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CARE, CONNECTION, CHANGE

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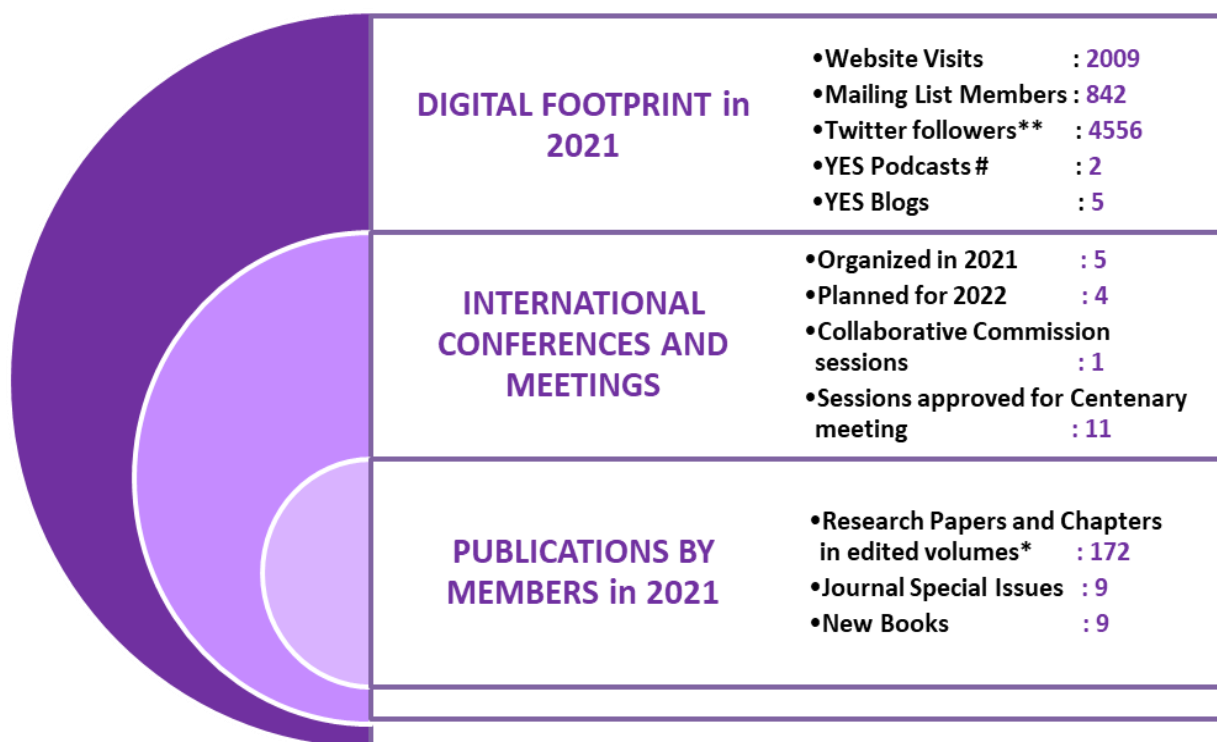
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Focal theme 2020-2024 : *Care, Connection and Change*

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:



