

## ***Mountain Research and Development (MRD): Call for Papers, MRD 34.3***

### **Gender and Sustainable Development in Mountains: Innovative Transformations, Tenacious Resistances**

**Deadlines:** email submission of abstracts by **15 April 2013**; submission of full papers by **1 September 2013**  
(<http://www.mrd-journal.org/submission.asp>)

In Bhutan in 2002, an international conference “Celebrating Mountain Women” took place to raise the global community’s attention to the cause of women in mountains. In 2012, the Bhutan+10 conference on “Gender and Sustainable Mountain Development in a Changing World” asked searching questions on whether relations between women and men in mountains have become more equitable. Gender “mainstreaming” has made some progress in certain areas, but tenacious gender inequalities continue to mar development efforts, and mainstreaming initiatives often lose ground or face resistance. Moreover, globalization, climate change, geopolitical shifts, and development policies have triggered changes in mountains and led to coping strategies that are not always equally beneficial for women and men. In order to address these persistent challenges and ensure transformation towards greater gender equity in mountains, critical reflection on power relations, on the negotiations and contestations inherent in gender relations, and on existing policies and institutions must carry on. In addition, it is necessary to continue to explore where and how women have substantive participation in decision-making and development, analyze how adaptation strategies in the face of change can be shaped to be gender-responsive, and find out whether equitable access to resources and benefits is guaranteed and what conditions are necessary to support this.

In this context, the international peer-reviewed journal *Mountain Research and Development* is seeking submissions presenting well-validated experiences in dealing with gender challenges and resistance to gender equity efforts, and policy- and practice-oriented insights into effective approaches for gender-positive transformation in mountain environments (*MountainDevelopment* papers). MRD is also seeking papers that present novel and sound scientific findings about specific relations between gender and sustainable mountain development or natural resource management (*MountainResearch* papers). We also invite well-referenced overviews of the state of the art on gender issues in relation to sustainable mountain development, concluding with agendas for future research or policy in the field reviewed.

The following list proposes possible topics for papers in the peer-reviewed sections of MRD; further mountain-relevant topics are welcome.

- Gender-positive transformation and sustainable natural resource management (land, rangelands, forests, water, biodiversity, etc.)
- Gender and adaptation to climate change and other global changes in mountains (labor migration, globalization of culture, internationalization of the economy, privatization and enclosure, etc.)
- Gender-responsive governance (policies, plural institutions, tenure, access to resources, representation, etc.)
- Gender-equitable compensation and benefit-sharing mechanisms (REDD+, CBD, PES, common property regimes, etc.)
- Gender-inclusive livelihoods, and indigenous-knowledge- and wellbeing-based development

#### **Submission details**

Please send **250-word abstracts** to the Editorial Office by **15 April 2013**: [mrd-journal@cde.unibe.ch](mailto:mrd-journal@cde.unibe.ch)

MRD will invite authors of accepted abstracts to submit **full papers by 1 September 2013**.

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Hans Hurni, David Molden, Ritu Verma, MRD Editorial Office, 8 March 2013, International Women’s Day