

GENDER BUDGETING BIOS in alphabetical order as far as available by Feb 1st 2006

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Gender Budgeting Bio:

- Smart library on Gender Budgets (1999-2002),
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A collection of synthesis about the main developments on gender budgeting and the different initiatives all over the world.
The library has been updated with some recent European initiatives in 2004. The next one is going to be undertaken in this year 2006.
- Basque Government – Spain (1999-2003)
- Bizkaia Provincial Government (2000-up to now)
- Bizkaia Association of Sports Federation – Spain (2005)
- other initiatives in Spain:
 - Andalusia
 - Catalonia

Further details see Gender Budgeting Initiative Spain.

ERBE BIRGIT

Political scientist, since December 2001 executive director of Frauenakademie München (Women's Academy, Munich), co-founder of the civil society groups on gender budgeting in Berlin (Summer 2001) and Munich (Winter 2002) and active in the German network of gender budget groups. Main topics of research, publications and public events: Gender budgeting, equal opportunity policies, European integration process. Further activities see description of the Gender Budgeting Initiative Munich.

GIZA INKEN

I am a member in the Gender Budgeting initiative in Berlin since January 2005. There I lobbying the initiative activities through presentations in Poland NEWW- workshop, international conferences, local workshops.

Development of a database on Gender Budgeting for the Ministry of Social Affairs in Estonia.

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At present I work as a freelance consultant for Gender and Environment

GUBITZER LUISE

Professor, Department of Institutional and Heterodox Economics at Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. Interested in research on the theoretical impact of Gender Budgeting.

JUBETO YOLANDA

Yolanda Jubeto is a lecturer at the Economics Faculty of the University of the Basque Country, within the Applied Economics Department. Her main research interests cover a broad range of economic activities` levels. At the beginning she used to work on regional economics, especially centered on the Basque Country's economy, and now she mostly works on international economics (development economics). The links between both spheres is also of her interests. She is also very much interested in feminist economics, since she met it.

Related to gender-budgeting, I started to get very interested in that methodology five years ago, when the Basque Country's Basque Government started a pilot experience with the aim of developing a gender-audit of some of the programmes of some departments of the government.

That project was coordinated by Rona Fitzgerald from Scotland. In that initiative, the Women's Institute of the Government, called Emakunde, invited Ronda Sharp and Diane Elson to give some conferences, and it also published an interview with Ronda Sharp in their public magazine, which I really found interesting.

At that time, I was a lecturer of economics, especially of development economics and public finances, and I was working on my PhD looking for an interesting subject to work on. I was interested in research fields related to public policies and especially to the role of the public sector in the welfare of the community. On the other hand, I wanted to include the study of the effects of the policies on women, and the way governments were putting into practice the Beijing agreement on mainstreaming, but I didn't know how to start. So the idea of gender-budgeting seemed really inspiring and it opened a lot of possibilities of research and hopefully of introducing improvements in women's lives. That is how I decided to write my PhD on gender-budgeting and nowadays I am in the process of achieving it.

Thus, what I have done so far is to attend Conferences, a short course in Den Haag (with Irene van Staveren and Diane Elson) and read all the material I have been able to gather related to this subject.

Last March, I was called by the Women's Area of Bilbao's City Council to give a training course to the staff of the Townhall working with the budget in the several Areas the City Council is divided in. And as a result of it, we have started a pilot project based on the initiative carried out by the Basque Government. Eight areas of the Townhall are taking part in it on voluntary bases. We hope to finish the first part of this study this summer as a first stage of a bigger project that we would like to present for its acceptance next autumn.

KLATZER ELISABETH

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Continuing a long tradition as a feminist civil society activist and researcher interested in feminist economics I have started working on Engendering Budgets in 2000. Together with a group of women, which today is the "Watch Group. Gender and Public Finance", we initially worked on introducing the ideas of Gender Budgeting in Austria, adapting the approach for the Austrian context and motivating resp. lobbying government, opposition parties and NGOs to pursue the issue further. This work led to the publication of: "Frauen Macht Budgets, Staatsfinanzen aus Geschlechterperspektive " (2002).

Since then I am continuing to promote gender budgeting at many levels. As a researcher I have been involved in several projects (GB pilot project for the province of Upper Austria, GB pilot project for the Federal Government aimed at developing tools, a manual and strategies for implementing GB throughout the administration, development of a Gender Check for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance etc.). Furthermore it has been our aim to develop easily applicable tools for the local level and for civil society activists. This led to two publications: Gender Budgeting Handbook (2004), aimed at the regional and local level, and most recently a manual for GB work at the municipal level (2006).

My paid job is in public administration, I am working in the Federal Chancellery of Austria. Initiatives to introduce Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting there have very limited success. Still, I can use my insight knowledge of the public administration and contacts to promote the ideas at many occasions. I have been involved as an expert in the Austrian convention aiming at reforming the Austrian Constitution. Due to an exceptional coalition of women across political parties in cooperation with non-governmental experts it was possible to include the notion Gender Budgeting in the draft reform proposal of the financial constitution which is now on the table and will most likely be adopted by Parliament this year.

