

IAFFE Newsletter



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IAFFE Conference 2010 ~ Buenos Aires



Theme: Global Economic Crises and Feminist Rethinking of the Development Discourse / Crisis Economica Global Y Revision Feminista del Debate Sobre el Desarrollo/

July 22-24, 2010
Jueves 22 al Sabado 24
de Julio de 2010

Pre-Conference Workshop
July 21, 2010

IAFFE Conference Registration

The 2010 IAFFE Annual Conference will be held July 22-24, 2010 at the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A pre-conference workshop will be held on July 21st.

Online conference registrations are open until July 1. You may also download a registration form and either fax it to 866-257-8304 or mail it to:

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You must be current in your IAFFE Membership to receive the member rate. If you need to securely join or re-new your membership please go to: <http://www.iaffe.org/members/join.php>.

Registrations rates are as follows:

IAFFE Members before June 1: **\$325**
 IAFFE Members after June 1: **\$350**
 Non-Members before June 1: **\$375**
 Non-Members after June 1: **\$400**
 Students before June 1: **\$150**
 Students after June 1: **\$175**
 Latin American Residents: **\$175**

After July 1, registration will need to be made on-site at the conference.

For lodging options and traveler information, you will find directions, maps, instructions and a list of lodging on our website at: <http://www.iaffe.org/conferences/annual/index.php>.

For additional questions, please contact Jolene Walker, Conference Coordinator, Grant Administrator at conference@iaffe.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Buenos Aires!

IAFFE Pre-Conference Workshop

Are you new to Feminist Economics? Would you like to learn more? You and your colleagues have an opportunity to participate in a workshop introducing you to Feminist Economic analysis. The IAFFE Pre-Conference is July 21, 2010, 9:30-4:30pm in Buenos Aires. The Pre-Conference is designed for scholars and students new to feminist economics and is open to all those who are interested. You can register for the Pre-Conference at the same time as you register for the Buenos Aires IAFFE conference. It is \$15.

The Program consists of senior feminist economists

who will present an overview of IAFFE and an introduction to their fields. They will also answer questions from participants. There will be opportunities for networking and mentoring. See the speakers and preliminary schedule at www.iaffe.org.

More information on specific speakers/topics and translation services will be forthcoming. If you want more information contact Linda Lucas at lucasle@eckerd.edu; tel: 727 866 7335.

IAFFE Pre-Conference Workshop Schedule

Preliminary Preconference Schedule – Buenos Aires, 21 July, 2010 **Programa de la Conferencia Previa – Buenos Aires, 21 de Julio de 2010**

9:40-10:20 **History and Philosophy of IAFFE (Historia y Filosofía de IAFFE)** – Cecelia Conrad (Scripps College, Claremont, CA, USA)

10:20 – 11:00 **Mujeres Feministas en América Latina (Feminist Women in Latin America)** - Alicia Girón (Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas - UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico) and Eugenia Correa (Facultad de Economía – UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico)

11:00 – 11:20 Descanso/Break

11:20 – 12:00 **Feminist analyses of development using household survey data (Análisis feminista del desarrollo mediante el uso de datos estadísticos en hogares)** – Cheryl Doss (Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA)

12:00 – 12:40 **El Uso del Tiempo y el Trabajo del Cuidado No Remunerado, 15 años después de Beijing (Time use and unpaid care work, 15 years after Beijing)** - Valeria Esquivel (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

12:40 – 1:20 **Presupuestos con Enfoque de Género y Política Fiscal (Gender Budgets and Fiscal Policy)** – Corina Rodríguez Enríquez (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

1:20 – 2:00 Lunch Break/ Almuerzo

2:00 – 2:40 **Feminist Economics of Trade (Economía Feminista del Comercio)** – Irene Van-Staveren (International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands)

2:40-3:00 Break/Descanso

3:00 – 3:40 **Feminist Economics and the Press (Economía Feminista y la Prensa)** - Sakuntala Narasimhan (Independent Journalist, India)

3:40 – 4:20 **Economía Feminista: Un Camino por Recorrer (Feminist Economics: Thoughts on The Way Forward)** – Julie Nelson (University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA USA and Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA)



SIDA Grant Awarded to IAFFE!

