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Profile Summary

Civil engineer and sociologist by background, Ulrike Röhr has been working on gender issues in planning, Local Agenda 21, environment, and especially in energy and climate policy for about 30 years. She is committed to mainstream gender into environment and climate policy on local and national levels and has been involved in gendering the UNFCCC process since the very beginning. She is co-founder of the global network GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice and headed the German focal point on gender, environment, sustainability (genanet) which aims to support gender mainstreaming in environmental policy by providing information, hosting a network of gender & environment experts, advising environment organisations and ministries, and carrying out research.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Civil Engineer (Universities of Applied Sciences Hamburg and Berlin, 1968 – 1971)

Sociologist (Focus on Urban and Regional Planning, Free University of Berlin, 1976 – 1980)

Work experience

Research on Gender and Climate Change in industrialised countries (2016-2019), Gender in the need fields of mobility, housing, consumption and food (2017-2019)

Lead author of UNEP's flagship report "Global Gender and Environment Outlook (GGEO)" (2015-2016)

Head of genanet - Focal Point Gender, Environment, Sustainability (since 7/2003)

Head of various projects related to Gender, Care and Green Economy. Gender equality in research, concepts, and implementation of the Green Economy on national and international level. Funded by German Federal Environmental Ministry, the Federal Environmental Agency and the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (since 2011)

Study for the European Institute for Gender Equality on area K of the Beijing Platform for Action with focus on energy, transport, climate change. Policy analysis of respective measures in the 27 EU members states regarding the implementation of gender mainstreaming / integration of gender issues. In co-operation with Milieu Ltd, Brussels (2011)

Head of the research project "Determents of the willingness of women to change their energy provider and choose green electricity. Analysis of the obstacles and identification of strategies for motivation". Funded by German Federal Environmental Ministry (2009-2012)

Lead advisor for the Cutting Edge Programme on Gender and Climate Change, Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK (2010-2012)

Gender in EU-funded Research, Trainer for energy, climate change/environment researchers in FRP7 run by Yellow Window Management Consultants, Belgium (since 2009-2010)

Head of the project "Solidarity and (Gender-) Justice in the Greenhouse". Gender studies in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Columbia, Kenya, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, South Africa and Uruguay and organisation of an international conference at UNFCCC COP 14 in Poznan. Funded by the International Climate Initiative of the German Government (2008-2009)

Head of the project Women in Renewable Energy / LIFE e.V. Funded by European Social Fund (2007-2008)

Research partner in the project "Power distribution in energy companies and women's and men's energy use", project owner FOI - Swedish Defence Research Agency (2007-2008)

Co-ordination and host of women and gender activities at UNFCCC COPs since 2000, organising partner for the major group Women for CSD14 and 15, organising partner for the major group women at Renewables2004

Gender and Climate Change consultant for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) (2007-2008)

Research review on gender and climate change for Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (2006-2007)

Gender consultant in the project «Climate for Change: Gender equality and climate policy», run by the network of European Cities 'Climate Alliance' (2003-2005)

Evaluation of and advisory service for the project «Gender relations and sustainability» in the German Federal Environmental Agency (2001 –2004)

Freelance partner in the research project «Women, Environment and Local Agenda 21» at the Technical University of Berlin (1998 – 2000)

Director of the Frankfurt branch of LIFE e.V. – Women develop Eco-Techniques, (1993-2006)

Researcher at the Technical University of Berlin: interdisciplinary research project «Planning and evaluation for vocational training on energy saving in construction», concepts for energy-saving measures in buildings, vocational training on ecology and eco-technology for women (1985 – 1993)

Planning, site supervision and management of a housing project for women in Berlin (1981 – 1985)

Employed as a civil engineer in several architectural offices (1972 – 1976)

Recent key areas of work

Gender perspectives in climate protection / climate change and energy: Research and studies, background information and articles, measures for increasing the share of women in the field of climate protection/energy, training for women in renewable energy production and energy efficiency, networking and lobbying on European and UN level to mainstream gender into climate change/energy related programmes and negotiations.

Mainstreaming gender into environmental policy and sustainability strategies: Studies and research in the field of gender justice, environment/sustainability and specific aspects thereof; advice and support for gender main-streaming processes in environmental ministries, agencies and organisations; providing and disseminating information, case studies and best practice; publishing, training of researchers in gender issues.

Participation in the reviews of the Sustainability Strategies and Green Economy / Low Carbon Development: developing statements, organising review workshops for women, cooperation with environmental organisations, monitoring the processes from a gender perspective.

Networking in the field of gender, sustainability & environment: cooperation at national, regional und international level; dissemination of information; development of strategies on how to improve women's participation/how to integrate gender aspects; conceptualisation and realisation of conferences and seminars; participation in advisory boards; lectures and publications regarding women/gender and environment/sustainability.

