

## RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

### About the Resource Center

Our Isis International Resource Center collects information, analyses, research, videos, creative writing, etc on women's issues and perspectives from around the world. We have a particular but not exclusive interest in materials focussing on the Asia-Pacific regions, and materials by Asia-Pacific women activists, researchers, academics, writers, artists etc.

While we are interested in any and everything concerning women, currently, the main themes we are concentrating on in building our resource collection are: women and the economy/economic-technological change; women's movements, feminism, feminist theory and debates; women's human rights, including reproductive health, sexuality; women/gender and development; literature and culture.

Our collection includes books, conference proceedings, workshop/seminar reports, journals, information packs, training modules, thesis, other unpublished materials, creative writing, and videos.

The Resource Center can provide information through mail and e-mail and can provide photocopies of non-copyright publications upon request.

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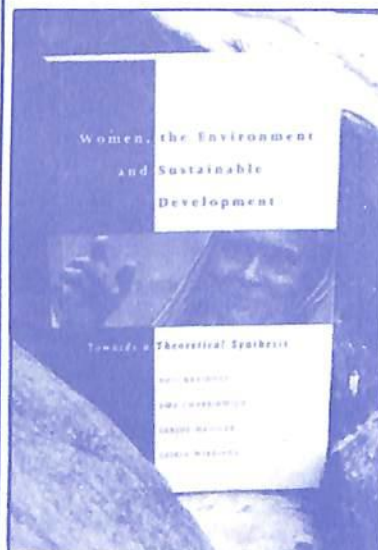
### From our Isis book shelves...

Asian and Pacific Women's Resource Collection Network. *Asian and Pacific Women's Resource and Action Series: Law*. Kuala Lumpur: Asian and Pacific Development Centre, 1993. 229 p. Record No.: LAW 01666.00

Challenges the simplistic view that law per se will empower women. Instead it stresses the importance of women being social actors who can act upon the law, who know how to critique and use the law to forge more equitable and just forms of social organizations and relationships. The areas covered include violence against women, marriage and divorce, reproductive rights, economic and labor rights and

constitutional provisions affecting women's rights.

Available from: Asian and Pacific Development Centre, Pesiaran Duta, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



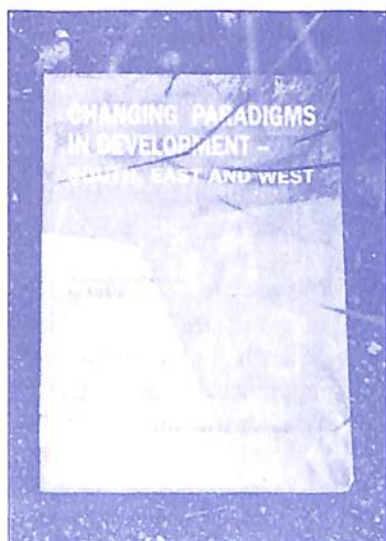
Braidoti, Rosi and others.  
*Women, the environment and sustainable development: towards a theoretical synthesis*.  
London: Zed Books, 1994. 220 p. Record No.: DEV 01809.00

There is a widespread perception that the development process is in a state of multiple crises. While the notion of sustainable development is well accepted, there is still no agreed framework relating women to this new perspective. This book is an attempt to present and disentangle the various positions put forward by major actors and to clarify the political and theoretical issues that are at stake in the debates on women, the environment and sustainable development.

Available from: Zed Books, 7 Cynthia Street, London NI 9JF, UK, or 165 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey 07716, U.S.A.



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*Changing paradigms in development-- south, east and west: a meeting of minds in Africa.* Edited by Margaretha von Troil. Uppsala: The Scandinavian Institute of African Studies, 1993. 196 p. Record No.: DEV 01807.00

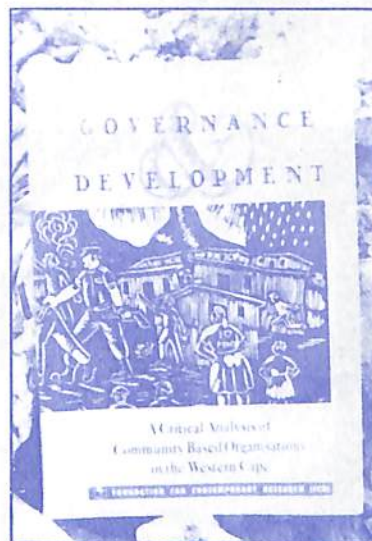
The book is based on the proceedings from a workshop, jointly organized by the Scandinavian Institute of

