International Association for Feminist Economics

2015 Annual Report

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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

Asset holding and economic participation and well-being are central issues of research in feminist economics. Holding land increases women’s economic situation and can raise their position within society. The impact religious affiliation has on women is also examined, with particular attention being paid to Muslim women. With the generous support of many sponsors, Feminist Economics was able to publish research on a wide range of topics with case studies from around the globe. This year we worked on the publication of two special issues titled “Engendering Economic Policy in Africa” and “Voice and Agency.”
Diverse Membership

In 2015, IAFFE consisted of 563 members from 78 countries. Members came from around the world, including Africa (30 members), Asia (78), Europe (197), North and Central America (217), South America (22), and Australia and New Zealand (19).

The 2015 IAFFE membership included 142 new members.
2015 Total Members: 563

2015 New Members: 142
Dear Friends,

In 2015, IAFFE’s contribution to theoretical and political advances in feminist economics thinking and practice continued with full force. The 24th IAFFE Annual Conference took place July 16-18, 2015 at Berlin School of Economics and Law in Berlin, Germany. It brought together scholars, policy professionals, researchers, students, advocates and activists interested in empowering and improving the well-being of women, men and children from all around the world. The Conference theme, “Gender Equality in Challenging Times” created a productive interdisciplinary dialogue on how feminist economics contributes to the many challenges we face throughout the world today. We are grateful to the Berlin School of Economics and Law for providing us with the space and resources to make the Conference happen.

The opening plenary “Gender Equality in Europe: The Necessity to Develop Better Policies” focused on the adverse effects of austerity measures on gender equality in the European countries. Austerity imperils women’s and men’s power to design and implement transformative policies for a sustainable and democratic future that puts women’s and men’s well-being at the center. Gender equality in times of crisis, on the other hand, requires solid social and labor policies with a feminist perspective for enhancing gender justice.

The 24th IAFFE Annual Conference witnessed lively and intense debates on the central issues of feminist economics such as paid and unpaid work, care, gender budgeting and asset gaps, time-use, gender inequalities at home and at work, social exclusion, land rights and food security, migration, ecological transformation and combating poverty.

The 24th IAFFE Annual Conference also witnessed the creation of a new organized launch of thematic groups in an effort to stay connected between conferences, to facilitate networking, and to exchange information and inspire research collaboration among our diverse groups of members. Thematic groups are intended to institutionalize the more informal networking that takes place already and have the potential to contribute to IAFFE’s strategic goals of rejuvenating and broadening the membership.

The year 2015 also marked the 20th anniversary of our journal, *Feminist Economics*. For all those years, *Feminist Economics* played a key role in crossing cultural and geographical boundaries to foster and develop our cause.

At the 2016 ASSA Conference in San Francisco, IAFFE organized three well-attended sessions entitled Gendered Responses to Upheaval and Recession, Development, Division of Labor, and Sexual Orientation, and Work Segregation. Additionally, we had three joint sessions with URPE and one joint session with each of the following organizations, namely AFEE, ASE, ASGE.

I would like to thank Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin, German Research Foundation, Harriet Taylor-Mill Institute of BSEL, and Heinrich Böll Stiftung for their generous support.

IAFFE conferences and meetings always offer us an opportunity to look back at our history and elaborate both on our achievements and failures in advancing feminist inquiry in economics. They also offer us the chance to look forward to the future of the IAFFE and rethink the ways in which we can broaden our goal of enhancing the well-being of children, women, and men across the globe. On the other hand, as we all know, the journey is more important than the goal.

With my best wishes for a long, productive and joyful journey!

Şemsa Özar, IAFFE President 2014–15
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.

Engendering Economic Policy in Africa

This special issue of the journal, guest edited by Caren A. Grown, Abena D. Oduro, and Irene van Staveren, brings together new research aimed at challenging and improving economic policies in Africa. Published in July 2015 (Volume 22, Number 3), the issue contains an introduction and eight articles, many of which consider the gendered constraints to development in Africa. In their introduction, Oduro and van Staveren note the “relatively commendable” growth rate in Africa since 2000 and identify the structural transformations – diversification from agriculture into industry and reduction of inequality – needed to sustain it. The articles in the issue evoke four gendered constraints to economic development in Africa, including women’s lack of ownership and control.
over assets; an unequal and high burden of unpaid work; undermining social cohesion and ignoring women’s leadership; and macroeconomics trends and shocks, which can have serious gendered effects. With changes in the formal and informal institutions that create these constraints, Oduro and van Staveren assert, the needed structural transformations of growth and inequality reduction can occur.