We are delighted to announce that IAFFE will receive \$1.5 million over the next three years from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) to promote feminist economic research and to educate policymakers, economists and other scholars about feminist points of view on economic issues.

The grant will support annual conferences, workshops and other core activities of IAFFE and *Feminist Economics*. IAFFE will be able to provide support for attendance at the upcoming conferences in Buenos Aires and China to those that otherwise may not have been able to attend. The funds will specifically be used to encourage new attendance from countries in Africa and in the southern hemisphere, to strengthen the interactions of those interested in feminist economics and policy.

Additionally, the funding will support future special issues of *Feminist Economics* by building the research capacity of scholars from developing countries, increasing outreach in those countries, and enabling three mentoring special-issue workshops. Special-issue workshops give visibility to important new work and can provide professional training to scholars who have had more limited training and exposure to the norms of international journals

The grant award from SIDA is a testament to the commitment and important work of IAFFE's officers and members, and will greatly contribute to the association's mission to counter the exclusion of women's voices in economic policymaking. We are most grateful to SIDA for their support.

Books by IAFFE Members



IAFFE Author Celebration – January 2010, Atlanta

Randy Albelda, Robert W. Drago, and Steven Shulman. *Unlevel Playing Fields: Understanding Wage Inequality and Discrimination*, Dollars & Sense, 2010.

This textbook is now available in a revised 3rd edition.

Lourdes Benería, **Ann Mari May** and **Diana L. Strassmann**, eds. *Feminist Economics*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, forthcoming March 2010.

This major new three-volume reference collection demonstrates the breadth and significance of feminist scholarship in economics. Containing 85 articles dating from 1990 to 2008, this important collection shows how feminist economics has illuminated our understanding of topics such as household decision-making, the care economy, globalization, the feminization of the labour force, macroeconomics, trade, development, and international migration. The editors have provided an original introduction to the literature, ensuring that these volumes will be an essential source of reference for both students and scholars.

Gunseli Berik, Xiao-yuan Dong, and Gale Summerfield (eds.) *Gender, China, and the World Trade Organization: Essays from Feminist Economics*. Routledge, 2009.

Like the special issue, the book examines the consequences of China's opening up to international trade and its transition from socialism to a market economy. It illustrates how the accession of China to the World Trade Organization and the growth of the Chinese economy have elevated the overall well-being of many Chinese women but have adversely affected others.

Carmen Diana Deere and Frederick S. Royce (eds.) *Rural Social Movements in Latin America: Organizing for Sustainable Livelihoods*. University Press of Florida, 2009.

Food sovereignty, agrarian reform, indigenous and women's rights, sustainable development, fair trade, and immigration issues are the focus of a large number of social movements found in countries such as Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Brazil, and Peru. The contributors to *Rural Social Movements in Latin America* include academic researchers as well as social movement leaders who are seeking to effect change in their countries and communities. This volume highlights the central role these movements play in opposition to the neoliberal model of development and offers fresh insights on emerging alternatives at the local, national, and hemispheric level.

Francine D. Blau, **Marianne A. Ferber**, and Anne E. Winkler, *The Economics of Women, Men, and Work*. Prentice Hall, 2009.

This textbook is now available in its 6th edition.

Caren Grown and Imraan Valodia (eds.) *Taxation and Gender Equity: A Comparative Analysis of Direct and Indirect Taxes in Developing and Developed Countries*. Routledge, forthcoming April 2010.

Around the world, there are concerns that many tax codes are biased against women, and that contemporary tax reforms tend to increase the incidence of taxation on the poorest women while failing to generate enough revenue to fund the programs needed to improve these women's lives. This is the first book to systematically examine gender and taxation within and across countries at different levels of development. It presents original research on the gender dimensions of personal income taxes, and value-added, excise, and fuel taxes in Argentina, Ghana, India, Mexico, Morocco, South Africa, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

Karin Schonpflug, *Feminism, Economics and Utopia: Time Travelling through Paradigms*. Routledge, 2009.

Announced previously, but now available in an (affordable) paperback.

New Books Announced Since January 2010

AKM Ahsan Ullah. *Rationalizing Migration Decisions: Labour Migrants in East and South-East Asia*, Ashgate.

