



Wageningen School
of Social Sciences

Gender & Diversity in Sustainable Development

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

Introduction & objectives of the course

Inequality lies at the center of current debates about sustainable development, from which a number of policy issues, including Sustainable Development Goals, emanate. Yet, how social (in)equality contributes to creating sustainable development often remains invisible in research. This course enables participants to recognize linkages between gender and diversity and sustainable development in a contemporary globalising world. The topics covered in this course are:

- Introduction: key concepts in gender studies
- Trends from a historical perspective
- Economics: macro and micro perspectives
- Work and care
- Population and migration
- Food security and governance
- Environment and natural resource management
- Global politics

The last topic will be covered in a public lecture by Prof. dr. Melissa Leach (the Director of the International Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK) who will connect global policy and local practice in support of sustainable development from a gender and diversity perspective.

Topics will be surveyed from perspectives that attend to the intersecting diverse dimensions of inequality, such as gender, race, ethnicity, social class, and nation, to mention just a few. Intersectional perspectives will be put in context in time and place to explain changing constructions, perceptions and interpretations of inequality. This course examines sustainability historically, as well as both in the global South and the global North, illuminating differences across time and geographical locations and their dynamic interactions.

This course will be a seminar. We will take a highly interactive learner-centered approach that combines short lectures with group-based learning activity and discussion. A series of instructors with gender and diversity expertise from WUR and other universities will discuss the relevance of the themes discussed in our class to their own domains.

Course participants are expected to write a short statement (max. 1 page A4) one week prior to the 1st session to: 1) introduce who they are in terms of disciplinary background and education; 2) outline gender and diversity issues in sustainable development which 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 gender and diversity. Participants following this course will learn gender and social differences as an intersecting analytical category in the study of sustainable development by applying various perspectives to concrete cases.

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

- draw on a diversity of theoretical approaches and concepts to the study of gender and diversity issues in sustainable development;
- critically reflect on theoretical approaches and concepts and evaluate their value for research on sustainable development;
- use a gender and diversity perspective in their own research project;
- formulate whether and how elements of the theoretical approaches and concepts could contribute to the participant's 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 300 euros. For all other participants and for staff members (fellows/post docs), there is a fee of 600 euros for the whole course (including tea/coffee).

Session Times & Outline of the Course in Hours

Date & Time	Topics	Instructors
Sept 20, 9:30-12:30	Introduction	Chizu Sato (SCH)
Sept 22, 9:30-12:30	Trends from a historical perspective	Margreet van der Burg (SSG)
Sept 26, 9:30-12:30	Economics: macro and micro perspectives	Janneke Pieters (DEC)
Sept 28, 9:30-12:30	Food security and governance	Jessica Duncan (RSO)
Sept 30, 9:30-12:30	Work and care	Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk (RHI)
Oct 4, 9:30-12:30	Population and migration	Bettina Bock (RSO)
Oct 6, 9:30-12:30	Environment and natural resource management	Elisabet Rasch (SDC)
Oct 12, afternoon	Public lecture on Global politics	Prof. dr. Melissa Leach
Oct 14, 9:30-12:30	Presentations	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23
9:30-12:30	Preparation (6 hrs)	Introduction	Preparation (6 hrs)	Trends	Preparation (6 hrs)
PM		Reflection		Reflection	
	Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30
9:30-12:30	Economics	Preparation (6 hrs)	Food security	Preparation (6 hrs)	Care
PM					
	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7
9:30-12:30	Preparation (6 hrs)	Population	Preparation (6 hrs)	Environment	
PM		Reflection		Reflection	
	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14
9:30-12:30		Preparation (6 hrs)		Reflection	Presentations
PM			Public lecture on Politics & discussions	Preparations for presentations	Meta-reflection

(A detailed programme including readings will be communicated later)

Course materials

Required text (please download the book from the website or purchase it on your own before the course starts):

Leach, M. (Ed.). (2015). *Gender equality and sustainable development*. London: Routledge.

<http://www.tandfebooks.com/doi/book/10.4324/9781315686455>

Additional readings will be made available before the course starts by the course coordinator.

Teaching methods

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

- i) *Lectures* to introduce and explain theoretical approaches and concepts on gender and diversity as well as contextualize these in the contexts of sustainable development;
- ii) *Self-study* to prepare participants for in-class discussions and to develop the understanding of the theoretical approaches and concepts discussed;

- iii) *Assignments* (portfolio: a one page reflection paper after each session and a meta reflection paper at the end of the course, to be specified further) to critically reflect on the course materials including class discussions and apply these to the participant's own research;
- iv) *A workshop with a special guest lecturer* to plenary discuss literature and assignments;
- v) *Presentations* by participants.

Participants are expected to read and prepare their thoughts on readings in advance of the seminar date (approximately 6 hours for each session), and to participate fully in discussions in class. The discussions will be chaired and guided by the instructor of the session together with the course coordinator. After each class, participants will write a one page paper to critically reflect on the readings, lectures, and discussions and to discuss their relevance to their own research. These reflection papers will be compiled as a portfolio to be used as a basis for their presentations. After the presentations, participants will complete the portfolio with a short meta reflection paper, engaging the collection of the reflection papers they wrote and the comments they received during the presentations.

Requirements and ECTS

Individuals who follow the entire course may receive up to 4 credits (according to European Credit Transfer System). The course is pass or fail. In order to pass the course, participants must 1) attend all sessions and presentations; 2) write eight one page reflection papers in sufficient quality; 3) make a presentation on the relevance of the course materials to their own research in sufficient quality on the last day; and 4) write a meta reflection on their learning.

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
 Einthovenstraat 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
 Email: 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
 Nassauweg 19, 6703 CG Wageningen
 Phone: +31 (0)6 55 802 865
 e-mail: info@het-torentje.nl
 website: <http://www.het-torentje.nl>

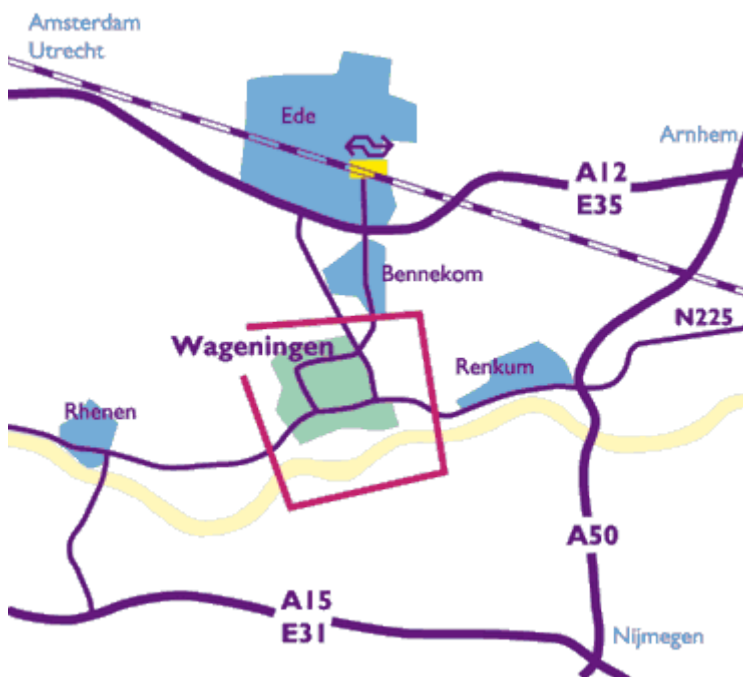
From Schiphol Amsterdam Airport to Wageningen

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.