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BOOK REVIEW

United Nations. 1991. The World's Women, 1970-1990: Trends and Statistics. Social Statistics and Indicators, Series K, No. 8. ISBN92-1-161313-2 (English version currently available. Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish versions will be available in 1992). United Nations Publications, New York, 10017. Phone: (800) 253-9646. Price, \$19.95.

The publication of this book marks a watershed in our understanding of women and the development process. A product of major efforts begun during the United Nations Decade for Women, the book provides internationally comparative data on women in more than 170 countries on subjects ranging from labor force participation and educational trends to marriage patterns, childbearing, and life expectancy. Much of the data is drawn from national accounts; from census data, national sample surveys and official records such as birth and death records and school enrollments. While many of the data have been available earlier in sources such as census bureau printouts and the yearbooks of specialized agencies such as UNESCO and ILO, this is the first time they have all been brought together in one place, and internally adjusted to common standards, so that comparisons between countries are reasonably reliable.

There are six major topic areas;

1. Women, families and households.
2. Public life and leadership
3. Education and training
4. Health and child bearing
5. Housing, human settlements and the environment.
6. Women's work and the economy.

In order to make the book useful to a wide range of different audiences, information on each topic is given in three different ways; as a narrative discussion, in computer graphics which illustrate patterns and trends, and in a series of tables at the end of each section which give the actual data for 170+ countries. These data tables are also available for purchase separately on IBM compatible PC computer discs. The WID/Women's studies reading room at the UIUC library has a set of these discs, which are available for copy to university students and staff. These WISTAT discs are an important resource for research as well as policy, and should

greatly strengthen scholarship in this area.

The data permit comparisons of women's situation across countries and regions, and in many cases, between men and women in the same country. Even more important in many ways is the provision of data on changes over time for many of the variables. One of the most useful lessons of the book is that there is a real difference in the conclusions to be drawn from cross sectional and longitudinal comparisons on the relative effects of development on women and men.

For every measure of well being except life expectancy, when the situation of women and men in the same society at the same point in time are compared, men are better off than women. They receive more education, they participate more fully in the paid labor market, and at higher wages, and they have much more access to political and private sector decision making positions. This is not news, but the numbers in the book make it possible to see the variations in degree between countries and regions, and among countries at various stages of structural transformation.

But the real news may lie in the measures of change over time in the situation of women throughout the world. Women have gained between five and fifteen years additional life expectancy in almost every developing country between 1970 and 1990. They now outlive men in every region of the world except south Asia. Their fertility rates have declined sharply in every region of the world except Africa. Enrollment rates for girls have increased more rapidly than for boys at primary levels all over the world, and at the secondary and tertiary levels as well in most regions. Most of the world's girls are now achieving literacy, for the first time in the history of the world. Women are living longer, having few children, and joining the paid labor force in record numbers. When you consider that almost all of the women in the world now also have the vote, the world begins to look like a more interesting place to spend the next hundred years.

Clearly, we are in the middle of a revolution, or a series of interlocking revolutions. The outcomes are not clear, but this book provides much needed information on the process.

K. C.

WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT UIUC

Activities and Events on Campus

Feminist Scholarship Seminars, Fall 1991, sponsored by the Women Studies Program, UIUC. Mark your calendar for the following:

- October 30, 12 noon, *The Social Construction of Gender and the Social Construction of Economics*, Mariane Ferber, Dept. of Economics/Women Studies Program
- November 6, 12 noon, *Husband's Participation in Household Work and Wife's Income: Is there a Relationship?*, Lauren Leach, Division of Consumer Sciences
- November 13, 12 noon, *Mediated Images of Gender and the Body in Sport*, Susan Greendorfer, Dept. of Kinesiology
- November 20, *Battered Women and the Legal System: Court Orders of Protection*, Rebecca M. Campbell, Dept. of Psychology.

All seminars are on Wednesdays, and held in the Lucy Ellis Lounge, 1080 Foreign Languages Building.

WID Course list for Spring 1992

Every semester the Wid Office compiles a list of all courses offered on campus that address gender issues in international development. The amount of WID content in these courses varies, and we have on file information on the percentage of WID content included in the course, as submitted by the instructors. **The Spring 1991 WID Course List will be ready for distribution in at the end of October.** Copies may be picked up at the WID Office or mailed upon request to a campus address.

STUDY AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

● **The Ford Foundation Summer Internship Program, 1992.** The Ford Foundation Summer Internship Program will provide twenty-nine positions for the summer of 1992. Twelve of the internships will be overseas in the developing country offices; seventeen of the internships will be based in New York City. The descriptions as well as the qualifications vary with the positions, but only current graduate students are eligible. **Deadline: November 29, 1991.** Applications and more information are available at the Fellowship Office, 209 Coble Hall.

