

**International Geographical Union
Commission on Gender and Geography**

Pre – Conference Meeting on:

Bridging Gendered Diversity in a Globalizing World

July, 8-10, 2010

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Geographical Union (IGU) will be holding its Regional Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel, on July 12-16 July 2010.

The IGU Commission on Gender and Geography will organize a pre-conference meeting which will take place at *Notre Dame de Sion* Monastery in *Ein Karem*, Jerusalem, just before the main event, from 8-10 July, 2010

<http://www.sion-ein-karem.org/index.htm>

In addition, we are planning to have several sessions of the Gender and Geography Commission at the main conference, some jointly with other Commissions.

We are delighted to announce a **joint session** with the **IGU Mediterranean Renaissance Program (MRP)** entitled 'Geographies of Gender in the Mediterranean'.

We also work on possible collaborations with other commissions such as: Commission on Local Development, Commission on Indigenous People Knowledge and Peoples' Rights– all joint sessions need to be confirmed and depend on the number of abstracts and their content.

Interested participants are invited to submit abstracts for either (and both) of the meetings. This call is for the pre-meeting but we ask those who wish to participate only in the main meeting to send us abstracts as well **together with** their submission to the main conference website: www.igu2010.com

Objectives of the Pre- Meeting

Considering the great variety of Israeli landscapes and population we center our attention on issues of diversity and multiculturalism. These terms refrain from identifying social and cultural differences as merely demographic analytical categories. Rather they tend to criticize the universal principles typical of modernity, and uncover the processes of differential inclusion of national, social and cultural groups. Gender is a well known excuse for structuring hierarchical categorizations. Because often gender is fractured at the intersection with other aspects of identity , it is critically used to challenge the modern notion of universal participation.

Deriving out of these contexts the main themes of the meeting will include:

- Gendered borders and barriers
- National, citizenship, ethnic, religious, class, age, gendered and sexual diversities
- Locations of diversity and diversified locations in a global world
- Spaces, places and institutions, how they include/exclude gender
- Space, place and intersectionality

Sessions and Group Discussions

Besides the 'traditional' sessions of 4-5 papers we intend to organize group discussions of 30 minutes each in which smaller group of people will discuss the papers presented in the sessions of each day in order to give more time and allow more sustained discussions of the papers.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR THE PRE- MEETING

Title:

First name:

Family name:

Affiliation:

Address:

Contact:

Email address:

Telephone (from overseas) +

Fax (from overseas) +

I intend to participate in:

IGU Regional Conference, Gender and Geography Sessions	YES	NO
Pre-Conference Sessions	YES	NO

Title of Paper – IGU Main Sessions:

Title of paper – pre-Conference Meeting:

- Abstract should be of up to 500 words including 5-7 keywords including 5-7 keywords and should be sent until **Feb, 28,2010**

Please send your abstracts to the **Organizing Committee:**

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**PRE – CONFERENCE MEETING
COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY
8-10 JULY, JERUSALEM**

Provisional Program

The meeting will take place in a form of a retreat and will be held in the *Notre Dame de Sion* Monastery in *Ein Karem* - a picturesque village at the outskirts of JERUSALEM.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM:

Wednesday, 7 July, 2010 – 19:30 – Welcome dinner for the early arrivers in one of the local restaurants in *Ein Karem* (not included in registration fees)

Thursday, 8 July, 2010

9:00- 9:15- Welcome greetings

Tovi Fenster, Orna Blumen- Local Organizers

Robyn Longhurst – Chair of the Gender and Geography Commission

9:15 – 13:00 - Sessions

13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 – Sessions

16:30-17:00 – Group discussions

17:00 – 19:00 – Visit with women's organizations in Jerusalem

Evening – Dinner (not included in the registration fees)

Friday, 9 July, 2010

9:00 – 13:00 – Sessions

13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 – Sessions

16:30-17:00 – Group Discussions

17:00 – 18:30 – Walking tour in *Ein Karem*

Evening – Reception Dinner

Saturday, 10 July, 2010

9:00 – 13:00 – Guided tour to the old city of Jerusalem

13:00 – Trip to Tel Aviv for the main conference venue

Transportation from Ben Gurion (BGU) Airport to Ein Karem

For those of you who will arrive to Ein-Karem directly from BGN airport we strongly recommend to take a taxi from the airport to Ein-Karem. The taxi station is located on the ground floor (floor G) just outside of the terminal building. A taxi from the airport will cost 218-260 NIS (50-60 US\$). There is also a possibility of using public transport which will be cheaper – for more information about that possibility or transportation to Ein-Karem from other places you can contact Chen Misgav chenmisg@post.tau.ac.il

ACCOMMODATION:

The venue of the retreat meeting is the *Notre Dame de Sion* Monastery - a beautiful and a very unique location in the village (<http://www.sion-ein-karem.org/index.htm>) .

The booking of the rooms is done by writing to Chen Misgav (chenmisg@post.tau.ac.il), NOT TO THE GUEST HOUSE.

The guest house includes 25 rooms only: single, double and triple rooms. We emphasize that these are simple, modest and rather small rooms, and ask you to consider this information when making your reservation. **12 rooms are already booked so we advice you to register as soon as possible via Chen Misgav.**

If you wish more luxurious accommodations we suggest the following:

B&B in *Ein Karem*

<http://www.bachti.co.il/> (3 units seems suitable for 2-3 persons, with English text)

<http://hashaked.co.il/about.aspx> (1 unit, no English text, with pictures and email for reservations).

<http://www.jerusalemartment.co.il/> (1 unit big and really inviting - 1.5 bedrooms and living space, with English text)

Hotels in Jerusalem

Beit Belgia (Belgium House) – Hebrew University Campus, West Jerusalem
www.huji.ac.il/info_belgium.htm

YMCA West Jerusalem - www.ymca3arch.co.il

Prima Kings - www.Booking.com/primakingshotel

Prima Royal – www.Booking.com/PrimaRoyaleHotel

We hope to get reduced prices through the university system, and will let you know when this is guaranteed, probably in the next call for papers

Of course there are many more hotels in Jerusalem. You can visit www.jerusalemshotelsinisrael.com for more hotels and places to stay.

If you choose one of the places outside the Monastery you should take into consideration the hilly environment. There is a frequent bus from Jerusalem's central areas to *Ein Karem* which entails a short hilly walk. We therefore recommend that you will take a taxi (about 5US\$ in *Ein Karem*, 15US\$ from and to the city center).

Registration Fees and Payment Method

Registration fees of 200 US\$ include coffee and tea during breaks, one reception dinner, afternoon visit to women's organizations in Jerusalem, half day fieldtrip in the old city of Jerusalem, transportation to Tel Aviv.

The payment can be done by credit cards, you should fill out the details below and send it back to Chen Misgav chenmisg@post.tau.ac.il

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:

Name of cardholder: _____

Charge US\$ _____ to **credit card** as below:

American Express Diners Club MasterCard Visa

Credit Card No. _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***We look forward to meet you in Ein Karem, Jerusalem
Shalom,***

Tovi, Orna and Chen