

minor and major sequences leading on to a Masters programme or a PhD in Women's Studies. Unfortunately we do not as yet have an honours programme. It is possible to arrange these supervision in other departments for topics on women, feminism and gender.

We have two compulsory topics in the minor/major programmes:

1. **Representations on Women and Gender in Australian Society** (WMN2110.08) The focus of this course is on Australian society and gender relations in the past (history), in contemporary society (sociology), and in the process of economic restructuring (geography). The key questions dealt with are: how women and men have been perceived in different societies and in different periods of history; the theories which have been formulated to explain patriarchy; and how women have been excluded from economic and spatial discourse. Topics covered include: the experiences of convict women transported to Australia; what nineteenth century women could expect from married life and paid work; what contemporary women can expect from life; how contemporary women are experiencing various processes of economic and social restructuring.

2. **Marriage: Comparative Perspectives** (WMN2120.08) This course will examine the significance for women of the institution of marriage in a number of different periods and cultures from ancient Greece and Rome to contemporary Indonesia. The documentation will include legal, polemical and literary texts, which will be considered within their historical context of ideology and practice and analysed to show the various theoretical and experimental ways in which they define the roles of women in marriage.

If you are interested I suggest you consult the Monash University Arts Handbook 1993 (ask at your local university library) for an outline of the subjects available as "optional subjects" across other departments. In Politics, for example, we offer **The Feminist Challenge to Liberal Political Thought** at 2nd and 3rd year levels and **Gender in Asian Politics** at 2nd and 3rd year levels. In 3rd year

Women's Studies we offer the following course taken by Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Grosz: **Sexual Difference** (WMN3110.08) This course is designed to provide an introduction and an in-depth analysis of one of the major sites of feminist theory in the 1990s, the debates surrounding the question of sexual difference. The course aims to introduce students to the terms and positions involved in the issues of sexual difference.

From this year, students have been able to take a major sequence in Women's Studies in their degree. Students are strongly recommended to take a double major, one in women's studies and the other in their chosen disciplinary, or interdisciplinary, area.

## **Gender and Politics at Sydney**

**Patricia Springborg**  
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At Sydney University I lecture **Government II/III, Women's Studies II and Gender Politics** (Government IV), both of which I have taught from 1989 to 1992 along with an undergraduate course on **Politics, Ethics, Science and Technology**, which had a small feminist component.

**Government III: Women and Politics** is a course conducted as one two hour seminar per week for each student. In the later seminars problems in feminist theory are debated by the students.

The course debates the following: Do women and men today occupy the same place in political life? What is the significance for our understanding of 'politics' or the fact that for so long politics has been seen as a man's world and that almost all great political theorists argued that women were unfitted for political activity and citizenship? The course introduces students to a new and rapidly growing body of research and to the lively debates on the question of women and politics. Issues

discussed include why it took women so much longer than men to win the franchise; women's political activities before citizenship; the manner in which women have been discussed in political science; the representation of women in parliament and the bureaucracy; women and political parties; the impact of recent legislation and policies to improve women's social position; the question of 'gender gap'; the political significance of the women's movement (past and present); women and the welfare state; women and the politics of personal life.

## Politics Department, University of Adelaide

The Politics Department at the University of Adelaide places a major emphasis on the development of courses on women and politics and the mainstreaming of material on women. While a number of female colleagues have incorporated some material on women in their courses, particularly substantial contributions have been made by female lecturing staff who offer the following courses:

### Dr Carol Bacchi

History of Feminist Thought is designed as a survey of contributions of feminist thinking, mainly, though not exclusively from the Anglo-Saxon tradition, from the mid-nineteenth century to today. There is an emphasis on the way in which various feminisms have challenged and reshaped pre-existing 'malestream' theories. Women and Policy has several interrelated goals. One is to show how women have been a focus of much policy-making to date and the reasons for this. The second large task in the course is to consider how, given this background, women can intervene in the policy-making process to produce different outcomes. Feminist approaches to policy formulation also form a part of the course. The kinds of problems which will be discussed include: the difficulty of reconciling short-term proposals with long-term objectives; the need to devise policies sensitive to the 'differences' among women; the limitations of legal and legislative reform.

