**Gender and Development**

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**Duration**

14 hours (2 ECTS)

**Syllabus**

Module 1 (G. Mancini) – Gender equality and development

Concepts, definitions, and some history

* Gender, gender equality, the capability approach through a gender lens.

Data and mechanisms

* Measuring gender equality. Understanding key indicators; online data repositories and knowledge banks; global long-run trends of selected dimensions of gender inequality; the big picture today.
* Focus on women’s work: economics, long-run dynamics, determinants.

Strategies and policies

* Development actors and institutions. Brief history of aid and development approaches, as they relate to gender equality; from “women in development” to “gender and development”; gender in the SDGs; gender mainstreaming.
* The gender-development nexus. Evidence on the main channels linking gender equality to economic development, in both directions. “What works”?

**Readings**

An asterisk (\*) indicates optional readings

**Module 1**

Robeyns, I. (2005). The capability approach: a theoretical survey. Journal of human development, 6(1), 93-117.

(\*) Agarwal, B., Humphries, J., and Robeyns, I. (Eds.) (2013). Amartya Sen's work and ideas: A gender perspective. New York: Routledge. Chapters 2 and 3.

(\*) Benería, L. et al. (2016). Gender, development and globalization: economics as if all people mattered (2. ed.). New York: Routledge. Chapter 2.

World Bank Group (2012). World Development Report 2012. Gender Equality and Development. Washington DC : USA. Chapters 1 and 2.

<https://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWDR2012/Resources/7778105-1299699968583/7786210-1315936222006/Complete-Report.pdf>

Royal Swedish Academy of Science (2023) History helps us understand gender differences in the labour market.

<https://www.nobelprize.org/uploads/2023/10/popular-economicsciencesprize2023.pdf>

(\*) Goldin, C. (2014). A grand gender convergence: Its last chapter. American Economic Review, 104(4), 1091-1119.

(\*) Olivetti, C. (2013). The female labor force and long-run development: the American experience in comparative perspective. In L. Platt Boustan, C. Frydman, and R. A. Margo (eds.). Human Capital in History: The American Record. University of Chicago Press.

Duflo, E. (2012). Women Empowerment and Economic Development. Journal of Economic Literature, Vol. 50, No. 4, pp. 1051–79.

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(\*) Benería, L. et al. (2016). Gender, development and globalization: economics as if all people mattered (2. ed.). New York: Routledge. Chapter 1.

(\*) Jayachandran, S. (2015). The roots of gender inequality in developing countries. Annu. Rev. Econ. 2015. 7:63–88

(\*) Razavi, S. (2016). The 2030 Agenda: Challenges of implementation to attain gender equality and women’s rights. Gender & Development 24(1), 25-41.

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