And now what?

- I Inclusion policies in a broad sense. Christine N Meynard
 - II Focus fonction publique Laure Benoit & Julien Pradel

Multiple snow ball effects accumulate in the hierarchy

Cultural prejudices, perception, social inequalities, Impostor Syndrome, « Women don't ask: negociation and the gender divide (Babcock & Laschever, 2003)» A competitive / agressive work environment that is not favorable to women Age of reproductive potential x max job instability x max competitivity Women are not recognized for their work => selection criteria for permanent jobs

Very small differences at the base of a hierarchy can cause very large differences at the top of a hierarchy

Intersectionality

désigne la situation de personnes subissant simultanément plusieurs formes de discrimination

External drivers:
 publication
 outlets, broader
 career culture,
funding agencies

International context

National culture / context

Immediate study or work environment

Immediate family / social environment

Broader program / work environment

Personal background (e.g. neurodiversity)

Other inequality sources: race, country of origin, sexual orientation

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MDPH = Maison Départementale pour les Personnes Handicapées

=> Définition limitée à un handicap fonctionnel important

Rapport Pelazzo et al 2013 (INSERM)

65% des français adultes ont une maladie chronique Les maladie psychiatriques sont au premier rang pour les adultes de moins de 40 ans (40% des handicapés sévères dans cette classe d'âge!)

Neurodiversité

5% de la population est TDAH 1% dans le spectre autiste (TSA)

⇒ Troubles dys associés

Broader program / work environment

Personal background (e.g. neurodiversity, chronic disease)

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Intersectionality

« la France s'interdit de collecter des informations personnelles fondées sur des caractères tels race, ethnie, couleur de peau, origine, religion, mode de vie ou sexe, critères discriminatoires selon la loi » « Ainsi, contrairement à une idée reçue, [...], il est permis depuis longtemps de poser des questions « sensibles » dans une enquête de la statistique publique [...]»

Wikipedia – « Groupes ethniques en France »

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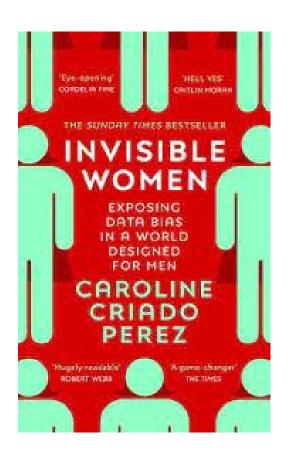
Broader program / work environment

Aux EEUU, ~1/3 des étudiantes de master et doctorat proviennent de minorités, alors que elles ne représentent que 10% du corps d'enseignants (lecturers), 10% des professeurs juniors, 7% de professeurs associés, et 3% de « full professors ».

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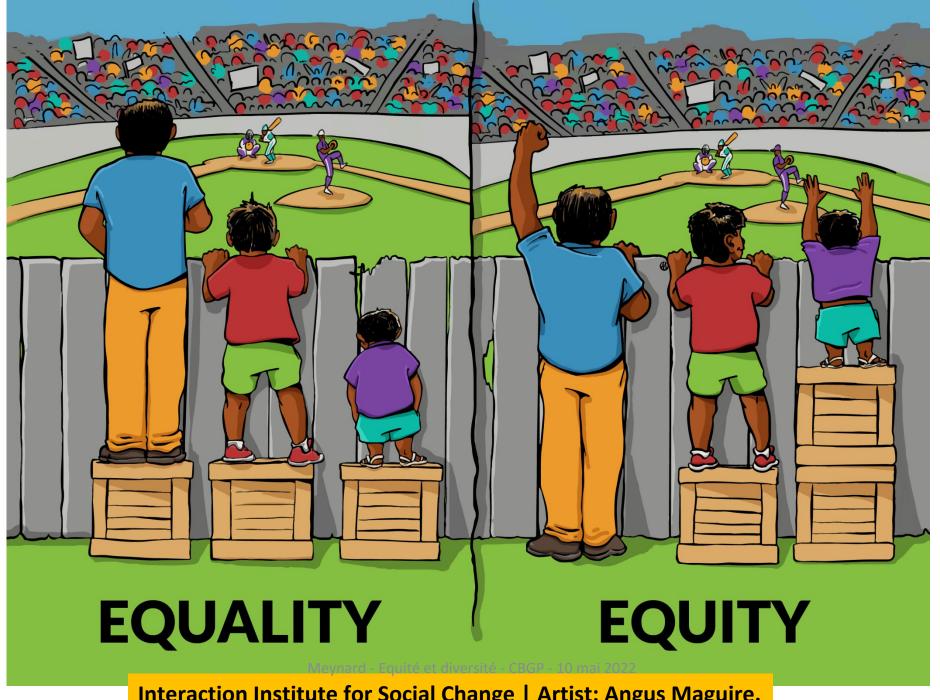
Data gap