While decisions for working overseas are often based on expectations and promises of better jobs, opportunities, economic gains and, eventually, a better future, such assumptions may not always be realized. Focusing on the question of why migrants, despite not realizing their earlier aspirations, continue to remain as migrants rather than return home, this book provides a unified understanding of the rationalization of the migration decision making. It does so by empirically situating the study in the experiences of Bangladeshi migrant workers in Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Reflections on Research

Beyond economic departments?

By **Edith Kuiper**, SUNY New Paltz

The economic crisis has inspired many economists, business people, politicians and activists to initiate new networks and institutes in order to address questions that have been neglected in traditional economic departments. These initiatives focus on problems and articulate questions concerning the current and future crises, looking for better answers than the free-market economists are able to provide.

One example of such an initiative is the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) founded by George Soros. The aim of this initiative is to develop a new economic paradigm, which is done through setting up a network of internationally established economists, some of which are Nobel Prize winners. (<http://ineteconomics.org/initiatives/partnerships>).

Another example of such an initiative is The Green Economics Institute (www.greeneconomics.org.uk) that aims at developing a new economic paradigm based on integrating environmental and economic concerns. The institute is set up by Miriam Kennet and Volker Heinemann and makes substantive efforts to address women's and gender issues. And there are more.

This development of think-tanks and research institutes outside economic departments brings to mind an interesting historical parallel with the situation in the late nineteenth century in the US, when established universities like Harvard were not able to pick up on recent developments in industry and technology. Due to strong demand and pressures of industry, new schools and universities were founded outside the traditional universities in order to deal with these new issues and to meet the demand for skilled workers, both men and women. Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT, founded in 1865) was one of the results of this development, and to educate and train more women, also colleges like Vassar and Wellesley were founded (Noble 1992). It appears that when the assigned institutions like Harvard then as economic science today, are unable to get their heads around

pressing timely issues, new venues are required and will be established.

The way the new networks and institutes that are emerging today deal with women's concerns and gender aspects however, leaves much room for improvement. For instance, very few feminist economists were invited to the INET founding conference that took place in Oxford in April (reported by Irene van Staveren at the IAFFE-L list). So far the entire board of INET consists of male economists, whose former work does not guarantee a full-fledged feminist economic input.

These new venues however, could give feminist economists the opportunity to take part and let their voices be heard in these economic discussions that are not yet fully crystallized and in which positions have not yet been fixed. Moreover, these institutes, and the organizations that run them, are addressing unprecedented economic, environmental and social problems, and, overall, they are committed to getting their concepts and theories right. Feminist economists can inform them about how to bring in women's concerns and gender issues productively, and work with them to further develop engendered economic theory by working with other streams of critical thinking.

In The Netherlands, there are the Economy Transformers (<http://www.economytransformers.com>), which is a network of academics, people with experiences and connections in the business and NGO world, and in politics, open to feminist economic thinking. Several IAFFE members, including myself, take part in these discussions, which is at least for me a new and inspiring experience. IAFFE could perhaps have a role in establishing contacts with such initiatives. But foremost, I would like to encourage individual feminist economists to get involved in these discussions to disseminate feminist economic insights.

Reflections on Research Continued...

Women still greatly underrepresented on the top boards of large companies in Germany

By **Elke Holst**, DIW Berlin and University of Flensburg/Germany and **Anita Wiemer**, DIW Berlin/Germany

Based upon a unique review of annual reports of about 400 firms, our new paper on the representation of women in top positions in the German economy reveals grim findings which we wish would be a surprise and a big exception to other industrialized countries in the world: executive and supervisory boards of large companies in Germany are still dominated by men – to an extraordinary degree (Weekly Report of the DIW Berlin No. 7/2010, www.diw.de/sixcms/media.php/73/diw_wr_2010-07.pdf). Only 2.5% of all executive board members in the 200 largest companies (not including the financial sector) are women, and only 10% of all seats on supervisory boards are occupied by women. The situation in the financial sector is similar – despite the fact that far more than half of all employees here are women: in the 100 largest banks, 2.6% of all executive board members are women, and in the 62 largest insurance companies, 2.8% of executive board members are women. In general, in- and outside of the financial sector, more than 70% of women with a seat on a supervisory board are appointed by employee representation bodies and therefore have their seat as a result of employee co-determination law in Germany. The study has received considerable media attention which has fostered discussion about gender inequality in corporate decision-making.