Memberships und posts

Memberships: GenderCC, Women for Climate Justice e.V (co-founder), MSP-Institute e.V., Women in Science and Technology (NuT e.V.), Member of the Expert Committee of the German Women's Council "Climate protection is everyone's business! Climate protection and gender justice from a women's perspective".

List of selected publications related to environment, energy, climate change, sustainable development

How to Make Germany's Climate Policy Gender-Responsive: Experiences from Research and Advocacy. (with Gotelind Alber, Diana Hummel, Immaunuel Stieß). In: Gender, Intersectionality and Climate Institutions in Industrialised States. Gunnhildur Lily Magnusdottir and Annica Kronsell (ed). 2021. Routledge

Vorlaufforschung: Interdependente Genderaspekte der Bedürfnisfelder Mobilität, Konsum, Ernährung und Wohnen als Grundlage des urbanen Umweltschutzes. Texte 2382020. Dessau-Roßlau: Umweltbundesamt 2020 (with Prof. Dr. Jana Rückert-John, Theresa Martens, Dr. Rene John, Gotelind Alber, Prof. Dr. Ines Weller, Mareike Tippe)

Interdependente Genderaspekte der Klimapolitik. Gendergerechtigkeit als Beitrag zu einer erfolgreichen Klimapolitik: Wirkungsanalyse, Interdependenzen mit anderen sozialen Kategorien, methodische Aspekte und Gestaltungsoptionen. Texte 30/2020. Dessau-Roßlau: Umweltbundesamt 2020. (with Meike Spitzner, Dr. Diana Hummel, Dr. Immanuel Stieß, Gotelind Alber)

Gendergerechtigkeit als Beitrag zu einer erfolgreichen Klimapolitik: Forschungsreview, Analyse internationaler Vereinbarungen, Portfolioanalyse. Texte 23/2018. Dessau-Roßlau: Umweltbundesamt 2018. (with Alber, Gotelind & Göldner, Lisa)

Geschlechtergerechtigkeit und Klimapolitik. In: Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte 21-23/2018, S. 40-47 (with Alber, Gotelind; Hummel, Diana; Spitzner, Meike; Stieß, Immanuel)

Gender und Klima im Globalen Norden. Von vulnerablen Frauen zu einer genderbewussten Klimapolitik. In: Ökologisches Wirtschaften 3/2018, S. 22-24

Geschlechterverhältnisse und Klima im Wandel. Erste Schritte in Richtung einer transformativen Klimapolitik. In: GENDER Heft 2/2018, S. 112–127 (with Alber, Gotelind)

Geschlechterverhältnisse und Nachhaltigkeit (Gender relations and sustainability). Umweltbundesamt (Hg). Dessau-Roßlau 2017

Gender and urban climate change policy: tackling cross-cutting issues towards equitable, sustainable cities. In: Susan Buckingham, Virginie Le Masson: Understanding climate change through gender relations. Abingdon, New York 2017

Chancengerechtigkeit im Klimawandel. Eine Handreichung. (Equal opportunities in the field of climate change. a handbook). Bremen, Berlin 2016 (with Ines Weller, Karin Fischer, Melanie Böckhmann, Nanna Birk)

Doing Sustainable Economy at the Crossroads of Gender, Care and the Green Economy: Debates - Common Ground - Blind Spots. Berlin, Lüneburg 2014 (with Daniela Gottschlich et al.)

Care, Gender und Green Economy. Forschungsperspektiven und Chancengerechtigkeit nachhaltigen Wirtschaften. Abschlussbroschüre (Care, Gender and Green Economy: Creating research perspectives and achieving equity through sustainable economy. Recommendations and final report). Berlin 2014 (with Daniela Gottschlich and Dörte Segebart)

Nachhaltigkeit im Spannungsfeld von Gender, Care und Green Economy. (Sustainability in the tension between Gender, Care and Green Economy) In: Politische Ökologie. Spektrum Nachhaltigkeit, 2014 (with Sarah Hackfort)

Green Economy and Green Growth: Who cares? Documentation of an international workshop on social and gender aspects of the Green Economy. LIFE e.V. Berlin, 2013

Gender und Klimapolitik: Von Resistenzen, Blockaden und neuen Ufern (Gender and climate policy. Resistances, blockades, and new horizons. In: Hofmeister, Sabine et.al. (ed) Geschlechterverhältnisse und Nachhaltigkeit. Opladen, Berlin, Toronto: Budrich 2014

Nicht einfach grüner, sondern anders. Auf dem Weg in eine ressourcenschonende und gerechte Gesellschaft (Not only green, but different. Towards a resource-ligth and just society). LIFE e.V./genanet (ed), 2013

Greed Economy - Green Economy - Gender Equality? In Femina Politica, 1/2012, pp 96-105

Women and Green Electricity – obstacles and motivation to switch to a green electricity provider. ICEM 2012 (with Johanna Kösters)

