

The ICRW is sponsored by the Federation of Organizations for Professional Women, a non-governmental organization with over 100 affiliated national women's organizations, professional caucuses, and committees.

PROJECTS: The Center is administering a research project, "A Preliminary Study in Three Countries." This project is to be carried out in Kenya, Nicaragua, and an Asian country (yet to be selected) to find ways to facilitate the implementation of the U.S. Congressional mandate dealing with the integration of women in economic development. The project will have three main outputs:

- (1) A profile of the status of women in each country based upon existing information and resources;
- (2) Development of a low-cost methodology for basic social science research in rural areas to generate base-line information on rural women which is not currently available;
- (3) Creation of a strategy for future systematic research on the role and status of women in each country which could be accomplished by local research centers.

The project will be carried out over a period of 18 months by an international staff.

Projects currently being developed are:

- (a) A cross-national study of the impact of adolescent women's educational and economic options on fertility patterns and women's status;
- (b) The creation of an International Information System for Women and World Development, including an annotated bibliography, a directory of local talents, and a list of ongoing research projects. The information will be stored in a computer and made available by publication of a collection of regional books with supplements every two years or so. Future research projections will include:
 1. A study of the relationship between fertility and status of women in subsistence societies;
 2. A study of the family as an economic unit (including time and household budgets);
 3. A study of women heads of households.

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NEWS FROM FOREIGN RESEARCH INSTITUTES

THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH (Copenhagen, Denmark) has undertaken the following Africa-related research projects during 1977:

"Development of Peasant Communities with Special Reference to Tanzania"

Research fellow: Jannik Boesen

Expected completion: April 1, 1978

In cooperation with the Tanzania Rural Development Bank, Dar-es-Salaam

"Women in Production: A Case Study from Ghana"

Research fellow: Jette Bukh

Expected completion: October 15, 1977

In cooperation with the Institute for Social, Statistical, and Economic Research, Legon University, and Ministry of Agriculture, Home Extension Unit, Ghana

"Rural Employment in Nyanza Province, Kenya"

Research fellows: John Carlsen and Tony Moody

Completion: January 1, 1977. Partially extended to April 1977.

In cooperation with the Institute for Development Studies, Nairobi and the ILO, Geneva

"Rural Industries, Kenya"

Research fellow: Per Kongstad

Expected completion: Mid-1977

In Cooperation with the Ministry of Finance and Planning Nairobi.

"Production of Means of Production for Agricultural Development: A Technology Assessment"

Research fellow: Jens Muller

Expected completion: April 1, 1978

In cooperation with Small Industries Development Organization, Dar-es-Salaam

"Possibilities for Changing the Material and Social Conditions of Women (Kenya)"

Research fellow: Mette Monsted

Project period: April 1, 1977 to March 31, 1978

In cooperation with the Women's Bureau, Ministry of Housing and Social Services, Nairobi

"Rural Policy Implementation in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia: A Comparative Study"

Research fellow: Philip Raikes

Expected partial completion: April 1, 1978

Future project (financing secured):

"Kenya in the Social Sciences (an annotated bibliography)

Research fellow: Ole Norgaard (librarian at the CDR)

Project period: not finally decided upon as the start of the project awaits the acceptance of the government of Kenya.

In its planning the Centre has during the year (1976-77) attempted a concentration in four programme areas: 1) rural development; 2) relations between industrialized and developing countries; 3) the conditions of women; 4) technological development in the developing countries.

For further information, write: The Centre for Development Research, 7-9 Ewaldsgade, 2200 Copenhagen, N., Denmark.

THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN THE NEW LITERATURES IN ENGLISH (CRNLE), FLINDERS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. In April 1977, the Flinders University of South Australia established within the School of Humanities, the Centre for Research in the New Literatures in English (CRNLE). Dr. S.C. Harrex is the Director of the new Centre, whose Management Committee includes members of the English Department at the University of Adelaide as well as members of the School of Humanities at Flinders. The two South Australian universities have particular strengths, in research and teaching, in such new literatures in English as have been and are being developed in Africa, Canada, India, New Zealand, the West Indies, Malaysia/Singapore, and Australia. Research Associates from several countries are attached to the CRNLE.

The primary aim of the CRNLE is promotion of research in its field, by providing a specialist library collection; developing and supervising post-graduate research programmes; facilitating more effective teaching of undergraduate courses; and sponsoring research investigations that involve cultural and social questions and are based on cross-cultural, comparative and inter-disciplinary approaches to the study of the literatures and societies concerned.

The CRNLE is actively planning (a) to expand and to complement existing library holdings (some of which—e.g. Indo-Anglian fiction—have already proved adequate for specialist research); (b) to seek the cooperation of contemporary writers in establishing a manuscript collection which research scholars will want to make use of (some collections of this kind are already housed at Flinders); (c) to promote the dissemination of research findings associated with the CRNLE through the holding of seminars, workshops and conferences, and the publication of papers, research monographs and books; (d) to encourage interaction between scholars with similar research interests from a variety of disciplines within Flinders, the University of Adelaide, and other institutions in Australia and elsewhere for the purpose of exchanging information and research material; (e) to attract to the CRNLE distinguished visiting scholars, teachers and writers, and to encourage sponsorship of such visits; (f) to organize exchange visits between members of the CRNLE and individuals from other institutions; and (g) to facilitate travel programmes when these are an essential aspect of research projects undertaken in the CRNLE.

The CRNLE hopes to establish relations with a number of bodies such as the Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies. The Director of the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University is one of the Research Associates of the CRNLE, and the two Centres look forward to the possibility of strengthening links with each other through occasional collaboration, e.g. with visitors and conferences.

Those wishing to contact the CRNLE are invited to write to Dr. S.C. Harrex, Director, Center for Research in the New Literatures in English, the Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, South Australia, 5042