Cross country analysis is limited by available data. While Eurostat publishes the percentage of women on decision-making boards for the largest publicly-traded companies in Europe, the data are limited, and are not disaggregated for the executive and supervisory boards and branches. Using Eurostat data, Germany ranks in the middle of European countries, due to higher representation of women on supervisory boards arising from the employee codetermination law and not the investor or owner decisions.

Aside from a few positive examples, the situation on both executive and supervisory boards has hardly changed at all in Germany in the last few years. This shows clearly that the voluntary commitments made by Germany's top business associations in their 2001 agreement with the German government can be considered a failure to increase women's representation in top positions. It remains to be seen whether the

plan to gradually increase the number of women in management positions, as agreed upon in the German government's 2009 Coalition Agreement, will have more success, although it too will be based on voluntary commitments.

Women often feel confronted by stereotypes and prejudices that hark back to culturally defined social roles. This has recently been confirmed by a survey of men in management positions conducted by the Sinus Institute in Germany. The survey identified three different mindsets that function together to prevent women from rising to top management levels. Applying these findings to German management, one finds a mixture of conservative role perceptions, stereotypes about women's suitability for top positions, and the view that there are too few career-oriented women. These mindsets, according to the study, make it more understandable why it is so hard to break the glass ceiling.

A sustained increase in the representation of women in top management could contribute to a revision of this thinking. One option for accelerating progress on equal opportunities, at least on supervisory boards, is discussed heavily in Europe: a women's quota. Norway introduced a quota of 40 % and has already beat its own target since women now hold 42 % of all seats. Interestingly, one Germany company, the Deutsche Telekom, a DAX 30 company, reacted to the low representation of women in leadership positions and recently announced a 30% quota of management positions worldwide to be filled by women by the end of 2015.

Other countries are following the Norway model: the Netherlands decided for a 30% percent quota for executive and supervisory boards; France has recommended a quota be adopted; and Spain has passed a regulation for a 'balanced composition of women and men' on supervisory boards. The issue may now be enforcement and again Norway's experiences may be instructive.

Reflections on Research Continued...

European Research Network

The **European Research Network Gender and Wellbeing: Work, Family and Public Policies**, financed by the European Science Foundation (ESF) for the period 2005-2010, has just finalized its mandate. The network's main objective has been to provide new insights on the nature and causes of gendered inequalities in well-being, the sustainability of living conditions in the EU and its systems of provision and distribution of resources. In doing so, it has contributed to the debate about welfare reform in Europe today.

The Network has held an annual symposium during this 5-year period, focusing on the following themes:

- Well Being as a Social Gendered Process (Modena, 2006)
- The intergenerational Transmission of Well-Being: Marriage Strategies and Inheritance Systems in Europe during 17th-20th (Minho, 2007)
- Production and Distribution of Well-Being within the Family: Strategies of Remunerated and Non-remunerated Labour and Consumption Patterns (Barcelona, 2007)
- Gender and Well-Being: The Role of Institutions from Past to Present (Madrid, 2008)
- Social Movements and Well-Being (Amsterdam, 2009)
- Lessons learned and recommendations (Geneva, 2009)

These activities have been coordinated by Prof. Cristina Borderías (U. of Barcelona). Over hundred researchers and academics from all Social Sciences fields, from all European Union member states as well as from the US, Latin American Countries and India, have attended the different conferences. Several IAFFE European members have participated as well, such as Tindara Addabbo, Elizabetta Addis, Lourdes Benería, Cristina Carrasco, Diane Elson, Lina Gálvez, Jane Humphries, Antonella Picchio, Paula Rodríguez, Carmen Sarasúa and Paloma de Villota.

