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## Gender, Rights and Health

*A distance learning course*

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Health programmes and health policies are often developed without taking into consideration the gender dimensions and rights perspective into consideration. Global health policies and programmes influence local level programmes, and without a gender and rights perspective may even worsen the situation of local communities.

This course equips participants with concepts, tools and analytical frameworks to analyse health programmes, policies and research from a gender and rights perspective. Participants will gain insight, knowledge and understanding of how health issues affect men and women differently, as well as how their rights can be respected and realised. The governance of health will be discussed and participants will write a research based health policy or a research proposal from a gender and rights perspective.

### Course content

The following subjects are reviewed during the course:

- Gender concepts, gender analysis, including: Social Relations of Gender, Institutional Production and Reproduction of Gender, Gender Analysis tools
- Gender and health analysis frameworks and how to apply a gender analysis to health
- Gender, Rights and Health, including: Health equity, Gender equity and Gender equality, Human Rights and Women's Rights, Right to Health and Health Care
- Gender, Health and Global Policies, including: Global milestones in development of gender discourse, UN Conferences and initiatives, WHO, World Bank, international agencies and Gender, MDGs
- Gender analysis of health problems and diseases, including: Communicable diseases (e.g. TB, HIV/AIDS), Urban Health, Maternal Health, Coronary vascular diseases
- Neglected issues, including: Sexual Rights and Health, Gender Based Violence
- Health governance and gender, including: Health systems (including Human Resources), decentralization, accountability, Quality assurance, Public private provision and regulation

### Objectives

At the end of the module the participants should be able to:

- Describe gender concepts, tools and gender analysis
- Apply 'gender and health' analysis frameworks to analyze health programmes, health policies and health research
- Critically analyse the development of global health policies and programmes from a gender, equity and rights perspective
- Analyse health problems and diseases from a gender and rights perspective
- Appraise the current state of health governance at national and local level from a gender equity perspective
- Design a research based health policy or a research proposal from a gender and rights perspective

### About KIT

The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) is an independent centre of knowledge and expertise in the areas of international and intercultural cooperation. The aims of KIT are to contribute to sustainable development, poverty alleviation, and cultural preservation and exchange. Within the Netherlands, it seeks to promote interest in and support for these issues.

KIT has organized courses and training workshops on gender and development for over 20 years. KIT's gender courses and training workshops are geared towards development practitioners working at different institutional levels ranging from women's activist organizations, NGOs and research institutions to national governments and UN agencies. The courses are often developed in collaboration with partner organizations in the South.





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### Learning methods

- The course takes place in a Virtual Learning Community: a web-based e-learning environment
- Online reading of handouts and web-based resources, presentations
- Online exercises such as quizzes and case studies
- Moderated discussions (1 hour per week)
- Tutorials: online feedback and guidance from tutor one hour per week

### Assessment

- Assignment: a research-based health policy from a gender and rights perspective or a research proposal from a gender and rights perspective
- Exercises, including quizzes and case study analyses

### Trainers

Renu Khanna (MBA) worked closely with the Bombay Municipal Corporation from 1992 to 2003. From 1992 to 1997, she coordinated the social aspects of a study on Pelvic Inflammatory Disease amongst Slum Women. In the second phase, Renu was one of the three Co-Investigators of the Women Centred Health Project to mainstream gender in a public health system. Renu has also been a Gender, rights and Health trainer for senior health officers of the Government of India and State Health Departments. She has coordinated an interdisciplinary group to draft a PHA for the state of Gujarat.

Maitrayee Mukhopadhyay, Ph.D, is a social anthropologist specialized in social development with a focus on gender and development. She has expertise in social and institutional analysis, citizenship and rights in development and integration of equity concerns across sectors in policy development, programme and project planning, monitoring and evaluation. She has extensive experience and skills in applied and action-oriented research, development education and training and has several publications in her fields of expertise.

### Admission information

#### Admission criteria

- Academic training or professional qualification in a relevant area equivalent to BSc level
- At least 2 years professional experience in a related area which must include public health management and planning in a low or middle income country
- Proficiency in spoken and written English (TOEFL 550 or IELTS 6.0)
- Access to internet connection

#### Application procedure

The application package is due two months before the start of the course. Please send the following documents:

- A completed application form
- A certified true copy of diplomas and grade reports accompanied by a certified translation if they are not in English
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A 1 page motivation letter

#### Application deadline

24 September 2010

#### Tuition fees

€ 800

#### Mode of delivery

Online distance learning through a Virtual Learning Community.



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## Practical information

### Location

Online distance learning through a Virtual Learning Community.

### Funding

The arrangement of financial support to cover all study costs is the responsibility of the applicant. KIT does not offer financial support or fellowships.

### ECTS

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) facilitates the transfer of course credits between different institutions of the same academic level. A study load of 30 hours of formal teaching and private study is equivalent to one ECTS credit point.

This course is equivalent for 4 ECTS.

- Total online contact time: **30 hours**  
(per week: 1 hour as tutorial, 2 hours in unguided peer group discussions)
- Self-directed learning: **90 hours**
- Total student investment time: **120 hours**  
(per week: about 12 hours)

### Accreditation

This course is accredited by tropEd, a network of European institutions for higher education in international health. The course can be taken as an advanced module for the Master in International Health programme organized by KIT and other institutes in the tropEd network.

### Contact information

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- International Course in Health Development / Master of Public Health
- Master of Public Health - Specialization in HIV/AIDS
- Master in International Health
- Certificate Programme in Multisectoral Responses to HIV/AIDS

### **Short courses**

#### ***Health and Development***

- Gender, Rights and Health
- Governance and Human Resources for Health
- Health Systems Research
- Human Resources Development for Health
- Health Policy & Financing
- Control Strategies for Infectious and Non-Communicable Diseases
- Sexual and Reproductive Health including HIV/AIDS
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Disease Control Programmes
- Advanced Course on Monitoring and Evaluation: Innovations in a Dynamic Health Systems Environment
- Advanced Course on Health Sector Reforms & Financing
- Implementing Quality Management for Diagnostic Laboratories

#### ***HIV and AIDS***

- Certificate Programme
- Dynamics of the HIV and AIDS Epidemics and Effective Responses
- HIV Politics, Policy, Governance and Planning Mechanisms
- Health Sector Responses to HIV

#### ***Gender, Rights and Development***

- Tailor-made Training
- International and Regional Training Courses

#### ***Sustainable Economic Development***

- Local Governance for Rural Development
- Décentralisation Rurale et Gouvernance Locale
- Facilitating Value Chain Development and Actor Empowerment
- Tailor-made training