

# Syllabus

## Gender and Economic Development in the Third World

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
Economics Department  
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OSH 135

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### Course Description

This course examines the gender dimensions of economic development from the perspective of feminist economics. We will examine in detail issues of production (paid work), reproduction (care work), and the family/household nexus (where production and reproduction meet).

Since the early 1980s economic globalization has been achieved on the basis of a common set of macroeconomic policies pursued in industrial and developing countries alike. These policies frame both the gender-differentiated impacts of policy and the initiatives that are implemented to reduce inequalities between men and women. This course will examine the impact of these policies on men and women in the global South (a.k.a. developing countries) on gender inequalities and to evaluate the policies/strategies for reducing gender inequalities and promoting the well-being of all people.

Upon completion of the course students can expect to attain gender-aware literacy and skills in a number of areas:

1. The facility to interpret economic development policy concerns and debates from a feminist economics perspective.
2. A critical perspective and knowledge of how gender matters in development economics.
3. The ability to interpret gender-differentiated indicators and descriptive statistics.
4. The ability to evaluate various popular schemes to reduce gender inequalities and promote women's well-being in developing countries in the broader development policy context.
5. Gain expertise in one narrow topic in the field through the final paper.

### Required Texts

The readings for the course consist of a series of scholarly articles, and excerpts from books, international development agency reports and a required textbook. All the readings on the syllabus are available in electronic form on the course website on Canvas.

Course Textbook: Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered. Second Edition.* Routledge.

## Course Requirements and Grading

Grades in Econ 5560/6560 will be determined by two presentations in class (30%), surprise tests (20%) and a final paper (50%).

The final paper for Econ 6560 students will be longer and more in depth.

## Course webpage

The course webpage on Canvas will have an outline of each class meeting, study questions to help review the assigned material and the assigned reading. This outline will be posted at the latest by noon three days before the class meeting.

## Presentations and Final paper

Each student will make two presentations (not more than 10 minutes) using papers from the reading list.

Students can select a topic of their choice for the final paper. However, it should be within the broad ideas about gender and development discussed in class. A short proposal (200 words) or an abstract must be submitted by March 27 and final paper is due on April 30, 2015.

## Academic Honesty/Plagiarism

In compliance with strict standards of academic honesty, in your paper you should always cite/reference any words or ideas that are not your own. Sharing of others' essays, uses of pre-written, purchased, or downloaded materials also violates academic honesty, which are grounds for failure or dismissal from the course and from the University. Making a habit of using your own words as much as possible is helpful in guarding against problems in this respect. Whenever in doubt, please ask me.

## Course readings

### INTRODUCTION

#### January 11 Course Introduction and Overview of Gender Inequalities

*Course objectives and themes*

World Bank. 2012. *Gender Equality and Development: World Development Report 2012*. Washington, D.C: The World Bank. Overview, pp. 2-21.

*Unit of analysis of Inequality: Men/Women or/and Male-/Female-headed households*

Sen, Gita. 2010. "Poor households or poor women: is there a difference?" In *The International Handbook of Gender and Poverty* by Sylvia Chant. Edward Elgar, Northampton. pp. 101-104

#### January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No class meeting

## FEMINIST ECONOMICS

### January 25 Feminist Economics: A Thematic Overview

Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered*. Second Edition. Ch. 2, pp. 41-66

Sen, Amartya. 1990. "Gender and Cooperative Conflicts" in Irene Tinker (ed.) *Persistent Inequalities*, New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Power, Marilyn. 2004. "Social Provisioning as a Starting Point for Feminist Economics." *Feminist Economics* 10(3): 3-8.

## HISTORY OF THOUGHT OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

### February 1

#### *From WID to GAD*

Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered*. Second Edition. Ch. 1.

Beneria, Lourdes and Gita Sen, 1981. "Accumulation, Reproduction, and Women's Role in Economic Development Revisited" *Signs* 7(2)

#### *Men's issues in Gender and Development*

Jewkes, Rachel, Michael Flood and James Lang. 2015. "From work with men and boys to changes of social norms and reduction of inequities in gender relations: a conceptual shift in prevention of violence against women and girls." *The Lancet*. 385(9977), pp. 1580-1589

Levtov, Ruti, et al. 2014. "Pathways to Gender-equitable Men: Findings from the International Men and Gender Equality Survey in Eight Countries." *Men and Masculinities*.