« Representation of the world, like the world itself, is the work of men; they describe it from their own point of view, which they confuse with the absolute truth. »

Simone de Beauvoir, in *The second sex*

The data gap introduces huge problems in terms of identifying and solving issues at all levels





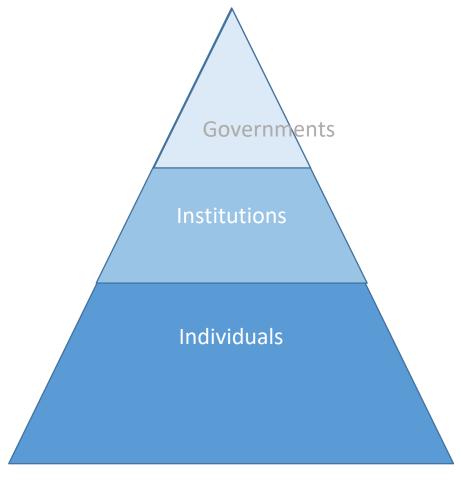
"equal opportunity" alone wasn't a satisfactory goal and that we should somehow take into consideration equality of outcomes.

Craig Froehle @medium



Solutions at different hierarchical levels

- Individual
- Institutional
- National and international government institutions



At the individual level

- Be a positive example in your personal sphere of influence
- Understand that life is not only science, and be flexible, supportive and understanding as much as possible
- Chose a supportive partner / social context; be a supportive partner / colleague / professor
- Understand your own biases
- Use positively your influence in your position of power (however small that might be)

At the individual level

- If you hire students / postdocs / other technical staff:
 - Prepare standardized questions
 - Standardize an evaluation grid
 - If possible, have at least 2 people participate in the selection process
 - Clearly state that you want candidates to comply with diversity and inclusion principles
- If you are part of an **organising committee**, ensure everyone considers candidates outside of their immediate sphere of interaction, including men/women, geographic representation, etc
- If you are **invited to be part of a panel/workgroup**, etc, inquire about its composition before accepting, refuse if MANEL
- If you see an injustice, publicly acknowledge your support

Use your influence in a positive way

Journal of Biogeography

- 3 new initiatives with the goal of advancing in equality, diversity and inclusion
 - Editorial Academy
 - Small grants for global colloquia in biogeography
 - JBI awards for innovation

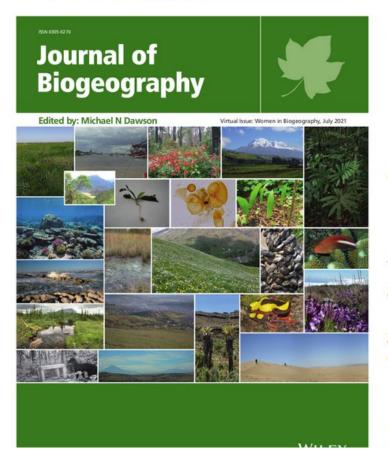
See https://journalofbiogeographynews.org/2020/07/04/three-new-initiatives-at-jbi/

virtual issue highlighting the work of women

Highlighting women in biogeography

Women in Biogeography

First published: 27 July 2021



Despite increasing awareness of issues affecting inclusivity, equity and diversity, change has been slow in science and academia, and gender disparities remain significant. Biogeography does not escape this pattern. In this virtual issue, we compiled some of the most cited papers led by women in the Journal of Biogeography between 2009 and 2020. Published papers were grouped by 3-year blocks so that more recent ones, which have received fewer citations, were put on more equal footing with older ones. We hope this virtual issue contributes in a small way to create a greater sense of belonging for women biogeographers and to equalize visibility across genders by highlighting recent influential contributions by women biogeographers. The virtual issue includes an editorial where we summarized leading gender disparities and their potential underlying causes. The editorial is followed by the

Highlighting women in biogeography



LETTERS TO YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Leah Somerville & June Gruber, Science, October 2020

- A sense of belonging: make our work visible
- Women face harassment and bullying: gather the stats, create clear rules, institutes must provide strong messages
- Women are compensated less than men: review compensation policies, train women to negociation strategies

« It is not women who need fixing, but entrenched systems of inequality. » Michelle Ryan, Nature, April 21 2022.

