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PREFACE

The purpose of this report is to give a short presentation of the Feminist Research Centre and of the feminist scholars at Aalborg University. The report therefore contains both a short history of and introduction to FREIA, and a presentation of the research projects of individual feminist researchers attached to FREIA's research programme (1989-93). As a part of the individual presentations we have included a list of selected publications from each researcher. Finally there is a list of feminist publications in English.

Today the feminist researchers at Aalborg University have become part of a many Danish, European and international networks. We want to maintain and develop these networks. And we are eager to support and develop the new networks with feminist researchers from Eastern, Central and Southern European countries that were built during the first interdisciplinary European conference "Women in a Changing Europe", held at Aalborg University in August 1991. Therefore we have decided to write this publication in English.

On May 10, 1990, the Feminist Research Centre, Freia, was formally established. The formation of FREIA marked a culmination of fifteen productive and creative years for feminist research at Aalborg University. During this time feminist research entered the university, became consolidated and today has become one of the ten high priority research programmes within the Social Science Faculty at Aalborg University.

FREIA is an interdisciplinary unit placed at the Institute of Development and Planning within the Social Science Faculty. The research unit involves a core group of scholars from different institutes within the social sciences, who participate in the feminist research programme, and a larger network of feminist scholars, who come from many different institutes and from both the humanities and the technical section of the natural sciences at Aalborg University.

The presentation of FREIA and of the feminist research projects has been written by Birte Siim. The report has been edited by Ruth Emerek, Ulla Koch and Birte Siim and the typing and setting was done by Inger Jensen. Gerda Tosti Nielsen and Henning Bagger have taken the photographs and Susan Baca has made an English revision.

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DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH GROUP OF FEMINIST SCHOLARS

The feminist research forum at Aalborg University was one of the first feminist research groups to be organized at a Danish university. Aalborg's is a young university, opened in 1974, and the ideas of problem-orientated and interdisciplinary teaching and research have proved to be favorable for the development of feminist research. Thus the history of feminist research at Aalborg University is almost as old as the university itself.

During the first formative period from 1976 to the beginning of the 1980s, the feminist research forum was a loosely organized group of young teachers, researchers and students coming mainly from the humanities and the social sciences. Very few women were employed as full-time teachers at the university, and therefore older students and junior research fellows were important as initiators and organizers in this formative phase.

Some of the main themes were analyses of women's oppression and the sexual division of work at the labour market and in society, focusing on women's working lives in industry and in agriculture. The emphasis was on explaining women's oppression in society, and the main approach was a feminist critique of historical materialist analysis. There were important efforts to develop an understanding of the interplay between production of material goods and reproduction of human beings, and between the systems of capitalism and patriarchy.

The formative period was extremely creative. There was an emphasis on developing new theories and concepts and on discussing new teaching methods and new ways of communicating research. A number of junior research fellows became connected with the research group, and the first collective research seminars and research projects were initiated. All of this contributed to the development of a specific feminist profile. In 1984 the first feminist research program "Women and Development" was agreed upon by a large group of feminist researchers from the humanities and the social sciences. In the beginning of the 1980s there were a number of interdisciplinary women's studies seminars focusing on key issues in the social sciences, like "women and power". In 1984 the Social Science Faculty adopted a proposal from the feminist research group for a Women's Study Year, starting February 1, 1986.

Text to the picture on the previous page:

At the celebration of the 10th year anniversary of Aalborg University in 1984 women students and teachers entered the stage unannounced. Dressed in white dresses with blue ribbons like women, who 70 years before asked the Danish King Christian X for the vote in 1914, women interrupted the official programme. One of the women students delivered a speech with a vision of a future university where in year 2024 woman had finally gained equality at the Danish Universities.

