Module 9: GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (5 ECTS)

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Aims:
The aim of this course is to develop a greater understanding of the nature and importance of gender roles and gender relations in development processes and practice, with a particular focus on:
- Gender equality for economic development, including intra-household decision-making and resource allocations, and gender issues in financial planning
- Gender and health issues, in particular reproductive health, including the politics and practices of ‘population control’; living with, as well as preventing, HIV and AIDS, and the global ‘sexual rights’ agenda
- Gender, climate change and migration; the gender division of labour in the global economy, and eco-feminism
- Knowledge and practice of gender analysis in project planning and management, so as to promote greater gender awareness and equity in development interventions and organizations

COURSE DELIVERY

- Lectures (hrs) 33
- Essay writing (hrs) 20
- Reading 52
- Response paper writing (hrs) 20
- Assessment: 60% essay, 40% response papers

Learning outcomes:
On successful completion of this module students should be able to:
- Outline key concepts relating to gender relations
- Recognize the importance of gender issues in development policy and practice
- Discuss issues related to gender and the economics of development, gender and reproductive health, gender in relation to climate change
- Assess gender analysis tools and frameworks, and how these might be applied in development policy and project planning and management.
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Syllabus:
• Introduction to gender concepts and approaches, including: gender identity and roles; cultural diversity and change; the relevance of gender in development; power and empowerment
• The economic theory of the household
• Intra-household decision-making and resource allocation
• Gender and financial decision-making
• Gender and the emergence of the ‘reproductive health’ agenda
• Childbirth, maternal mortality and the status of midwifery
• Legal and social issues in debates over abortion-related deaths
• Stigma and the return of the ‘cultural barrier’: the case of HIV/AIDS in the developing world
• Women’s bodies as sites of development discipline
• Women in the Global Factory and Production Networks
• The impacts of climate change on women
• Gender analysis and project planning

Core Texts:

Hartmann, Betsy. 1995. Reproductive Rights and Wrongs: the global politics of population control
(London: South End press)


Fatma Denton “Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts, and Adaptation: Why Does Gender Matter?”


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Core Texts (cont’d):
Kibrom I Teklehaimanot, 2002. ‘Using the Right to Life to Confront Unsafe Abortion in Africa’ Reproductive Health Matters, 10 (19) pp. 143-50
Welbourn, Alice, 2009. ‘Women, HIV and human rights: the crisis of criminalization’ Meeting at House of Commons, UK, on women and AIDS, March 4th 2009 (presentation on behalf of the Salamander Trust)

Websites:
www.odi.org.uk/themes/gender/index.asp Overseas Development Institute Website
www.ids.ac.uk/bridge/index.html (publishes a wide range of reports and materials relating to women and gender issues)
www.unifem.org (UN Development Fund for Women)
www.oneworld.net/guides/topics (global network of 11 regional centres and 1,600 partners)
www.un.org/womenwatch/ (UN Information and Resources on Gender)
http://topics.developmentgateway.org/gender/rc/ItemDetail.do~1046061 UN International Training and Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) training and gender materials database