### Dr Christine Beasley

Dr Chris Beasley is teaching three undergraduate courses for second and third year students while Dr Carol Bacchi is on leave at the ANU Women. Power and Politics is designed as an introductory overview of some contemporary debates in feminist thought and practice. A Survey of Feminist Thinkers attempts to explore in more detail several of the theoretical approaches that are raised in the first subject as well as other approaches, by concentrating on a number of contemporary feminist theoreticians. For instance, the work of writers like Carol Pateman, Luce Irigaray and Bell Hooks are examined. Women and Policy asks students to consider a wide range of contemporary policy areas such as economic policy, housing and the law. Analysis of policy is informed by discussion of theoretical questions concerned with the state and feminist strategies, in 1993 Chris will offer an honours level course entitled Sexual/Body Politics.

### Dr Lenore Coltheart

Women in Australian Political Development is a first-year course for students of Politics which offers an opportunity to explore the nature of the political and the relationship of public and private spheres, with a focus on women and the state in Australia. The broad purpose is to increase our understanding of Australian political development, and to contribute to the analysis of reciprocal relationships between self and state. Lenore's 1992 Honours Seminar is intended to develop awareness of 17th century political ideas by discussing the work of prominent women intellectuals such as Aphra Behn, Anne Conway, Damaris Masham, and Mary Astell. One of the questions posed is whether their work is a minor contribution to 'western' political thought, or a major part of an alternative legacy.

### Dr Carol Johnson

Dr Carol Johnson complements the work of the above Adelaide staff by incorporating substantial feminist segments into her undergraduate courses Australian Politics and Politics and Ideology, and into her honours course, Ideology and Meaning in Australian Political Discourse.

### **Postgraduate research: Adelaide**

The Politics Department at Adelaide offers M.A.'s and Ph.D.'s by research. The department is committed to encouraging good female honours students to go on to postgraduate research and provides feminist supervisory expertise in a broad range of areas.

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**Gender and International  
Politics : ANU, Canberra**

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### **Jan Pettman**

**Political Science**

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**UNIVERSITY Canberra Australia**

**Gender and International Politics** is a Political Science year 2/3 elective which is cross-listed as a Women's Studies unit. It seeks both to 'gender' international politics and to interrogate the international aspects of gender relations. It does so around three broad questions: Where are women in international political relations and processes? Where is gender in international relations? What might feminist analyses contribute to our understandings of international politics?

The unit begins with a gendered analysis of the state and citizenship; and of women's roles in and relations with nationalism, ethnicity, migration and colonisation, and problematises the category 'women', attending to differences between different women. It then pursues issues to do with women and war and the gender of violence, utilising women's experiences and feminist analyses of militarisation and war. It also looks at women warriors, including women in stage militaries and in nationalist and liberation struggles.

**F**rom there the course examines the new international sexual division of labour, and women's roles in development processes and as labour migrants. It analyses women's rights cross-culturally, and the international politics of racialised domestic service, sex tourism and mail order marriages. It concludes with feminism and the politics of difference, asking

how an internationalised account of women's lives and struggles affects feminist analyses and alliances.

I gave an overview of the unit in a paper given at the recent Australian Political Science Association conference, entitled **Gendering International relations**, which is available on request from Jan Pettman Political Science, Faculty, ANU GPO Box 4 Canberra ACT Australia 2601.

### **GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN WOMEN'S STUDIES at ANU**

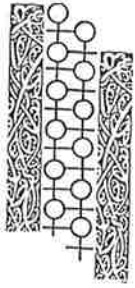
ANU offers a Graduate Programme in Women's Studies which comprises PhD and MA-by-thesis programmes as well as coursework programmes leading to the Graduate Diploma and Master of Letters in Women's Studies. The Graduate Programme, while focused in the Women's Studies Unit in the Faculty of Arts, brings together staff and postgraduate students from a wide variety of disciplines across the University.

Students and researchers in politics will be interested to note that the Graduate Programme in Women's Studies may be based within the Women's Studies Unit or an appropriate cognate department, although thesis supervision can be drawn from across the University.

Location in the national Capital ensures that the Programme is particularly well placed for research into public policy issues affecting women.

