

UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Programme

UNESCO Chair Annual Progress Report

UNESCO Chair:	Gender Research
Institution:	University of Lancaster Lancaster, LA1 4YW, United Kingdom www.lancs.ac.uk/
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1. Executive Summary:

*Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)
(Not exceeding 500 words)*

The UNESCO Chair in Gender Research at Lancaster University was newly established in 2008, so this is the first report. The most important achievements of the Chair are reported adjacent to its objectives, which focus on research and building networks:

(objective a) facilitate the development of policy-relevant research on gender equality around the world; and

(objective c) support research on policy-relevant gender equality issues:

- Initiated a policy-oriented research project on 'Gender and the Financial Crisis' involving researchers from South and North and supported by the UNESCO Network for Gender Research and Women's Studies.
- Supported the EU funded Quing research project comparing the quality of gender equality policies.
- Published a book: Sylvia Walby (2009) *Globalization and Inequalities: Complexity and Contested Modernities* (London: Sage).
- Published research report: Sylvia Walby, Jo Armstrong and Les Humphreys: 2008) *Review of Equality Statistics*. (Manchester, UK: Equality and Human Rights Commission). This report reviews statistics on gender and other inequalities and proposes indicators suitable for policy makers.

(objective b) support and develop international networking to facilitate the exchange of ideas, research and policy developments, especially between the North and South, using seminars, exchanges of students and faculty, reports, ICT and other means; and

(objective e) facilitate exchanges between researchers and policy makers, in the context of UN instruments for promoting women's rights and the Millennium Development Goals:

- Supported the UNESCO Network on gender research and women's studies.
- Developed international networking by contributing to the organisation of conferences as President of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Economy and Society in Barcelona (Sociology and Society Forum) and in Neuchâtel (Globalization and Inequalities).
- Contribution to conference organising as Executive Committee member of Quing (EU funded project comparing the quality of gender equality policies in different countries) in Vienna.
- Engaging with international researchers and policy makers to develop networking when speaking at international conferences and meetings in Thailand (UNESCO), Venezuela (UNDP), Korea (Korean Institute for Women's Development), China, Qatar, Geneva (UN Human Rights Commission), Brussels (European

Commission), USA, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden and Germany.

- Member, UNECE Task Force on Violence Against Women Statistics.
- Member, European Platform of Women Scientists Network on 'Gender and the financial and economic crisis'
- Member, Scientific steering committee, EU Gender and Science project 'Meta analysis of gender and science research'.

(objective d) build capacity in policy-relevant gender equality research; curriculum development; student training at graduate level; staff exchanges:

- Training three research associates in policy-relevant gender equality research on projects concerning the quality of gender equality policies and the measurement of gender and other inequalities;
- Supervision of four graduate research students on topics relevant to gender equality, especially violence against women.

(objective f) collaborate with UNESCO in the implementation of its Gender Equality policy and strategy:

- Initiating engagement with UNESCO about its Gender Equality policy during seminar to launch the Chair in 2008;
- Engaging with UNESCO Social and Human Sciences sector through the UNESCO Network on gender research and women's studies and the Project 'Gender and the financial crisis'.

2) **Activities:**

Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research

(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period)

i) Education	<p>Current supervision of four research students, registered for degrees MPhil or PhD</p> <p>Abhinaya Gaikwad: 'Violence against Dalit women in India'. David Mansley: 'Collective violence, democracy and protest policing'. Shireen Chilcott: 'Gender segregation in the construction industry'. Jude Towers: 'Measuring domestic violence for policy purposes'.</p> <p>Contributed to teaching quality elsewhere, as external examiner on University of Cambridge, UK, Sociology, MPhil (taught Masters programme).</p>
ii) Training	<p>Contributed to (global) UNDP training meeting for their field workers on measuring outcomes of their work on violence against women. (70, mixed gender, all world regions).</p>
iii) Research	<p>Research initiated on 'gender and the financial crisis'.</p> <p>Quing research project comparing the quality of gender equality policies (Executive Committee and Principle Investigator of Lancaster node) funded by the European Commission. (Policy oriented research. EU-wide).</p> <p>Review of equality statistics, funded by the UK Equality and Human Rights Commission. (Policy oriented research. Focus was Britain, but relevance is wider.)</p> <p>Research on 'globalization and inequalities'. (Implications for policy. Global relevance.)</p> <p>Research on measuring gender-based violence. (Policy oriented research. Global relevance.)</p>

b) Conferences/Meeting

(key conferences and meetings organised by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)

As President of International Sociological Association, Research Committee 02 'Economy and Society', helped to organise conferences in:

Neuchâtel Switzerland (June 2008). A special conference of RC02 was held on 'Inequality beyond globalization', with 130 participants from more than 30 countries.

