A vision, a promise ... providing a space for research-based activism

IAFFE

The International Association for Feminist Economics is an open, diverse community of academics, activists, policy theorists, and practitioners from around the world. Our common cause is to further gender-aware and inclusive economic inquiry and policy analysis with the goal of enhancing the well-being of children, women, and men in local, national, and transnational communities.

By opening new areas of economic inquiry, welcoming diverse voices, and encouraging critical exchanges, IAFFE’s many activities and award-winning journal provide needed space for a variety of theoretical perspectives and advance gender-based research on contemporary economic issues.

A Tradition of Gender Research

Hunger and food security have long been central issues in feminist economic analyses. Despite a decrease in the number of hungry people, nearly one in nine people worldwide do not have enough to eat; in sub-Saharan Africa, the number is one in four. The global boom in farmland and land grabs by richer countries demonstrate the urgency of investigating the multifaceted nature of global food insecurity. IAFFE members Dzodzi Tsikata and John Awetori Yaro are a few of the researchers working to better understand the gendered implications of commercial and land transactions on livelihoods in some highly impoverished communities. Their work on land transactions in rural Ghana and the work of other researchers will appear in a special issues of Feminist Economics supported by the Ford Foundation entitled, “Land, Gender, and Food Security.”

Cover photo of women in a market in St. Lucia in the Caribbean provided by Joel Sartore, National Geographic Photographer from Lincoln, NE, www.joelsartore.com.
Diverse Membership

In 2013, IAFFE consisted of 584 members from 63 countries. Members came from around the world, including Africa (34 members), Asia (92), Europe (156), North and Central America (254), South America (18), and Australia and New Zealand (27).

The 2013 IAFFE membership included 112 new members. 6 countries were newly represented in the organization: Cambodia, Cameroon, Denmark, Malaysia, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe.
Dear Friends,

Expanding our understanding of economic issues important to the well-being and empowerment of women, children, and men worldwide has continued to be a main focus of IAFFE activities. In 2013, IAFFE activities helped to promote collaboration among researchers, activists, and policy-makers to improve human lives through our scholarly research and advocacy efforts.

The IAFFE international conference continues to attract and nurture a vibrant and supportive community of feminist scholars and activists. The 22nd IAFFE Annual Conference took place July 12-14, 2013, at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, USA. The Conference drew participants from across the globe with the attendance of over two hundred scholars, activists, researchers, and representatives from non-governmental organizations from numerous countries. In 2012 and 2013, we were able to award seventy-nine travel grants to scholars and researchers from around the world thanks to the generous support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). At the 2013 Annual Conference, we had a lunch and panel discussion sponsored by IDRC to announce the Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women (GrOW) Initiative. Ruth Levine of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and Francisco Cos-Montiel of the IDRC described the program, which is a joint initiative sponsored by the IDRC and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The funds enabled fourteen scholars from the Global South to attend the IAFFE Annual Conference, present their research in peer-to-peer sessions, and network with other scholars, policy analysts and activists.

I would also like to thank Stanford University and the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford for providing us with the space and the resources to make this event happen. I also reserve a special thank-you to the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung – Berlin (Germany), Ford China – Beijing Office, and the Routledge / Taylor & Francis Group, as well as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Rice University, and Dickinson College for their generous support of our goals and activities. And in anticipation of our first annual conference to be held in Africa the subsequent year, 2013 also marked the first time IAFFE contributed to an authors’ workshop in Africa. Our journal, Feminist Economics, held a workshop in University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, in May 2013 for authors writing for its special issue on Engendering Economic Policy in Africa.

IAFFE continues to explore new avenues of dissemination of feminist economic research and membership participation, crossing cultural, linguistic, and geographical boundaries to foster and develop our cause. In 2013 IAFFE served as one of the principal partners in the development of the Knowledge Gateway on Women’s
Economic Empowerment, a joint project by UN Women and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The Knowledge Gateway provides a multi-dimensional platform with information on research, data, technical resources, and good practices related to women’s economic empowerment. It also provides networking opportunities for women entrepreneurs, practitioners, and policy makers from around the world. IAFE played a key role in participating in a presentation about the benefits on the Knowledge Gateway in a panel organized by UN Women at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March 2013. IAFE also contributed to the development of the Knowledge Gateway structure and terms of reference.

Finally, the year 2013 marked the beginning of organizational efforts to launch our Campaign for IAFE. IAFE relies on the generous contributions of numerous donors, large and small, to provide needed support for IAFE’s work in empowering and improving the well-being of women and other under-represented groups around the world. Through our continued fundraising efforts and the launch of the Campaign for IAFE, we will continue to be successful in providing programming in support of feminist economics, publishing our journal, and growing our organization.

With best wishes for another productive and successful year,

Yana van der Meulen Rodgers
IAFFE President
2013-14
Fostering a Culture of Impact

From the outset, in its vision and membership, IAFFE has sought to be inclusive and open, a global community of economists and non-economists, of academics, practitioners, and activists who are interested in feminist viewpoints on questions of economic analysis, policy, and practice. Our goals are wide-ranging and include creating collaborations to develop feminist analyses of economic issues; educating economists, policy makers, and the general public on feminist points of view on economic matters; providing aid in expanding opportunities for women, especially women from underrepresented groups within economics; and encouraging inclusion of feminist perspectives in the economics classroom.