● **MUCIA Internship Program, 1992.** MUCIA provides travel and living allowance to encourage student interest in careers in international development and education. The majority of the internships are with agencies involved with international development, nutrition, health and educational activities located in and around Washington, D.C. A limited number of opportunities are made available abroad. Internships are normally established for 12 weeks during the summer months (June-September), though fall internships are also available. Appointments are adjusted to fit the term schedules of the member universities. The program is open to U.S. citizens who are currently enrolled in MUCIA universities and who will have completed their third (junior) year of study no later than June, 1992. Enrolled graduate students are also eligible. **Deadline for application is December 6, 1992.** Applications are available in Room 324 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign. For more information contact the MUCIA liaison office at (217)/333-1993.

CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR PAPERS

▲ **The Association of Women in International Development (AWID)** will host their 1991 conference on **November 21 - 24** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington D.C. The theme of the conference *Learning Together/Working Together: A South-North Dialogue*. The program will provide new ideas, theories and frameworks that will effect change efforts. Concurrent sessions will provide "how to's" of improving women's lives. Workshops, roundtables, and exhibits will present useful and tested tools for change.

Three preconference workshops are offered on **Wednesday, November 20.** *Training Trainers: Presenting Women and Development Issues to Community Groups* will be presented by Mary Rojas, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Susan Hill, Upper Midwest Women's History Center. *Gender Disaggregating Program Performance Indicators* will be presented by Mari H. Clark, Agency for International Development and Gerald Britam, AID Center for Development Information and Evaluation. *Tools for Gender Trainers* will be presented by Hilary Feldstein, Gender and Agricultural Project and Kathleen Cloud, UIUC.

For further information about the conference contact Kansas University Division of Continuing Education at (913) 532-5569.

▲ **1993 Berkshire Conference on The History of Women.** The 9th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, *Transformations: Women, Gender, Power*, will be held on June 11-13, 1993, at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, USA. The Program Committee is calling for proposals addressing the relations between feminist history and social and political practice and papers taking an interdisciplinary or comparative approach crossing national, cultural, racial, or ethnic lines. The conference encourages international participation and perspectives. Proposals should be submitted in triplicate by February 1, 1992.

Send proposals on **U.S. topics** to: Elaine Abelson, New School for Social Research, Eugene Lang College, 65 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10011; on **other U.S. topics** to: Margaret Hunt, Amherst College, 2254, P.O. Box 5000, Amherst, MA 01002-5000; **comparative U.S./non-U.S. topics** may be sent to either Program Committee Co-Chair. Please direct all correspondence to "ATTN: Berkshire Conference".

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

1. Graduate Students:

● **AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowships (1992-93).** AAUW announces its American and International 1992-93 fellowships:

(1) **American Fellowships** -- postdoctoral and dissertation. **Deadline: November 15, 1991.**

(2) **Selected Professions Fellowships** -- in fields where female participation has traditionally been low. (a) Science & technology group (final year of master's degree). (b) Focus professions group (M.B.A., J.D., M.D., D.O.). Applicants must be entering their final year of study in September, 1992. **Deadline: December 1, 1991** (except M.B.A.), **February 1, 1992** (M.B.A. only).

(3) **International Fellowships** -- open to non-U.S. citizens for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research in the United States. Six of these fellowships are open to women who are affiliated with the International Federation of University Women. Recipients of AAUW-IFUW fellowships may study in any country but their own. **Deadline: December 1, 1991.**

To request a fellowship application or to receive more information about other funding opportunities, contact AAUW Educational Foundation, 1111 16th Street, N.W., Washington, DC. 20036. Phone: (202)/872-1430.

● **The MacArthur Foundation** announces the 1991-92 competition for dissertation and postdoctoral Fellowships on Peace and Security in a Changing World administered by the Social Science Research Council. These fellowships are to support innovative and multi-disciplinary research on the security implications of world-wide cultural, military, social, economic, environmental, and political changes. **Deadline: December 1, 1991.**

● **The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund** invites applicants for grants of approximately \$6,000 each to be made in the spring of 1991 to women from developing countries who are studying in the United States and are interested in the problems of women and/or children in their countries. Grants are given to women who are: nationals of developing countries, enrolled in an accredited educational institution in the U.S.; interested in issues that relate to women and/or children; planning to return to their countries within two years of the date on which grants are made; in need of financial assistance for tuition fees, books, living expenses etc.; and not related to a World Bank staff or spouse. **Deadline: February 1, 1992.** Announcements of the recipients

of grants will be made by April 15, 1991². Application materials are available at the WID office, 320 International Studies Building, 910 South ~~Wright~~ Fifth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820. For further information write to The Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433.