The Feminist Research Centre in Aalborg, FREIA, is born

Consolidation and integration of feminist research

During the end of the 1980s feminist research had become consolidated within the Social Science Faculty at Aalborg University, and it was decided to form a Centre for Feminist Research. May 10, 1990, the Feminist Research Centre in Aalborg, FREIA, was born. The Centre was placed at the Institute of Development and Planning, where the majority of the researchers have been, and still are, employed. The event marked the culmination of a period of integration of feminist research at Aalborg University during the 1980s. There was, during this period a gradual institutionalization and scientific recognition of women's research within the Social Science Faculty. The number of feminist researchers expanded, especially with the appointment of two permanent senior positions in feminist research, and from 1986 the new women's research programme "Gender Division of Work and Development" became integrated as a part of the long-term research planning of the Social Science Faculty.

From 1985 to 1990 there has been a gradual integration and acceptance of feminist research, which has become part of the official research programmes of the Social Science Faculty. Also during this period, women's studies became accepted as a part of many MA programmes. In the course of this process the feminist research group has gradually changed from a broad interdisciplinary research group, with participants from both the technical section of the natural sciences and the social sciences, to a multidisciplinary centre of research centered mainly around the Social Science Faculty. During this period there has been a gradual expansion of the feminist research group as

a growing number of senior researchers, junior research fellows and affiliated researchers have become connected to the group.

From January 1, 1986, a new education in women's studies was established. The Women's Study Year became a one-year specialization primarily within the social sciences. The programme adds a gender qualification to the students' main qualification. The intention was on the one hand to create an opportunity for a higher degree of interdisciplinary cooperation and more in-depth work with problems in feminist science. On the other hand the purpose was to ensure students within disciplines that did not offer qualified advising in women's studies the possibility to obtain such guidance. The programme has given some students a minor in a Master's degree programme, and other students have used it as a specialization at the end of their MA programme.

The development of feminist research in Denmark

The development of feminist research at Aalborg University was part of a larger institutionalization and integration of feminist research in Denmark. In 1985 the Danish Parliament passed a bill to strengthen feminist research. One of the initiatives in the plan of action was to grant a sum of 9 million Danish kroner to the Danish Council for Scientific Policy and Planning with which to provide support for feminist research and for the publication of its results. The money was administered by a National Committee for Feminist Research for a three-year period, from 1986 to 1989, which was later prolonged with three more years, from 1989 to 1992. The Action Plan to Support Feminist Research has been a great stimulus for feminist research in Denmark through economic support to research projects, seminars and publications. The appointment of two part-time national coordinators and eight senior positions in women's studies was part of the action plan.

As Aalborg's is one of the oldest feminist research centres in Denmark, feminists from Aalborg University have been active in the development of feminist research in Denmark. They have through research projects, publications and conferences stimulated the process of networking and institution-building. One of the senior researchers has been a member of the Committee for Feminist Research in Denmark as a representative for feminist researchers 1986-89 and 1989-92. Another senior lecturer has been a member of the board of the National Centre for Interdisciplinary Information on Women's Studies (KVINFO).

In 1986 the feminist forum at Aalborg University obtained one of the eight senior positions given to feminist researchers in Denmark, and in 1987 one of the feminist research fellows from Aalborg University was appointed as one of the two national coordinators for feminist research in Denmark, and the position was placed at Aalborg University. Four of the research fellows connected with the research centre have received grants from the committee for their research projects.

A Forum for Feminist Research in Denmark was established as early as 1976. In 1978 the feminist research forum at Aalborg University planned and organized the first national interdisciplinary feminist research conference in Denmark. During the 1980s the feminist research group in Aalborg was active in the formation and strengthening of national, Nordic and international networks of feminist researchers. A national network of feminist scholars within the social sciences in Denmark was formed, and from 1988 this network has become formalized through annual research meetings at one of the five Danish universities. Individual researchers from the research group have played an active role in the growing internationalization of feminist research through the formation of

networks of women's researchers in history, political science, societal development studies and sociology in Nordic and European countries. As a result the Feminist Research Centre in Aalborg today has become well-established with representatives in Danish, Nordic and international feminist networks.

The feminist research programme: "Gender, Power and Identity in a Developmental Perspective"

Since 1986 the feminist research group has adopted two research programmes both placed within the Institute of Development and Planning.

