

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**  
**WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**WWS 594p Session II**  
**Gender, Earning Power and Policy: International Perspectives**

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Wed., 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Robertson Hall, Room 035

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**Summary**

This two-part course will analyze the causes of the wage gap between men and women and examines a range of policy responses. Close attention will be paid to the interaction of race/ethnicity and class with gender, and there will be a focus on the role of the private sector.

The second half of the course will focus on international perspectives.

The critical debates in economic and feminist theory will thread through both parts of the course and students will learn how these theories have both shaped and challenged policy making in a variety of national settings. Particular regard will be paid to the interplay between family policy and labor market policy.

The course will be taught in an interactive seminar format.

**Course Requirements**

- 1) 7 page research paper for each part of the course (60%)
- 2) Group project (20%)
- 3) Active participation in class discussion (20%)

***Topics and Course Readings***

**I. Conceptual and Theoretical Constructs: An International Perspective (1 session)**

*Required Readings \**

\*Blau, Francine D., Marianne A. Ferber and Anne R. Winkler. Chapter 11 “Gender Differences in Other Countries.” *The Economics of Women, Men, and Work*. (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 2002): 382-416.

\*Okin, Susan Moller. "Poverty, well-being, and gender: What counts, who's heard?"  
*Philosophy and Public Affairs* 31.3 (Summer 2003): 280- end.

*Background Readings*

Goldin, Claudia. "The U-Shaped Female Labor Force Function in Economic Development and Economic History." *Investment in Women's Human Capital*. T. Paul Schultz, ed. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1995: 61-90.

Mammen, Kristin and Christina Paxon. "Women's Work and Economic Development,"  
*Journal of Economic Perspective* 14.4 (Fall 2000): 141-164.

**II. Western Europe: The Role of Family Support Policy (1 session)**

*Required Readings \**

\*Gustafsson, Siv. "Public Policies and Women's Labor Force Participation: A comparison of Sweden, West German and the Netherlands." *Investment in Women's Human Capital*. T. Paul Schultz, ed. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1995: 91-112.

*Background Readings*

Harkness, Susan and Jane Waldfogel. "The Family Gap in Pay: Evidence from Seven Industrialized Countries." Center for Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics, November 1999.

Kammerman, Sheila B. and Alfred J. Kahn, eds. *Family Changes and Family Policies in Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States*. Clarendon Press, 1998.

Pedersen, Susan. *Family Dependence, and the Origins of the Welfare State. Britain and France 1914-1945*. Cambridge University Press, 1993.

**III. The Ex-Soviet Bloc: The Impact of Market Forces on Women Workers (1 session)**

*Required Readings \**

\*Einhorn, Barbara. *Cinderella Goes to Market: Citizenship, Gender and Women's Movements in East Central Europe*. Verso, 1993: 17-36, 113-148.

**IV. Japan: Public Policy and the Containment of Women Workers (1 session)**

\*Houseman, Susan N and Katharine G. Abraham. "Female Workers as a Buffer in the Japanese Economy." *The American Economic Review* 83.2 (May, 1993): 45-51.

*Background Readings*

Ogawa, Naohiro and John F. Ermisch. "Family Structure, Home Time Demands, and the Employment Patterns of Japanese Married Women." *Journal of Labor Economics* 14.4 (Oct. 1996): 677-702.

Shimada, Harou and Yoshio Higuchi. "An Analysis of Trends in Female Labor Force Participation in Japan." *Journal of Labor Economics* 3.1, Part 2 (Jan. 1985): S355-S374.

**V. Asia: Marriage and Other Domestic Relationships** (1 session)

*Required Readings* \*

\*Edlund, Lena and Evelyn Korn. "A Theory of Prostitution." *Journal of Political Economy* 110.1 (Feb. 2002): 181-214.

\*Fan, C. Cindy and Youqin Huang. "Waves of Rural Brides: Female Marriage Migration in China," *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 88.2 (Jun., 1998): 227-251.

**VI. Latin America: Structural Adjustments**

*Required Readings* \*

\*Beneria, Lourdes. "The Mexican Debt Crisis: Restructuring the Economy and the Household." *Unequal Burden*. Lourdes Beneria and Shelley Feldman, eds. (Westview Press, 1992): 83-105.

McFarren, Wendy. "The Politics of Bolivia's Economic Crisis: Survival Strategies of Displaced Tin-Mining Households." *Unequal Burden*. Lourdes Beneria and Shelley Feldman, eds. (Westview Press, 1992): 131-159.