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Graduate Program**

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Tuesday, 1-4 p.m.
Robertson Room**

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WWS 572a: Gender and Development (Jan 15 Draft version)

Course description.

This course will provide an overview of the field of gender and development, incorporating a global perspective, but informed by concrete experiences from around the world, including from the United States, where appropriate. We will begin with a historical overview of the evolution of the field over the past three decades, continue with key theoretical debates on the nature of equality, the family, poverty and the processes of economic transformation. In the second half of the course we will explore specific sectors—agriculture and the environment, governance, microfinance and reproductive health. Finally, we will conclude with discussions about the impact of women's movements globally on public policy. The course aims at familiarizing all seminar participants with a basic knowledge of the field and its contributions to research, policy formulation and practical action. You will also be equipped to evaluate strategies for social change from a gender perspective.

Course requirements.

The class will be conducted as a seminar and your active and regular participation will be critical to its success. Students will be required to submit two short papers (five pages, double spaced) providing critical summaries of the readings. These written comments will be made available to the other seminar participants by Monday at 5 pm. The intent is that at least one of these summaries will be polished and posted on the *Gender and Development Policy Network* website: www.wws.princeton.edu~gender. You will also be responsible for a final research product (not more than 20 pages) on a topic of your choice. Several guest lecturers will be arranged throughout the course of the semester, and you will be expected to attend these events. Your final grade will be based on seminar participation (25 percent), two short papers (40 percent) and your final research paper (35 percent).

Week 1. February 3. **Introduction.**

TINKER, Irene. "The Making of a Field: Advocates, Practitioners and Scholars," pp. 33-42 in Women, Gender and Development (WGD) Reader, 1997. (Source: Persistent Inequalities: Women and Development, 1990.)

UNRISD. Ch 7, "Getting Development Right for Women," in Visible Hands: Taking Responsibility for Social Development, 2000, pp. 112-136.

Engendering Development, World Bank, 2001. Summary, pp. 1-28.

Week 2. February 10. **From women to gender: The development of the field.**

ELSON, Diane. "Male Bias in the Development Process: An Overview," in Elson, ed., Male Bias in the Development Process, 1995, pp. 1-28.

KABEER, Naila. Reversed Realities. 1994. Ch 4: "Connecting, Extending, Reversing: Development from a Gender Perspective," pp. 69-94.

MOSER, Caroline. Gender Planning and Development. 1993. Ch 3., "Practical and Strategic gender needs and the role of the state," pp. 37-54.

RAZAVI, Shahra and Carol Miller. From WID to GAD: Conceptual Shifts in the Women and Development Discourse. UNRISD. 1995

Week 3. February 17. **Women and Capabilities: A Philosophical Defense of Equality**

DREZE, Jean and Amartya Sen. India: Economic Development and Social Opportunity, 1995, Ch. 7, "Gender Inequality and Women's Agency."

NUSSBAUM, Martha. Women and Human Development: The Capabilities Approach, 2000, Introduction and Ch 1 + pp. 270-301.

NUSSBAUM, Martha. "Capabilities as Fundamental Entitlements: Sen and Social Justice," pp. 33-59, Feminist Economics 9, 2003.

Supplementary Reading:

See entire contents of Feminist Economics 9, 2003

NUSSBAUM, Martha. "Religion and Women's Human Rights," in Sex and Social Justice, 1999, pp. 81-117.

Week 4. February 24. **Gender and the Family (Issues at Home).**

BRUCE, Judith. "Homes Divided," World Development 17, 1989, pp. 979-991.

CRITTENDEN, Ann, The Price of Motherhood, 2001, Ch's 1-3, pp. 13-64, **Ch 13 ("It was Her Choice."), pp. 233-255 and Conclusion, pp. 256-274.

FOLBRE, Nancy. Who Pays for the Kids?: Gender and the Structures of Constraint. 1994. Read Ch. 6 (pp. 211-247) to see the argument developed with reference to Latin America and the Caribbean.

SEN, Amartya. "Gender and Cooperative Conflicts," in Irene Tinker, ed., Persistent Inequalities, 1990, pp. 123-149.

WILLIAMS, Joan. Unbending Gender, 2000; pages to be assigned.

WORLD BANK, Engendering Development, Ch 4, "Power, Incentives and Resources in the Household," pp. 147-180, 2001.

Supplementary Reading:

OKIN, Susan Moller. Justice, Gender and the Family. 1989. Conclusion.

Week 5. March 2. **Gender and Poverty.**

ALBELDA, Randy and Chris Tilly, Glass Ceilings and Bottomless Pits: Women's Work, Women's Poverty, 1997. Pp. 1-17, 147-164. (This is a US account, if you're interested.)

ELSON, Diane and Nilufer Cagatay, "The Social Content of Macroeconomic Policies," World Development, Vol. 28, No. 7, 2000, pp. 1347-1364.

RAZAVI, Shahra. "Gendered Poverty and Social Change: An Issues Paper," UNRISD Discussion Paper No. 94, September 1998.

