E5: GENDER AND ENVIRONMENT

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Credits: 1 credit (16 contact hours)

Duration of the course: 9th October - 27th November 2014

Time and Days: 2:00 – 3:50 PM on Thursdays

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The course is designed to provide an understanding of gender-environment linkages. Aim of the course is to facilitate an interdisciplinary understanding of gender and the environment. As a part of this, we will explore the androcentric understanding of the environment, its impacts and possible alternative understanding of nature from a gendered perspective. As the topics and discussion papers for the course do not lend themselves to a conventional classroom setup, a discussion series format will be adopted for the course. Each part will have an overall theme introduced by the instructor followed by a semi-structured discussion with major inputs from the students. Some parts will require more than one session. Students are expected to turn in a written assignment and give a presentation on any aspect/issue related to the topics covered during the course. Further details on this will be provided at the start of the course.

ASSESSMENT: Maximum 100 points

Attendance: 10 points; Classroom participation: 30 points; Paper presentation: 20 points; Written paper submission: 40 points
Part 1: Introduction: Gender, environment and development

Essential readings:


Part 2: Feminist economics and the environment

Essential readings:


Part 3: Ecofeminism and its critique

Essential Readings:

Part 4: Feminist political ecology


Part 5: Gender and water and forest


Part 6: Gender, land rights and agriculture

Essential:


Recommended :

Part 7: Gender and forest


**Part 8: Gender and natural disasters**

Essential:

Hines, R. I. (2007) 'Natural Disasters and Gender Inequalities: The 2004 Tsunami and the Case of India', *Race, Gender & Class*, 14(1/2): 60-68

Recommended

**Part 9: Gender and technology**


Sur, A. (2008), 'Persistent Patriarchy: Theories of Race and Gender in Science’, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 43(43): 73-78

**Part 10: Presentation/Assignment**

Please note: there may be minor changes in the reading list as we get closer to the semester.