*based on listing provided by mailing list members for biannual newsletters. See details at <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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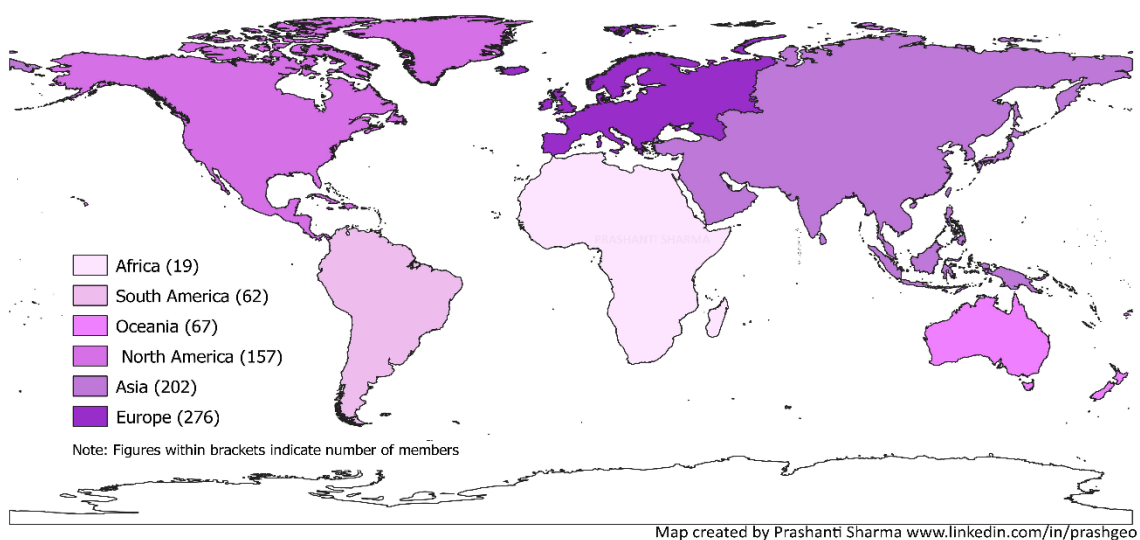
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Membership to the Commission on Gender and Geography is through the mailing list maintained by our Commission. As of 31 Dec 2021, our mailing list consisted of 842 members. Our region wise membership is shown below. This does not include 59 members who use Gmail to access the list and hence their location could not be determined.

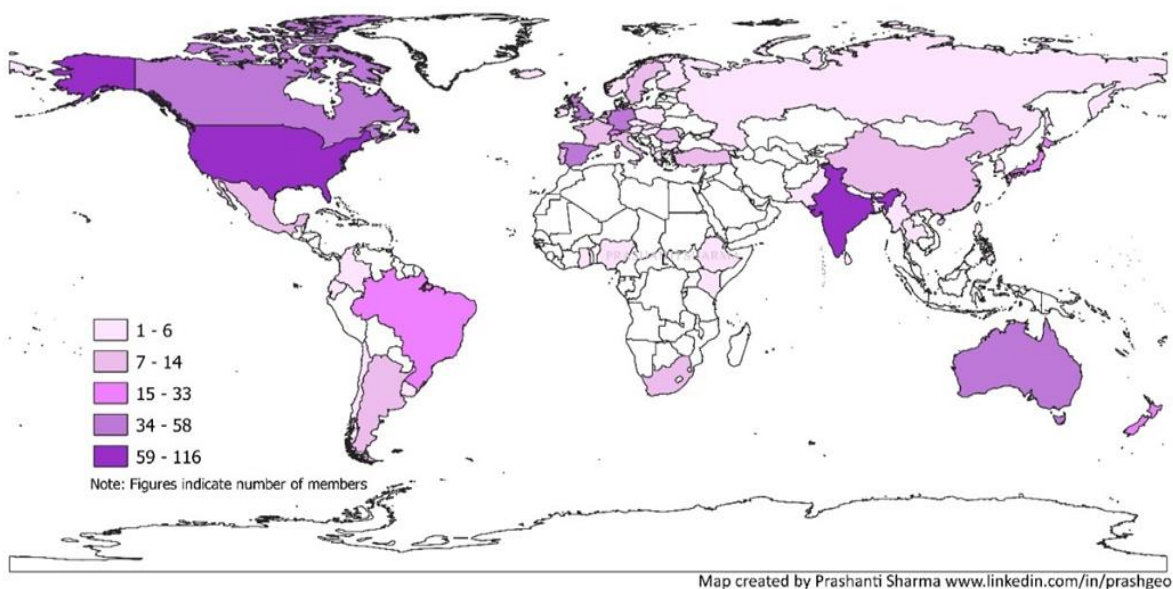
MEMBERSHIP TO IGU COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY BY REGION (2021)	
AFRICA	19
ASIA	202
EUROPE	276
NORTH AMERICA	157
OCEANIA	67
SOUTH AMERICA	62

IGU COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY REGIONWISE MEMBERSHIP 2021



Source: Compiled from Commission membership list

IGU COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY COUNTRYWISE MEMBERSHIP 2021