Energiepolitische (Kehrt)Wendungen aus der Genderperspektive (Shifts in energy policy in Germany and its gender implications). In Femina Politica, 2/2011, pp 104-109 (with Gotelind Alber)

Unequal representation of women and men in energy company boards and management groups: Are there implications for mitigation? In: Energy Policy Volume 38, August 2010, pp 4737-4740 (with Annika Carlsson-Kanyama and Isabel Ripa Julia)

What's fair? Gender justice in climate policy. (Was ist gerecht? Geschlechtergerechtigkeit in der Klimapolitik). In: Das Argument, no 283, issue 5/2009, pp 736-744

A view from the side? Gendering the United Nations climate change negotiations. In: Copenhagen University (ed): Gendering Climate Change. Kvinder, kon & forskning no 3-4, 2009, pp 52-63

Engendering the climate change negotiations: experiences, challenges, steps forward. In: Gender & Development, Volume 17, No 1. Oxfam/Routledge 2009 (with Minu Hemmati)

Solidarity in the Greenhouse: Gender Equality and Climate Change. In: Grovers, Velma (ed): Global warming and Climate Change: *Kyoto ten years and Still counting.* Science Publishers, Enfield (USA) 2008 (with Minu Hemmati)

Gender justice as the basis for sustainable climate policies. A feminist background paper. Edited by genanet and German NGO Forum on Environment and Development. Berlin/Bonn 2008

Renwable energy - a labour market for women!? Erneuerbare Energie - ein Arbeitsmarkt für Frauen!? Berlin 2008 (with Deborah Ruggieri)

Gender, climate change and adaptation. Introduction to the gender dimensions. Background paper for BothEnds, The Netherlands. 2007

Gender aspects of climate-induced conflicts. In: ECC-Newsletter, Special Issue Gender, Environment, Conflict, 2007

A Huge Challenge and a Narrow Discourse: Ain't No Space for Gender in Climate Change Policy? In: Women and Environments International Magazine No 74/75 spring/summer 2007: Women and global Climate Change (with Minu Hemmati)

Slow progress on integrating gender issues into UNFCCC climate change negotiations. In Tiempo Climate News, 2007 (http://www.tiempocyberclimate.org/newswatch/feature070211.htm)

Women against nuclear energy – from rage to visions. 20 years Chernobyl. Ulrike Röhr/genanet (ed). Frankfurt a.M. 2006 (English translation of some of the chapters from the German book: Ulrike Röhr/genanet (ed). 2006. Frauen aktiv gegen Atomenerige. Wenn aus Wut Visionen werden. BoD Norderstand, 196 pages)

Climate protection. What's gender got to do with it. In: Women & Environments International Magazine No 70/71, Spring 2006 (in co-operation with Gotelind Alber)

Gender and climate change – a forgotten issue? In Tiempo Climate News, 2005 (www.tiempocyberclimate.org/newswatch/comment050711.htm)

,Climate for Change' or what climate change has to do with gender equity. In: Climate Alliance, Annual Report 2004/2005. Frankfurt a.M. 2005

Climate for Change: Tools for promoting women in executive and management positions in climate change. Frankfurt a.M. 2005

Gender relations in international climate change negotiations, updated English version (2006) of the contribution for the discussion paper gender and climate change. In: Röhr, Ulrike; Schultz, Irmgard et.al.: Klimapolitik und Gender. Eine Sondierung möglicher Gender Impacts des europäischen Immissionshandelssystems. ISOE-Diskussionspapiere, Nr. 21. Frankfurt a.M. 2004

Towards Gender Justice in Environmental Policy. Implementing Gender Mainstreaming in Germany (articles and editing). Publication on the occasion of the UNEP Women's Assembly. Ed.: FrauenUmweltNetz. Frankfurt a.M. 2004

Thematic Background Paper "Gender and renewable energy" for the International Conference on Renewable Energy, Bonn/Berlin 2004 (co-authored by Sheila Opparoacha/ENERGIA and Joy Clancy/ETCNL) www.renewables2004.de

Erneuerbare Energien – erneuerte Geschlechterverhältnisse? Der schwierige Abbau fossiler Strukturen. (Renewable Energy – Renewed Gender Relations? The difficult dismantling of fossil structures) In: Journal Politische Ökologie Heft 87/88, 2004

Gender and Energy: Is there a Northern Perspective? In: Energy for Sustainable Development, Vol VII. No. 3: 44-50 (co-authored by Joy Clancy)

Differences and similarities in gender and energy approaches. A North-South comparative analysis. In: ENERGIA News, Vol. 5.4, 2003

Gender and Energy in the North. Background paper for the International Conference "Gender perspectives on Earthsummit 2002. (German Environmental Ministry and Heinrich Boell-Foundation), Berlin, January 2001

Women in Energy and Climate Change. In: Solidarity in the Greenhouse – International Women's Forum at the UN conference for climate change, ed.: Women for peace and ecology, Berlin 1996 (co-authored by Gotelind Alber)