CARE, CONNECTION, CHANGE

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The Commission on Gender and Geography was accorded the status of a full-fledged Commission in 1992 and celebrates its tricenary year in 2022. In the course of these last decades, the Commission has marked itself out as a vibrant, inclusive body. Membership to the Commission has grown exponentially, its reach now indeed worldwide. The Tricenary of the Commission is an occasion to reflect upon the journey of incorporating gender as an analytical lens within the discipline of geography, the trajectory of charting recognition as a subfield, the challenges faced and the ways forward. We will also use the occasion to honour the contributions of Prof Janice Monk through a festschrift and through special tricenary sessions at IGU Paris 2022.

The vibrancy of our Commission is reflected in our metrics for 2021 below:

**DIGITAL FOOTPRINT in 2021**
- Website Visits: 2009
- Mailing List Members: 842
- Twitter followers: 4556
- YES Podcasts #: 2
- YES Blogs: 5

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**
- Organized in 2021: 5
- Planned for 2022: 4
- Collaborative Commission sessions: 1
- Sessions approved for Centenary meeting: 11

**PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS in 2021**
- Research Papers and Chapters in edited volumes*: 172
- Journal Special Issues: 9
- New Books: 9

*based on listing provided by mailing list members for biannual newsletters. See details at [https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/publications](https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/publications)
** computed from SC and YES member profiles ; # to be broadcast in 2022

**MEMBERSHIP**

Our Steering Committee for 2020-2024 represents a diversity of feminist scholars including from the global South, under represented regions and non-anglophone locations. The details of our Steering Committee members are as under:

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In addition, the Commission’s Young and Early Career Scholars (YES) works closely with the Steering Committee to act as a networking, sharing and mentoring platform for early career feminist geographers. The intent is to use the task force 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 2021, our mailing list consisted of 842 members. Our region wise membership is shown below. This does not include 59 members who use Gmail to access the list and hence their location could not be determined.

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a. Meetings and Conferences held in 2021

- The 4th International Congress on Gender and Space was held virtually from 19-23 April 2021. The event was hosted by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Autonomous National University of Mexico) in collaboration with other Mexican institutions. During the congress, 157 presentations occurred with presenters from Mexico, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Guatemala, Italy, Peru, and
Gender and Geography Conference, 5 – 10 July 2021, Sydney Australia. The Gender and Geography Conference sponsored the ‘Remembering and Reimagining Embodied Geographies’ specialist session. The organisers were: Gorman-Murray (Western Sydney), Lynda Johnston (Waikato), Corrinne Sullivan (Western Sydney), and Gordon Watt (Wollongong). The session explored the contested terrain of / in and around bodies in relation to, racialised and excluded bodies, Indigenous bodies, fleshy and messy bodily materialities, reproduction, aged bodies, incarceration, embodied fieldwork, embodied intersectionality, disabled bodies, as well as gendered, sexed and sexualised and classed bodies.

Gender and Geography, History and Politics Commission specialist sessions, IGC Istanbul, 16 – 20 August 2021 at the 34th International Geographical Congress: “Geography: Bridging the Continents” Istanbul, Turkey held online, 16 – 20 August 2021. Our commission joined History and Politics Commissions to encourage presentations on: Bridging differences: East, West, seas and Mediterranean worlds. Lynda Johnston, Marcella Schmidt and Virginie Mamadouh chaired our sessions.

V Latin American Seminar of Geography, Gender and Sexualities pre-meeting was held online between 7th and 9th September 2021, coordinated by Martin Torres. The ideas of dissident action and body as a space of struggle were fundamental in this event. The meeting was attended by activists from collectives and academic representatives. Twenty-seven works were presented in an experimental way, including research classified in axes from individual’s and collective’s life experience in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Bolivia, Chile, and Peru. The opening lecture was given by Anindita Datta (India) called “Doing feminism and talking from the margins” as chair of the IGU Gender and Geography Commission. A theme session was held on the second day, called “Gênero e Dissidência no Território” (Gender and dissidence within the territory), presented by Maria Rodo-Zarate (Catalonia), Benhur Pinós da Costa (Brazil), Megg Rayara Oliveira (Brazil), and Carolina Pérez (Chile). A keynote lecture was also presented by Carolin Schurr (Switzerland), called “Geopolítica reprodutiva: Governar corpus in/férteis no Mexico” (Reproductive geopolitics: governing in/fertile bodies in Mexico”. The closing conference was given by Irene Molina (Chile-Switzerland), titled “Intertwined feminist fights facing the oscillating façades of power”.

XVIII Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina (EGAL) [Latin-American Geographers’ XVIII Meeting] was held from 30th November to 04th December 2021, in Cordoba, Argentina. On that occasion, for the second time in the history of this regional event, we managed to have an exclusive panel on gender. In this panel named ‘Ahora que sí nos ven! Hacia dónde vamos las Geografías Feministas del Sur’ [Now they see us, Where are the feminist geographies of the South going to?], PhD Diana Lan (Argentina), PhD Sofía Zaragocin (Ecuador), PhD Joseli Silva (Brazil), PhD Lucía Damián (Mexico), and PhD Ana Falú (CISCSA-Argentina) discussed the construction of the reasoning of Latin-American feminist geographies, evidencing the tight bond between intellectual work, political organizations, and social-feminist movements.

