

UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Programme

UNESCO Chair Annual Progress Report

UNESCO Chair:	Gender Research www.unesco.org.uk/LancasterChair
Institution:	Lancaster University , Department of Sociology, Bowland North, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YT, United Kingdom www.lancs.ac.uk/
Date Chair Established: (mm, yyyy)	April 2008
Period of Activity Under Report: (mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)	August 2009 – July 2010
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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 main achievements of the UNESCO Chair in Gender Research 2009-2010 are reported adjacent to its objectives, which focus on policy oriented research on gender equality:

- (a) *facilitate the development of policy-relevant research on gender equality around the world and*
- (b) *support research on policy-relevant gender equality issues:*

Supported the development of a policy-oriented research project on 'Gender and the Financial Crisis' involving researchers from South and North (with UNESCO), including developing the methodology.

Supported the Quing research project comparing the quality of gender equality policies across the EU, including reporting on findings.

Supported the development of research and policy on violence against women and minorities for the Equality and Human Rights Commission, including a report to the Commission.

Publications: Published ten items on research on gender: three refereed articles (for *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*; *21st Century Society*; *Benefits: Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*); two book chapters; three research reports (for European Commission and for the Equality and Human Rights Commission) and three occasional papers (including for Commonwealth Finance Ministers Reference Report).

- (c) *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*
- (d) *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 development of the UNESCO project on 'Gender and the financial crisis', including building networks.

Developed international networking, through conferences as part of my position as President of the International Sociological Association's (ISA) Research Committee on Economy and Society, including a panel and a meeting of researchers on gender and the financial crisis.

Engaging with international researchers and policy makers to develop networking when speaking at international conferences and meetings including: UNESCO MOST conference, Paris; UNESCO Poverty Workshop, Paris; UNDP consultation, Istanbul; UNECE workshop on surveys on violence against women, Geneva; European Parliament, Brussels; WAVE (Women Against Violence Europe) conference Vienna; Plenary, Quing conference

Budapest; Gender Studies, Linköping University, Sweden; Group of Members of European Parliament, Stockholm, Sweden; European Women's Lobby, Brussels; Keynote, EU Presidency conference, Stockholm; European Institute for Gender Equality, Lithuania; European Union Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna.

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

Training research associates in policy-relevant gender equality research on projects concerning the quality of gender equality policies; the measurement of gender and other inequalities; and violence against women.

Supervision of four graduate research students: topics include those relevant to gender and to violence.

(f) *Collaborate with UNESCO in the implementation of its Gender Equality policy and strategy.*

Engaging with UNESCO Social and Human Sciences sector through developing the UNESCO Project 'Gender and the financial crisis';

Speaking at the UNESCO MOST conference, Paris, September 2009;

Discussant at UNESCO SHS Workshop on Poverty, December 2009.

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>Supervision of four research students, registered for degrees MPhil or PhD:</p> <p>Jude Towers: 'Measuring domestic violence for policy purposes'.</p> <p>Philippa Olive: 'Addressing domestic violence in a health care setting'.</p> <p>Shireen Chilcott: 'Gender segregation in the construction industry'.</p> <p>David Mansley: 'Collective violence, democracy and protest policing'</p> <p>Contributed to teaching quality elsewhere, as external examiner on:</p> <p>University of Cambridge, UK, Sociology, MPhil (taught Masters programme).</p>
ii) Training	<p>Offered expert advice to policy bodies on gender equality and violence against women, including, (in addition to work with UNESCO) UNDP, UNECE, European Union Parliament, European Union Presidency (Sweden), European Institute for Gender Equality, European Union Fundamental Rights Agency, Attorney-General, Department of Health, Women's National Commission.</p>
iii) Research	<p>Research and methodology developed on 'Gender and the financial crisis' (UNESCO).</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>'Equality and physical security', funded by the UK Equality and Human Rights Commission. (Policy oriented research. Focus was Britain, but relevance is wider.)</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:

Sofia, Bulgaria (2009): a special conference of RC02 on 'Networks' with 30 participants from a range of countries.

Gothenburg, Sweden (2010): as Programme Coordinator for RC02 organised 20 sessions at a conference attended by over 5000 participants from all world regions. This included a session and also a meeting on 'gender and the financial crisis'.

Contributions as speaker at international conferences included:

European Parliament public hearing, Brussels; UNDP consultation, Istanbul; WAVE (Women Against Violence Europe) conference Vienna; UNESCO MOST conference, Paris; Plenary, Quing conference Budapest; Gender Studies, Linkoping University, Sweden; Group of Members of European Parliament, Stockholm, Sweden; Plenary, European Women's Lobby, Brussels; Keynote, EU Presidency conference, Stockholm;

Contributions to national policy oriented conferences: Equality and Human Rights Commission, London; Corporate Alliance Against Domestic Violence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London.

