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IUFRO Conference on Gender and Natural Resources

September 6th till September 10th 2009

Gender education in curricula of natural resources management - implicit and explicit!

First announcement

On behalf of the IUFRO unit "*Education, gender and forestry*" the Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University, will host a conference on gender education at Fort Collins, cosponsored by the Leuphana University of Lueneburg, Germany.

Topics

- 1) **Gender Integrated Higher Education Didactics**
- 2) **Gender aspects in higher education in the field of forestry and natural resources management**

1) Gender Integrated Higher Education Didactics

Higher education didactics in Germany and Europe are confronted with two innovations: first the modularization of studies due to the so called “Bologna Process” needs a shift from teaching to learning. Second: good teaching integrates gender and diversity aspects structurally in the contents as well as in the interactions. Both are not yet regarded systematically in the higher education didactics. In this workshop we will work out international concepts and approaches of integrative gendering in teaching and gender integrated higher education didactics (on the base of the Leuphana University of Lueneburg (Northern Germany) as a good practise example).

2) Gender Integrated Higher Education Didactics Gender aspects in higher education in the field of forestry and natural resources management

Thorough knowledge about gender issues must be part of the qualification of graduates from forestry and natural resources management as they will work in a gendered business. Therefore gender issues must be integrated into the curricula in the core and in the elective parts. Teaching gender issues will largely be based on gender research.

As gender studies are a new subject in forestry curricula there is little systematic knowledge about the activities so far. A survey of the IUFRO unit Education, Gender and Forestry (<http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/iufro.net/d6/hp61800.htm>) revealed, that there is a limited number of courses including gender issues or explicitly devoted to it in forestry curricula – gender issues are very often considered women’s business.

So the workshop is intended to share theoretical insights and concrete experiences on learning and teaching gender in forestry and related fields.

Programme

Workshop days are planned for September 7 and 8 (arrival on September 6), followed by a field trip on September 9 (departure on September 10).

The programme will comprise key notes, paper and poster sessions and short workshops as well as a visit of the education and research institutions in Fort Collins.

Call for contributions

We invite you to prepare a presentation in closer or wider connection with the theme of the conference.

Please pre-register as soon as possible by simple e-mail to Melinda Laituri, copy to Siegfried Lewark. Registration will be through the conference website open in May of 2009. There will be accommodation in rooms of different cost levels in town or on campus.

Please send by e-mail an abstract of up to 300 words to the contact addresses at the end till **June 12 2009**. The organizing committee will decide on contributions; all applicants will be informed till July 31 2009.

Student participation is encouraged.

Travel arrangements

Travel arrangement and travel cost will be the responsibility of the participants.

There are good national and international flight connections to Denver. Details about transport Fort Collins will be provided on the conference page.

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The conference website will be updated regularly.

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