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Greetings RNGS members,

As you know from the non-stop e-mails in the past few months, we have all been very busy with RNGS work. We are now in our seventh year and are well on our way to completing the project!! At this point we expect to have all five issue books published and our data set online. We have two books coming out this Fall that present our findings for two out of the five issue networks: abortion and job training. Here is publication information in case you want to put in library orders for them.

Mazur, Amy (ed.) (2001). *State Feminism, Women's Movements, and Job Training: Making Democracies Work in the Global Economy*. New York and London: Routledge.
Stetson, Dorothy McBride (ed.) (2001), *Abortion Politics, Women's Movements and the Democratic State: A Comparative Study of State Feminism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

We had a very successful research workshop at the APSA meetings in San Francisco at the end of August. The prostitution and hot issue networks made excellent progress there. Joyce Outshoorn has submitted a prospectus for the prostitution book to Polity Press. Melissa Haussmann and Birgit Sauer have an exciting line-up of people to do the hot issue. Joni Lovenduski is currently securing a contract for publishing the book on political representation. Thanks to Yvonne Galligan, the Director of the Centre for the Advancement of Women in Politics at Queen's University, Belfast, our next meeting will take place there this December 6– 9. More than 25 RNGS members will meet from the three issue networks continuing to do their work.

As in the past, this newsletter is being distributed to all RNGS members (48), associate members (31) and consultants (5) – a new category of participants. We have also attached the current participant list, hot off the press today. A list of our working documents is at the end of the newsletter. Let us know if you would like us to send any of them to you as attachments.

WELCOME TO NEW RESEARCH MEMBERS, ASSOCIATES, AND CONSULTANTS

The number of new members (over 20 in all) is a testimony to the vitality and hard work of the network. New research members: Joanna Kantola (University of Bristol); Judith Squires (University of Bristol); Angelika VonWahl (San Francisco State University); Christina Bergqvist (National Institute of Working Life); Barbara Sullivan (University of Queensland); Ulrike Liebert (University of Bremen); Ailbhe Smyth (University College Dublin); Leslie Jeffrey (University of New Brunswick); and Beate Leopold (University of Osnabrueck). This year we have added a new category -- consultants. These individuals are experts on the methodologies we use and will help us to construct our quantitative data set from our qualitative national studies in the five issue areas and eventually analyze the dataset. Joining us in this consultant capacity are Ashley Grosse (University of Michigan); James Caporaso (University of Washington); Jacqui True (Michigan State University) and Laurel Weldon (Purdue University) We have added ten new associate members – various individuals interested in following our project but not involved with research – from Japan, France, Germany, Belgium, and the USA.

ISSUE NETWORK UPDATES

JOB TRAINING—Completed.

ABORTION—Completed.

POLITICAL REPRESENTATION- -Joni Lovenduski, Director
Final chapters to be presented at Belfast. Contract for book in progress, Working title: *Feminism and the Political Representation of Women in Europe and North America*.

Lynn Kamenitsa,Germany
Janine Parry,USA
Kathy Teghtsoonian,Canada
Marila Guadagnini, Italy
Jantine Oldersma, The Netherlands
Celia Valiente, Spain
Claudie Baudino, France
Regina Kpl and Eva Kriesky, Austria
Jaana Kuusipalo, Finland
Petra Meier, Belgium
Joni Lovenduski, UK
Alice Brown, Scotland
Yvonne Galligan, Ireland
Diane Sianbury, Sweden
Brigitte Geissel, Germany
Sonia Mazey, EU

PROSTITUTION-- Joyce Outshoorn, Director
Final chapters to be presented at Belfast. Submission of book prospectus to Polity Press: "*The Politics of Prostitution: Women's Movements, Democratic States, and the Globalisation of Sex Commerce*. Notes from APSA 2001 research meeting available on request .

Joyce Outshoorn, The Netherlands
Birgit Sauer, Austria
Dorothy Stetson, USA
Amy Mazur, France
Celia Valiente, Spain
Anne-Maria Holli, Finland
Yvonne Svanström, Sweden
Daniella Danna, Italy
Delia Amir, Israel
Beate Leopold, Germany
Johanna Kantola and Judith Squires, University of Bristol
Barbara Sullivan, Australia
Leslie Jeffrey, Canada

HOT ISSUE--Melissa Haussman and Birgit Sauer, Co Directors
Research meetings at APSA set new criteria for selecting a hot issue on a neo-liberal topic touching upon state-scoiety relations at the national level. First draft of chapters presented at Belfast. Final chapters presented at meeting in Europe in 2002. Book prospectus to publishers in 2002.

