

COURSE DETAIL

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Women's & Gender Studies Development Studies

UCEAP Course Number

100

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

UCEAP Transcript Title

GENDER&DEVELOPMENT

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course starts with a critical assessment of development as a particular, historically grounded and morally colored enterprise. The course assesses how changing ideas about gender roles and relations prevalent in the Global North affected efforts to develop societies in the Global South. Students not only scrutinize how certain populations came to be imagined and targeted as objects of development, but also reflect on how women and men in the Global South have understood and expressed their own ideas about social change and their place in the world. To this end, students reflect on different ideological, instrumental, and critical approaches to development and ask what is at stake when gender is constructed as a development concern around discourses of equality, empowerment, and social justice. In the next part of the course, students closely assess the changes and continuities in gender structures during precolonial, colonial, and postcolonial eras. In this light, the course broadens the scope from Western-initiated development efforts to social change more generally and discusses the diverse impacts of globalization on gendered realities in different parts of the world. Key themes that are addressed: poverty, sexual and reproductive health and rights, education and empowerment, environmental politics, rural and urban change, as well as work and gender relations inside and outside the home. Whereas for long (Western-trained) academics, policy makers and development professionals equated gender with women's issues, it is now widely recognized that masculinity is as much a social construct as femininity and deserves critical attention too. Therefore, this course gives ample attention to men's issues too.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Human Diversity

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