The papers from the 5-year program are currently being published as part of the Gender and Well-Being Series (London, Ashgate) with Cristina Borderías and Bernard Harris as chief editors. They include:

- Bernard Harris, Lina Gálvez, Helena Machado (eds.) (2010), Gender and Well-being in Europe. Historical and contemporary perspectives.
- Tindara Addabbo, Marie-Pierre Arrizabalaga, Cristina Borderías and Alastair Owens (eds.) (2010), Gender Inequalities, Households and the Production of Well-Being in Modern Europe.
- Elizabetta Addis, Paloma de Villota, Florence Degavre and John Erikson (eds.) Gender and Well-Being: the role of institutions (forthcoming in 2011)
- Alison E. Woodward, Jean-Michel Bonvin and Mercè Renom (eds.), Transforming Gendered Well-Being: The Impact of Social Movements (forthcoming 2011).

Feminist Economics in Action

Update on the Commission on the Status of Women

Margot Baruch

Program Coordinator

Center for Women's Global Leadership

The 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was held from March 1-12, 2010. In commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the UN Fourth World Conference on Women that took place in Beijing, China in 1995, this year the CSW focused on a review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. The BPfA, which identified twelve critical areas of concern for women's rights, still stands as one of the most comprehensive and progressive UN documents to address the realities of women's lives. The thousands of women's rights advocates that attended the parallel NGO forum in Beijing in 1995 played a significant role in shaping the Beijing Platform for Action. Therefore, this year's CSW held particular significance for the 8,000 civil society representatives from around the world who converged on the UN during the first two weeks of March.

Reflecting the range of issues addressed in the BPfA, the 2010 CSW had many thematic strands, from sexual and reproductive rights to the economic crisis to the creation of the new gender equality entity and more. Agreed resolutions centered on the following topics: women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts; eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women; the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women; support for the new UN gender entity; women's economic empowerment; and ending female genital mutilation.

The economic crisis and alternative approaches for economic recovery featured prominently in this year's CSW. Speakers at the *Integrating Gender Responsive Budgeting into the Aid Effectiveness Agenda* were critical of the ways governments are limiting social programming and social spending, because this approach to dealing with the crisis will only reinforce the growing ine-

qualities in many societies. Governments have a responsibility to respect, protect, and fulfill [human rights obligations](#) to all of their citizens, and the crisis is an example of how they, along with international monetary and development organizations, are not doing enough to provide higher standards of living, especially to those citizens whose economic situation was already weak prior to the crisis. Women make up the majority of the world's poorest people, and there is a growing body of research on the specific ways women have been made even more vulnerable by the crisis.

Women's rights activists and progressive economists must ask, "what are the realistic goals to set for the next 10-20 years in the field of socio-economic rights?" As we recover and rebound from crises (including agricultural and environmental crises), progressive economists must continue to support women's advocacy at all levels, especially grassroots women, who bear the burden of failed market-based paradigms and neoliberal approaches. Topics concerning the economy and the global financial crisis permeated throughout the CSW and there was interest garnered amongst feminist economists and CSW delegates overall. There seemed to be a real hunger for more analysis of the impacts that the crisis has had and also will have in the future.

During the CSW, the Center for Women's Global Leadership convened an all day symposium to provide a space to reflect on lessons learned in the advocacy for women's rights and share the experiences of different generations of activists involved in the women's movement from around the world. One of the panels focused on the, "ECONOMY - Strengthening Women's Human Right to Economic Justice." In the coming weeks, please visit <http://cwgl.rutgers.edu/globalcenter/policy/b15/symposium.html> for podcasts, photos and a report of the day long event.

Feminist Economics in Action Continued...

Policies to Promote Gender Equality and Women's Rights

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Engendering Economic Policy - this was the title of the last IAFFE annual conference. In the presentation of my paper I gave an overview of already engendered economic policy. The participations of the session and some other conference participants asked me to share a summary within the IAFFE network, because most of these political commitments are not very well known. To help increase awareness of these commitments, GTZ's Programme *Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Rights* compiled an overview of excerpts from international and regional political commitments with respect to the economic empowerment of women (*Political Excerpts: Economic Empowerment of Women* <http://www.gtz.de/de/dokumente/gtz2009-en-political-excerpts-economic-empowerment-of-women.pdf>).