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.

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, 'Meta analysis of gender and science research'.

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials

(major publications and teaching/learning materials)

tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:

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Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (chapters)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Journal Articles (refereed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3
Conference Proceedings & Occasional Papers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

Journal Articles (refereed)

Walby, Sylvia (2010) 'A social science agenda on the financial crisis', *21st Century Society*, 5(1): 19-31.

Walby, Sylvia and Jo Armstrong (2010) 'Measuring equality: Data and indicators', *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 13 (3): 237-249.

Armstrong, Jo, Sofia Strid and Sylvia Walby (2009) 'The gendered division of labour: how can we assess the quality of employment and care policy from a gender equality perspective?' *Benefits: Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*, 17(3): 263-275.

Book Chapters

Walby, Sylvia and Jo Armstrong (2010) 'Measuring equality: Data and indicators', in Christina Hughes and Rachel Cohen (eds) *Feminism Counts: Quantitative Methods and Researching Gender*. Oxford: Routledge. (reprint)

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

Research Reports

Walby, Sylvia, Jo Armstrong and Sofia Strid (2010) *Physical and Legal Security and the Criminal Justice System: A Review of Inequalities*. Report to the Equality and Human Rights Commission, UK. 172 pp.

Walby, Sylvia and Mieke Verloo (2010) *WHY: Final report for QUING*. Report to European Commission.

Walby, Sylvia and Mieke Verloo (2010) *STRIQ: Final report on intersectionality for QUING*. Report to European Commission.

Occasional papers

Walby, Sylvia (2009) 'Gender in the financial crisis', *Commonwealth Finance Ministers Reference Report 2009*, 75-78.

Walby, Sylvia (2009) 'The cost of domestic violence: 2009 up-date'. Lancaster University.

Walby, Sylvia, John Monks, John Cridland and Sarah Lambert (2010) *Jobs, Innovation and Growth* Occasional Paper 03 of Institute of Contemporary European Studies, European Business School, Regents College London.

e) Other

(any other activities to report)

UNESCO: UNESCO project on poverty, discussant at workshop, 2009.

United Nations Development Programme: Contributed to consultation on measuring gender equality in the Human Development Reports, Istanbul, 2010.

UNECE: Taskforce on Violence Against Women Statistics, member; Workshop on developing a survey instrument to measure violence against women, Geneva 2009.

European Parliament: Presentation at Public Hearing on Gender Equality Strategy, 2010.

EU Presidency: Swedish EU Presidency, presentation on 'violence against women', 2010.

European Institute for Gender Equality: Ad hoc Working Party on Indicators for the Beijing Platform for Action, 2010.

European Union Fundamental Rights Agency: Advised on developing a survey on violence against women, 2010.

European Platform of Women Scientists: Gender and the Financial Crisis Network member, 2009-10.

Attorney-General, UK: Paper on 'The cost of domestic violence: 2009 up-date' for the re-launch of the

Corporate Alliance Against Domestic Violence, under the auspices of the Attorney-General, in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 2009.

Department of Health, UK: Taskforce on the health aspects of violence against women and girls, 2009-2010.

Women's National Commission, UK: Advisory committee on the UN, 2009-

3. Available Resources

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

a) Human Resources

The Chairholder, Professor Walby, is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at Lancaster University UK (full-time). During the last year there have been two Research Associates working with the Chair (these posts are full-time and temporary.) There were also four research students supervised by the Chairholder. There is support from the Departmental secretarial and administrative staff, for example for the web-site; and from University and Faculty administrative staff, for example, with finance.

b) Other Resources

tick sources of financial contribution

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Host Institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partner Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Body	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
UNESCO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
IGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Private	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 and shared offices for the research students.

The Research Associates and research students are funded by external grants. Last year included:

The UK Equality and Human Rights Commission, for an analytical research overview on legal security and the criminal justice system, £29,970, 2009-2010.

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, 2006-11.

National Institute for Health Research: 'Pathways through urgent and emergency health care services for women abused by an intimate partner', £277,000, 2010-2012.

Economic and Social Research Council: grants for three research students.

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 and complete the project on 'Gender and the financial crisis', 2009-2011. This involves: completing the contract negotiation with UNESCO; carrying out the project analysing and comparing the gendering of the financial crisis around the world; holding meetings to discuss the research, including with policy makers; deepening the project by extending networks and building capacity; publish findings with UNESCO.
- Continue and complete work on the Quing project on 'quality in gender equality policies', including disseminating findings (e.g. conference in Budapest January 2011).
- Continue to develop policy-oriented research on gender and violence and engage with researchers and policy makers (e.g. meeting in Edinburgh September 2010).
- Continue to develop networks and capacity in research on gender.

In the long-term the Chair will:

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