The first programme, "Gender Division of Work and Development" (1986-89), was a broad interdisciplinary research programme, where individual feminist researchers came both from the technical section and the social science section of the Institute. With the present research programme "Gender, Power and Identity in a Developmental Perspective" (1990-93), there has been a concentration of researchers coming mainly from the social sciences.

The research programmes have been umbrella-programmes centred around a few crucial themes broad enough to absorb the individual and collective research projects. In the present programme (1990-93) the themes are:

1. Gender division of work, power and identity,
2. Gender, power and democracy, and
3. Gender, power and identity in the developing countries.

The different research programmes have reflected a gradual development and qualification of problems, theories and concepts in feminist research. There has been a tendency towards emphasizing the analysis of gender relations and towards emphasizing the need to

develop gender research. In the 1990-93 research programme, the objective is a double analysis of the meaning of gender relations for society and an analysis of the gender specific consequences of social development. This objective is reached by concentrating on two fundamental problems:

1. To understand and explain why gender relations are always reproduced as segregation and hierarchy. To analyze how to change gender relations and to end the hierarchy.
2. To analyze the meaning of gender and gender relations for the way society is organized and develops. How is gender integrated in the dominant paradigm of development, in scientific theories, models and concepts and in actual politics? What are the alternatives to the dominant paradigm?

The development from women's studies to gender studies in the social sciences means focusing on gender relations and emphasizing the close dependency and growing interaction of the social categories, men and women. This tendency towards gender research may have both positive and negative effects, and it has therefore been open to divergent interpretations:

On the one hand, it has been argued that the gender approach and the need to integrate a gender perspective into diverse disciplines represents a danger for feminist research, because the feminist perspective and women's oppression tend to disappear. On the other hand, it has been argued that the gender approach represents a more radical feminist approach emphasising a critique of the prevailing scientific approaches, concepts and methods of the various disciplines. In this perspective, the trend represents a growing focus on fundamental epistemological questions. As feminist researchers at a

young interdisciplinary university we tend to look at the potentials rather than the dangers of gender studies.

The Feminist Research Centre in Aalborg faces many new challenges in the 1990s. One of the main challenges is to strengthen the integration of feminist research and gender studies in educational and research systems and at the same time to maintain and develop the critical and interdisciplinary perspectives of feminism from the 1980s.

CONFERENCES, EXHIBITIONS etc.

In the following we give examples of the conferences and networks that the feminist researchers from FREIA have initiated, planned and organized collectively or in cooperation with other feminist researchers and research groups at Danish universities.

April 1978:

National Kvindeforskningskonference på Sandbjerg Slot ("National Women's Studies Conference at Sandbjerg Castle") - the first interdisciplinary women's research seminar in Denmark.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together for the first time feminist scholars from different disciplines and from various Danish universities. The conference was supported by the Danish Research Council for the Social Sciences. Anna-Birte Ravn, Birte Siim, Maren Bak and Ruth Emerek were the initiators and organizers of the conference.

Publication from the conference: Anna-Birte Ravn, Birte Siim, Else Langtved Larsen, Maren Bak and Ruth Emerek, **Kvindeforskning i Danmark. Forskningsrapport** ("Women's Research in Denmark. Research Report"), Serie om Kvindeforskning nr. 1, Aalborg Universitetsforlag 1978. The publication became the first book in a series about women's research published by Aalborg University Press. **The Women's Studies Series** has since 1979 published more than 30 titles.

December 1979:

Formidlingsseminar ("Seminar on Communication and Dialogue in Research") at Klim Strandskole.

The purpose of the working seminar was to exchange experiences with new methods of communication and dialogue focusing on the interplay between women as researchers and women as research objects. Twelve to fifteen feminist researchers participated from the different Danish universities and from various disciplines.

August 1982:

International Conference "Whither America" at Aalborg University.

In connection with the conference the feminist research group arranged a research seminar with the American scholar Heidi Hartman on the theme "Capitalism and Patriarchy".

Publication from the conference: Anna-Birte Ravn, Bente Rosenbeck and Birte Siim ed. **Capitalism and Patriarchy**, Women's Studies, Series No 13, Aalborg University Press 1983.

1982-83:

"Kvinder i byen" ("Women in Town"). Exhibition at the Historical Museum in Aalborg.

