

Special Topics - Global Perspective Gender Issues in Cambodia

Description of Course: This course explores gender in Southeast Asia specific to Cambodian society from a sociological perspective that seeks to promote knowledge of how we construct gendered identities and what the consequences of these constructions are. Sociological theories, research and current issues related to gender in Southeast Asia specific to Cambodian society are presented. Topics include gender as it related to family, religion, politics, education work, health, power and inequalities, social movements and social changes.

Course Objectives: Throughout this course, the student will

1. explain, use and interpret basic gender concepts and theories as they relate to the sociological perspective;
2. apply concepts of gender construction overall to social institutions;
3. explain gender specific factors within family, work, politics, education and religion;
4. describe gender and sexualities as applied to society and social institutions; and
5. apply concepts of gender specific to Southeast Asia and Cambodian society.

Course Outcomes:

- Know sociological perspective of gender and as it pertains to global perspective specific to Cambodia
- Understand sociological theories of gender as they pertain to global perspectives specific to Cambodia, SEAN and developing nations

Schedule of Topics and Readings

Week 1

Introduction to the Course What is Sociology of Gender?

Kramer, Laura. 2001. *Sociology of Gender A Brief Introduction*. Roxbury Publishing Company. Los Angeles, California. ISBN: 1-891487-48-5.
Gender and Development for Cambodia (GDAC). 2014. "Home." Retrieved February 15, 2017 (www.gdac.org.kh).

Weeks 2 & 3

Leading Sociological Perspectives and Theories on Gender

Kramer, Laura. 2001. *Sociology of Gender A Brief Introduction*. Roxbury Publishing Company. Los Angeles, California. ISBN: 1-891487-48-5.

Week 4

Sociology of Socialization and Social Institutions

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Weeks 5 & 6

Examining Cambodia – Culture and History of a Developing Southeast Asian Nation

- Norng, Utara. 2010. *Broken Glass: A Young Girl Named Ginger. Based on a True Story Told to Utara Norng*. Documentation Center of Cambodia. www.dccam.org. Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, Vermont.
- Chandler, David. 2002. "S21, The Wheel of History and the Pathology of Terror in Democratic Kampuchea." Pp 6-37 in *Cambodia Emerges from the Past: Eight Essays* edited by J. Ledgerwood. DeKalb, IL: Southeast Asia Publications.
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- Becker, Elizabeth. 1998. *When the War Was Over: Cambodia and the Khmer Rouge Revolution*. New York: Public Affairs.
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Weeks 7 & 8

Cambodia – Women and Family Intimate Relationships and Sexualities

- Frieson, Kate. 2001. Chapter 3. "Core Rituals for Marriage, Pregnancy and Birth in Cambodia on Making and Power". In *The Shadows: Women, Power and Politics in Cambodia*. (CAPI Occasional Paper Series – 26). ISBN: 1-55058-230-5.
- Frieson, Kate. 2001. Chapter 4. "Beyond Testimony: Weddings and Births Unraveled". In *The Shadows: Women, Power and Politics in Cambodia*. (CAPI Occasional Paper Series – 26). ISBN: 1-55058-230-5.
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- Schoneker, Jake. *Cambodia Teaches New Generation About Khmer Rouge Atrocities*. PBS Newshour & NPR Convention Coverage. Retrieved February 15, 2017. (www.tpt.org/pbs-newshour-npr-convention-coverage/episode/cambodia-teaches-new-generation-aoubt-khkmer-rouge-atrocities).
- Chan, Lida and Guillaume Suon. 2012. Red Wedding. Documentary. Netherlands. Bophana Audiovisual. Retrieved February 15, 2017. Resource Center. (<http://bophana.org/productions/red-wedding>).
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- Ouellet, Sabrina and Dominique LaRochelle. 2014. *The Gender Road Map Guidebook: A Couple-base Gender Transformative Model to Address Unequal Power Relations*. OxFem and GDAC. May. Retrieved February 15, 2017 (www.gadc.org.kh/downloads/Publicatoin%20/Oxfam-GADC%20GRM%20Guidebook%2011.06.2014.pdf)

Week 9

Cambodia – Women and Religion.

- Ledgerwood, Judy. 1994. "Gender Symbolism and Culture Change: Viewing the Virtuous Woman in the Khmer Story Mea Yoeng." Pp. 119-128 in *Cambodian Culture Since 1975: Homeland and Exile*, edited by M. M. Ebihara, C. A. Mortland and J. Ledgerwood. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0-8014-8173-2.

