

# Gender in Sustainable Development

Saturdays 10:00-13:00 (last class will end at 12:00)

Winter semester 5 times

Course Facilitator: Sarajeon Rossitto

## Overview:

The class focuses on the gender aspects of a wide range of issues, starting by looking at the status of women in Japan and then changing focus to looking at the connection of gender to key social issues such as education, health, pay equity, government policy and home violence. Weekly online reading assignments introduce background information, reports and important data to help participants understand the connections between gender and important issues such as decision-making processes and justice, education and information access, gender based crime and justice.

## Purpose:

Develop a more critical understanding of socially determined gender roles and the changing position of women. Develop a broader awareness of methods for solving problems.

## Assignments and course materials:

We will use a wide array of online readings. Links are on the class site.

## Class presentations:

Between Classes 3 and 4 each student research one topic of interest and prepare a presentation on any gender issues of interest. Each presentation will focus on one problem in one particular place, review the causes and effects as well as 3-5 approaches to the problem.

Outline	Class theme and focus
<b>Class 1</b> 1/20	Introductions & Overview of Key points: what are sex & gender? How are roles defined?
<b>Class 2</b> 1/27	Gender aspects of poverty and hunger, socio-economic causes and impacts.
<b>Class 3</b> 2/3	Health issues: Reproductive health, daily health and current campaigns.
<b>Class 4</b> 3/10	Class presentations: Gender and work, equitable pay, women in management.
<b>Class 5</b> 3/17	Gender and decision-making processes in politics and justice systems



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