A collective research project of senior researchers, junior researchers and students. Ruth Emerek, Mary-Ann Knudstrup Olesen, Bente Rosenbeck, Birte Siim, Elin Hagelskjær, Karin Kolding, Birgit Hyldahl Jensen and Grethe Carlslund Pedersen participated in the project.

The most important outcome of the project: The exhibition "Women in Town" at the Historical Museum in Aalborg, October 9, 1982 to January 9, 1983.

The poster was used as an announcement of the exhibition "Women in Town - around 1900" at the Historical Museum in Aalborg.

Publication from the project: Ruth Emerek et al, **Kvinder i byen. Aalborg omkring år 1900** ("Women in Town. Aalborg around the year 1900"), Strandbergs forlag 1982.

January 1988:

Nordisk konference "Politik, køn og magt" (Nordic Conference on "Politics, Gender and Power") in Tversted.

The conference was organized as part of a Nordic Network for Women and Politics. Ann-Dorte Christensen and Birte Siim were both initiators and organizers of the conference together with Anette Borchorst and Drude Dahlerup from Aarhus University.

Publication from the conference: Anette Borchorst, Ann-Dorte Christensen, Drude Dahlerup and Birte Siim, **Politik, køn og magt** ("Politics, Gender and Power"), Serie om Kvindeforskning nr. 28, Aalborg Universitetsforlag 1989.

In connection with the conference there was a research seminar with the American political scientist, Kathy Ferguson, as guest speaker at Aalborg University.

1988-89:

Køn og Videnskab ("Gender and Science"), collective research project.

Lecture series on Gender and Science in the autumn of 1988.

The theme was developed into a book: **Køn og videnskab** ("Gender and Science"), Serie om Kvindeforskning nr. 27, Aalborg Universitetsforlag 1989. The purpose of the book was to present theoretical, methodological and epistemological reflections inspired by discussions in the feminist research group at Aalborg University. The objective was to develop the feminist critique of the social sciences through a dialogue with other research programmes.

May 1989:

Nationalt forskningsseminar "Nye teorier og metoder i samfundsvidenskaberne" ("New Theories and Methods in the Social Sciences") at Molslaboratoriet.

The purpose of the seminar was to bring senior and junior feminist researchers together to discuss new theories and methods in the social sciences. The seminar was organized in cooperation with the Feminist Research Group at the Social Science Faculty at Copenhagen University and was supported by the Social Science Research Council in Denmark.

Publication from the conference: Birte Siim and Birgitte Simonsen, **Rapport fra forskeruddannelsesseminar. Nye teorier og metoder i samfundsvidenskaberne** ("Internal Conference Report. New Theories and Methods in the Social Sciences") 1989.

January 1989:

Nationalkvindeforskningskonference ("National Feminist Research Conference"), Hotel Fåborg Fjord.

Ann-Dorte Christensen and Birte Siim were members of the Danish planning committee. In connection with the research conference the centre for feminist research arranged a research seminar at Aalborg University on "The Science Question in Feminism" with Sandra Harding, professor in philosophy, Delaware University, who was one of the key speakers at the conference.

Publication from the conference: Anne Margrete Berg, Ann-Dorte Christensen, Birte Gudiksen, Birgit Petersson, Birte Siim and Birgitte Simonsen, **Kvindeforskningsseminar. Videnskabshistorie og -teori.** ("Feminist Research Conference. History of Science and Theory of Science"), Styringsgruppen for Kvindeforskning, Hotel Fåborg Fjord, 25-27 January, 1989.

May 10, 1990:

The formation of FREIA. Karin Widerberg, professor in Sociology at Oslo University, was invited as the guest lecturer.

On May 10, 1990 at the reception celebrating the formation of FREIA, the first Director of FREIA, Susanne Thorbek and senior lecturer Anna-Birte Ravn, standing, welcomed the guests. The guest speaker Karin Widerberg is sitting to the left. To the Right behind the drums we find the Director of the Department of Development and Planning. And in the middle of the picture we see to the left the Dean of the social sciences, Hans Gullestrup, and to the right the Headmaster of Aalborg University, Sven Caspersen.