Three common mistakes:

- Emphasis on quantity rather than quality
- Emphasis on individual training, rather than reforming the system
- Avoid over-optimism: it impedes further improvements

Three concrete recommendations:

- "systematic changes that improve the visibility and voice of women" (e.g. prohibit manels)
- "making senior leaders accountable for progress towards gender equality"
- "making research funding contingent on having a transparent and appropriately resourced gender-equality plan in place"

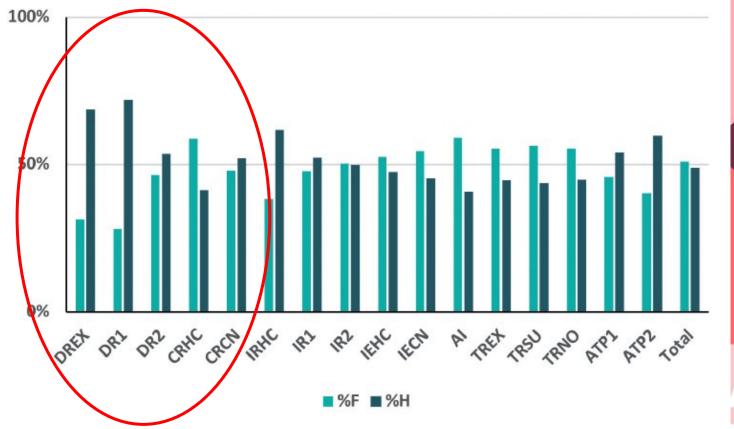
- Have clear, explicit, best practice guidelines for employees, students, and professors at all levels
- Provide a standard scale of salaries as clear and objective as possible
- Avoid shortcuts to fund part-time positions or other tricks to do more with your research funding (e.g. part time positions that are not really part time)
- Provide stability and security, access to psychological health care
- Provide work flexibility and child care facilities
- Include selection criteria that are based on quality more than quantity or ranking

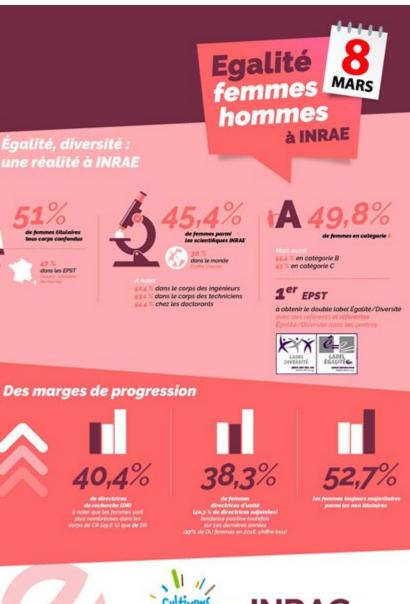
Gender blind is not gender neutral

Example of parenting support, e.g. give an extra year per child to all parents, regardless of gender, to apply for funding

- Levels the field between parents and researchers without children but
- Men take better advantage of that extra year, why?
 - Men do not live through the physical burdens of pregnancy (nausea, fatigue, loss of memory, back issues...), recovery after pregnancy, treatments to become pregnant, or unexpected pregnancy interruptions
 - Cultural expectations are still on women, even if they are evolving; e.g. in France (INSEE 2020) 1 out of 4 families is monoparental, in 82% of those monoparental families the children live with the mother.
- While these measures may help encourage further involvement of the fathers (and they are needed), the gender gap requires measures that are specifically targetted to women
- See European Institute for Gender Equality: https://eige.europa.eu/gender-mainstreaming/toolkits/gear

Figure 3 • Pourcentage de femmes et d'hommes (en personnes physiques) parmi les titulaires, se







Égalité, diversité : une réalité à INRAE





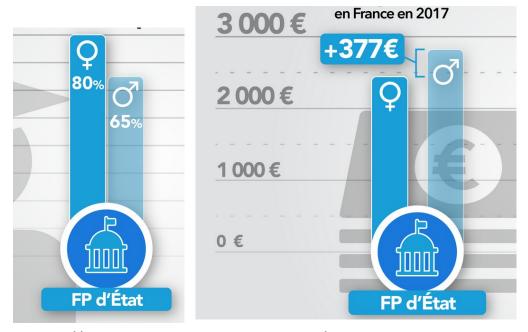
Focus fonction publique

2017 : rapport de la mission égalité femmeshommes.

- 20% de l'emploi en France
- 62% sont des femmes
- Salaires des femmes : 19%

Mesures prioritaires préconisées :

- Revalorisation des métiers féminisés sous rémunérés à contraintes égales
- Évaluations plus standardisées
- Recueil systématique de données sexuées dans la durée



https://www.fonction-publique.gouv.fr/legalite-entre-femmes-et-hommes-dans-la-fonction-publique-infographies#infographies

Focus fonction publique

Depuis 2019, la fonction publique de l'État doit se doter de référents Égalité



Chaque référent dispose d'une lettre de mission précisant son champ d'action

Quelles sont -> ses missions ?



Focus fonction publique



- Informer sur les engagements pour l'égalité professionnelle et les actions menées / sensibiliser aux questions d'égalité, stéréotypes, biais
- Animer
- Écouter & alerter en cas de harcèlement, agissement sexiste, discrimination, violence
- Proposer des pistes d'amélioration
- Participer au réseau « Égalité » des tutelles

Temps d'échanges