*Governance & development: a critical analysis of community based organisations in the Western Cape.* Edited by E.A. Pieterse & Dr A. M. Simone. Foundation for Contemporary Research (FCR), 1994. 126 p. Record No.: DEV 01808.00

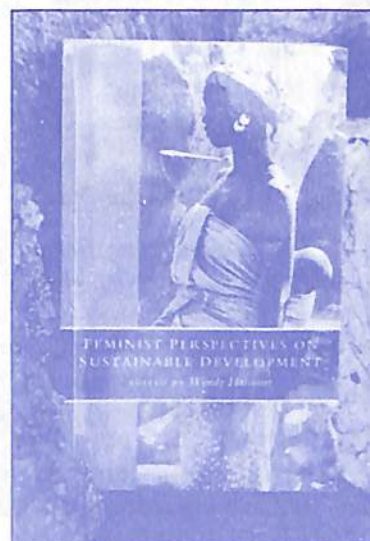
Based on the critical analysis of community-based organizations in the Western Cape, the book explores the issues which local development institutions confront in addressing the increasingly interconnected cultural, political and economic considerations affecting development processes.

African Studies, Uppsala, and the Patrice Lumumba People's Friendship University, Moscow in May 1991. The main themes are: 1) Different perspectives on development thinking and strategies 1960-90; 2) The roles of external assistance in implementing development; 3) Present and future paradigms of development. Includes list of participants.

Available from: Nordiska Afrikainstitutet (The Scandinavian, Institute of African Studies), P.O. Box 1703 S-751 47 UPPSALA, Sweden.



Available from: Foundation for Contemporary Research (FCR)



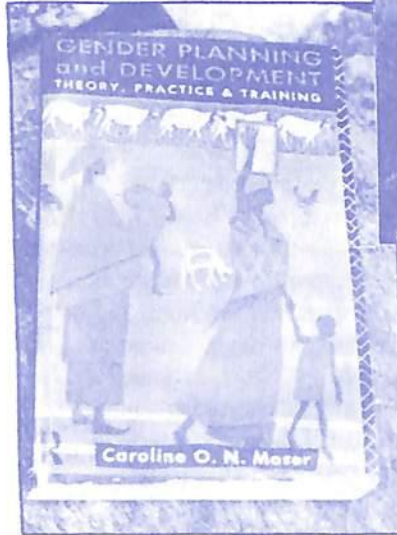
*Feminist perspectives on sustainable development.* Edited by Wendy Harcourt. London: Zed Books, 1994. 253 p. Record No.: DEV 01794.00

This collection captures the vitality of feminists' responses to the environment and development debate. The authors show that a feminist perspective that looks at women not as victims but as agents of change has strong commonalities with other movements seeking a more sustainable future for humanity. The book is divided into four parts: 1) Situating the feminist position in the sustainable development debate; 2) Gendered alternatives to dominating knowledge systems; 3) Politics and resistance in the sustainable development debate; and 4) Population: linking women, environment and development.

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Moser, Caroline O. N. *Gender planning and development: theory, practice & training.* London: Routledge, 1993. 285 p. Record No.: DEV 01803.00

This book describes the development of gender planning as a legitimate planning tradition in its own right. It is divided into two parts: 1) the conceptual rationale for gender planning in the Third World, examines feminist theories and WID/GAD debates in terms of their relevance to gender planning; and 2) the gender planning process and the implementation of planning practice, provides the conceptual framework for the gender planning tradition and methodology.

Available from: Routledge, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4Et or 29 West 35th Street, New York, NY 1001.



Shrestha, Shanta Laxmi. *Gender sensitive planning: what, why, how in Nepal.* Kathmandu: Women Awareness Centre Nepal (WACN), 1994. 72 p. Record No.: DEV 01805.00

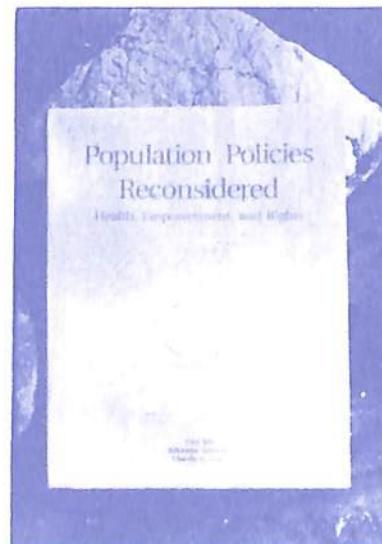
This book, the first of its kind from an experienced Nepali woman development worker, explains the term gender and development through a presentation of policy and planning concepts and analyses, demonstration of their applicability in the Nepalese context. It discusses the most influential approaches to gender and development policies and sketches the impact of these approaches on the ways in which 'women's issues' have been conceptualized and institutionalized in Nepal. The book offers approaches to gender blind or biased planning and policies. It is 'user friendly' and particularly useful for community development agencies, workers and trainers.