Week 10

Cambodia – Women and the Political and Legal System

- Frieson, Kate. 2001. *In The Shadows: Women, Power and Politics in Cambodia*. Victoria: University of Victoria. (CAPI Occasional Paper Series – 26). Retrieved March 20, 2017
[https://www.uvia.ca/research/centres/capi/assets/docs/Frieson . Women in Cambodia.pdf](https://www.uvia.ca/research/centres/capi/assets/docs/Frieson_Women_in_Cambodia.pdf)).
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- Genderview. 2013. “Are Political Parties Effectively Addressing Gender Issues?” *GADC Genderview Newsletter*. July. Retrieved February 15, 2017.
www.gadc.org.kh/downloads/resources/publications/Genderview2013/Genderview-Eng.pdf).
- Blackburn, Susan. 2008. “The Aftermath for Women Warriors: Cambodia and East Timor” in *IT Newsletter* (48) Summer Pp. 14-15. Retrieved March 20, 2017. (http://ias.asia/sites/default/files/IIAS_NL48_1415.pdf).
- Lilja, Mona. 2008. *Power, Resistance and Women Politics in Cambodia: Discourses of Emancipation*. Malaysia: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies. ISBN: 978-87-7694-020-1.
- Moore, Anne Elizabeth. 2011. *Cambodian Grrrl: Self-Publishing in Phnom Penh*. Portland: Cantankerous Titles. ISBN: 978-1-93462-89-2.

Cambodia – Women and Education

- Brown, Ian. 2000. *Cambodia, the Background, the Issues, the People*. London: OxFam GB. ISBN: 0-85598-4309.
- Fiske, Edward B. *Using Both Hands: Women and Education in Cambodia*. Asian Development Bank. Manila, Philippines. ISBN: 971-561-073-0.
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- Tann, Chantara. 2015. "Women and Mathematics in Cambodia, Vignette 6.3." Pp. 199-202 in *Advancing Women in Science: An International Perspective*, edited by W. Pearson, L. Frehill, C. McNeely. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing. ISBN: 978-3-319-08628-6.
- Velsco, Esther. 2004. "Ensuring Gender Equity in Education For All: Is Cambodia on Track?" *Prospects* (34):37-51.
- Velsco, Esther. 2001. *Why Are Girls Not in School? Perception, Realities, and Contradictions in Changing Cambodia*. Phnom Penh: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

Week 12

Cambodia – Women and Work; Agriculture, Markets and Land

- Derks, Annuska. 2008. *Khmer Women on the Move. Exploring Work and Life in Urban Cambodia*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3270-4.
- Sapienza, Steve. 2015. "The Hidden World of Cambodia's Sex Workers: New Risks, New Hope." June 6. www.npr.org by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. Retrieved February 15, 2017. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zB3extBYuou>).
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Week 13

Cambodia – Women and Health

- Yanagisawa, Satoko, Sophal Oum and Susumu Wakai. 2006. "Determinants of Skilled Birth Attendance in Rural Cambodia." *Tropical Medicine and International Health*. 11(2), p. 238-51.
- Roxby, Philippa. 2015. "Why An Iron Fish Can Make You Stronger." Audio Podcast. May 17. Retrieved February 15, 2017. (www.bbc.com/news/health-32749629).
- Singh, Maanvi. 2015. "Why Cambodians Never Get 'Depressed'." *Goats and Soda: Stories of Life in a Changing World*, February 2. Retrieved February 15, 2017 (www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2015/02/02/382905977/why-cambodians-never-get-depressed).

Weeks 14 & 15

Cambodia – A Changing Gender System in Developing and Building a Southeast Asia Nation

Cambodia gender issues to be addressed – Student projects to acknowledge and address gender inequalities, to strengthen capacities, to guarantee livelihood to shape aspirations heard and voiced in leadership positions at community level, in skills, in vocations to advance economic situations.

Week 16

Final Project Presentations

Student project will concentrate its efforts in reducing gender disparities in income, leadership and technical/vocational skills with the goals of reducing the income gap specific to activities dominated by men, increasing meaningful participation by women in decision making and leadership positions in the community and ensure women benefit with education, training and skills.

Textbook & Readings

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