WHITEHEAD, Ann and Matthew Lockwood, "Gender in the World Bank's Poverty Assessments: Six Case Studies from Sub Saharan Africa," UNRISD Discussion Paper No. 99, June 1999

BALAKRISHNAN, Radhika, ed. Gender Dynamics of Subcontracted Work in a Global Economy, 2001, Introduction, pp. 1-31. (Other chapters on Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Philippines and India.)

BENERIA, Lourdes and Shelley Feldman. Unequal Burden: Economic Crises, Persistent Poverty and Women's Work. 1992. In particular, see ELSON, Diane, "From Survival

Strategies to Transformation Strategies: Women's Needs and Structural Adjustment," pp. 26-49.

GROWN, Caren, Diane Elson and Nilufer Cagatay, eds., Special Issue of World Development, No. 11, 1995, "Gender, Adjustment, and Macroeconomics."
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Week 6. March 16. **Gender and the Economy.**

BLANK, Rebecca M. "Economics, Policy Analysis and Feminism," in Feminist Economics Today: Beyond Economic Man, Ferber and Nelson, eds. 2003

JACKSON, Cecile, "Rescuing Gender from the Poverty Trap," in Jackson and Pearson, Feminist Visions of Development: Gender Analysis and Policy, 1998, Ch 2, pp. 39-64.

KAY, Rebecca. "No Place for a Woman: Paid Employment, Political Representation and Public Life," in Russian Women & Their Organizations: Gender Discrimination, 2000, pp 34-64.

MEHRA, Rekha and Sarah Gammage. "Trends, Countertrends and Gaps in Women's Employment," World Development, Vol 27, No. 3, 1999, pp. 533-550.

STANDING, Guy. "Global Feminization through Flexible Labor: A Theme Revisited," World Development, Vol. 27, No. 3, 1999, pp. 583-601.

ZHENG, Wang. "Gender, Employment and Women's Resistance," pp. 62-82 in Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance, Perry and Selden, eds., 2000.

Mid Term Break. March 17.

Week 7. March 23. **Agriculture and the Environment.**

AGARWAL, Bina. "The Gender and Environment Debate: Lessons from India," in the WGD Reader, pp. 68-75. (Source: Feminist Studies, Vol. 18, No. 1, 1992.)

DEERE, Carmen Diana, "What Difference Does Gender Make? Rethinking Peasant Studies" Feminist Economics, 1995, 53-72.

JACKSON, Cecile. "Environmentalisms and Gender Interests in the Third World," Development and Change, 1993, Vol 24, pp. 649-677.

McGUINNESS, Karen. "Andhra Women's Dairy Program: The Process of Integration," July 1994.

SACHS, Carolyn. Gendered Fields: Rural Women, Agriculture and Environment, 1996, Ch 5: Women's Work with Plants, pp. 67-101, and Ch 7, "Women on Family Farms: A Reappraisal," pp. 123-140.

SHIVA, Vandana. "Women in Nature," in WGD Reader, pp. 62-67 (Source: Staying Alive, 1989.)

Supplementary Reading:

AGARWAL, Bina. A Field of One's Own: Gender and Land Rights in South Asia. 1994, Ch 1 and Conclusion.

NOTE: Possible Guest Speaker on Women and Negotiation. If arranged, selections from Women Don't Ask: Negotiation and the Gender Divide, 2003, will be assigned.

Week 8. March 30. **Microfinance and Gender.**

CHESTON, Susy and Lisa Kuhn, Opportunity International, "Empowering Women Through Microfinance," in Sam Daley-Harris, Ed., Pathways Out of Poverty: Innovations in Microfinance for the Poorest Families, Kumarian Press, 2002, pp. 167-228.

FISHER, Thomas and MS Sriram, Beyond MicroCredit: Putting Development Back into Microfinance. Oxfam, UK (US Distributor: Stylus Publications).

GOETZ, Anne Marie and Rina Sen Gupta, "Who Takes the Credit? Gender, Power and Control over Loan Use in Rural Credit Programs in Bangladesh," World Development, 24, No 1, 1996, pp. 45-63.

HASHEMI, Syed, Sidney Schuler and Ann P. Riley, "Rural Credit Programs and Women's Empowerment in Bangladesh," World Development 24, No 4, 1996, pp. 635-653.

KABEER, Naila. "Conflicts Over Credit: Re-Evaluating the Empowerment Potential of Loans to Women in Bangladesh," World Development 29, No 1, 2001, pp. 63-84.

MAYOUX, Linda. "Women's Empowerment or Feminisation of Debt?: Towards a New Agenda in African Microfinance." Report based on a One World Action Conference, March 2002.

MURDOCH, Jonathan. "The Microfinance Schism," World Development, 28, April 2000.

Supplementary Reading:

CARR, Marilyn, Martha Chen and Renana Jhabvala. Speaking Out: Women's Economic Empowerment in South Asia. "Lessons Learned": 185-218. 1996.

MAYOUX, Linda "Questioning Virtuous Spirals: Microfinance and Women's Empowerment in Africa," Journal of International Development, 11 (1999), pp. 957-984.

