Workshop Report

Our intensive workshop on 24-25 November worked very well. We had presenters from Korea, the US, Queensland and Canberra talking about radical feminist history in the Asia-Pacific. A program with abstracts was sent through earlier.

We had eleven presenters (Carole Ferrier could not join us as she had a family bereavement, although she is onboard for the next workshop and the book), and over the two days 4 PhD students joined us for discussion. We are now working on a book proposal to be sent out in February 2012. University of Minnesota Press is already interested in the book.

Working titles:
1. Sex, Texts, Comrades: Red Love and the Representations of Class
2. Global Proletarian Femmes (Women)
3. Love and the Left, Complicity and Collaboration
4. Red Women in the World

Other key terms:
treason, sex and sedition, adventure, subjectivity, danger, vulnerability, internationalism, glamour, red love and the politics of pleasure

Paula Rabinowitz, Heather Bowen-Struyk and myself will be co-editors.
We plan to convene again at the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association in San Diego in 2012, and invite three more people to join the project.
Fingers crossed book will be finished and sent out this time next year.
As mentioned in correspondence with the Gender Institute 26-28 September, 2011, our small catering budget meant that we could not issue an open invitation to the university community. As a consequence, key staff and PhD students were invited to participate.

Thank you so much Gender Institute for your support. You helped make it happen.

Ruth

Original Budget
Amount requested from Gender Institute $5,184.00

Total Received: $1,500.00

Revised Budget
Conference catering (3 Days x approx 12 people@$60pp) $1,440.00
Airport transfers @ $25 x 2 x 1 person $50.00
Total: $1,490.00 approx