August 1991:

European Conference "Women in a Changing Europe", August 18-22 at Aalborg University.

The conference was an interdisciplinary conference for European feminist scholars supported by the Committee for Feminist Research in Denmark and by various national and European funds. The objective of the conference was to establish a dialogue between feminist researchers from Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern Europe. The conference secretariat was placed at Aalborg University with Ann-Dorte Christensen as the main coordinator for the conference. She along with Anna-Birte Ravn, Inger Lytje and Birte Siim formed the core of the Danish and European planning committee. The Committee was able to give a special support for researchers from the Eastern European countries.

Publication from the conference: Forthcoming issue of the periodical **Women's Studies International Forum**, 1992.

November 1991:

Research Seminar with FREIA's research group and professor Hanne Haavind from Oslo University in Klim.

The main purpose of the seminar was to discuss how to develop FREIA's feminist research programme and how to strengthen cooperation between the individual research projects. Another objective was to strengthen the Nordic network of gender researchers.

The opening of the Conference "Women in a Changing Europe". The coordinator, Ann-Dorte Christensen, standing to the right welcomming the participants.

Next page at top: Olga Lipovskaya, one of the key-note speakers of the Conference "Women in a Changing Europe" is giving a paper on Monday August 19. At that dramatic movement everyone but the speaker had heard about the military coup in Moscow.

Below: The picture is from the reception given by FREIA at the Conference "Women in a Changing Europe" on Sunday August 18. To the left the Director of FREIA, Ruth Emerek, the coordinator of the conference Ann-Dorte Christensen, the Headmaster Sven Caspersen and Sussi Handberg from FREIA.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

In the following we have selected examples of individual and collective research projects and research fellows attached to FREIA during 1976 to 1990. We have chosen research projects that have contributed to the development of the specific feminist profile at Aalborg University

PROSIN - Produktion og samfund i Nordjylland ("Production and Society in Northern Jutland"), 1975-77.

Ruth Emerek and Birte Siim both participated in this general research programme with a collective project: "Kvinder og produktion" ("Women and Production").

Birte Siim, junior research fellow 1975-1977.

Ruth Emerek, assistant professor.

Main report: **Kvinders arbejds- og levevilkår - belyst ved kvinder i tobaksindustrien** ("Women's Working and Living Conditions - exemplified through Women in the Tobacco Industry"), Modtryk, Århus 1976.

Kvinder i husmandsfamilier i Nordjylland ("Women of Smallholding Families in Northern Jutland"), 1978-81.

Maren Bak, junior research fellow 1978-80, and Anna-Birte Ravn, junior research fellow 1978-80.

Main report: "En kvinde og hendes næste. Kønsarbejdsdeling og patriarkat i danske husmandsfamilier" ("A Woman and her Neighbour. Gender Division of Work and Patriarchy in Danish Smallholding Families"). I: **Årbog for arbejderbevægelsens historie 1982**, SFAH, København 1982.

Kvindernes historie ("Women's History"), 1980-83.

Bente Rosenbeck, junior research fellow 1980-83. Ph.D., May 1984.

Main report: **Kvinders livsforløb og livscyklus i perioden 1880-1960** ("Women's life course and life cycle in the period 1880-1960"), Aalborg Universitetscenter 1983.

Kvinder og velfærdsstaten ("Women and the Welfare State 1885-1985"), 1983-85.

Anette Borchorst, junior research fellow 1982-85. Ph.D., June 1985.

Birte Siim, senior researcher.

Main report: **Kvinder og velfærdsstaten. Mellem moderskab og lønarbejde i 100 år** ("Women and the Welfare State. Between Motherhood and Wage Labour over 100 Years"), Serie om Kvindeforskning nr. 16, Aalborg Universitetsforlag 1984.

Udvikling af husholdningsteknologi ("The Development of Household Technology"), 1986.

Elin Hagelskjær, junior research fellow 1984-86. Ph.D. 1986.

