WOM STD 285-2
FEMINIST DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

COURSE ABOUT?
This course is designed as an overview the field of gender and economics, with an emphasis on developing country experiences in a globalizing world economy. This overview has four components:

- We will provide an overview of theoretical debates within gender and economics field.
- We will provide an overview of gender inequalities such as gender division of labor in paid and unpaid work, and wage gaps between men and women.
- We will focus on specific topics within the gender and development field such as feminization of the labor force, and poverty.
- We will discuss proposals (by governments, international policy making institutions and civil society organizations) to make economic policies and economic structures gender-equitable.

II. COURSE ORGANIZATION AND REQUIREMENTS:
We have the following goals in course organization: a) Actively engage students in debates and discussions; b) facilitate students to do a more in depth synthesis of particular themes; c) facilitate students to learn to deliver their synthesis orally and in writing. To achieve our goals there will be six writing assignments on the readings, and a final report.

The assignment schedule is as follows: The assignments should answer the following type of questions: What is the main point of the reading (s)? What sort of questions do these readings raise in your mind? Do you have an answer to your questions? The assignments should be one page each (12-font 1.5 or double space)

Section II of the readings, due on April 18.
Section III of the readings, due on April 25.
Section IV of the readings, due on May 11.
Section V of the readings, due on May 23.
Section VI of the readings, due on May 30.
Section VII of the readings, due on June 6.

The final report: You will be provided with a set of questions on the course content and asked to write 2-3 page report (12-font 1.5 or double space)
The final assignment is due on June 12.

Grade distribution is as follows:
45 % assignments.
25 % discussion participations.
30 % final report.

The reader will be available at Course Reader Materials located at 1133 Westwood Boulevard on April 7, 2006. (Phone: (310) 443 3300).
I. An introduction and Overview/ Some Concepts

Instructor’s discussion.

II. The Household as a unit of Analysis


III. Gender Aware Visions of the Macro economy


IV. Feminization of the Labor Force: Industrialization, Globalization

April 25: Structural Adjustment & Globalization: Concepts and Overview

April 27: Discussion and statistical overview


V. Gender Inequalities and Poverty

May 11: Gender Inequalities: Overview and Statistics


VI. Gender Health, Sex Trafficking

May 23: Film: SO DEEP OF PROSTITUTION


VII Negotiating Action and Policy

May 30: FILM: WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE


VIII. Feminism and Economics


June 8: Overview