



Wageningen School
of Social Sciences

Practicing Feminist Political Ecology: Linking Gender, Theory, Self & Sustainable Development

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in conjunction with the WASS public lecture by
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June 13 & June 14, 2017

**Masterclass organised by the Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS),
Wageningen University**

Introduction & objectives of the course

Inequality is at the heart of sustainable development but inequality is not considered in most research on sustainable development. Blindness to inequality undercuts the validity and the impact of research on sustainable development. This masterclass will link gender and other dimensions of inequality to sustainable development in ways that support research. Participants in this masterclass will draw on the examples offered to integrate sensitivity to inequality in their own research.

This masterclass is organized around the WASS public lecture by dr. Wendy Harcourt (Associate Professor, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University of Rotterdam). She will link theory, self, place-based knowledge, and policy relevant to sustainable livelihoods using the conceptual tools provided by feminist political ecology and diverse and community economies.

There are four parts to this masterclass:

1. mandatory preparatory reading;
2. review of preparatory reading before Dr. Harcourt's lecture;
3. public lecture and discussion; and
4. one page reflection paper focusing on the link between the content of this class and participants' own research.

Course participants are to submit a short statement (max. 1/2 page, page A4) by 7 June that: 1) introduces who they are in terms of disciplinary background and education; 2) outlines gender and diversity issues in sustainable development that are relevant in their own domain of study; 3) questions or issues on gender and diversity in sustainable development with which they would like to engage and why; and 4) expectations of the course.

Target group and learning outcomes

This course is intended for PhD students, postdoc, and staff members, across the social and environmental sciences, who want to expand their engagement with sustainable development through increased consideration of inequality.

After successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- understand the approaches and concepts presented and evaluate their value for research on sustainable development;
- use a gender and diversity perspective in their own research;
- identify if and how elements of the approaches presented enrich their own research project; and
- engage in active learning, critical thinking and academic debate.

Assumed prior knowledge

Master's degree in social, environmental or gamma sciences

Course fees

For PhDs of WASS there is a fee of 50 euros. For all other participants and for staff members (fellows/post docs), there is a fee of 100 euros for the whole course (including tea/coffee).

Session Times & Outline of the Course in Hours

Date & Time	Topics	Instructor
June 13, 14:00-17:00	Preparatory discussion	Chizu Sato (SCH)
June 14, 12:30-14:00	Public lecture by dr Wendy Harcourt	
June 14, 14:30-16:00	Q&A workshop with dr Wendy Harcourt	Chizu Sato (SCH)

Course materials

- Harcourt, W. (2015). The future of capitalism: A consideration of alternatives. *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 38 (6), 1307-1328. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cje/bet048>
- Harcourt, W. (2016). Gender Dilemmas in International Development Studies. *The European Journal of Development Research*, 28 (2), 167–174. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1057/ejdr.2016.6>
- Harcourt, W. (2016). Gender and sustainable livelihoods: Linking gendered experiences of environment, community and self'. *Agricultural Journal of Human Values*, 33 (4), 1-13. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10460-016-9757-5>

Teaching methods

This course is organized mainly as a seminar in combination with the following learning activities:

- i) *Self-study* to prepare participants for in-class discussions and to develop the understanding of the theoretical approaches and concepts discussed in the assigned readings;
- ii) *Lectures* to introduce and explain theoretical approaches and concepts on gender and diversity as well as contextualize these in the contexts of sustainable development;
- iii) *Assignment* (one page reflection paper) to critically reflect on the course materials including class discussions and apply these to the participant's own research;
- iv) *A Q&A workshop* with dr Wendy Harcourt to plenary discuss literature and assignments;

Participants are expected to read and prepare their thoughts on readings in advance of the preparatory session date, and to participate fully in discussions in class. The discussions will be chaired and guided by the coordinator. After the Q&A workshop, participants will write one page paper to critically reflect on the readings, the public lecture, and discussions and to discuss their relevance to their own research (due 17:00, June 21).

Requirements and ECTS

Individuals who follow the entire course may receive up to 0.5 credits (according to European Credit Transfer System). The course is pass or fail. In order to pass the course, participants must 1) read the required readings prior to the preparatory session; 2) attend the preparatory session, the public lecture and the Q&A session; and 3) write one page reflection paper in sufficient quality.

Location

The sessions will be held in building "De Leeuwenborch", Hollandseweg 1 in Wageningen, The Netherlands. The exact rooms will be announced later.

Registration

Registration is possible electronically via the WASS courses page:

<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/PhD-Programme/Graduate-Schools/Wageningen-School-of-Social-Sciences/Courses/Registration.htm>

The maximum number of participants is set at 20, the minimum at 10.

Please make sure that you provide the most recent contact details so that in case of any changes you will be notified promptly. After your internet registration you will receive a short notification that your name has been registered. At least two weeks before the course you will receive a confirmation about the location and the schedule. WASS will also send an invoice to the address indicated in the registration form.

Please e-mail to Marcella.Haan@wur.nl in case you have not received the second confirmation two weeks before the course.

Cancellations

Cancellations may be made free of charge until 1 month before the start of the course. Cancellation fee of 100 % applies if participants cancel the course less than 1 month prior to the course. The organisers have a right to cancel the course not later than 1 month before the course starts. The participants will be notified of any changes at their e-mail addresses.

