

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES
B.A. 1 GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
NGE 103 GENDER DIVISION OF LABOUR
INSTRUCTOR: W. SUBBO

Course Description.

The course aims at enabling the learners understand the role of gender division of labour in development. The issues to be discussed are the universality of gender division of labour, the different meanings of gender division according to cultural and social contexts. Social and cultural origins of gender division of labour and female subordination; conceptual biases in the discussion of gender division of labour; Historical and evolutionary changes in the structure of gender roles and relations; gender division of labour and its implications for equity; patterns and variations of gender roles cross-culturally; Notions of maleness and femaleness in productive reproductive work; The interaction between the private domain of reproduction and the public sphere of production; public reflection of women's private status; How gender division of labour is reproduced in the male and female universe; conventional labour statistics and underestimation of women's reproductive tasks, including domestic labour. The inter-weaving of gender and class relations; women's workload and the "double day" problems, changes in the structure of gender division of labour.

Topics

- i. Universality of gender division of labour
- ii. Different meanings of gender division of labour according to cultural and social contexts.
- iii. The social and cultural origins of gender division of labour and female subordination.
- iv. Conceptual biases in the discussion of gender division of labour.
- v. Historical and evolutionary changes in the structure of gender division of labour.
- vi. Gender division of labour and its implications for equity.
- vii. Patterns and variations of gender roles cross-culturally
- viii. Notions of maleness and femaleness in the productive and reproductive work.
- ix. The interaction between the private domain of reproduction and the public sphere of production.
- x. Public reflection of women's private status
- xi. How gender division of labour is reproduced in the male and female universes
- xii. Conventional labour statistics and the underestimation of women's reproductive tasks.
- xiii. Interweaving of gender and class relations.
- xiv. The problem of women's double workload.
- xv. Changes in the structure of gender division of labour.

Examination:

Cat – 30%

Final Exam 70%

Total 100%

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