Critical and Feminist Perspectives on Financial and Economic Crises

On January 21–22, 2013, IAFFE and UN Women co-sponsored a symposium in New York City focusing on this special issue, which explores the causes and consequences of the economic crisis, with emphasis on the Great Recession of
2007-2009. The print issue, guest edited by Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, James Heintz, and Stephanie Seguino, was published in July; the *Feminist Economics*’ publisher, Taylor & Francis, will bring out a book version of the issue in July 2015. In addition to funding from UN Women, the issue received generous support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Rice University, and the University of Utah.

**Land, Gender, and Food Security**

The gendered dimensions of large land deals are examined in a *Feminist Economics* special issue, “Land, Gender, and Food Security,” guest-edited by Cheryl Doss, Gale Summerfield, and Dzodzi Tsikata, and set to be published in January 2014.

Hunger and food security have long been central issues in feminist economic analyses. The global food price crisis of 2007–2008 foreshadowed the interconnectedness of food and energy policies and the vulnerability to rising food prices of the vast numbers of poor and chronically malnourished people throughout the world. The global boom in farmland and land grabs by richer countries demonstrate the urgency of investigating the multifaceted nature of the food security problem and examining in particular how large land acquisitions affect women, who generally have less control of land than men do.

Articles published online in 2013 include a meta-analysis of transnational land deals that argues for incorporating utilitarian and human-rights perspectives into feminist responses; a gendered examination of the effort to formalize land rights in Madagascar; a review of implications for women of large-scale land deals in Africa and Asia; and a critique of approaches to balance land commercialization in Africa with gender equity. The special issue, while will appear in print in January 2014, has been generously supported by the Ford Foundation and Rice University.

**Gender, Economics, and Muslim Communities**

Much of the contents of this special issue, guest edited by Ebru Kongar, Jennifer Olmsted, and Elora Shehabuddin, was published online in 2013. Articles explore new insights into women’s economic well-being in Muslim communities while interrogating the prevailing discourses about women’s participation in these communities. Generously supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Rice University, and University of Utah, and the issue will help close the gaps in our knowledge of the links between gender, economic well-being,
and the varying influences of religion – gaps caused by gender-blind analyses and unexplored assumptions and generalizations regarding Muslim women’s experiences. The print version, to include an introduction by the guest editors, “Gender and Economics in Muslim Communities: A Critical Feminist and Postcolonial Analysis,” will be published in 2014.

**Engendering Economic Policy in Africa**

This forthcoming special issue of the journal, guest edited by Caren A. Grown, Abena D. Oduro, and Irene van Staveren, will bring together new research aimed at challenging and improving economic policies in Africa.

The special issue, to be published in 2014 (online) and 2015 (print), is part of an overall project supported by a generous 2011 grant from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, as well as by Rice University and the University of Utah, that has two primary goals: helping to develop and disseminate more effective poverty-alleviation policies in Africa, with a particular emphasis on incorporating the gender dimension into the formulation, implementation, and monitoring of these social and economic policies; and providing the mentoring, capacity building, and detailed editing assistance to interested African scholars in the special issues and in other highly-ranked, peer-reviewed journals. A special-issue workshop was held at the University of Cape Town in May 2013.

**Feminist Economics Research Notes**

The journal launched the first edition of Feminist Economics Research Notes (FERN) in November 2013. Each Note provides a concise, nontechnical summary of an article in Feminist Economics. The goal of FERN, which will be released quarterly, is to communicate economics ideas clearly and broadly, making new research available to policymakers, activists, students, and scholars from a variety of disciplines. FERN can be found at feministeconomics.org/ferns.
The International Development Research Center (IDRC) generously provided travel grant support for Global South participants to attend the IAFFE 2013 Annual Conference at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. IDRC also provided funding to support a lunch and a keynote speaker—Francisco Cos-Montiel Senior Program Specialist, Supporting Inclusive Growth, IDRC—for all conference participants entitled, *Growth & Economic Opportunities for Women*. This initiative is jointly supported by the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID), The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and IDRC.

**Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung—Berlin** (FES-Berlin) provided generous support for the IAFFE 2013 Annual Conference through sponsorship of a lunch hour panel—a regional perspective on policy issues and caring labor. FES-Berlin provided lunch for all conference participants, as well as travel support for panel speakers.

IAFFE received significant grant support in 2013 through the extension of a three-year (2010-12), $1.5-million grant from the **Swedish International Development Corporation Agency** (Sida). The Sida grant has been truly foundational in moving IAFFE’s agenda of women’s empowerment throughout the world forward and we have been and are grateful for their generosity.
Feminist Economics continues work on a special issue on Gender, Land, and Food Security made possible by a $250,000 grant from the Ford Foundation. We greatly appreciate the support of the Ford Foundation in providing leadership in this important topic.