Events to be held in 2022-23 with involvement of the Commission

Crisis, Recovery and Gender: Feminist Spatial Perspectives 14-15 July 2022 Geography and Gender Research Group, Department of Geography, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Bellaterra, Spain
• **Special Tricenary sessions at IGU Centenary meeting** Paris between July 18-21, 2022: A total of 11 sessions have been offered.

• **Latin American Seminar of Geography, Gender and Sexualities** from 6th to 9th September 2022 with the proposal of holding an onsite event in Santiago, Chile

• **Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought** to be held in March 2023 in collaboration with Japan National Committee for the IGU (JNC) within the framework of the decade for oceans.

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### MENTORING PROGRAMME

The Commission has also put in place The Jan Monk Mentorship programme for early career researchers and feminist geographers from under represented regions. Details of the Mentorship can be found on our website.

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### NETWORKING

**a. Means, if any, by which your commission has collaborated with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces :**

- Gender and Geography, History and Politics Commission specialist sessions, IGC Istanbul, 16 – 20 August 2021 at the 34th International Geographical Congress: “Geography: Bridging the Continents” Istanbul, Turkey held online, 16 – 20 August 2021
- Collaboration with History Commission and Japan National Committee for the IGU (JNC) to organize Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought to be held in March 2023 within the framework of the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)

**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.

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### AWARDS & HONOURS

**Joos Droogleever Fortuijn** was awarded the **IGU Lauréat d’Honneur** during the International Geographical Congress Istanbul in August 2021. She was steering committee member (1992-1996) and chair (1996-2000) of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography and Vice-president (2012-2016) and First Vice-president (2016-2020) of the IGU. The IGU Lauréat d’Honneur is created in 1976 to recognize individuals who have achieved particular distinction or who have rendered outstanding service in the work of the IGU or in international geography.

**Ann Oberhauser** was awarded the 2021 **Jan Monk Service Award** of The Feminist Geographies Specialty Group. This award recognizes significant service to women in geography and/or feminist geography. As a feminist scholar and mentor, Dr. Oberhauser also has a distinguished record of service to women in geography.

**Tovi Fenster** is accepted as a **full member of Academia Europaea**. The Academia Europaea is the Pan-European Academy of Sciences Humanities and Letters with the objective of advancement and propagation of excellence in scholarship in the humanities, law, the economic, social, and political sciences, mathematics, medicine, and all branches of natural and technological sciences for the advancement of the education in the aforesaid subjects in Europe.

**Caroline Faria** received the **AAG Harold M. Rose Award for Anti-Racism Research and Practice**. The award recognizes scholars who are advancing the discipline via their anti-racist research and who are also engaged in anti-racist practice within their classrooms, departments and in the wider discipline.

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### PUBLICATIONS

**a. Special Journal Issues**

- **ACME** (2021, 20:3) special issue on “Moral Economies”, edited by Karine Duplan, Marylène Lieber and Camille Schmoll
- **Environment and Planning C Politics and Space** (39:1, 2021) special section on “Sexual(ities that) progress”, edited by Kath Browne, Jason Lim, Joseph Hall and Nick McGlynn
b. New Books

- Datta, Anindita (2021) Gender Space and Agency in India, Exploring Regional Genderscapes. Routledge
- Fenster, Tovi (2021) Archaeology of the Address: Home, History and Possession in the Israeli-Palestinian City. Haifa, Pardes Publishers
- Vázquez, Georgiane Garabelly Heil, and Joseli Maria Silva. Vivências de mulheres no tempo e espaço da pandemia de Covid-19. [Experiences of women in time and space during the Covid-19 pandemic: Transnational Perspectives], (in Portuguese and Spanish)

c. Research Papers and Chapters in Edited Volumes
A total of 172 research papers and Chapters in edited volumes were reported by our members. See detailed list at https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender/publications

d. YES! Initiatives

Blogs
The YES! website has a webpage that blogs summaries of YES! meetings for the benefit of those who could not attend the event, and individual contributions by members. The most recent blog posts (from 2020) included ‘Fieldwork and Ethics in the times of COVID-19’ and ‘Indian Matchmaking: Deepening gender stereotypes’ and ‘Walking my dog through lockdown: Are encounters enough to build a community?’ See https://yescggiuwebsite.wixsite.com/yescgg/blog

Podcasts
Anjeline de Dios initiated the plans for a podcast on feminist geography titled ‘YES, Loud and Clear! A Podcast of Young Feminist Geographers’. Elisabeth Militz (Postdoctoral researcher/lecturer, University of Bern) joined the team working
on podcasts. Interviews with Lynda Johnston and Anindita Datta have been conducted and will be edited and released during the next year.

WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA

a. The current (accurate) URL of the Commission's website

Commission on Gender and Geography website: https://igugender.wixsite.com/igugender
Gender and Geography YES Committee website: https://yescggiguwebsite.wixsite.com/yescgg

b. Twitter handle of the Commission: @IgUgender

c. YES! Blogspot: https://yescggiguwebsite.wixsite.com/yescgg/blog

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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based on inputs from Steering committee and YES members.

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