Available from: Women Awareness Centre Nepal (WACN), P.O. Box 2245, Kathmandu, Nepal.

*Population policies reconsidered: health, empowerment, and rights.* Edited by Gita Sen; Adrienne Germain and Lincoln C. Chen. New York: International Women's Health Coalition, 1994. 280 p. Record No.: REP 01811.00

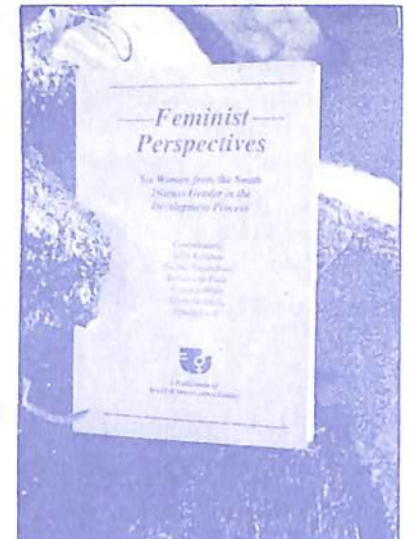
This is a collection of works by scholars, social activists and policy-makers from different backgrounds and disciplines-- ethics and law, demography and the social and health sciences. It closely examines the basic premises of the present population policies in relation to ethics, human rights, sustainable development, women empowerment and reproductive and sexual health. It also analyzes the practical aspects of achieving the proposed reproductive health and rights agenda.

Available from: International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC), 24 East 21 Street, New York, NY 10010 or Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, 9 Bow Street, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA.



*Six women from the South discuss gender in the development process.* Feminist perspectives. Edited by Marcia Brown, et al. Ontario: MATCH International Centre, Sept. 1993. 60 p. (English & French) Record No.: DEV 01804.00

This book is a compilation of articles written by women in the south, it provides different perspectives on gender analysis and discusses the following themes: Health (Trinidad),



Education (Bangladesh), Human rights (Sri Lanka), Social research as a tool to reflect the feminist perspective of development (Burkina Faso) and Gender, rights and development (Peru). This book could also be a tool used by activists who are planning strategies that will improve the condition and situation of women in the south while recommending alternative ways of solving problems.

Available from: MATCH International Centre, # 200-1102 Elgin Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2P 1L5



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**Women on the move: proceedings of the workshop on human rights abuses against immigrant and refugee women, the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna June 1993.** Edited by Leni Marin and Blandina Lansang-De Mesa. San Francisco: Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1993. 60 p. (+ appendices). HUM 01810.00

This important publication has chapters on: Abuses Against Women During Migration; Gender-based Persecution and Political asylum; Conditions for Women in Receiving Countries; the report of the Global Tribunal on Violations of Women's Human Rights; and the Canada Immigration and Refugee Board Guidelines

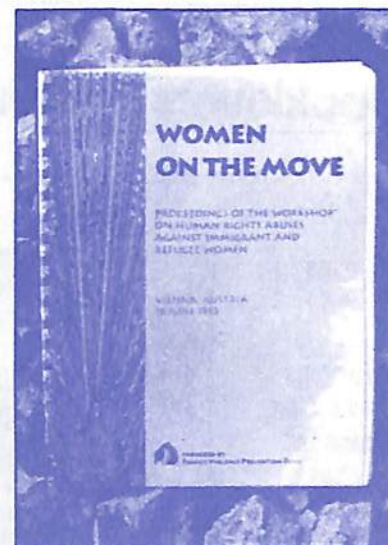
on women refugee claimants fearing gender-related persecution.

Available from: Family Violence Prevention Fund, 383 Rhode Island Street, Suite 304, San Francisco, CA 94103 USA.



**Women and children first: environment, poverty and sustainable development.** Edited by Filomena Chioma Steady. Rochester, Vermont: Schenkman, 1993. 475 p. Record No.: DEV 01806.00

**Women and Children First** is an anthology of papers presented at the symposium, Women and Children First: The Impact of Poverty and Environmental Degradation on Women and Children (Geneva, May 1991). These essays were among the earliest substantive inputs into the policy considerations of governments in preparation for the Earth Summit and served to ensure the incorporation of the needs, concerns and aspirations of women and children in Agenda 21, the program of action from Rio. It provides valuable insights into how aspects of gender and age can be incorporated in regional, national and international strategies for the eradication of poverty and the halting of



environmental degradation. The inputs will help in establishing measures for action that would increase women's participation as decision makers, planners and managers of natural resources; and enhance the implementation of Agenda 21.

