

Syllabus Winter Term 2022/23

Introduction to Gender and Feminist Economics

BA in Politics

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Class: Monday 14:15-16:00 [SG / SG U113](#)

Course description

This course delves into the role of gender in the economy. It proposes a critical assessment of core topics in economics and the revision of existing theories explaining the existence of gender inequality and gender disparities. The course aims at providing students with theoretical methods and quantitative tools to use gender as an analytical category while promoting critical thinking and developing communicating and writing skills. Both working in teams and active participation in the seminars will be highly encouraged.

The course reviews both neoclassical theories and unorthodox/heterodox perspectives of gender and economics. We will study and discuss how different economic thinking traditions propose alternative questions, paradigms and responses to similar phenomena. To do so, we will review articles and book chapters in theoretical lectures. The course goes beyond economic man to open the floor to study feminist economic methodologies and approaches. Importantly, the course pays special heed to intersectional approaches to gender and economics, where the interplays between gender and race, ethnicity, religion, caste, ability or socioeconomic statuses are key to get a bigger picture and understanding of real-world economy. As the course goes by, we will discuss more advanced topics, such as postulates that challenge the binary division of gender, and explore more diverse, inclusive and decolonial research agendas.

The course is divided into two parts, one introductory, and another more advanced, which further splits in 5 core topics within gender and feminist economics literatures. The course will be in-person if health circumstances allow for it, in the assign room and building of the UDE facilities.

This course invites well-known scholars in the field of gender and feminist economics, development economics and history of economic thought to further explore specific topics in detail. Students are thus given the opportunity of learning from scholars whose work is breaking the path of economic research. For these lectures, we will meet online via Zoom app. The link will be provided well before-hand, and will always be available in Moodle. The invited scholars are Professor Rebeca Gomez Betancourt (University of Lyon), Professor Uma Kambhampati (University of Reading) and Professor Giulia Zacchia (University of Rome).

Invited Professors

Dr. Giulia Zacchia (Statistics Dept., Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

<https://www.dss.uniroma1.it/it/dipartimento/persone/zacchia-giulia>

Prof. Rebeca Gomez Betancourt (Lyon University, France)

<https://triangle.ens-lyon.fr/spip.php?article1356>

Prof. Dr. Uma Kambhampati. (University of Reads, UK)

<https://www.reading.ac.uk/economics/our-staff/uma-kambhampati>

Syllabus

- A. Introductory lesson 1: Why gender matters in Economics
- B. Introductory lesson 2: Gender statistics and Data Feminism
- C. Core lessons:
 - 1. Gender and Labour Markets
 - 2. Gender and Microeconomics
 - 3. Gender and Macroeconomics
 - 4. Gender, Migration, Globalization and Development
 - 5. Feminist Political Economy

Calendar

Date	Topic	Lecture
10 th October	Intro to the course, Students' introduction	
17 th October	Intro Lesson #1	Why gender matters in Economics
24 th October ONLINE	Intro Lesson #2	Prof. Dr. Giulia Zacchia: Gender statistics and Data Feminism
7 th November	Core lesson #1.1	Gender and Labour Markets

14 th November ONLINE	Alicia Girón Interview: International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Fireside Chat	Economy of life: Feminism, social reproduction & financialization Zoom link: https://t.co/HzsOUT9bO4
21 st November ONLINE	Core lesson #2.1	Dr. Giulia Zacchia: Intro to the concept of Social Reproduction
28 th November	Core lesson #2.2	Gender and Microeconomics
5 th December ONLINE	Core lesson #2.3	Prof. Rebeca Gomez Betancourt: History of Economic Thought and Feminism
12 th December ONLINE	Core lesson #2.4	Prof. Gomez Betancourt: Advanced topics in History of Economic Thought and Gender Studies
19 th December	Core lesson #3	Gender and Macroeconomics
9 th January	No in-person lecture	Recordings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender regimes Workshop UDE • Feminist Economics 101
16 th January	Core lesson #4	Gender, Migration, Globalization and Development
23 rd January ONLINE	Core lesson #5	Feminist Political Economy Discussions with Prof. Kambhampati Women and political power
30 th January	Students' presentations	

References by topic

A. Introductory lesson 1: Why gender matters in Economics

Akerlof, G. A., & Kranton, R. E. (2000). Economics and identity. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 115(3), 715-753.

B. Introductory lesson 2: Gender statistics and Data Feminism

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C. Core lessons:

1. Gender and Labour Markets

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

Jokubauskaitė, S., & Schneebaum, A. (2022). Assessing the value of household work based on wages demanded on online platforms for substitutes. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 20(1), 153-160.

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2. Gender and Microeconomics

3. Gender and Macroeconomics

Seguino, S. (2000). Gender inequality and economic growth: A cross-country analysis. *World development*, 28(7), 1211-1230.

4. Gender, Migration, Globalization and Development

Jayachandran, S. (2021). Social norms as a barrier to women's employment in developing countries. *IMF Economic Review*, 69(3), 576-595.

5. Feminist Political Economy

Garikipati, S., & Kambhampati, U. (2021). Leading the fight against the pandemic: Does gender really matter?. *Feminist Economics*, 27(1-2), 401-418.

Assignments

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