

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON GENDER, MACROECONOMICS AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

(GEM- IWG)

Knowledge Networking Program on Engendering Macroeconomics and International Economics

4th International Intensive Course: June 18- 30, 2006

4th International Conference on Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics:
July 2-3, 2006

Hosted by the Department of Economics University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

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[GEM- IWG](#), is an international network of thirty five economists that was formed in 1994 for the purpose of promoting research, teaching, policy making and advocacy on gender equitable approaches to macroeconomics, international economics and globalization. This program, launched by [GEM- IWG](#), in 2003 with support from the [Ford Foundation](#), the [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#), the [United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs, Division for the Advancement of Women](#), UNDP and UNIFEM, has two objectives: first, to engage with fellow economists in order to enhance capacity building in research, teaching, policy making and advocacy in this area; second, to increase knowledge networking on these themes by strengthening the intellectual links among practitioners in networks working on similar issues.

The program is intended for economists, including advanced graduate students in economics, as well as more experienced academics, researchers and those in government. Up to thirty fellows will be admitted to the program. Full funding will be provided for up to twenty fellows. Priority will be given to applicants from the global South* and transition economies. The fellows of the program will be required, at a minimum, to have completed two years of study in an economics Ph.D. program and have passed their qualifying exams, or have its equivalent such as a master's degree in economics. These requirements may be waived only under exceptional circumstances. The program will be conducted in English. Final selection criteria will include the objective of achieving gender balance and regional balance in the composition of fellows.

Applications must be received by April 21, 2005, but will be processed in the order received. Please see below for application requirements and application forms.

The program coordinators are **Rania Antonopoulos** (New York University and Levy Economics Institute) and **Nilufer Cagatay** (University of Utah). The organizing committee consists of **Rania Antonopoulos** (New York University and Levy Economics Institute), **Nilufer Cagatay** (University of Utah), **Diane Elson** (University of Essex, U.K. and Levy Economics Institute, U.S.A.) and **Maria Floro** (American University, U.S.A.).

The program instructors are expected to include, among others, in alphabetical order: **Bola Akanji** (Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research, Nigeria), **Rania Antonopoulos** (New York University and Levy Economics Institute, U.S.A.), **Lourdes Beneria** (Cornell University, U.S.A.), **Gunseli Berik** (University of Utah, U.S.A.), **Elissa Braunstein** (Colorado State University, U.S.A.), **Nilufer Cagatay** (University of Utah, U.S.A.), **Lekha Chakraborty** (National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), India) **Diane Elson** (University of

Essex, U.K. and Levy Economics Institute, U.S.A.), **Marzia Fontana** (IDS, University of Sussex, U.K.), **Valeria Esquivel** (Argentina), **Gerald Epstein** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, U.S.A.), **Korkut Erturk** (University of Utah, U.S.A.), **Maria Floro** (American University, U.S.A.) **Caren Grown** (Levy Economics Institute, U.S.A.), **Indira Hirway** (Center for Development Alternatives, India) **Mumtaz Keklik** (UNDP, Cambodia), **Alfred Latigo** (UN Economic Commission for Africa, Ethiopia), **Dimitri Papadimitriou** (Levy Economics Institute, U.S.A.), **Hamidou Poufon** (UNFPA, Cameroon), **Stephanie Seguino** (University of Vermont, U.S.A.), **Rosalba Todaro** (Center for Women's Studies (CEM), Santiago, Chile), **Hande Togrul** (University of Utah, U.S.A.), **Imraan Valodia** (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa), **Mariama Williams** (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era and International Gender and Trade Network, U.S.A.),

*Applicants from the global South include individuals who are temporarily residing in the North, in so far as they are pursuing an academic degree.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The immediate aim of the program is to bring together economists from around the world that share a recognition of the importance of gender-equitable approaches to macroeconomics, international economics and globalization so as to assist them in:

- gaining knowledge and familiarity with existing formulations of gender-aware questions, research tools and methodologies in macroeconomics and international economics;
- enhancing capabilities in integrating gender analysis in teaching macroeconomics, international trade, international finance or economic development
- formulating gender-aware questions in research, teaching, policy making and advocacy in this area
- fostering a network *among* the participants
- strengthening the intellectual links of the participants to other knowledge-networks engaged with similar issues
- enhancing their capability in connecting and networking in general with other practitioners, scholars and activists

At the end of the program we expect that the fellows will have the tools to:

- conduct gender-aware economic research;
- contribute to the formulation of gender-equitable macroeconomic policies and international economics policies at the national, regional and international levels;
- give analytical support to CSOs in their advocacy efforts to promote gender equality.