SCHULER, Sidney, Syed M. Hashemi, and Ann P. Riley, "The Influence of Women's Changing Roles and Status in Bangladesh's Fertility Transition: Evidence from a Study of Credit Programs and Contraceptive Use," World Development 25 (1997), 4, pp. 563-575.

Week 9. April 6. **Reproductive Health and Freedom from Domestic Violence.**

BARROSO, Carmen and Jodi L. Jacobson, "Population Policy and Women's Empowerment: Challenges and Opportunities, in Women's Empowerment and Demographic Processes, Harriet Presser and Gita Sen, eds., 2000, pp. 351-376.

BASU, Alaka. "Why Does Education Lead to Lower Fertility? A Critical Review of Some of the Possibilities." World Development, 30, 2002, pp.1779-1790.

DIXON-MUELLER, Ruth and Adrienne Germain, "Reproductive Health and the Demographic Imagination," in Women's Empowerment and Demographic Processes, Harriet Presser and Gita Sen, eds., 2000, pp. 69-94.

HEISE, Lori. "Ending Violence Against Women," Population Reports, Vol 27, No. 4, December 1999.

KLUGMAN, Barbara. "Empowering Women through the Policy Process: The Making of Health Policy in South Africa," in Presser and Sen, 2000, pp. 95-118.

WHITE, Tyrene. "Domination, resistance and accommodation in China's one child campaign," pp. 102-119 in Perry and Selden, eds., 2000.

Supplementary Reading:

CHEN, Lincoln, Adrienne Germain and Gita Sen, eds., Population Policies Reconsidered: Health, Empowerment and Rights. Harvard University Press, 1994.

GREENHALGH, Susan. "Fresh Winds in Beijing: Chinese Feminists Speak Out on the One Child Policy and Women's Lives," Signs, 2001.

MATHUR, Kanchan. "From Private to Public: The Emergence of Violence Against Women as An Issue in the Women's Development Programme, Rajasthan," in Kabeer and Subrahmanian, eds., Institutions, Relations and Outcomes, 1999, pp. 288-311

PETCHESKY, Rosalind. “Reproductive and Sexual Rights: Charting the Course of Transnational NGOs,” UNRISD, June 2000.

SEN, Gita and Srilatha Batliwala. “Empowering Women for Reproductive Rights—Moving Beyond Cairo.”

NOTE: Charlotte Bunch, Guest Speaker, 4:30 pm. Charlotte is the Director, Center for Women’s Global Leadership, Rutgers University.

Week 10. April 13. **Gender and Governance**

LONGWE, Sara H, “Towards Realistic Strategies for Women’s Political Empowerment in Africa,” pp. 24-30, in Gender and Development: Women and Leadership, 2000.

RAZAVI, Shahra. “Women in Contemporary Democratization,” UNRISD Occasional Paper No. 4, February 2000

SWERS, Michele. The Difference Women Make: The Policy Impact of Women in Congress, 2002. Ch 1, pp. 1-19 and Ch 8, pp. 126-134.

TAMALE, Sylvia. “Point of Order, Mr. Speaker: African Women Claiming their Space in Parliament,” pp. 8-15, in Gender and Development: Women and Leadership, 2000.

WAYLEN, Georgina. “Women and Democratization: Conceptualizing Gender Relations in Transition Politics,” World Politics 46 (April 1994), pp. 327-54.

WEAVER, Mary Ann. “Gandhi’s Daughters,” The New Yorker, January 10, 2000
Supplementary Reading:

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DAS GUPTA, Monica, Lee, Uberoi, Wang, Wang and Zhang, “State Policies and Women’s Autonomy in China, The Republic of Korea and India 1950-2000: Lessons from Contrasting Experiences. The World Bank, December 2000.

Week 11. April 20. **Women’s Movements and Policy Change.**

BASU, Amrita, ed, The Challenge of Local Feminisms. Introduction, pp. 1-21.

CAIAZZA, Mothers and Soldiers: Gender, Citizenship, and Civil Society in Contemporary Russia. Routledge, 2002, pages to be assigned.

KATZENSTEIN, Mary. "Protest Moves Inside Institutions," Ch. 1, from Faithless and Fearless: Moving Feminist Protest inside the Church and Military, 1998, 3-22.

MANSBRIDGE, Jane. "What is the Feminist Movement?" in Feminist Organizations, 1995, pp. 27-34.

MOLYNEUX, Maxine. "Analyzing Women's Movements," Ch 3 in Jackson and Pearson, pp. 565-588.

WOLFE, Leslie and Jennifer Tucker, "Feminism Lives: Building Multicultural Women's Movement in the United States," Ch 17 in BASU, ed., pp. 435- 462.

Supplementary Reading:
BASU, other Chapters, according to student interests.

Week 12. April 27. **Wrap Up and Student Presentations.**

This last week might alternatively be allocated for a further exploration of the interactions of Gender and Governance. To be discussed during the first class meeting.

Possible guest speaker: Noeleen Heyzer, Exec Director, UNIFEM.

NOTE: Final Papers are due on Thursday, May 13, at 5 pm.