The document lists each statement as it is worded in the relevant declaration or protocol. The strongest regional commitments have been passed by the African Union (AU), most notably its Gender Policy from 2009: the AU will provide political leadership and support for the **African Women's Decade 2010-2020**. Relevant regional commitments from regions beyond Europe and Africa have not yet been identified and feedback on the existence of such commitments is highly appreciated.

When talking about engendering economic policies on national level, it is worthwhile to share

one example, which is the process of engendering *Cameroon's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper* (PRSP). In order to provide sound advice, GTZ commissioned two studies on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The first study aimed at the assessment of gender-specific inequalities in education, the labour market and earnings in Cameroon. The second study, a survey targeting the cocoa sector, disclosed the disadvantages women farmers face with respect to accessing agricultural extension services, controlling marketing and the income generated (*Opportunities and Constraints in Agriculture - A gendered analysis of cocoa production in Southern Cameroon* (2009) <http://www.gtz.de/de/dokumente/gtz-en-onepager-opportunities-and-constraints-in-agriculture-southern-cameroon-2009.pdf>). The policy recommendations derived from the two studies were presented to the members of Cameroon's PRSP steering committee. Several of them were consequently integrated by the committee into those sections of the new PRSP which address secondary education, vocational training and employment promotion (*Gender and Poverty Reduction: Improving Poverty Reduction Strategies through Gender Equality* (2009) <http://www.gtz.de/de/dokumente/gtz2009-en-gender-prsp.pdf>).

Introducing a new website: Gender responsive budgeting in the Asia-Pacific region

Launched in late 2009 **Gender responsive budgeting in the Asia-Pacific region** website (www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/genderbudgets) documents a collaboration between IAFFE members Rhonda Sharp (University of South Australia), Diane Elson (University of Essex) and Siobhan Austen (Curtin University of Technology). It also has involved several other researchers including Monica Costa, Sanjugta Vas Dev, Jan Edwards, Ray Broomhill, Anuradha Mundkur and Reina Ichii.

The aim of the project is to foster a comparative understanding of the political economy of gender sensitive public finances in the Asia Pacific region. The website provides country profiles of gender responsive budgeting for most countries in the region, publications and training materials produced by the research team as well as information about the research project.

The website is a work-in-progress with country profiles being progressively uploaded. It also encourages researchers and practitioners to submit comments on current developments in the region.



Back: Ray Broomhill, Rhonda Sharp, Herminio Xavier, Monica Costa, Jan Edwards.
Front: Sanjugta Vas Dev, Diane Elson.

IAFFE News

IAFFE panels at the Australian Society for Heterodox Economics Conference.

The Australia/New Zealand chapter of IAFFE hosted a day of sessions at the Society for Heterodox Economics Conference held in Sydney in December 2009. A keynote address was given by Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick, from the Australian Human Rights Commission who spoke about “A life cycle approach to gender and access to resources in retirement”. Elizabeth was joined by panel members Diana Olsberg and Gabrielle Meagher and a very productive discussion was facilitated by Rhonda Sharp. A second panel session considered the challenges of “Getting gender on the agenda”, chaired by Siobhan Austen. Panelists discussed the lessons learned from recent policy debates such as the introduction of a national government funded paid parental leave scheme. The day’s proceedings were completed with papers on aged care, employment and household incomes, household economics and High Court Decisions, funding quality improvements in girls’ education in Indonesian Islamic schools and gender responsive budgeting in Timor Leste.



From left to Right: Rhonda Sharp, Diana Olsberg, Gabrielle Meagher, Australian Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick, Siobhan Austen, Therese Jefferson.

Don't Forget the IAFFE Listserve !

Farida Khan and Barbara Hopkins, moderators of the IAFFE electronic listserv, write:

The IAFFE web-site at iaffe.org contains information about the organization such as the purpose, board of directors, member directory, publications, conferences, and donations/membership renewal. Members are reminded that they are all subscribed to the listserv which is a good way to maintain communication and community. All mail to the listserv should be sent to iaffe-l@lists.carleton.ca and the items can be more than posts about jobs, Call for Papers, soliciting syllabi or readings. Members are also encouraged to find items that can be good pieces to begin discussions on topics that relate to feminist economics. We particularly welcome shorter pieces or news items that can generate conversation.

New Conference Coordinator/Grants Administrator for IAFFE.

