

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Special issue on *Women and gender in fishery-related work and communities* (tentatively for MAST Maritime Studies)

Women and gender in fisheries are critical global topics. In the past 40-45 years feminist and gender researchers have made significant contributions to the field of social science, revealing the importance of gender to understanding human interactions within coastal communities. However, work on gender/women has not been equally visible across sub-disciplines. For example, while a gender lens has completely changed fields such as agriculture, it has been much slower to develop in fisheries research. However, interest in gender and fisheries is growing and is evident through the many contributions to conferences, conference proceedings, reports and books (See for example: [GAF proceedings](#), Kleiber, Frangoudes et al. 2017, Challenges and Strategies for the Implementation of the Voluntary Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines Gender Equity and Equality Principle in Jentoft et al. (eds) *The Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines*, Mare Publications Series 14, Springer and available bibliography on the website of ICSF). The interest in and importance of this topic has not yet been adequately represented in refereed fisheries journals .

MAST would be an excellent journal to host a special issue on Women and Gender in Fisheries. The journal's focus on social science is a fitting home for gender and fisheries topics that might otherwise be dismissed by other fisheries journals. It is also an open access journal which will allow this work to reach a wider geographic and professional audience. We will approach the journal to gauge its interest once we receive the abstracts.

The specific focus on women as well as the interconnection between women, gender relations, work and community would allow this special issue to highlight geographic differences based on specific history, "*materialities*" (eg. *natural resources, technologies...*), social and cultural conditions. Topics could include intersecting issues such as labour and migration changes in job opportunities (e.g., paid and unpaid contributions of women in fisheries and aquaculture), organisations and participation in the public sphere, property rights in fisheries and aquaculture, climate change, and capacity building. This broad focus is needed to help us challenge, discuss and develop further concepts and perspectives developed by gender researchers, and capture geographic diversity of experiences. Gender research has drawn on multiple disciplines and this special issue on gender and fisheries would be the perfect arena to collate, confront and reconcile these very different perspectives.

The special issue will therefore consist of refereed research-oriented articles, focusing on - but not restricted to - the following themes:

- Women, gender and gender relations in fishing communities past and present
- Gendered practices and responses to extreme events and environmental changes
- Women's work in fisheries, and capacity building to increase women's access to labour opportunities (through support from household and community, training, technology, credit etc.)
- Equity, equality and human rights in fisheries: women's access to resources, women and sea tenure, women and access to markets and marketing resources
- Women's well-being in fisheries: education, food security, occupational safety and health, violence and women in fisheries

- Women's participation in the decision making process related to resources and resource management, establishment of women's autonomous organisations (role, actions, limits and opportunities)
- Women- and gender-sensitive public policies and empowerment (women's practices, recognition and inclusion of women's needs)
- Gender transformative approaches to development in coastal and fishing communities

Chapter guidelines: Length: 6,000 words (including photos, diagrams, tables and references)

Sample headings (**flexible**)

Introduction

Background Description of context (natural, social, governance and institutional arrangements)

Analytical perspectives Concepts, perspectives and methods

Discussion of the findings in relation to data and perspectives

Conclusion

For the correct formatting and presentation, please follow the guidelines at

<http://maritimestudiesjournal.springeropen.com/submission-guidelines/preparing-your-manuscript/research-article>

Timeline:

June 1, 2017: Submission of abstract (Max 200 words)

September 15, 2017: First complete draft of chapter due

October 20, 2017: Editorial review complete

November 30, 2017: Final draft due

Spring 2018: Articles back from the referees and authors finalize

Summer 2018: Publishing online

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This call for contributions is related to the [TBTI cluster Women & Gender](#).