Main report: **Teknologiens Tommeliden. Moderne tider i husholdningen** ("The Thumbalina of Technology. Modern Times in the Household"), Serie om Kvindeforskning nr. 22, Aalborg Universitetsforlag 1986.

Kvinder og uddannelse ("Women and Education"), 1981-87.

Ruth Emerek, senior researcher.

Main report: **Uddannelse - Vejen til Lighed?** ("Education - the Way to Equality?"), Serie om Kvindeforskning nr. 21, Aalborg Universitetsforlag 1986.

Dansk Kvindesamfund i Aalborg 1888-1988 ("The Danish Women's Society in Aalborg 1888-1988"), 1986-89.

Anna-Birte Ravn, senior researcher.

Main report: "Dansk Kvindesamfund i Aalborg 1888-1988" ("The Danish Women's Society in Aalborg 1888-1988"). I: **Dansk Kvindesamfunds Aalborgkreds - 100 års jubilæum 1988**. Red. af Helle Algreen Ussing & Anna-Birte Ravn, Aalborg 1988.

Kvinder i velfærdsstaten i Danmark, England og USA ("Women and the Welfare State in Denmark, England and the USA"), 1986-89.

Birte Siim, senior researcher.

Main report: "Towards a Feminist Rethinking of the Welfare State". In: **The Political Interests of Gender. Developing Theory and Research with a Feminist Face**, ed. by Anna G. Jonasdottir and Kathy Jones, Sage Pub., London 1988.

Kvinder indenfor teknik og naturvidenskab - en modsætning eller et potentiale? ("Women in the Technical and Natural Sciences - a Contradiction or a Potential?"), 1986-89.

Anette Kolmos, junior research fellow 1986-1989. Ph.D. 1989.

Main report: **Køn og viden i ingeniøruddannelsen** ("Gender and Knowledge in Engeneering Education"), Institut for Samfundsudvikling og Planlægning, Skriftserie nr. 28, Aalborg Universitetscenter 1989.

Kvinder i sociale bevægelser- organisering, idenditet og magt ("Women in Social Movements - Organization, Identity and Power"), 1985-87.

Ann-Dorte Christensen, junior research fellow 1985-87. Ph.D. autumn 1990.

Main reports: 1) **Ulydige kvinders magt** ("The Power of Disobedient Women"), Serie om Kvindeforskning nr. 26, Aalborg Universitetsforlag 1989 og 2) **Kvinder i fredsbevægelsen i Aalborg 1980-86**. ("Women in the Peace Movement in Aalborg 1980-86"), Institut for Samfundsudvikling og Planlægning, Skriftserie nr. 46, Aalborg Universitetscenter 1990.

Kvinder, regionalforskning og regionale udviklingsprojekter i Danmark - set med antropologøjne ("Women, Regional Science and Regional Development Projects in Denmark, an Anthropologist's View"), 1988-90.

Bodil Bjerring, senior researcher.

Main report: **Kvinder, regionalforskning og regionale udviklingsprocesser i Danmark** ("Women, Regional Science and Regional Development Projects in Denmark"), Bd. I-III, Aalborg 1988-90.

Teknologihistorie ("History of Technology"), 1987-91.

Marianne Rostgaard, junior researcher 1987-91. Ph.D. 1991.

Main report: **Teknologiudvikling og kønsarbejdsdeling indenfor tekstilindustrien i Danmark ca. 1830-1915** ("Technological Development and Gender Division of Work within the Danish Textile Industry 1830-1915"), Institut for Samfundsudvikling og Planlægning, Aalborg Universitetscenter 1991.

Kvinder og uformel økonomi ("Women and Informal Economy"), 1987-90.

Ulla Koch, junior research fellow, 1987-1990. Ph.D. Autumn 1991.
Main report: **Teori om arbejdets sektorielle bevægelser - elementære begreber og beskrivelsesformer** ("Theories on the Sectorial Movements of Labour - Elementary Concepts and Forms of Discription"). Aalborg Universitetcenter 1991.

Køn, politik og udvikling i den 3. verden ("Gender, Politics and Development in the Third World"), 1988-91.