The issue marked the successful conclusion of an overall project supported by a generous 2011 grant from the Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC). The project had two primary goals: developing and disseminating 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 mentoring, capacity building, and detailed editing assistance to African scholars who contributed to the special issue or were seeking to publish in other highly ranked, peer-reviewed journals. In keeping with this goal, African scholars either wrote or co-wrote six of the articles in the issue.

**Voice and Agency**

The special issue on Voice and Agency, consisting of eleven articles and an introduction, was published online in October 2015. Guest edited by Sarah Gammage, Naila Kabeer, and Yana van der Meulen Rodgers, the special issue examines the deprivations of voice and agency that characterize the lives of women and girls in much of the world and seeks to bring a feminist voice to the needed policy agenda. Contributions cover topics such as gender norms and the economy, the effects of child marriage on educational attainment in Uganda, and whether women’s representation in legislative bodies is greater in countries with constitutional protection from gender-based discrimination. The print issue will be published in January 2016.

**Feminist Economics Research Notes**

The journal continues to create and disseminate Feminist Economics Research Notes (FERNs) - concise, nontechnical summaries of all published articles. The goal of the FERNs, which are 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. FERNs, including those for the 2015 volume of the journal, can be found at feministeconomics.org/fern.
Grant and In-Kind Support

In July, *Feminist Economics* published a special issue on Engendering Economic Policy in Africa, which was made possible by a $230,000 grant from the Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency (SDC). We greatly appreciate the support of the SDC in providing leadership in this important and timely topic.

The Ford Foundation generously granted IAFFE an extension to use the remaining funds from our Gender, Land, and Food Security grant. With this extension, we were able to use $35,000 to provide travel grants for approximately 7 panel participants on this topic at the 2015 Annual Conference. Remaining funds from the extension will be used for style editing. The final report on the grant was submitted October 1, 2015.

In 2015, the World Bank provided $37,100 in support for the special issue on Voice and Agency. The bank previously funded a panel devoted to research on this topic at the 2014 Annual Conference in Ghana. The special issue was published online in October 2015 and will be released in print in January 2016.

IAFFE received a grant from Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung of up to €10,000 to support travel grants for Global South (or European non EU members) doing work on care, care
economy, reproductive sphere, and trafficking participants at 2015 Annual Conference in Berlin.

Berlin School of Economics & Law, host of the 24th IAFFE Annual Conference, received funding from the German Research Foundation to provide €8,000 in travel grant funds to Annual Conference participants from the Global South. The grant also provided funding to support conference workers and other conference related expenses. We are most grateful for their kind support.

The UN Women – Regional Office for Asia and Pacific generously provided approximately $30,000 in travel grant support for the 24th IAFFE Annual Conference for conference participants from Asia and the Pacific and those presenting on remittances. UN Women administered the grant funds directly and we are very grateful for their willingness to provide travel support for IAFFE conference participants.

FES-Berlin generously provided funding to the 24th IAFFE Annual Conference to host the lunch on the first day of the conference and hosted a presentation and lovely reception with heavy hors d’oeuvre’s in the evening of the first day of the conference.

Taylor & Francis Publishing generously provided $2,000 in sponsorship funds to support lunch for conference participants on the second day of the conference.

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, and law firms Winston & Strawn LLP and Singhal Law Firm, which provided pro bono legal services in a wide variety of areas.
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2015

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
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Total current assets $1,308,206

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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<td>Deferred income</td>
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Total current liabilities 15,825

NET ASSETS

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<td>Permanently restricted endowment</td>
<td>209,064.00</td>
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Total net assets 1,292,381

Total liabilities and net assets $1,308,206
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended December 31, 2015

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS  

Revenue and support  

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<td>Royalty income</td>
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<td>Interest income</td>
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<td><strong>Total unrestricted revenue and support</strong></td>
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Expenses  

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<td>Supporting services</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
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Increase in unrestricted net assets  

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<td><strong>Increase in unrestricted net assets</strong></td>
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CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS  

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INCREASE IN NET ASSETS  

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Net assets, beginning of year  

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Net assets, end of year  

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<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
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