GSWS 309-4: GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Course Description:
Development has a human face and the face is gendered. This course examines how development is gendered and creates differential impacts, meanings, and processes for people in the Global South. Using an interdisciplinary approach, the course addresses, among others, the following key questions in development:

• What does development mean to people in Asia, Africa and Latin America? Does gender matter?
• How do citizens participate in development processes and practices? What are the similarities and differences irrespective of gender, class, sexuality, age, and differential abilities?
• What are some of the inherent contradictions, such as, dilemmas and resistance, agency and conflicts in the gendered process of development?
• How are women and men situated in socio-economic-political structure that eventually affect their contributions and experience in development?

Through feminist analysis, paradigms, and examples as well as case studies from Asia, Africa, and Latin America, this course aims at developing alternative frameworks, methods, and projects to attain the goals of economic and social justice, and equity.

Educational Goals:
Students will learn the processes and structure of international agencies and development and the roles of various governments and non-governmental organizations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Course Texts and Courseware:
• E-articles will be available through the SFU Library.

Recommended Texts:
• A set of books will be available through SFU Library.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
25% Short Paper (1200 words maximum)
30% Research essay and presentation (7-8 pages; 2000 words maximum)
30% Final Exam (Take-Home) (Two short essays out of 3 questions; each essay is 1000 words)
15% Attendance and participation

Prerequisite: 15 units. Students with credit for GSWS 310 (or WS 310) Special Topic: Women and Development or GSWS 301 (or WS 301) Special Topic: Gender and Development or GSWS 309 (or WS 309) under the title Gender and Development may not take this course for further credit.