https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender>

Report prepared by the Chair of the Commission on Gender and Geography

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