GSWS 830-5: SELECTED TOPICS GRADUATE SEMINAR
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:
• GSWS 309/830 Custom Courseware 2017

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

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Two analytical short papers (1500 words each) 40%
Research essay and presentation (2500 words; approximately10 pages) 40%
Attendance and participation (both class and seminar) 20%

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING.
STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.
IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)