Bridging the Gender

Gender in Economics

Analysis @ Peradeniya

The problem: Gender inequality is unfair, and it hurts everyone

“Gender inequality is not only a pressing moral and social issue but a critical economic challenge... if women do not achieve their full economic potential, the global economy will suffer.” This loss to the global economy could be as much as USD 12 trillion by 2025 – the size of the US and Chinese economies combined.

A solution: Understand the causes of gender inequality and find ways to bridge the gender gap

Recognizing the knowledge, training and research needs for gender aware policy making and action, the Postgraduate Institute in Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS) at the University of Peradeniya initiates postgraduate education in Gender-aware Analysis in Economics

What we offer

• A curriculum that provides the knowledge, skills and attitudes to perceive, analyse and address gender bias that pervades economic life within households and communities, within firms and in goods and labour markets, in the NGO sector, in schools and universities and in academic thinking, within government agencies and in policy making.

• New analytical tools and methods as well as gender-aware analysis with standard tools and methods

• Practical opportunities to collect gender-aware (not just gender-disaggregated), data and empirical evidence for rigorous analysis of gender-based issues

• Research guidance to apply knowledge, data and methods to design effective policies and advocacy tools to address gender bias

Partnership with American University

The University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka partners with the Program in Gender Analysis in Economics at American University in developing curricula that will give analysts and advocacy groups the training and skills to be effective in designing and pushing for policies that promote gender equality.

Dr. Samanmala Dorabawila and Mrs. Shobana Rajendran discuss Peradeniya’s experience introducing Gender Economics into the graduate curriculum at a roundtable panel of similar initiatives across the world, International Association of Feminist Economists 2019.

Gender Analysis in Economics @Peradeniya (GAP) is an initiative of the Postgraduate Institute in Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS) at the University of Peradeniya to promote Postgraduate Teaching and Research in Gender Analysis in Economics.
PATHWAYS to study and qualify in Gender Analysis in Economics

If you

HAVE AN ECONOMICS BACKGROUND
(Undergraduate Or Postgraduate Degree With Economics)

AND

Want to do a Master's degree by course work
Register for the MA in Economics

OR

Just want to gain knowledge in Gender Analysis in Economics
Register as a non-degree student

AND follow

ECN634 Gender Analysis in Microeconomics
or
ECN635 Gender Analysis in Macroeconomics

and

the gender practicum as an independent research project

If you

HAVE AN ECONOMICS BACKGROUND
(Undergraduate Or Postgraduate Degree With Economics)

AND

want to do a postgraduate research degree
Register for the MA (by coursework and thesis), MPhil, or PhD in Economics

AND follow

ECN634 Gender Analysis in Microeconomics
or
ECN635 Gender Analysis in Macroeconomics

and

select a research topic in the area of Gender Analysis in Economics

If you

DO NOT HAVE AN ECONOMICS BACKGROUND
(but have any UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE or equivalent qualification)

AND

Want to do a Master’s degree by coursework
Register for the Master in Applied Economics (MAE) or the Master of Development Practice (MDP)

OR

Just want to gain knowledge in Gender Analysis in Economics
Register as a non-degree student

AND follow

ECN633 Gender and Development – Feminist Economics perspectives
and/or
the gender practicum for the MDP field training project/MAE guided project

What our students say...

"This course provided me with fresh insights into the concept of development which often go unnoted in other sub-disciplines in Economics. It helped me understand the role of gender dynamics in the development story of the past, present and future.”

Chethvi Maladeniya, temporary lecturer in Economics and masters student currently following ECN633 Gender and Development – Feminist Economist Perspectives

"I began the course without a strong background in Economics. I found it relevant yet very complex, with many “intersections and additions.” Finally it fell into place as in an orchestra.”

– Aneega Adnan, MDP student (International student from the Maldives), currently following ECN633 Gender and Development – Feminist Economist Perspectives

"As an undergrad I realized that being girlywoman has a lot to do with my identity and how I perceived the world. Later, as a development practitioner I saw how gender inequalities can upset the lives of private individuals, communities and national economies. The Gender and Development course gave me knowledge and skills to help analyze the causes/drivers of the situation and I'm determined that I will consider gender and development for my PhD.”

– Piumi Denagamage, L.L.B., MDP student, currently following ECN633 Gender and Development – Feminist Economist Perspectives

"The course content and recommended reading consistently challenge me to broaden my perspectives and understanding of gender... this course has sparked an interest in Economics in me and I am looking for ways in which I can explore that beyond the Masters classroom.”

- Manohari Pendiratharne, MDP student, currently following ECN633 Gender and Development – Feminist Economist Perspectives

Stakeholder workshops were held in Colombo and Peradeniya with employers of potential candidates including members of the corporate sector, government, NGOs, and academics to generate awareness about the initiative, gather feedback on knowledge, training and research gaps, facilitate networking opportunities with partner organizations and foster an ethos of gender-sensitive analysis in economic issues.

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