Amy Mazur, France-- 35 hour work-week
Dorothy Stetson, USA--Welfare Reform
Marila Guadagini, Italy—Constitutional Reform
Birgit Sauer and Sieglinde Rosenberger, Austria –Family Policy
Marina Calloni, Italy –Bioethics, Reproductive Technologies
Joyce Outshoorn and Jantine Oldersma, The Netherlands --Waiting Lists for Health Care
Celia Valiente, Spain --Unemployment

Anne Maria Holli, Finland—Economic Recession/Welfare State
Ulirke Liebert, EU--
Angelike Von Wahl, Germany--
Melissa Haussman, Canada—New Federalism
Christine Bergqvist, Sweden--
Alison Woodward, Belgium—Migrant/Asylum Question
Fiona McKay, Scotland—Constitutional Change
Barbara Sullivan, Australia—Indigenous People's Rights

NEXT MEETING: CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN & POLITICS, QUEENS UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

By now, you should have notified us, if you are planning on coming. Further details will be sent to you in November. NOTE THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD TRY TO DISTRBUTE PAPERS BY E-MAIL BY NOVEMBER 25th. Be sure to send your paper to all members of your issue network (see participant list for e-mail addresses)

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday December 6
4:00 pm Arrival and Welcome Reception
Friday December 7
9-12 Political Representation Network Meeting
Lunch
2-5 Political Representation/Prostitution Network Meeting
Saturday December 8
9-12 Prostitution/ Hot Issue Network Meetings
Lunch
2-5 Hot Issue Network Meetings
Sunday December 9
9-12 Business Meeting: Future Funding Meetings and Farewell

Yvonne plans to invite women active in the North Ireland peace movement to meet with our group, probably Saturday evening

FUNDING

We continued to try to secure network funds this year. We are still waiting for results of applications for funding for European participants for Belfast. In Spring 2000, we had secured a tentative agreement between ESF and NSF officials that if NSF funded travel for US scholars, there would be a good possibility that the ESF would follow through for European participants. Joni submitted the application last October and we were given additional queries by the ESF in May. We were told in August that the proposal was still out for review. Dorothy and Amy were awarded supplements on our NSF grants to cover summer salaries for the graduate assistants working on the project, around $10,000 more.

TOWARD COMPLETING THE RNGS PROJECT AND BEYOND

M*eetings*—We will hold one more issue network meeting in Europe in 2002, probably at the University of Leiden. Country directors and methodology consultants will also gather at this meeting to discuss dataset issues. Two additional meetings will be held in 2002-2003 in the USA on constructing the data set. We will also hold a workshop on methodological issues at APSA 2002 in Boston. An 'authors meet the critics' roundtable on our first two books is also being proposed for APSA 2002. We are working with the Institute of Women's Policy Research in Washington D.C. to plan a practitioners meeting to mark the completion of the project and the release of our dataset in June 2004. We also hope to eventually hold a meeting that specifically examines the applications of the RNGS study/findings to non-Western countries.

Funding—We will seek extensions with the NSF at the end of this grant and are also exploring network fundings with the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, the Institute of Women's Policy Research in D.C., the Center for

Gender and Democracy at the University of Washington, the University of Bremen, and the University of Leiden.

Home page—The RNGS Home Page should be up and running in November 2001. We already have the address: www.rngs.org! This is a "web page in the making" so let Dorothy know any suggestions you have for links and documents that should be added.

Dataset –Through the meetings of the Directors and consultants and work with graduate assistants we aim to have our dataset ready for use and on- line by the end of 2004.

Capstone Article and Book—Once the dataset is constructed we will analyze our quantitative findings in an article length- manuscript to be submitted to APSR in 2004. We also intend to write a capstone book that examines our quantitative and qualitative findings from all five issue networks.

Comparative State Feminism II -- At Chilworth--1999, Alison Woodward proposed doing a follow-up book to the first Comparative State Feminism book that began this project in 1995. This second volume would be on women's policy offices and global/inter/supra national women's policy issues. No specific plans have been made, but many members have expressed interest in contributing to such a book. We can discuss this informally at Belfast and will keep everyone posted!

WORKING DOCUMENTS

All of the following documents have been sent to members since 1995. If you are missing any, let us know and we would be happy to send them to you as attachments.

Newsletters 1-6
2001 RNGS Project Description
2000 Proposal to the NSF
Summary of Proposal Made for the ESF
Biographies of Participants

AS ALWAYS THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK AND SUPPORT!!!!

Amy and Dorothy