Where do I/we stand at the moment? After years of activities, research, partly in close cooperation with the public administrations, and developing instruments at the practical level I feel there is a need to come to the "basics". There are quite a few ongoing activities in Austria, at the governmental level as well as outside government, but there are no signs for substantial transformation of processes, policies or gender relations. The basic question is how to induce emancipatory dynamics and processes with Gender Budgeting.

LAPNIEWSKA ZOFIA

Zofia Lapniewska, feminist from Poland, with economic background, working on Gender Budgeting and Gender Mainstreaming since 2004 for Network of East-West Women. Involved in researches and monitoring of women situation in Central and Eastern Europe, editing weekly NEWW internet newsletter in Polish and English.

Publications:

- "Equality of women and men – researches analysis" Equality of women and men on labour market in praxis, Economic and social rationale of women and men equality on labour market, PSEP, Warsaw 2005
- "Knowledge Management in non-government organizations. Preliminary report 2005." Information Systems Architecture and Technology, ISAT 2005, Wrocław 2005
- "Gdansk Gender Budget Initiative" Beijing +10. NGO Assessment of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in CEE/CIS Countries, Regional Report, Liberal Society Institute, Kiev 2005
- "Economy" Alternative Report Beijing +10 prepared by polish feminists NGOs for Special UN Session of Women's Rights Commission, Beijing +10, New York, February 28th – March 11th 2005
- „Info sheet: EU neighboring countries in Eastern Europe/Former Soviet Union" The enlarged EU and its agenda for a wider Europe: What considerations for gender equality?, WIDE November 2004
- "Presentation 4, Working Group 4" A report of a WIDE hearing, held at the European Parliament, Brussels, 2 December 2004

More important meetings and conferences:

8-9 XII 2005	"Ad-Hoc meeting on SPECA Working Group on Gender and Economy" United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva;
27 IX 2005	"Informal Council of Europe Network on Gender Mainstreaming" Equality Division Directorate General of Human Rights – DGII, Strasbourg;
20-24 VI 2005	„Was bringt Europa ihren Bürgerinnen?" Frauenpolitische Studienreise nach Brüssel, Brüssel;
7-8 IV 2005	„Gender Sensitive Budgets in the public sector" Heinrich Böll Fundation, Cologne;
21-22 I 2005	"Central and Eastern Europe: A feminist economic dialogue on transition and EU-enlargement" IAFFE-Europe, Corvinus University of Budapest;
2 XII 2004	"The Enlarged EU and its Agenda for a Wider Europe: What Considerations for Gender Equality?" WIDE, European Parliament, Brussels;
23 XI 2004	"Role of Equal Opportunities for Women and Men within the Company's Prosperity" Gender Studies O.P.S., Prague;
12-13 XI 2004	"Beijing +10. NGO assessment of implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in CEE/CIS countries" Regional Meeting, Kiev

LUNZER GERTRAUD, MAG.

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Study of Economics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration

1995-2000 researches connected with labour market policy,

since 2000 employed at the Chamber of Labour in Vienna, Department of Tax and Fiscal Policy

Research interests: Taxes and fiscal policy, distribution, company taxation in the EU, gender budgeting, Consultancy-activities in the area of income taxation

MAYRHUBER CHRISTINE

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Economist, Member of the Austrian "Watch group gender & public finance", chairwoman of the „Beirat für gesellschafts-, wirtschafts- und umweltpolitische Alternativen (BEIGEWUM)" (~advisory committee for social, economic and environmental alternatives); both are non-profit associations of the civil society.

Since 1999 Researcher at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) in the Research Area "Labour Market, Income and Social Security".

Research interests: social security, ageing and pension security, gender budgeting.

Gender budgeting projects: co-author "Frauen Macht Budget. Staatsfinanzen aus Geschlechterperspektive", Gender budget analysis for the federal state Upper Austria.

PAZOS MARÍA

I belong to the feminist movement since the seventies, and since the mid eighties I have been working in a Spanish feminist group called 'Forum de Política Feminista'.

Professionally I research on applied economics, particularly on comparative tax-benefit systems and their distributional and gender effects. The Institute for Fiscal Studies (Ministry of Finance, Spain) accepted, in November 2004, my proposal of 'officially' consider an area of research on Gender and Fiscal Policies. Since then I ('openly') work in that area were, in addition to my personal research work, I organise debates, elaborate reports and propose reforms of public policies.

Some of my research topics:

- Gender bias in tax-benefit systems: In particular, I analyse the effects of actual systems on labour supply of married women and the consequences of regulations which are based on the family (and which neglect women needs) on women lives. Proposal for reform: See below.
- Engendering Statistics: I work for the breakdown by sex of all indicators related to individuals; new indicators and specific studies in order to assess the different situation of women and men, the specific problems of women and the gender bias in public policies.
- Gender Budgeting process: In Spain there is a law by which all legislative propositions presented by the Government to the Parliament should be accompanied by a gender impact assessment report (Law 30/2003). This also includes the annual Public Budget Law. However, the implementation of this law is going very slow for the moment and much work should be done to incorporate gender budgeting to the regular activity of the Government.
- Representation of women: Surveys and research on the situation of women in public and private sectors, as well as on the imbalances in housework made by men and by women.