● **MUCIA Dissertation Research Grants.** The Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities will provide seven awards of \$10,000 each in support of the study of the developing world and the process of development. **Deadline: January 31, 1992.** Applications are available in Room 324 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign. For more information contact the MUCIA liaison office at (217)333-1993.

● **Rockefeller Foundation Sub-Saharan African Dissertation Internship Awards 1992-93**

The Rockefeller Foundation has announced their program to enable African doctoral students enrolled in U.S. universities to undertake supervised dissertation research in Africa. The awards are open to citizens of sub-Saharan countries about to begin research. Priority will be given to research topics in areas of agriculture, health, and life sciences; other proposals will be considered if they relate to economic development or the reduction of poverty in Africa. Research projects must involve field observation or the use of primary sources only available in Africa. Students are encouraged to be in the field for at least twelve months. **Deadline: March 1, 1992.** Send proposals and inquiries to African Dissertation Internships, The Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036.

● **Social Science Research Council administers three dissertation related fellowship programs:**

(1) **International Pre-dissertation Fellowships** of up to \$2,000 to support short-term field trips to Africa; with preference going to three different groups: (i) Africanists in traditionally under-represented disciplines such as economics, the humanities, psychology, and sociology; (ii) students planning research issues concerning African agriculture or health; and (iii) non-Africanist students in any discipline who might be encouraged to plan dissertation field research in Africa. **Deadline: December 6, 1991;** for awards made in May 1992. For further information, contact Roger Kanet, IPS, 303 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820. Phone: (217)333-6104.

(2) **Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowships** in the social sciences and humanities. **Deadline: November 1, 1991** for awards made in May 1992.

(3) **Fellowships for Training and Dissertation Research on Agriculture and Health.** This program is directed at social scientists who seek to integrate social and nature science perspectives and methodologies in the study of agriculture and health issues. It provides up to twelve months of natural or technical science training, subsequent dissertation field work, and write up. **Deadline: December 1, 1991;** for awards made in May 1992.

Application materials and special proposal guidelines are available from the Africa Program, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10158. Phone: (212)/661-0280.

2. Faculty:

● **International Agriculture Project Development Travel Fund** Grants of up to \$ 500 are available for tenure-track and tenured faculty members in the College of Agriculture to support travel directly related to new project development. Grants will not be awarded to support attendance or presentations at international conferences, seminars, or workshops. **Deadlines for application are November 1, 1991, and March 1, 1992.** To get a copy of the application guidelines and a request form, call or write the Office of International Agriculture, 113 Mumford Hall, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, Illinois 61801; telephone 217-333-1993.

● **MUCIA Grants for Travel.** Grants of up to \$1,000 are offered by the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA) and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to UIUC faculty and staff members to apply for a travel-fund grant to support international program development. The next deadlines are November 1, 1991, and March 1, 1992. Guidelines and request forms are available from MUCIA, 324 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820; telephone 217-333-1993.

● **Social Science Research Council Programs**

(1) **The African Agriculture: Crisis and Transformation Fellowship Program** provides fellowships in support of research projects concerning the crisis in African Agriculture. The 1990 program is directed to questions of sustainability with special reference to resource conservation and ecological vulnerability. Fellowships will be awarded to individuals or to teams of research researchers for periods of three to twelve months in support of non-degree activities. The program is open to citizens of sub-Saharan countries and to teams comprised of both Africans and non-Africans. Maximum awards are for \$15,000. **Deadline: December 31, 1991.**

(2) **Africa Postdoctoral Research Grants**

The council provides grants for advanced studies research in the social sciences and humanities for field research as well as comparative, theoretical research that proposes more than the analysis of previously gathered materials. Multidisciplinary team projects are especially encouraged, and applicants are encouraged to plan collaborative research with African scholars. Grants are normally made for a period of two months to a year. Application forms are sent on request, after preliminary determination of eligibility has been decided by the African program staff. Grants are available to citizens and permanent residents of the United States whose competence for research on Africa has been demonstrated, who intend to make continuing contributions to the field, and who hold a Ph.D or equivalent research experience. If travel to Africa is planned, the applicant should try to arrange for affiliation with an African university or research institute. **Proposals are due December 1, 1991.**

● **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** has announced the availability of Kellogg National Fellowship Program awards for 1992. It seeks to involve professional men and women in the earlier years of their professional careers who are interested in developing interdisciplinary and cross-cultural perspectives on contemporary human and social problems. **Deadline for KNFK applications is December 14, 1991.**

● **William and Flora Hewlett Summer International Research Grants**

International Programs and Studies announces its competition for William and Flora Hewlett Grants to support international projects. The grants are intended to fund both basic and applied research. Faculty members are encouraged to apply. Financial support is available for up to 1/9 of the applicant's academic year salary, or a maximum of \$3,500, whichever is less. About 10-15 awards will be made. **Deadline: November 1, 1991.** Results will be announced towards December 15, 1991. For further information and application forms contact IPS, 303 International Studies Building, (217)/333-6104.