Seminars organised by the Women's Studies Programme and occasional projects at the ANU provide useful resources for scholars in Women's Studies; from 1991-93 the Humanities Research Centre will focus on "Sexualities and Culture", and the Research Project on Changing Gender Relations in the Pacific and Asia, based in the Research School of Pacific Studies.

**ANU Women's Studies convener: John A Ballard**, Department of Political Science, Faculty, ANU. PO Box 4, Canberra ACT 2601. Tel. (61)06 249 2609/249 2639; Fax: 61 6 249 3942.



## Networking Women and Politics

**Elizabeth McLeay** (Politics Department, Victoria University) and **Helena Catt** (Politics Department Auckland University) are convening the Women and Politics Seminar in Wellington on 3 Dec, Stout Research Centre. You can register on the day, ph: (04) 4715305

**Marg Gilling**  
Social Policy Agency Department of Social Welfare, Private Bag 21, Wellington, NZ. Marg is the contact for the Social Policy Conference in Wellington 4-6 Dec and no its never too late to register and yes casual attendees are welcome, Ph 04 4727 666

**Charlotte Fitzgerald**  
Association of University Staff of NZ, PO Box 11767 Wellington NZ  
Charlotte reminds women interested in education issues about the Women for education conference in Wellington 20-23 Jan, 1993

**Mai Chen**  
Faculty of Law Victoria University of Wellington. NZ Mai is a senior lecturer in law. Her present research includes anti-discriminatory law in New Zealand, racism, administrative, public and constitutional law

**Joanne Williams**  
1/51 Dampier St, Christchurch  
Joanne is completing a BA in sociology to Canterbury. Her concerns include domestic violence, the status of women in law, policing, and issues for black and working class women.

**Patricia Sprngborg**  
Dept of Government and Public Administration., University of Sydney, NSW 2006 Australia  
Patricia is on study leave at the Folger Institute Washington DC which is a centre for research on Women in the Renaissance and Restoration. She's at a colloquium on Women and the Restoration and is studying female empowerment in the iconography of kingship. In 1990 she published a book "Royal Persons: Patriarchal Monarchy and the Feminine principle.

**Ngaire Woods**  
University College, Oxford  
University, UK. Ngaire first studied law and arts at Auckland University, NZ. She is a fellow and lecturer in politics at University College, Oxford but is currently a visiting lecturer at Harvard University, USA working in international economy at the Centre for International Affairs.

**Lesley Caust**  
Department of Politics, Caulfield Campus, Monash University, PO Box 197, Caulfield East, Victoria 3145, Australia. Lesley is organising the Women's Studies stream at the 1993 APSA conference (29 Sept- 31 Oct) and she is the women's representative on APSA. Contact her with ideas and suggestions.

**Carol Johnson**  
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**Jan Whitwell**  
Money and Finance Studies, Victoria University of Wellington. PO Box 600, Wellington.

**Lyn Kathlene**  
Department of Political Science Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana 479070, USA. Lyn has researched women's political representation and its impact on policy outputs.

**Jan Pettman and Sharon Merton** Both Sharon and Jan are in the Politics Department, The Australian National University, PO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia. They have kindly offered to act as network contacts for ANU.

**Janine Hayward**  
C/o Political Science Dept, Victoria University of Wellington. NZ Janine has focused on Treaty of Waitangi issues for her honours research in Public Policy and hopes to focus on the concept of 'The Crown' for her MA

**Barbara Sullivan**  
Dept of Government, The University of Queensland, 4072, St Lucia, Australia. Contact Barbara about the Women and Politics essay prize for students in 1993

**Susan St John** Susan is a senior lecturer in Department of Economics, University of Auckland, Private Bag 92019, Auckland. NZ

**Helen Clark**  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Office of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Parliament House, Wellington. NZ

**Bronwyn Crosson**, Clare College, Cambridge CB2 1TL, UK,  
Bronwyn was a student then staff member at Auckland University (Economics). With the aid of the NZ Federation of University Women, NZ Vice Chancellor's committee and Cambridge Commonwealth Trust she went to Cambridge (Wolfson College) and is now a Teaching Fellow at Clare College, Cambridge UK where she researching her doctorate in health provision in 19th century Britain.

