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| Module Code | AG-1401 | | |
| Module Title | Understanding Gender | | |
| Type of Module: | Breadth | | |
| Modular Credits: 4 | Student Workload: | 8 hours per week | |
| | Contact hours: | 2 hours per week | |
| Prerequisite: | None | | |
| Antirequisite: | None | | |
| Aims/Objectives/Rational: | | | |
| <p>This module aims to introduce the concept of gender as a social category and the understanding of gender as a social institution to students who have no prior knowledge of this subject. Through cross-cultural comparison, textual analysis, and case studies, students will be guided to develop skills for unpacking and analysing complex gendered relationships and social situations. The module will also introduce selected theoretical issues on the subject of gender that will enable students to follow more advanced and specialised levels of discussion offered in other gender studies modules.</p> | | | |
| Module Content : | | | |
| <p>The module introduces the concept of gender by examining briefly the historical roots of the concept and what it seeks to explain today. The institutionalization of gender in everyday life actions and interactions will be studied through the help of historically specific and comparative case studies that cover different domains of life such as family, work, consumption and emotional relationships. Students will be encouraged to share comparative cultural materials from their respective fields of study. In attempting to understand processes of social construction of gender in society, the interplay between social and collective structures and human agencies will be explored.</p> | | | |
| Assessment | Examination: (2 hours) | 50 % | Coursework: Two Assignments (40%) Presentation (10%) |
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| Textbook(s)/References : | | | |
| <p>Atkinson, J. M. & Errington, S. (Eds.). (1990). <i>Power and difference: Gender in Island Southeast Asia</i>. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.</p> <p>Bonvillain, N. (1998). <i>Women and men: Cultural constructs of gender</i>. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.</p> <p>Brettell, C. B. & Sargent, C. F. (Eds.). (1997). <i>Gender in cross-cultural perspective</i>. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall</p> <p>Correia, M. C. (2006). <i>Other Half of Gender: Men's issues in development</i>. Herndon, VA: World Bank.</p> <p>Sen, K. & Stiven, M. (eds.). (1998). <i>Gender and power in affluent Asia</i>. London: Routledge.</p> | | | |