## MEASUREMENT OF GENDER INEQUALITY

### February 8

#### *Measuring Gender Inequality*

Sen, Amartya, 1999. "The Ends and Means of Development" in A.K. Sen, *Development as Freedom*, Knopf: 43-51.

Bessell, Sharon. 2010. "Methodologies for gender-sensitive and pro-poor poverty measures." In *The International Handbook of Gender and Poverty* by Sylvia Chant. Edward Elgar, Northampton. pp. 59-64

#### *Measurement techniques and conundrums*

Gender inequality indices: GII, MPI, WEIA, SIGI. Class notes

Berik, Gunseli. 1997. "The need for crossing the method boundaries in feminist research." *Feminist Economics*. 3(2). pp. 121-125

Wolf, Diane. 1996. "Situating feminist dilemmas in fieldwork." In *Feminist Dilemmas in Fieldwork* by Diane Wolf. Westview. pp. 1-55

*Optional*: Olmsted, Jennifer. 1997. "Telling Palestinian women's economics stories." *Feminist Economics*. 3(2). pp. 141-151

### February 15 Presidents' Day—No class meeting

## HOUSEHOLDS, FAMILIES AND WORK

February 22 & 29

*Unpaid Work: Conceptual and Measurement Issues*

Film: Who is Counting? (1995) 52 mins.

Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered*. Second Edition. Ch. 5.

Folbre, Nancy. 1986. "Cleaning house: New perspectives on households and economic development." *Journal of Development Economics*. 22, pp. 5-40.

Himmelweit, Susan. 1995. "The discovery of "unpaid work": the social consequences of the expansion of "work"." *Feminist Economics* 1(2) pp. 1-19.

*Gender roles*

Pitcher, Ann. 1986. "Conflict and cooperation: Gendered roles and responsibilities within cotton households in northern Mozambique." *African Studies Review*. 39 (3), pp. 81-112.

Deere, Carmen Diana and Magdalena LeóAn de Leal. 1981. "Peasant Production, Proletarianization, and the Sexual Division of Labor in the Andes." *Signs*. 7(2) pp. 338-360.

## GENDER AND POVERTY

March 7

*Feminization of Poverty*

Chant, Sylvia. 2008. "The 'Feminization of Poverty' and the 'Feminization' of Anti-poverty Programmes: Room for Revision?" *Journal of Development Studies*, 44(2).

Medeiros, Marcelo and Joana Costa. 2010. "The feminisation of poverty: a widespread phenomena?" In *The International Handbook of Gender and Poverty* by Sylvia Chant. Edward Elgar, Northampton. pp. 95-100

*Optional*: Cagatay, Nilufer. 1998. "Gender and poverty." UNDP Working Paper no. 5. (Section I and II.)

*Time poverty*

Gammage, Sarah. 2010. "Gender, time-poverty and Amartya Sen's capabilities approach: evidence from Guatemala." In *The International Handbook of Gender and Poverty* by Sylvia Chant. Edward Elgar, Northampton. pp. 71-76

Bardasi, Elena and Quentin Wodon. 2010. "Working long hours and having no choice: Time-poverty in Guinea." *Feminist Economics*. 16(3). pp. 45-78.

*Optional*: Arora, Diksha. 2015. "Gender difference in time-poverty in rural Mozambique." *Review of Social Economy*. 73(2). pp. 196-221

March 14 - 18 Spring Break - No class meeting

## GENDER AND AGRICULTURE

March 21&28

*Women's contribution in agriculture*

Bryson, Judy. 1981. "Women and agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for development (an exploratory study)." *The Journal of Development Studies*. 17(3), pp. 29-46.

Boserup, Ester. 1970. *Women's role in economic development*. Chapter 1.

Doss, Cheryl. 2011. "The role of women in agriculture." ESA Working Paper. No. 11-02. pp 3-13

*Inequality in land ownership*

Tripp, Aili. 2003. "Women's Movements, Customary Law, and Land Rights in Africa: The Case of Uganda." *African Studies Quarterly*.