Available from: Schenkman Books, Inc., 118 Main Street, Rochester, Vermont, 05767 USA



## NEW VIDEOS

**Cairo 1994: putting people first by the International Conference on Population and Development.** (18:25 min.) This film is about the need for women to have reproductive rights, education, etc. and the link between women, poverty and population.

**Charlotte's story.** Produced by South Pacific Commission

Regional Media Centre, Suva, Fiji, 1993. (20 min.) A moving interview with a Samoan mother who lost her son to AIDS.

**On the road to Beijing: the Manila symposium.** Produced by Women's Feature Service, 1993. (28 min.) A documentary film of the Asia-Pacific Symposium of NGO's in

Manila, Philippines-- the first regional meeting of NGO'S leading up to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, 1995.

**Neria.** Produced by Media for Development Trust, Zimbabwe, 1992. (103 min.) A story of a woman's struggle over patriarchal law and tradition.

**To be a woman: African women's response to the economic crisis.** Produced by Visafric Productions, 1992. (42:09 min.) Stories of women in Ghana, Uganda and Zambia, as they struggle in the battle for social and economic survival.

**Vukani Mukai Awakening.** Produced by Ranche House

College, Harare, Zimbabwe, undated. (27 min.) Shows several examples of women joining into groups and organizing income generating projects to improve their status and living conditions.

**We have a voice: women empowering communication.** (15:28 min.) This is a documentary film of the Women Empowering Communication Conference held in Bangkok on February 12-17, 1994 which was sponsored by the World Association of the Christian Communication, Isis International and International Women's Tribune Center.



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### Booklovers corner

New fiction books acquired this month.

Esquivel, Laura. Like water for chocolate. New York: Anchor Books, Doubleday, 1992. 241 p. A rich Mexican novel that blends love, passion, history and food.



Rosca, Ninotchka. Twice blessed: a novel. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1992. 269 p. A novel about a powerful, wealthy and corrupt political family from Northern Philippines.

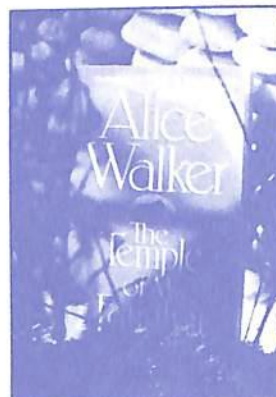
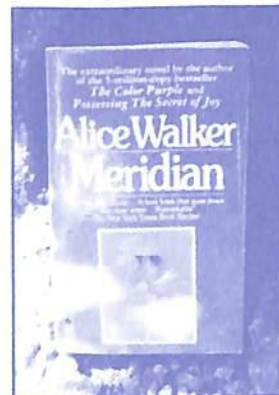
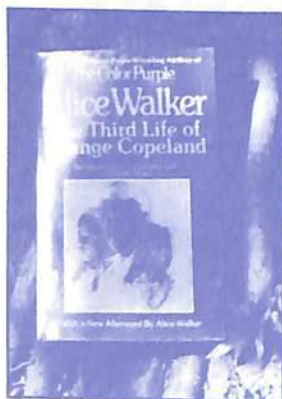


Morrison, Toni. Jazz. New York: Signet, 1992. 265 p. A story of a triangle of passion, jealousy, murder, and redemption, of sex and spirituality, of slavery and liberation, of country and city, of being male and female, African-American, and above all being human.

Morrison, Toni. Sula. New York: Signet, 1993. 221 p. A moving novel of a black woman's survival in America.



Tan, Amy. The Kitchen God's wife. New York: Ivy Books, 1991. 532 p. A rich and complex journey through the eyes of a Chinese mother as she relates her life story to her Chinese-American daughter.



Walker, Alice. The color purple. New York: Pocket Books, 1985. 295 p. A story of women's triumph over gender oppression in the wider context of racial discrimination.

Walker, Alice. Meridian. New York: Pocket Books, 1986. 220 p. A story of a woman who risks her heart and her life for the people she loves.

Walker, Alice. Possessing the secret of joy. New York: Pocket Books, 1993. 288 p. A powerful novel about the psychological, emotional and physical agony of genital mutilation.

Walker, Alice. The third life of Grange Copeland. New York: Pocket Books, 1988. 346 p. A loving and triumphant portrait of three generations of Afro Americans.

Walker, Alice. The temple of my familiar. New York: Pocket Books, 1990. 417 p. A novel about dreams, the power of stories and about strength of histories.