Margrethe Holm Andersen, junior research fellow 1988-1991.
Main report: **Women in Politics - A Case-Study on Gender Relations and Women's Political Participation in SUKUMA-land, Tanzania**, forthcoming, Ph.D. dissertation 1992.

Det kønsopdelte arbejdsmarked ("The Gendered Labour Market"), 1990.

Lisbeth Jensen, affiliated researcher with a three month scholarship 1990.

Main report: **Kønsarbejdsdeling, kvalifikationer og kultur** ("The Gendered Division of Labour, Qualifications and Culture"). Application, Aalborg 1990.

Slumkultur og køn. Et studie i kvindeliv fra Colombo og Bangkok 1980-91 (Slum Culture and Gender: A Study in Women's Lives from Colombo and Bangkok 1980-91").

Susanne Thorbek, senior researcher

Main report: **Voices from the City, Women of Bangkok**, Zed Press 1987.

MEMBERS OF THE FEMINIST RESEARCH GROUP 1991

In the following there is a short presentation of the eleven individual feminist researchers attached to the feminist research programme (1990 - 1993). The majority of the feminist scholars are employed as professors at the Institute of Development and Planning, a few are employed at other Institutes at Aalborg University and the rest are affiliated scholars

Margrethe Holm Andersen (born 1962) holds an MA in social science and administration from Aalborg University, where she was employed from 1988 to 1991 as a junior research fellow at the Institute of Development and Planning. She graduated from Aalborg University (1988). She has studied women's living conditions and ways of organizing themselves in an East African context throughout the past six years, and she has carried out fieldwork in Kenya (1985), India (1987) and Tanzania (1988 and 1990). At present she is finalizing her Ph.D dissertation concerning women's political participation and the impact of gender relations on political processes in Mwanza Region in Tanzania. She is now attached to the Centre for Development Research in Copenhagen as a guest researcher.

Maren Bak (born 1944) is a sociologist. She is a senior research fellow at the Institute of Social Studies and Organization at Aalborg University. She has worked in family sociology, especially concerning the changes in European family patterns during the last 20 years related to changes in women's and children's changed position in society. She is presently working on a comparative Nordic research project focusing on everyday life of single mothers and their children. She is also involved in evaluating various human service programmes with special relevance for woman and is interested in exclusion and poverty mechanisms in relation to women and possible strategies for counteracting these processes.

Bodil Bjerring (born 1946) is a senior research fellow at the Institute of Development and Planning, Aalborg University. Graduated in social anthropology 1972, and since 1979 she has been employed by Aalborg University. She is now studying "Gender relations and regional development processes in Europe". She has completed a research project on "Women, Regional Science and Regional Development in Denmark - from an anthropological perspective", which has been supported by the Committee for Feminist Research in Denmark. Her recent studies have taken place in Northern Jutland, focusing on unskilled female factory workers and their lives in different local communities. Lately, she has finished two case studies: one concerning women at work in the fishing industry in Skagen from 1930 till today, and the other focusing on unemployed women in Frederikshavn.

Ellen Brun (born 1933) holds a doctorate in social science from Copenhagen University. She is presently associated with FREIA doing research financed by the Committee for Feminist Research under the Danish Council for Research Policy. Her field is cultural sociology, more specifically the interaction between development processes in industrial and Third World countries. Her present research project "A Development Concept Based on Women's Priorities", is an interdisciplinary attempt to define a normatively based development concept. It discusses the concept of rationality, time and economics, as well as the culture of care and ethics within a developmental perspective.

Ann-Dorte Christensen (born 1954) is a social scientist from Aalborg University, and has written her Ph.D dissertation on "Women in the New Social Movement's". Since 1987 she has been employed by the Committee for Feminist Research under the Danish Council for Research Policy in two part-time jobs: as one of the two national coordinators for feminist research in Denmark and as a research fellow on a project "Political Culture, Counter-Culture and Women's Culture". The project is part of a research programme studying Democratic Citizenship in Denmark.