● **The Women Studies Program** provides funds on a competitive basis to support graduate and undergraduate student endeavor in feminist scholarship. Funds might be used, for example, to support travel to a professional meeting, presentation of a paper at a professional meeting, exhibition or performances of creative work, or some costs of research (such as obtaining special resources, travel to archives). **Deadlines: November 12, 1991** for Spring semester, and **March 12** for Summer and Fall, 1992 activities.

POSITIONS

■ The Women's Studies Program at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship, with joint appointment in a department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (including disciplines in the humanities, social sciences and creative arts), effective August 1992. Qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent, evidence of strong scholarship and teaching ability, and demonstrated teaching and research interests in multicultural/cross-cultural aspects of women's studies scholarship. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, one or two scholarship or creative work, and three letters of recommendation to: Berenice Carroll, Director, Women's Studies Program, 1302 Peirce Hall, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1302. Phone: (317) 494-8762. Applications are due December 10, 1991.

■ The Women's Studies Program at Arizona State University West invites applications for three Associate/Assistant/Lecturer positions (depending on qualifications) to join core faculty and teach courses in Women's Studies, effective August 16, 1992. Field of academic specialty is open, but applications are being particularly solicited from faculty with degrees, research, or teaching experience in the humanities, business education, and justice studies. The program also has a special need for faculty in any field related to Chicanas and Native American women. Candidates must show excellence in teaching and research on gender and cultural diversity. Two years of higher education teaching is preferred.

For each of the following positions, a Ph.D. is required for appointment at the Associate /Assistant Professor, tenured/tenure track level. A Master's degree is required for appointment at the Lecturer, non-tenure track level.

- 1) **Cross Cultural/U.S.:** Applicants must have teaching experience and/or research which incorporates a cross-cultural U.S. perspective.
- 2) **International/Comparative:** Applicants must have an academic specialty, teaching experience and/or research which incorporates an international/comparative perspective.
- 3) **Theory Development:** Applicants must demonstrate the ability to contribute to the developing body of knowledge and theory on women across the Diaspora.

Letters of application addressing teaching/scholarly/curriculum development experience in Women's Studies, curriculum vitae, and names/addresses of 3 references are due by December 1, 1991. Please indicate in the letter the position/s for which you are applying. Send application materials to: Patricia Hopkins, Chair of Search Committee, Women's Studies, Arizona State University West, 4701 W. Thunderbird Rd., P.O. Box 37100, Phoenix, AZ 85069-7100. Phone: (602) 543-3311.

RESOURCES

WID Related Publications

WIDLINE. The WID Division of the World Bank has established **WIDLINE**, a quarterly newsletter reporting on Bank operations, economic and sector work, and policies that address women's issues. The first issue, *Letting Girls Learn: Benefits, Constraints and Promising Approaches in Primary and Secondary Education*, focuses on guidelines for female education. To receive the newsletter, send your name and address to: WIDLINE, room # S-9067, The World Bank, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433, U.S.A.

Household Food System, the first issue of the Resource Centre for the Study of Women, Households and Development, M.S. University, Baroda, India, Working Paper Series, edited by Dr. Ira Pant and Prof. Sunder Gujral, Dept. of Foods and Nutrition, M.S. University, Baroda, India is available for \$3.00 (mailing and handling), at the WID Office, 320 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820. Phone: (217) 333-1977/1994.

STAFF CHANGES

The WID office is pleased to have Dr. Brenda K. Eheart as the new Associate Director of the office. Dr. Eheart was formerly the Director of the Interdisciplinary Developmental Child Care Program at the University of Illinois. She has a particular interest in women, work and child welfare issues, and how they are similar and different in countries around the world.

Hours and telephone numbers are:

Kathleen Cloud, <u>Director</u> ,	M-F, 1-5 pm, Fall, (217) 333-1977
Brenda Eheart, <u>Associate Director</u>	M-F, 8-4pm, (217) 244-0570
Cherub Antwi-Nsiah, <u>Assistant Director</u>	M-F, 1-5 pm, (217) 244-1722
Kathryn Martin, <u>Secretary</u>	M-F 8-3 pm, (217) 333-1994

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