**Rosslyn Noonan**  
National Secretary of the New Zealand  
Educational Institute. PO Box 466,  
Wellington 1. Fax (04) 385 1772.

**Margaret Ledgerton.**  
22 Taft St, Brooklyn, Wellington. NZ  
Margaret's research interests include  
employment related issues and the  
implications of the current legislation for  
women, also education sector issues.

**Ann Sullivan** (Ngapuhi ).  
Department of Politics, Waikato  
University, Private Bag, Hamilton.  
NZ. Ann teaches issues in Maori  
politics, Ethnic politics, & Public  
Administration. Ann is writing her  
PhD on issues in Maori politics.

**Carolyn Blackford**  
Centre for Resource Management,  
Lincoln University, Po Box 84  
Canterbury, NZ Carolyn studied  
politics and geography . She now  
works in risk and social/environmental  
impact assessment ; and participation.

**Jennifer Curtin**  
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Jennifer is writing her PhD on  
feminism and politics & has researched  
the representation of women and the  
Ministry of Women's Affairs.

**Sandra Martin** is an economist  
and senior lecturer in the Dept of Farm  
Management, Lincoln University PO  
Box 84 Canterbury, NZ

**Michelle Lunn**  
7 Just Place, Palmerston North, NZ  
Michelle is interested in women's  
issues and the area of disabilities and  
intends to begin a PhD on this area of  
research at Massey University next  
year.

**Mandy Cassidy**  
98 Bryndwr Rd, Christchurch.  
Mandy studied Resource Management  
at Lincoln University. Mandy works  
in Maori fishery policy and is interested

in exploring the role of women in  
fisheries both in New Zealand and the  
Pacific Islands.

**Jane Scott** Jane's new address is:  
7/11 Castle Drive, Epsom, Auckland

**Heather Lunn**  
500A Wairakei Rd, Christchurch. NZ

**Diana Gardner**  
12 Mont le Grand Rd, Mt Eden,  
Auckland 1003. Diana intends to write  
an MA thesis on political censorship of  
Women in New Zealand and would  
appreciate any information on  
possible sources for funding

**Jane Chart**  
Faculty of Law, University of  
Canterbury, Christchurch 1. NZ

**Iona Woodward**  
183 Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn,  
Wellington. Iona is a member of the  
Women's Action Group at Victoria  
who is interested in the area of social  
welfare and supports all efforts to build  
networks for women's groups.

**Lorraine Pacey**  
104B Veitches Rd, Christchurch 5.  
Lorraine is interested in working in  
policy for recreation and/or education

### ***Other Networks***

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**The New Zealand  
Educational Institute** The  
Institute is circulating a national  
petition against the bulk funding  
of teachers' salaries. For more  
information on the petition please  
contact: **Joanna Beresford**  
Acting National Secretary  
NZEI, PO Box 466 Wellington

### ***Risknet***

'Risknet' is a newsletter published four  
times a year for people interested in  
'risk related issues' (eg Civil Defence,

environmental risk consultants  
insurance agents etc .) For further  
information contact **Janet Gough,**  
**Centre for Resource  
Management, Lincoln  
University, PO Box 84,  
Canterbury.**

National Alliance of  
Women's Organisations  
is a British Organisation which  
seeks to encourage networking  
and mutual support for women  
to ensure a voice for women in  
all areas of public life. Their  
working groups include:  
"equality and development"  
"Women and Education",  
"Black and Ethnic women"  
"Rural projects" For more  
information on NAWO, write  
to: NAWO 279-281 Whitechapel Rd  
London, E1 1BY, England.  
ph 071-247 7052

Ashburton Suffrage  
Centennial Committee  
intends to circulate a nationwide petition  
asking the House of Representatives to  
acknowledge the efforts of those who  
fought for women's suffrage. To  
return petitions or seek further  
information contact; **Linda  
Baker, Chairperson,  
ASCC. PO Box 143,  
Ashburton.**

The International  
Sociologists Association  
The Second Worldwide  
Competition for Young  
Sociologists. Any 'young  
scholar' under the age of 35 who is  
interested in submitting a 6,000 word  
(max) original script to compete for the  
chance to participate in the World  
Congress of Sociology in Germany in  
1994, should contact; **Veronica  
Stolte-Heiskanen** University of  
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