EXCERPTS FROM BOOK REVIEWS

Sylvia Chant and Cathy McIlwaine (1998) (compilers)

THREE GENERATIONS, TWO GENDERS, ONE WORLD
London: Zed.

Area

‘Chant and McIlwaine have performed a valuable service in compiling an accessible volume that highlights aspects of the similarities as well as the differences across genders and generations, and in pointing to ways in which inequalities can be addressed’.

Third World Planning Review

‘Three Generations, Two Genders, One World is a serious attempt to compile what would otherwise be “grey” data in a form which is more widely applicable and useful both as a comparison of gender histories and changing social conditions in the countries surveyed, and as a baseline comparison for data from other countries….. “in-area” researchers will find much to interest them and to compare in the analysis and discussion of the data from each country’.

Gender and Development

‘This fascinating book is the outcome of a multi-country oral history research project undertaken by students with their own family members… contextual differences are highlighted together with the striking similarities in what it means to be male and female in our globalising world’.

Progress in Human Geography

‘The strength of this book lies both in its case study format and clear presentation of survey results, which facilitate ease of reading, and in its analysis of countries across the wealth spectrum…..this book provides a useful synopsis of changing constructions of gender, and is a resource of likely interest to students and teachers if geographies of gender, youth and “development”‘.