Further information

On course content please contact the course coordinator Chizu Sato (Sociology of Consumption and Households). She can be reached through chizu.sato@wur.nl.

On WASS: www.wageningenur.nl/wass

For details about the logistics, accommodation, registration, fees, study materials, etc. please contact Marcella Haan

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Useful information on accommodation for participants from outside Wageningen

Wageningen International Centre,
Hof van Wageningen: 75 euro for 1 person room, 98.50 euros for 2 persons room (including breakfast) <http://www.hofvanwageningen.nl/>

Hotel de Wageningseberg: 62.50 euro 1 person room, 97.50 euro for 2 persons room (including breakfast) www.wageningseberg.com

Hotel Nol in 't Bosch: 83,50 euro for 1 person room, 110 euro for 2 persons room, also including breakfast; <http://www.nolintbosch.nl/>

Hotel de Nieuwe Wereld (Hotel School): 50-60 euro for a 1 person room.
<http://www.denieuwewereld.nl> (only in Dutch)

Bed&Breakfast De Heksenspeeltuin:
25 euro for a 1 person room
Eindhovenstraat 15, 6706JA Wageningen
Phone: +31 317-418161
E-mail: callyd@zonnet.nl
www.heksenspeeltuin.nl

Villaria Bed en Breakfast:
32-38 euro for a 1 person room
Nassauweg 21, 6703CG Wageningen
Phone: +31 317-419636
Emai: villaria@hari.demon.nl

Ons Bakhuus Bed & Breakfast:
25 euro for a 1 person room
Dolderstraat 64, 6706 JG Wageningen
Phone.:+31 317-411994
E-mail: janny.wijbo@chello.nl

Knollywood Bed & Breakfast:
35 euro for a 1 person room
L. Roggeveenstraat 39, 6708 SL Wageningen
Phone: +31 317-420970
E-mail: Knollywood@hetnet.nl

De Herbergh Bed & Breakfast:
45 euro for a 1 person room
Generaal Foulkesweg 8, 6703 BR Wageningen
Phone: +31 317-410747
E-mail: glindenbergh@wanadoo.nl

Het Torentje Bed & Breakfast:
60 euro for a 1 person room
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e-mail: info@het-torentje.nl
website: <http://www.het-torentje.nl>

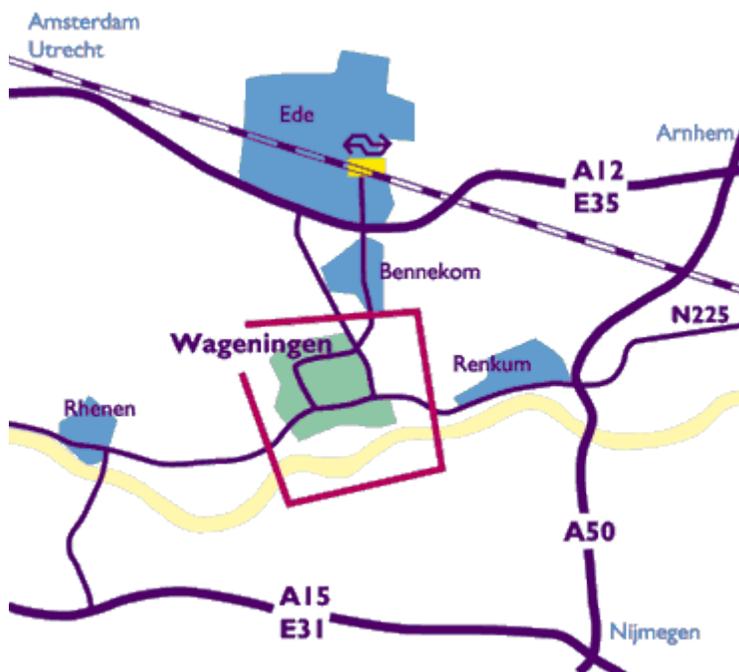
From Schiphol Amsterdam Airport to Wageningen

At the Airport you can buy a train ticket in the 'arrivals' area by the baggage claims. You will see the sign "Train tickets" near the exit. Then follow the signs 'Nederlandse Spoorwegen' (NS) or 'Trains and busses' to the railway station.

Purchase a one-way ticket to the Ede-Wageningen train station, this will cost € 14,10 (plus a service charge if you buy the ticket at the ticket counter). It is also possible to buy the ticket from the ticket vending machines in the station.

There are direct connections from Schiphol Amsterdam Airport to Ede-Wageningen every 30 minutes. Additionally, twice an hour there is a connecting service from Schiphol to Ede-Wageningen where you have to change trains in Utrecht. The destination boards on the platform will indicate the different stations where the train will stop. Check for the names Ede-Wageningen or Utrecht and board the train and when necessary change in Utrecht. The trip from Schiphol to Ede-Wageningen takes you a bit more than one hour.

For Dutch train connections use www.ns.nl, www.thalys.com, www.db.de



The train station is not located directly in Wageningen. This lack is fully compensated by fair means of transportation by buses and taxis. From railway station Ede-Wageningen you can take a taxi (approx.15 min.). Taxis leave at the north side of the station. You can also come by bus: line 52 (direction Wageningen/ Arnhem) departs from the north side of the station or bus line 88 (Valleilijn, direction Wageningen) leaves from the south side of the station. You have to purchase a ticket from the driver in the bus, which will cost about 2 euros.