Agarwal, Bina. 1988. "Who sows? Who reaps? Women and land rights in India." *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 15(4) pp. 531-581.

*Optional:* Yngstrom, Ingrid. 2002. "Women, Wives and Land Rights in Africa: Situating Gender Beyond the Household in the Debate Over Land Policy and Changing Tenure Systems." *Oxford Development Studies*. 30(1) pp. 21-40.

*Inequality in access to resources and labor*

Koopman, Jeanne. 1983. "Feeding the cities and feeding the peasants: What role for Africa's women farmers?." *World Development*. 11(12) pp. 1043-1055.

Doss, Cheryl. 2001. "How does gender affect the adoption of agricultural innovations? The case of improved maize technology in Ghana." *Agricultural Economics* 25 pp. 27-39.

*Gender differential in agricultural productivity*

Doss, Cheryl. 2015. "Women and Agricultural Productivity: What Does the Evidence Tell Us?." Economic Growth Center Discussion Paper No. 1051.

*Optional:* Kilic, Talip, Amparo Palacios-Lopez, and Markus Goldstein. 2015. "Caught in a Productivity Trap: A Distributional Perspective on Gender Differences in Malawian Agriculture." *World Development* 70: 416-63.

## **GENDER AND GLOBALIZATION**

### **April 4&11**

*Globalization, SAP and land grabs*

Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered*. Second Edition. Ch. 3, pp. 93-100

Fonchingong, Charles. 1999. "Structural Adjustment, Women, and Agriculture in Cameroon." *Gender and Development*. 7(3) pp. 73-79

Porro, Noemi Miyasaka and Joaquim Shiraishi Netob. 2014. "Coercive Harmony in Land Acquisition: The Gendered Impact of Corporate "Responsibility" in the Brazilian Amazon." *Feminist Economics*. 20(1) pp. 227-248.

*Global Feminization of Labor*

Standing, Guy. 1999. "Global Feminization through Flexible Labor: A Theme Revisited." *World Development* 27 (3): 583-586.

Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered*. Second Edition. Ch. 3, pp. 112-119

*Optional:* Elson, Diane and Ruth Pearson. 1981. "The Subordination of Women and Internationalization of Factory Production" in K.Young et al. *Of Marriage and the Market*, CSE 214-216; 219-221.

*Working Conditions in Global Factories*

Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered*. Second Edition. Ch.4, pp. 135-142.

Kabeer, Naila. 2004. "Globalization, Labor Standards, and Women's Rights: Dilemmas of Collective (In)action in an Interdependent World." *Feminist Economics* 10 (1): 3-35.

*Optional:* Film: China Blue (2005) 87 mins.

## **STRATEGIES FOR ADVANCING WELLBEING AND OVERCOMING GENDER DISPARITIES**

### **April 18&25**

#### *Engendering Development Policies and Conclusions*

Beneria, Lourdes, Gunseli Berik, and Maria Floro. 2015. *Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics as if all People Mattered*. Second Edition. Ch. 6

#### *Conditional Cash Transfers*

Latapi, Augustin Escobar and Mercedes Gonzales de la Rocha. 2009. "Girls, mothers, and poverty reduction in Mexico: Evaluating Progresá - Oportunidades," in Shahra Razavi (ed), *The Gendered Impacts of Liberalization: Towards "Embedded Liberalism"?* London and New York: Routledge: 267-289.

Patel, Leila and Tessa Hochfeld. 2011. "It Buys Food but Does it Change Gender Relations? Child Support Grants in Soweto, South Africa." *Gender and Development* 19(2): 229-240.

#### *Control over Assets*

Deere, Carmen Diana, Abena Oduro, Hema Swaminathan and Cheryl Doss. 2013. "Property Rights and the Gender Distribution of Wealth in Ecuador, Ghana and India." *Journal of Economic Inequality*

Deere, Carmen Diana, Gina E. Alvarado, and Jennifer Twyman. 2012. "Gender inequality in Asset Ownership in Latin America." *Development and Change* 43(2): 505-530.

### **April 25 Revision**