Barcelona, Spain (September 2008). At the ISA Forum on 'Sociological research and public debate', RC 02 organised a stream of sessions. The forum had over 2500 participants from all world regions.

As member of the Executive Committee of Quing, helped to organise a conference on 'the quality of gender equality policy' in Vienna, with over 50 participants in November 2008.

Key contributions as speaker at international conferences included: Thailand (UNESCO), Venezuela (UNDP), Korea (Korean Institute for Women's Development), China, Qatar, Geneva (UN Human Rights Commission), Brussels (European Commission), USA, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden and Germany.

c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships

(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions)

The following networks and projects involve meetings and exchanges of ideas, but are not formalised relations between two institutions:

UNESCO project on 'Gender and the financial crisis', Coordinator.

UNESCO Network in Women's Studies/Gender Studies, Member.

International Sociological Association: Research Committee 02, Economy and Society, President.

Quing research project: 29 EU countries.

United Nations ECE Task Force on Violence Against Women Statistics, Member.

European Platform of Women Scientists, 'Gender and the financial crisis' Network, member.

EU Gender and Science, Scientific steering committee, project 'Meta analysis of gender and science research'.

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials

(major publications and teaching/learning materials)

<i>tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:</i>		[tick]	[no.]
	Books	✓	1
	Books (edited)		
	Books (chapters)	✓	2
	Monographs		
	Research Reports	✓	14
	Journal Articles (refereed)		
	Conference Proceedings & Occasional Papers	✓	3
	Teaching/Learning Materials		
	Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)		
	Multimedia Materials (Video)		
	Multimedia Materials (Other)		

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

Book

Walby, Sylvia (2009) *Globalization and Inequalities: Complexity and Contested Modernities*. (London: Sage). 520pp.

Book chapters

Walby, Sylvia (2009) 'Beyond the politics of location: the power of argument in gender equality politics', in Emanuela Lombardo, Petra Meier and Mieke Verloo (eds) *The Discursive Politics of Gender Equality: Stretching, Bending and Policymaking*. (London: Routledge), pp. 36-51.

Walby, Sylvia (2008) 'From statistics to indicators: How to convert information from surveys into practical indicators', in Kauko Aromaa and Markku Heiskanen (eds) *Victimisation Surveys in Comparative Perspective*. (Helsinki: Heuni).

Published research report

Walby, Sylvia, Jo Armstrong and Les Humphreys (2008) *Review of Equality Statistics*. (Manchester: Equality and Human Rights Commission). 452pp.

Policy-oriented papers on gender and the financial crisis

2009 *Auditing the gender implications of recovery policies for the financial and economic crisis*.

Presented to European Commission 28 April 2009; posted at:

http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/doc_library/sociology/walby_auditing_the_gender_implications_of_recovery_policies.pdf

2009 *The future of financial services supervision in the EU: Recommendations for the inclusion of gender*.

Submission to Consultation on the de Larosière report by the European Commission. 9 April.

2009 *Gender and the Financial Crisis*. Paper for UNESCO project on 'Gender and the financial crisis'. 33 pp.

Posted at: http://www.lancs.ac.uk/fass/doc_library/sociology/Gender_and_financial_crisis_Sylvia_Walby.pdf

Quing policy-oriented research reports, all delivered to the European Commission:

Walby, S., Armstrong, J. and Strid, S. (2009) *WHY Intersectionality and the Quality of the Equality Architecture in*

Britain 29 pp.

Walby, S., Armstrong, J. and Strid, S. (2009) *STRIQ Conceptual framework for the gender+ equality policies in a multicultural context*. 26 pp.

