New Books by CPRN's Family Network Director, Jane Jenson

July 28, 2000 – *Globalizing Institutions: Case Studies in Regulation and Innovation*

Edited by Jane Jenson of the Université de Montréal and Boaventura de Sousa Santos of the Centro de Estudos Sociais of the University of Coimbra, Portugal, this book deals with the ongoing debate about the nature, impact and desirability of that collection of phenomena we refer to as "globalization." All the chapters in the book demonstrate that globalization can best be understood in the plural, as a set of wide-ranging phenomena, in which the local is made global as much as the global is localized.

Globalizing Institutions: Case Studies in Regulation and Innovation (Ashgate, 2000) breaks new ground by examining globalization in a wide spectrum of locales such as national and transnational corporations, welfare policies, adoption, gender politics and democratic institutions, citizenship, religion, and judicial systems, and in a variety of countries including Canada, South Africa, Brazil and parts of Europe. Authors include, among others, Harry Arthurs, Ruth Buchanan, and E. Fuat Keyman, in addition to chapters by each of the editors. The book is a product of the research programme on Law and Social Ordering of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIAR). For further information, contact the publisher at www.ashgate.com.

Also by Jane Jenson:

Gendering of Inequalities: Women, Men and Work

This book is co-edited by Jane Jenson, Jacqueline Laufer of the HEC School of Management in France, and Margaret Maruani, CSU-CNRS, France.

The book argues that many analyses of economic restructuring and of gender relations do not take into account changes in the situations of women compared with 30 years ago. Labour markets are now dominated by flexible, non-standard work, precarious contractual relations and income disparities. New challenges such as these require new and innovative solutions. The primary problem today is not discrimination or inappropriate training, so, policies that focus only on these will not go to the heart of the matter: the gender inequities in labour market *restructuring*. Contemporary labour markets, the authors also maintain, cannot be understood without locating them vis-à-vis patterns of gender inequalities, generated by and in these labour markets. It is essential to note that new and unequal gender relations are often crucial to their very functioning.

This book provides one of the few discussions in English of the full range of such issues, based on French and other continental European cases. The authors are historians, sociologists, economists, and lawyers, all well-known experts in the field. The book can be seen as a successor to the often consulted, *The Feminisation of the Labour Force* (Oxford University Press, 1988).

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