Source: Compiled from Commission membership list

MEETINGS

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

Portugal. (<https://www.puec.unam.mx/index.php/difusion/51-eventos-proximos/1587-convocatoria-al-4-congreso-internacional-sobre-genero-y-espacio>) There were three main sub conferences: 1- *Caring Society. Challenges and tensions*, by PhD Karina Batthyány; 2- *Geographies of intersectionality*, by PhD María Rodó; 3- *Feminist Geographies to map inequalities*, by PhD Diana Lan. Other topics addressed were Spatial dimensions of violence and insecurity beyond the police view; Problematization of Space and Gender: epistemological, methodological and conceptual approaches; Daily (im)mobility and gender; Body, space, emotion and affects; Sexualities and spaces; Domestic spaces, confinement and new ways to live; Migration and gender; The covid-19 impacts; Virtual spaces and cyberspaces; Extractivism, social movements and territory defense; Decoloniality, ethnic and racial identities; Care; Space design and inclusive urban-architectural typologies; Masculinities; and Old and new vulnerabilities.

- **Gender and Geography Commission Sponsored Specialist Sessions at the Institute of Australian Geographers Conference, 5 – 10 July 2021**, Sydney Australia. The Gender and Geography Commission 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 Waitt (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 reproductiva: Governar corpos in/férteis no México" (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.

b. 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.

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.

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.

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.

PUBLICATIONS

a. Special Journal Issues

- *ACME* (2021, 20:3) special issue on “**Moral Economies**”, edited by Karine Duplan, Marylène Lieber and Camille Schmolli
- *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

- *Environment and Planning D Society and Space* (39:1, 2021) special section titled **“Black feminism and settler colonialism roundtable”**
- *Feministische Geo-RundMail* (2021, 85) special issue on **“feministische digitale Geographien”** [feminist digital geographies]
- *Feministische Geo-RundMail* (2021, 86) special issue on **“Corona, care und collectives”**, edited by Anne Vogelpohl and Sandra Antelmann
- *Gender, Place & Culture* (2021, 28:2) special section on **“Revisiting the epistemic terrains of gender, sex, and empowerment”**, edited by Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Richa Nagar, Amanda Gilbertson, Ahonaa Roy and Annie McCarthy
- *Gender, Place & Culture* (2021, 28:6) themed issue on **“Masculinities in Africa beyond Crisis: Complexity, Fluidity, and Intersectionality”**, edited by Carole Amman and Sandra Staudacher
- *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie* (112:2, 2021) special issue on **“Everyday places of intersectionalities”**, edited by Maarten Loopmans, Gavin Brown and Valerie de Craene
- *Urban Studies* (58:7, 2021) special issue on **“Placing LGBTQ+ urban activisms”**, edited by Alison L. Bain and Julia A. Podmore

b. New Books

- Aulenbacher, Brigitte, Helma Lutz and Karin Schwiter (Eds.) (2021) *Gute Sorge ohne gute Arbeit? Live-in Care in Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz* [Good care without good labour? Live-in care in Germany, Austria and Switzerland]. Weinheim/Basel, Beltz Juventa
- Banerjee, Riva and Gopa Samanta (2021) *Negotiating Terrain in Local Governance: Freedom, Functioning and Barriers of Women Councillors in India*. Springer.
- 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
- Kinyanjui, Mary Njeri (2021) *Wanjiku in global development. Everyday ordinary women livelihood economy in Kenya*. Nairobi, Nsemia
- Moreno, Magdalena and Cecilia Mastrolorenzo (2021) *Geografía y educación sexual integral. Aportes para la enseñanza de los espacios contemporáneos* [Geography and Comprehensive Sexual Education. Contributions to the teaching of contemporary spaces].
- Peake, L., J.E. Koeth, G.S. Tanyildiz, R.N. Narayanareddy and D. Patrick (eds.) (2021) *A feminist urban theory for our time: rethinking social reproduction and the urban*. Antipode Book Series. London, Wiley Press
- Vaious, Dina (2021) *The invisible work of women in the making of the city. Facets of Athens after 1974*. Athens, Alexandria publ. (in Greek)
- Vázquez, Georgiane Garabely 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://yescggiguwebsite.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
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