**IJGE Special Issue for Julie Weeks**

**Call for Papers**

Julie Weeks was a leading advocate for female entrepreneurship in the US and internationally. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1979, she worked in market research before being called by The White House to work for the Small Business Administration as the Deputy Chief Counsel for Statistics and Research. With a change of Presidents, she switched to the non-profit sector serving as managing director at the Center for Women's Business Research. She then became the Executive Director of the National Women's Business Council in Washington DC. Following retirement from public service, Julie founded Womenable. A highly respected professional locally, regionally and globally, she researched and authored numerous articles and publications pertaining to women's entrepreneurship and empowerment. At the forefront of women's entrepreneurship policy development at home, she was also influential in the growth of women's enterprise in the United Kingdom and Europe. In 2004 she was invited to advise the UK government's Small Business Service in the implementation of its women entrepreneurial strategy and was a frequent keynote speaker and presenter at international seminars and conferences. Julie died on February 18, 2017, aged 59, as the result of brain cancer.

To commemorate Julie’s life and achievements, Emerald is publishing a special issue of the International Journal of Gender and Entrepreneurship (IJGE) in 2018.

This is a call for papers for the special issue which reflect Julie’s passion for research which informed policy and practice. She encouraged and inspired many young researchers with her ability to communicate, and we hope this will encourage new writers as well as experienced researchers to submit papers which reflect the general theme of ‘Women’s Enterprise Programmes and Policies’. Possible topic areas include, but are not restricted to:

* Enterprise Policy and its potential gendered effects
* Women’s Enterprise Programmes and their effects
* Local, regional, national development of female entrepreneurship
* Gender and enterprise issues in developing / developed economies
* Entrepreneurship, empowerment and emancipation
* The impact of gender and enterprise research upon practice and policy

**Submission Details**

The deadline for submitting full papers is 31st May 2018. Submissions should **NOT be made prior to April 1st, 2018**. Informal enquiries may be directed to the guest editors. Papers should be submitted via the ScholarOne Manuscript Central on-line submission system, please choose this special issue from the list when submitting. International Journal of Gender and Entrepreneurship ScholarOne Manuscripts site can be found at: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijge>.

Please ensure your paper adheres to the author guidelines, before submitting: <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id=ijge>

It is anticipated that this special issue will be published in early 2019.