The ultimate objective of this program is to help the participating fellows form and sustain their own networks of research, teaching and activism within their own countries, among regions and globally.

COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

The fellows are expected to complete **the full program** which consists of the following three components:

1) The Self-study Module will introduce the fellows to basic concepts of feminist economics and to basic concepts of feminist approaches to macroeconomics and international economics. It will also include broader critical analyses of the world economy and its institutions. Those participating in the course will be expected to have completed the self-study module. Completion

of the self-study module will ensure that all the fellows start from a common knowledge baseline and that they will have had a chance to do the readings before participating in the two- week course. The self-study materials will be made available to all participants by May 15, 2006.

2) *The Intensive Course*, which will take place June 18 - June 30, 2006 at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah will address the problems posed by the self-study component at a more advanced level. It will consist of presentations by the instructors, discussion sessions and presentations by the fellows. The process will be participatory. The fellows will have an opportunity to meet with the instructors individually to discuss their research or teaching projects. A subset of the instructors will be available to act as mentors and interested fellows will be assigned a mentor during the program.

Fellows will be encouraged to work on a specific short piece of work of interest to them during the course. Topics might include a research proposal, ideas for curriculum development, a policy briefing or a book review. In addition, the fellows will be expected to make a presentation on a topic that they are currently researching or they have expertise on. They are expected to form regional or thematic groups to promote knowledge sharing in research, teaching and policy – making beyond the duration of the program. Examples of such groups formed during the past cycles include: GEM Latin America and the Caribbean regional group, GEM Africa regional group, GEM Asia regional group, GEM group on Time Use, SAMs and CGE Modeling, GEM group on Gender and Poverty, GEM group on Gender and Taxation, GEM group on globalization, labor markets and gender inequity. The fellows will have an opportunity to meet and interact with some of the fellows from the past cycles during the course or the conference.

The basic modules of the course will include the following:

Introduction to Gender-Aware Economics and Methods of Analysis
Gender, Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies
Growth, Inequalities, Development and Poverty
Gender and International Trade
Gender, Finance and Investment
Gender and Labor

The course schedule for 2006 will be made available by May 15, 2006. To see the course schedule for the previous cycles, please visit the website.

3) *The Conference on "Engendering Macroeconomics and International Economics"* will take place in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah on July 2-3, 2006 following the completion of the two-week course. **The fellows are expected to attend the conference**, which will be open to all who wish to participate (up to 60 people). Further information on the costs of participation, logistics, accommodations and registration will be available at the program website www.genderandmacro.org. The conference program will be available by May 30, 2006.

COST OF ATTENDANCE AND FUNDING

Up to twenty fellows will be funded, with priority given to those from the South and transition economies. There are no tuition charges for the program. For the fellows who are funded by the program, the following will be provided: economy round trip air travel, accommodation on campus during the course and the conference, meals during the course and the conference, course materials and conference materials. Fellows who are self-funded need to cover the costs of their travel, accommodation (1,200 USD); meals (expected to be 1,200 USD); course materials (400 USD) and conference registration fees (50 USD).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants to this program should submit the following documents by **April 21, 2006**:

- a) A completed [application form](#).
- b) A Curriculum Vitae
- c) A personal statement which should include a description of the applicant's background and current work in economics, interest and/or background in gender studies, background and /or interest in macroeconomics, background and/or interest in international economics, motivation for taking the course, how s/he plans to use the knowledge gained in the program, and how s/he expects to contribute to the course and more generally to knowledge networking in the future. This statement should not exceed 750 words.
- d) A letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with their work in economics In addition, a hard copy of the letter of recommendation
- e) For those whose main language of instruction during their education was not English, some proof of English proficiency test (e.g., TOEFL) will be preferable, but other proof may be accepted (e.g. a sample of written work in English).
- f) For applicants who are currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program or who have obtained a Ph.D. or M.A. degree in the last two years, a copy of their transcripts in the Ph.D. or the M.A. program

Items a - d (the application form, C.V. , personal statement and the recommendation letter) should be sent **preferably** by email to: genderandmacro@lists.csbs.utah.edu. In addition, a hard copy of the letter of recommendation, and items e - f (proof of English proficiency and transcripts in cases which are relevant) should be express- mailed to:

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Those who are having difficulty with electronic mail can submit all documents by express mail to the same address.

Questions about the program can be directed to: genderandmacro@lists.csbs.utah.edu.