Ruth Emerek (born 1946) is a statistician and graduated from the Institute of Mathematical Statistics at the University of Copenhagen (1973). Since 1973 she has been employed by Aalborg University and from 1977 as senior lecturer/associate professor at the Institute of Development and Planning. From 1988 to 1991 she contributed as a full time researcher to the development of the new Danish Integrated Database for Labour Market Research at the Danish Central Bureau of Statistics. Her main research areas are Women's Studies, Studies of Equal Opportunities, Labour Market Research and Statistical Methods (in particular modelling and measurement). At present she is working on a research project on the development of the gender segregated labour market, where she utilizes the new integrated database. Her intension is to generate a new understanding of the development of a gender segregated labour market.

Mette Groes (born 1937) is a social worker. She is an associate professor in Theories and Methods of Social Work. She has been a representative in Parliament for the Social Democratic Party 1977 - 1987, in the European Parliament in 1979 and now in the local council in Aalborg 1989 - 1993. She has done research on women and economy, women and politics, communitywork as a method in the practical work for equal pay by the Danish Women's Society's. At present she is working on a project concerning the pedagogical attitude towards women without work in "folk day highschoools".

Ulla Koch (born 1958) is an economist and received a Ph.D in Economics in 1991 on the basis of the dissertation "Informal Economy and the Social Division of Labour". The dissertation includes discussions concerning feminist economics. Since 1984 she has been teaching economics at Aalborg University and the Business School of Århus. From 1992 she has been assistant professor in economics at Aalborg University, Institute of Economics, Politics and Public Administration. At present she is working on a research project entitled "Women and Social Services in the 1990s" which has been supported by the Danish Committee for Feminist Research.

Anna-Birte Ravn (born 1947) is a historian graduated from the Institute of History and the Institute of Slavic Languages, Aarhus University, in 1973. She has been employed at Aalborg University since 1974, from 1986 as a senior lecturer/associate professor in Gender Division of Work and Social Development within the Institute of Development and Planning. She has done research on women of small-holding families in Denmark after World War 2 and on the history of the Danish bourgeois women's movement from its beginning in about 1870 till today. At present she is working on a research project on the development of a gender-segregated labour market in Denmark around the turn of the century. Special attention is paid to the debate about women as workers within the early Danish Social-Democratic labour movement and to alliances between socialist and bourgeois women.

Birte Siim (born in 1945) is a political scientist and graduated from the Institute of Political Science, Aarhus University (1974). Since 1974 she has been employed by Aalborg University, and from 1980 as a senior lecturer/associate professor at the Institute of Development and Planning. Her main research areas are Theories and Methods of Feminist Research, Studies of the Gender Division of Labour, Comparative Studies of Women and the Welfare State and Gender and Politics. She is at present working on a research project entitled "Gender, Power and Democracy - women's citizenship in the Scandinavian welfare states", which is a part of a research programme studying Democratic Citizenship in Denmark. The objective of the project is to rethink fundamental concepts like democracy, power and citizenship and develop a new understanding of the interplay between the public and the private sphere.

Susanne Thorbek (born 1937) is a cultural sociologist from the Institute of Cultural Sociology, Copenhagen University 1973. She received a Ph.D from Aalborg University in 1984. She is a senior lecturer/associate professor at the Institute of Development and Planning at Aalborg University. The last ten years she has done research on women in the Third World, especially on urbanization and structural changes and their effects on women. She has finished two field studies from Bangkok (Thailand) and Colombo (Sri Lanka) and written several books on this theme.

Presentation of FREIA's secretaries

Ellen Nyrup Petersen (born 1957) has been employed at the Institute of Development and Planning since 1982 as a secretary for the feminist researchers. She has been a personal secretary for the national coordinator for feminist research in Aalborg since 1988, and has been responsible for the composition and lay-out (together with Ann-Dorte Christensen) of the newsletter "Feminist Research".

Inger Jensen (born 1939) has been employed at the Institute of Development and Planning since 1979. She has been general secretary for the feminist research centre from 1988. She is responsible for the daily administration and organization of FREIA.

Ulla Qvisdorff (born 1958) has been employed at the Institute of Development and Planning since 1990. She has been the leader of the conference secretariat for the European Feminist Research Conference "Women in a Changing Europe", at Aalborg University August 18-22, 1991.

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