Armstrong, J., Walby, S. and Strid, S. (2009) *WHY Intersectionality and the Quality of Gendered Employment Policy?* 2 pp.

Armstrong, J., S. Strid & S. Walby (2009) *LARG Frame Comparison between the EU and Ireland*. 47 pp.

Strid, S., J. Armstrong & S. Walby (2009) *LARG Frame Comparison between the EU and the UK*. 49 pp.

J. Armstrong, S. Strid and S. Walby (2008) *LARG Frame Comparison between the EU and Ireland* 47 pp.

J. Armstrong, S.Strid and S.Walby (2008) *LARG Country report on Frames in Ireland*. 507 pp.

S.Strid, J. Armstrong and S.Walby (2008) *LARG Frame Comparison between the EU and the UK* 49 pp.

S. Strid, J. Armstrong and S.Walby (2008) *LARG Country report on Frames in the UK* 462 pp.

S. Strid, J. Armstrong and S.Walby (2008) *Analysing intersectionality in gender equality policies in the UK* 61 pp.

J.Armstrong, S. Strid and S.Walby (2008) *Analysing intersectionality in gender equality policies in Ireland*. 57pp.

J. Armstrong, S. Strid and S.Walby (2008) *Country Study: Ireland*. D41.

S. Strid, J. Armstrong and S.Walby (2008) *Country Study: UK*. D41.

e) Other

(any other activities to report)

Home Office:

Advice to HO Strategic Policy Team on violence against women.

Crown Prosecution Service:

Cross Government Steering Group, led by CPS, on the development of methodologies to measure the support, safety and satisfaction of violence against women victims.

Government Equalities Office:

Participation in 'Women's Summit' on Women and the Recession, at 11 Downing Street.

Presentation of review of equality statistics to the First Meeting of the Cross Government/Devolved Government Group on the Equality Measurement Framework.

Honours and Fellowships:

OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire), for services to equal opportunities and diversity.

Academician, Academy of the Social Sciences.

3. Available Resources

Overview of resources placed at the disposal of the Chair in the reporting period

a) Human Resources

The Chair holder, Professor Walby, is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at Lancaster University UK (full-time). During the last year there have been three Research Associates working with the Chair (these posts are full-time and temporary.) There is support from the Departmental secretarial and administrative staff, for example for the web-site and holding workshops.

b) Other Resources

<i>tick sources of financial contribution</i>		[tick]
	Host Institution	✓
	Partner Institution	
	Government Body	✓
	Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	✓
	UNESCO	✓
	Other UN Agency	
	IGO	
	NGO	
	Industry	
	Other Private	

Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.

Lancaster University pays the salary of the Chair holder and the support staff. The University provides offices with appropriate equipment (including computer and phone) for the Chair holder and for each of the Research Associates.

The Research Associates are funded by grants. Funding bodies during the last year included:

The UK Equality and Human Rights Commission, for 'A review of equality statistics' £42,178.

The European Union Commission, Framework 6, for the project 'Quality in gender equality policies'. The total project was awarded €4.7million, and the Lancaster node received €634,000.

Workshops and meetings have been funded by a variety of sources, including:

UNESCO for providing funding for its Network on gender research and women's studies including the meeting in Bangkok, where the project on 'Gender and the financial crisis' was initiated.

UK Economic and Social Research Council which provided funding for a Seminar series 'What is gender equality in a global era?' The total amount for the series was £14,970. The last seminar in the series was combined with the launch of the UNESCO Chair in Gender Research.

4. Future Plans and Development Prospects:

Outline of action plan for the next biennium. And short/medium and long term development prospects. Please feel free to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 500 words)

In the short and medium term the Chair will:

- Develop the project on 'Gender and the financial crisis'. This involves: a presentation at the UNESCO MOST meeting in Paris in September; discussions with the UNESCO Network on gender research and women's studies and other relevant researchers to deepen the project by extending networks and building capacity; and applications for funding.
- Continue and complete work on the Quing project on 'quality in gender equality policies', especially disseminating findings.

In the long-term the Chair will:

- Develop new policy-oriented research projects on gender equality that involve collaboration between North and South;
- Continue applications for funding for such projects from diverse sources;
- Develop global networks of and build capacity for policy-oriented research on gender equality.