IAFFE continues the work on a $230,000 grant from the Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC) for the Engendering Economic Policy in Africa Project. This endeavor will include publication of a special issue of Feminist Economics, formulation and implementation of effective poverty-alleviation policies in Africa (with an emphasis on incorporating a gender dimension), and capacity building among emerging African scholars.

Finally, IAFFE and Feminist Economics continued to benefit from generous in-kind support from Rice University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Utah, Dickinson College, as well as the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, which provided pro bono legal services in a wide variety of areas.
In the news

Media


  o --- in *PolicyMic*. October 2013. “Janet Yellen, Mary Jo White, and Christine Lagarde Shatter Gender Stereotypes.”

- Carmen Sarasúa. March 8, 2013. Carmen was interviewed at Radio and TV (TV2) for International Women’s Day in Europe regarding how the economic crisis impacted women.

- Agneta Stark was interviewed by multiple newspapers in 2013 and participated in a number of news broadcasts on the Sveriges Radio and Sveriges Television (the Swedish national radio and TV public service companies).

IAFFE in the News


Policy Dialogues and Advocacy

- Silvia Berger served as the Specialized Consultant at the Ministry of Economics and Public Finances. Finance Secretariat, Economic and Fiscal Relations with Provinces, Argentina
  - Guest researcher at Latin American Social Sciences Institute (FLACSO, Argentina) - Technologic and Economic Area and post-graduate university teacher.
  - Member of The Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO) – consultative relationship with UNESCO. Working group on “Feminism, Transformation and Alternative Proposals for Latin America and Caribbean”.
  - Lecturer at PRIGEPP (Regional Training Program on Gender and Public Policies) supported by UNICEF, UNIFEM, among others.
  - Conducted research at ILO (International Labour Organization) about remunerated domestic work, labor costs by sex, gender, poverty, labor-market, and care.
  - Numerous research presentations on globalization and gender issues aimed at clarifying the diagnosis of gender inequalities and inequities in Latin America.
  - Attended the Twelfth Session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Regional Conference on Women in Latin America
and the Caribbean held in Santo Domingo, representing IAFFE.

- Ann Mari May is a member of The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER): working group on education.
  - Invited Seminar Presentation, “Gender, Occupational Segregation, and the Cultural Divide: Are Red States Different than Blue States?” University of Missouri, Kansas City, Fall 2013.

- Abena Oduro was a member of a team that prepared the report “Gender Remittances and Asset Accumulation in Ecuador and Ghana” for UN Women in August 2013.


- Stephanie Seguino served as an Expert advisor, UN Women, Progress on the World’s Women, 2013-14.
  - Faculty Advisor, “Feminisation, agricultural transition and rural employment: Social and political conditions of asset building in the context of export-led agriculture compared to alternative income generating opportunities,” University of Bern, 2013-present.
  - “A Gendered Perspective on the Current Economic Crisis,” Keynote speaker
  - “Gender, Development, and Inclusive Growth, UN Women, Zagreb, Croatia, July 2012.

- Agneta Stark presented a briefing note and oral presentation on "Effects of educational attainments on employability: do young women have an advantage
compared to young men?” for Workshop held by The Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee of the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium, April 23, 2013.

- May 29, 2013, Invited speaker on gender and ageing in the Swedish national conference on “Seniors at the center” in Malmö, Sweden.

- Diana Strassmann serves as Director, Program on Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities, May 2007 - present--Unique major in which students combine classroom knowledge on approaches to enhance human well-being and equality with hands-on service-learning internships
  - Chair, Board of Directors, Wikimedia Education Foundation, US and Canada: June 2013 – present. The Wiki Education Foundation (WEF) is a new non-profit organization which supports innovative uses of and content creation for Wikipedia and related projects in communities of teaching, learning and inquiry by encouraging collaboration among Wikipedia editors, educators and researchers and students.

- Irene van Staveren presented at an expert hearing about the international financial architecture for developing countries, for AIV (Adviesraad Internationale Vraagstukken), Dutch Advisory Council on International Affairs on December 17, 2013.
  - 14 November 2013: ‘Lady Liberty and Hippocrates: gender bending images of freedom and care’, Kick-off at brainstorm meeting on labour and care by Dutch NGO WomenInc, Amsterdam
  - April 2013: One week training course on gender analysis for economic policy for the African Development Bank (23 participants from across Africa) in Pretoria, South-Africa.
  - 22 January 2013: Invited presentation on civil society, aid and development for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Social Development (DSO/MO), the Hague.
  - 5 January 2013: Paper presentation on ‘Caring Finance’, AFEE session, ASSA meetings 2013, San Diego, USA.
International Association for Feminist Economics

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2013

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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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**Total liabilities and net assets**

$ 1,377,608
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Net assets released from restrictions: 40,000

**Total unrestricted revenue and support:** 1,297,168

### Expenses

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Increase in unrestricted net assets: 85,153

### Changes in Temporarily Restrict Net Assets

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### Increase in Net Assets

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