We are pleased to announce that Jolene Walker has been named as the Conference Coordinator/Grants Administrator for IAFFE. She joined our office the end of March and came to us with 17 years of conference planning and grants management experience. In addition, for the past 10 years she has been the administrator of an international training program at the University of Nebraska. We are very glad that Jolene has come on board to assist with the organization of the IAFFE conference to be held this July in Buenos Aires. She has already begun enjoying the international communications that she has become a part of and is really looking forward to her first conference this summer in Argentina.



Congratulations!



Bina Agarwal receives the Leontief award at a ceremony held at Tufts University on 29 March 2010. She also delivered an award lecture on the theme: “How will the world feed itself on a sustainable basis?” The award, instituted in honor of Nobel laureate Wassily Leontief is given “to recognize outstanding contributions to economic theory that address contemporary realities and support just and sustainable societies.”

Announcements

Deb Figart leaves her position as Dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies (Stockton College) to become Professor of Education and Economics, in the School of Education, Stockton College, USA, effective January of 2011. In the meantime, she is developing the new southern regional office of the New Jersey Coalition for Financial Education and directing School of Education projects related to economic and financial literacy in K-12 education. More and more US states are mandating courses and/or content in economic and financial literacy in order to graduate from high school.

Irene van Staveren has been appointed as Professor of Pluralist Development Economics at the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, effective February 2010.

Marianne Hill was recently elected Chair of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women, a commission established by a bill she helped guide through the State Legislature. Commission members are appointed by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the (state) Speaker of the House and the State Attorney General. Recently the Commission has been working to improve the level of child support awarded to lone custodial parents.

Bina Agarwal has been elected as the President-elect of the International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE). She will be the first woman President of ISEE and also the first President based in a developing country. ISEE publishes an international journal Ecological Economics. It also holds an international conference every two years. The next one is in Germany this August. There is more information about the Society at ISEE's website <http://www.ecoeco.org>

Journal News - *Feminist Economics*

Feminist Economics has hired a new Journal Coordinator, Christine Gardner, who joined the editorial team in January 2010. Christine brings eight years' experience as coordinator for Rice University's Energy & Environmental Systems Institute and its affiliated centers, the Shell Center for Sustainability and the Center for the Study of Environment & Society. She previously served as Annual Fund coordinator at the University of Texas-Austin, and for over twenty years as director of the Rice Cinema, which during her tenure was the largest repertory film program in Texas, known for early thematic offerings of minority, third-world, and diasporic cinemas. Christine completed an undergraduate degree in Visual Arts and History at Northern Illinois University and did graduate coursework in Art History at the University of Chicago and in Social Work at the University of Houston. She looks forward enthusiastically to working with the journal's editors and contributors. Her email address is chrisg@rice.edu.

Call For Papers

FEMINIST ECONOMICS CALLS FOR PAPERS

GENDER AND ECONOMICS IN MUSLIM COMMUNITIES

Guest Editors:

Ebru Kongar, Jennifer Olmsted, and Elora Shehabuddin

Over the past decade, there has been an increasing recognition of the importance of understanding economic conditions in a broad range of contemporary Muslim societies. However, large gaps remain in our knowledge of the links between gender, economic well-being, and the varying influences of religion due to gender-blind analyses and unexplored assumptions and generalizations regarding Muslim women's experiences.

This special issue, planned for online publication in 2013 and print in 2014, aims to provide a forum for rethinking the study of socioeconomic policies and processes that impinge on women's and men's lives in Muslim families, communities, and countries around the world. We seek contributions that interrogate the prevailing discourses and explore new insights into women's economic well-being in Muslim communities. Of special interest are submissions that pay attention to women's agency and voice and the intersections between religion, gender, class, and ethnicity in the analysis of outcomes. Submissions that rely on a variety of methodologies and research methods, including interpretive and quantitative methodologies (such as country-level or cross-country analyses), are welcome. *Feminist Economics* very much encourages submissions from the Global South and Central/Eastern Europe.

Contributions may cover diverse topics, including but not limited to:

- New theoretical frameworks exploring the links between women's economic lives and Muslim laws and religious practices.
- The effects of international migration and trade on Muslim women and children.
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Guest Editors:

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