

Dr Wendy Harcourt: Short Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1987

Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of History, Faculty of Arts, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (thesis title: 'Medical Discourse Relating to the Female Body')

1981

Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in History, The Faculty of Arts University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia (thesis title: 'Tyranny of the Uterus')

PRIZES AND AWARDS

2007/9 Visiting Fellowship Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, UK

2003 Ian Potter Foundation travel grant

1982-86

Commonwealth Postgraduate Scholarship (held at the Australian National University)

1981

Tinsdale Scholarship Prize for Honours History

1977

James Gartrell Prize for Classical Studies I

DESCRIPTION OF CAREER

Since receiving my PhD from the Australian National University in 1987, I have had over 20 years of professional experience in research, editing and programme management in international development, both as Editor of the internationally renowned journal *Development* and as Director of Programmes at the Society for International Development (SID). I am currently team member of the European Report on Development and visiting professor at the European University Institute. I have also participated in research projects on various aspects of gender and development with universities, UN agencies and civil society organizations. My publications include a book on Body Politics in Development, six edited collections, and many scholarly books and journals. I am also an active board member of key women's networks and journals. I was Chair of Women in Development Europe (WIDE) from 2004 to 2008 and continue as coordinator of the Feminist Alternative Working Group, a founding member of the European Feminist Forum, a member of the European Association for Research Development Institutes (EADI), the steering group of the International Feminist Dialogues and on the board of the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. My main focus has been critical research on and analysis of development policy from a rights and gender perspective with a special interest in sustainable development, globalization, communication, culture, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. I have brought this research into both

academic fora, civil society meetings and UN arena as a speaker and organizers of many conferences, workshops and seminars around the world. I was awarded a visiting fellowship of Clare Hall in 2008/9 where I was able to write up my work in the book *Body politics in Development: critical debates in gender and development* London: Zed Books, 2009.

The quarterly journal *Development* (www.sidint.org) has been a crucial avenue for me to explore several research interests. Through my editorials, articles and reviews for the journal, I have published regularly on international development. Please see copies of the editorials on the Palgrave website (<http://www.palgrave-journals.com/development/archive/editorials.html>)

In addition I have undertaken the following research in collaboration with UN and academic development institutes.

- From 1992 to 1995 I was Co-coordinator of the research project ‘Sustainability for Future Generations: gender relations in social reproduction and sustainable resource management’ at the University of Zurich (published as *Power: Reproduction and Gender: the intergenerational transfer of knowledge*, Zed Books, 1997.)
- From 1992 to the present I have led a series of global research projects funded by UNFPA and the Macarthur Foundation examining facets of gender, population and development (the inter-linkages among women, environment and development; young women and reproductive choice; gender, rights and reproductive health; and public-private partnerships and the care crises). This has involved 100s of meetings around the world on reproductive rights and health culminating in several advocacy documents, journal issues and my book on *Body Politics in Development*, Zed Books 2009.
- My research on globalization and gender since 1993 has taken several strands, particularly looking at sustainable development (published as *Feminist Perspectives on Sustainable Development: shifting knowledge boundaries*, Zed Books, 1994).
- In 1994 and 1995 I undertook collaborative research work for WIDE on alternative economics from a feminist perspective leading to various policy briefs and monographs.
- From 1997 to 2001 I worked with the World Health Organization on globalization and health, private-public partnerships and poverty and health resulting in two reports and three special journal issues.
- From 1997 to 2003 I have worked on a series of studies funded by UNESCO and the Rockefeller Foundation on women and the new communication technologies, producing three reports and the book *Women@Internet: creating new cultures in cyberspace* (Zed Books, 1999).
- I have collaborated in two long-distance learning courses on gender and health for the Open University in 2002 and 2004 and have contributed to text books and collected editions in all the above areas.
- From 2000 to 2005 I coordinated with Professor Arturo Escobar a 5-year research project funded by Rockefeller Foundation that has culminated in the book *Women and the Politics of Place* (Kumarian Press, 2005).
- As Chair of Women in Development Europe from 2004 to 2008 I lead the programmatic work of the network publishing several background documents, I am now undertaking a ‘Herstory of WIDE’ to be published in 2010 (www.wide-network.org)
- From 2002 to 2006 I coordinated a research team on conflict and women’s political mobilizing culminating in the edited book *Women and Conflict in South Asia* (in production).
- From 2004 to 2008 I was a member of the steering group of the European Feminist Forum culminating in the edited book *European Feminism Today* (to be published by Palgrave in 2010)

- In 2006 to 2008 I was an active member of the International Feminist Dialogues linked to the World Social Forum organising three meetings in Nairobi and Rome
- In 2006 – 8 I wrote a series of in depth Reports on women’s movement organizing for UNRISD, The Dag Hammarskjold Foundation, Tellus Institute, Boston and the Feminist Dialogues
- In 2007/9 I was visiting fellow at Clare Hall Cambridge where I wrote up my book on *Body politics in Development: critical debates in gender and development*, London: Zed Books, 2009.
- In 2008 -9 I was managing editor of the UNDP Report on ‘women and governance in East Europe and CIS’ with a series of subregional meetings culminating in the *UNDP Report on Women and Governance* now in production.
- In 2008 -09 I was part time Professor at the European University Institute as team member of the *European Report on Development* on fragility in Africa
- Since 2008 I have been teaching a course on Applied Anthropology Rome La Sapienza
- Since 2009 I am series editor for Zed Books for the collection ‘Gender and Environment’

BOOKS

Body politics in Development: critical debates in gender and development
London: Zed Books, 2009.

Women and the Politics of Place Bloomfield CT: Kumarian Press, 2005. (with Arturo Escobar)

Women@Internet: creating new cultures in cyberspace London: Zed Books, 1999.

Power: Reproduction and Gender: the intergenerational transfer of knowledge London: Zed Books, 1997.

Feminist Perspectives on Sustainable Development: shifting knowledge boundaries, London: Zed Books, 1994.

European Feminism Today Palgrave (to be published in 2010)

(A complete list of over 200 journal articles, chapters in books, reports, reviews, keynote speeches and conferences organised by Wendy Harcourt is available on request)