

## **Gender and Natural Resources Management**

*A Graduate Seminar for the Masters in Climate and Society*  
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9:00am-12:00pm

**Location:** Columbia University, Schermerhorn Extension Room 603

### **Seminar Objective:**

To provide students with an introduction to connections between gender and natural resource management through readings, website review, and discussion.

### **Required Reading:**

Please read the following (approximating 60 pages in total). Most of the readings below are downloadable. Remaining readings will be emailed to you directly. Please, do be sure to review all readings before the seminar in that they will be crucial to discussion/activities. It is suggested that they be read in the following order:

**1. The Struggle to Govern the Commons (2003)**

T. Dietz, E. Ostrom ; P. Stern  
Science, 302, pp1907-1912

Downloadable: [www.conservationcommons.org/media/document/document-7e8akm.pdf](http://www.conservationcommons.org/media/document/document-7e8akm.pdf)

**2. Women and the Environment (2004)**

United Nations Environment Programme  
ISBN No: 92-807-2442-8

**Selection: Chapters 2 & 6**

Full text downloadable: <http://www.wedo.org/files/WomenandtheEnvironment.pdf>

**3. Gender and Collective Action: Policy Implications from Recent Research (2007)**

L. Pandolfelli, S. Dohrn, and R. Meinzen-Dick.

CAPRI Policy Brief 5. Washington DC: IFPRI. January 2007.

Downloadable: [http://www.capri.cgiar.org/pdf/polbrief\\_05.pdf](http://www.capri.cgiar.org/pdf/polbrief_05.pdf)

**4. Women as a Major Group Key Policy Action for Mainstreaming Gender in CSD-15 (PDF will be emailed)**

**5. There Will be No Climate Justice Without Gender Justice, POSITION PAPER UNFCCC COP 13, Bali, Indonesia, Dec, 2007**

Downloadable:

[http://www.gendercc.net/fileadmin/inhalte/Dokumente/UNFCCC\\_conferences/gender\\_cc\\_positionpaper\\_future\\_climate\\_regime.pdf](http://www.gendercc.net/fileadmin/inhalte/Dokumente/UNFCCC_conferences/gender_cc_positionpaper_future_climate_regime.pdf)

**6. Gender - missing links in financing climate change adaptation and mitigation**, Position Paper UNFCCC COP13, 2007

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[http://www.gendercc.net/fileadmin/inhalte/Dokumente/UNFCCC\\_conferences/gender\\_cc\\_financing\\_positionpaper\\_bali\\_final.pdf](http://www.gendercc.net/fileadmin/inhalte/Dokumente/UNFCCC_conferences/gender_cc_financing_positionpaper_bali_final.pdf)

**7. Agrofuels are No Solution to Climate Change**, Position Paper UNFCCC COP13 , 2007

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Downloadable:

[http://www.gendercc.net/fileadmin/inhalte/Dokumente/UNFCCC\\_conferences/MADRE-gendercc\\_positionpaper-agrofuels\\_final.pdf](http://www.gendercc.net/fileadmin/inhalte/Dokumente/UNFCCC_conferences/MADRE-gendercc_positionpaper-agrofuels_final.pdf)

**8. Changing the Climate: Why Women's Perspectives Matter (2007)**

Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)

Downloadable: <http://www.wedo.org/library.aspx?ResourceID=180>

**Recommended Reading:**

**(DRAFT) 2008 Gender and Climate Summary,**

A Report for the U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

To be read online: <http://www.climatecaucus.net/chapterongender.htm>

**Common Ground (2003)**

Women's Access to Natural Resources and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Downloadable: <http://www.wedo.org/library.aspx?ResourceID=9>

**Gender, Property Rights, and Natural Resources**

Meinzen-Dick, Ruth S., Lynn Brown, Hilary Feldstein and Agnes Quisumbing. 1997.. World Development 25 (8) 1303-1315.

Downloadable: [www.ifpri.org/divs/fcnd/dp/papers/dp29.pdf](http://www.ifpri.org/divs/fcnd/dp/papers/dp29.pdf)

**Case study and website search**

Please find one short summary of a "case study" concerning gender and natural resources management issues. You do not need to write a report/summary of this case study. Just read the report/summary, bring a hard copy to the seminar and be prepared to share! This could be relating to impacts, program implementation, policy development, or other components of the issues. Some of the websites below may be helpful:

Women for Climate Justice <http://www.gendercc.net/>

IUCN Gender Programme [www.genderandenvironment.org](http://www.genderandenvironment.org)

Women's Environment and Development Organization [www.wedo.org](http://www.wedo.org)

Genanet [www.genanet.de](http://www.genanet.de)

Madre [www.madre.org](http://www.madre.org)

Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) <http://www.awid.org>

Gender and Water Alliance [www.genderandwater.org/](http://www.genderandwater.org/)

Women in Europe for a common future [www.wecf.org/](http://www.wecf.org/)

Gender in Development Program [www.undp.org/gender/](http://www.undp.org/gender/)  
Womenwatch [www.un.org/womenwatch/](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/)  
UNICEF [www.unicef.org/gender/](http://www.unicef.org/gender/)  
Wiki Navigating Gender - UN-INSTRAW Wiki  
[www.un-instraw.org/wiki/training/index.php/Navigating\\_Gender](http://www.un-instraw.org/wiki/training/index.php/Navigating_Gender)  
UNIFEM [www.womenwarpeace.org/](http://www.womenwarpeace.org/)  
CGIAR [http://www.capri.cgiar.org/themes\\_gender.asp](http://www.capri.cgiar.org/themes_gender.asp)  
ENERGIA [http://www.capri.cgiar.org/themes\\_gender.asp](http://www.capri.cgiar.org/themes_gender.asp)  
Others?

**Questions to think about for discussion (you do not need to prepare this beforehand!):**

- Does gender matter in natural resources management? Why?
- Is gender a “cultural” issue? How does it affect how we view/interact with our environment? Are these separate?
- Who is impacted by environmental decisions/resource management? Are impacts equal across populations?
- What are some of the “trends” in policy development happening in regards to gender and the environment?
- At what levels is this being accomplished (i.e. local, regional, national)?
- Is it happening with policy? On-the-ground implementation? Impacts? Where?
- In your opinion, what are the policy “next steps” in regards to gender and natural resources management? At what scale? Where do we start?
- In your opinion, what role does and/or can the scientific community play in gender and natural resources management issues?
- When talking about gender—what does it mean?

**Climate and Gender**

After discussing these questions, we will work to expand upon recommendations/issues pertaining to climate and gender issues. How will climate change affect changes in gender roles and natural resources management? Increased globalization? Other international/regional trends?