Activities to involve a broader public:

- From the Institute for Fiscal Studies:
 - -Organization of conferences and debates on Gender and Fiscal Policies
 - - Training courses
 - - Publications
- From the civil society (experience I would like to share with you): 'Civic Platform for Non-transferable Paternity Leave'.

ROSSELL ANNALISA

Annalisa Rosselli is Professor of Economics at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy.

Her interest in Gender Budgeting began when, together with Francesca Bettio, she organized in September 2000 the first international workshop in Italy on the subject. Since then, she has taken part in several Gender Budgeting initiatives in the role of consultant for local administrations (Siena, Genoa, Modena, and the Marche Region) or for ISFOL, the institution in charge of monitoring the allocation of the European Social Fund in Italy. She has also lectured on GB in postgraduate courses in Equal Opportunities (University of Milan and University of Siena) and is often invited to participate in staff training seminars for Equal-Opportunity advisors and administrators alike. Together with Francesca Bettio and Simonetta Vingelli she wrote an introduction to GB (<http://www.fondazionezaninoni.org/naviga.php?nav=@163,12,51>) and is

currently engaged in writing a short manual on the subject for the use of local Councils in the Province of Siena (Tuscany).

SCHLAGER CHRISTA

Since 1999 researcher for fiscal and budgetary policies at the Chamber of Labour, Vienna, Austria. Studies of Economics at the Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien und Handelshojskolen in Kopenhagen. Co-editor of the Austrian social science journal "Kurswechsel". Member of the Austrian "Watchgroup Gender and Public Finance".

Co-editor of BEIGEWUM (Ed.): Frauen macht Budgets, Staatsfinanzen aus Geschlechterperspektive, Wien 2002.

Article (with B.Trukeschitz): „Staatsausgaben aus der Geschlechterperspektive – Methodischer Ansatz und erste Ergebnisse für Österreich, in: Gubitzer Luise/Trukeschitz, Birgit (Eds): Frauen und Budget, Frankfurt/Main 2004.

SCHRATZENSTALLER MARGIT, DR.

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Since 2003 Researcher (Tax and Budget Policy) at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO), Vienna. Studies of Economics at the University of Giessen/Germany and at the University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee; 2001 PhD at the University of Giessen ("International mobility of and international fiscal competition for foreign direct investment"); 2002-2003 Postdoc at the University of Goettingen/Germany.

Research interests: Budget and tax policy, tax competition and harmonisation, fiscal federalism, gender budgeting.

Current projects: Gender budget analysis for Upper Austria; Gender budget analysis of the budget (tax revenues and expenditures) of the Austrian Ministry of Finance.

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I always had a soft spot for statistics. When in early 2000 the IAFFE Mailing List announced the conference 'Gender Auditing of Government Budgets', I registered immediately and travelled to Rome. After the event I evaluated its outcome for several German media. The Hans Böckler Stiftung (Foundation of the German unions) invited me to write a study on the meaning of Gender Budgeting for equal opportunity projects and Gender Mainstreaming. In the publication, I embedded the new strategy in social movements and the vision of a service economy (Title: Stadt der Männer? Stadt der Frauen – Stadt für alle, Arbeitspapier 60, 2002, 96 p., 15 €, Order: HBS, Hans-Böckler-Str. 39, D-40476 Düsseldorf).

Since that time, I am involved in the discourse on Gender Budgeting in Germany. I am convinced that the potential of the Gender Budget surpasses Gender Mainstreaming. Gender Budgeting can contribute to sustainable urban development and establish guidelines for a European Social Model.

ELIZABETH VILLAGÓMEZ

Elizabeth Villagómez is a PhD in Economics with special interest in labour market issues (including the effects of the tax-benefit system on women's economic activity) and applied economic analysis to social issues, in particular gender. She was the Economic Governance Adviser for UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women) in New York managing the global programme on gender budgets supported by the Belgian Government with implementation in 14 countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America from May 2001 to May 2002. Since then she has mainly been involved in training NGOs, parliamentarians and government personnel in GB. She has also prepared primer and review documents on GB for UNECE, UNFPA and the Council of Europe. She is a founding partner of Alemanra Estudios Económicos y Sociales, S.L (a private consulting firm) and she has been project management and senior researcher for various projects related to issues of budgets including: Cost of Domestic Violence for the Andalusian Women's Institute; "Effects of Social Security Systems on Reconciliation of Work and Family Life in the EU", "Study on the social

repercussions of an opt-out from the provisions of the working time directive”, and “Multiplication Effects of EU Direct and Indirect Instruments to Compliment National Funding” for the European Parliament. She is also the Economic Advisor for the social and economic rights programme for the UNIFEM Eastern Europe Regional Office including development of the strategy for gender responsive budgeting in the region and supporting NGOs in developing their own evidence based advocacy tools (mainly in the area of economic rights). She is also the expert for Spain in the 'Group of non governmental experts in the fight against poverty and social exclusion' for the European Commission.