

Michigan State University Introduces:

**Gender, Sustainable Agriculture, and Natural Resource Management:
An International Short Course for Planners and Policy Makers**

Development institutions have come to understand that if agriculture is to be sustainable and natural resource management effective, then both men and women must participate directly in these processes. This multi-disciplinary short course will provide those working in NGOs, government ministries, universities, and the private sector with the gender-sensitive tools and skills necessary to carry out successful program development, policy making, and research in the areas of natural resource management and sustainable agricultural development.

Michigan State University (MSU) is recognized as a center of excellence in gender studies, natural resource management, agriculture, international development, and area studies. Its *Women and International Development (WID) Program*—the longest-standing program of its kind in the US—offers a wide array of resources to students, researchers, policy makers, and activists. Faculty from the *Gender, Justice and Environmental Change Program*, administered by WID, will lead this two-week short course. The course will acquaint participants with the latest in literature, theory, research methodology, and information media focusing on gender, sustainable agriculture, and natural resource management. Participants will be assigned MSU faculty mentors who will work with them to develop projects and to access MSU's world-renowned area studies collections, internet, and other resources.

Course Information:

Dates: May 15-27, 2005

Application Deadline: April 1, 2005

Registration Fee: \$250 (non-refundable)

Course Fee: \$2,950

* Course fee includes the instruction fee, information packages, local travel, meals, and lodging expenses. Course fee is non-refundable after April 15, 2005. Travel to and from East Lansing, Michigan, USA, is not included.

Course Objectives:

The course will:

- Introduce you to issues related to ecological and agricultural systems, natural resource management, environmental policy, and gender studies.
- Provide you with training in the most effective research tools and methods for gender analysis in research on agricultural, natural resource, and environmental topics.
- Permit you to focus on a project directly related to your work in your home country with guidance from an MSU faculty mentor.

Course Components:

- Theories and concepts in gender, sustainable agriculture, and natural resource management
- Research methods for gender-sensitive research and policy making
 - Participatory rural appraisal and participatory action research
 - Ethnographic tools, including interviewing, surveys, life histories, focus groups, and participant observation
 - Statistical analysis of qualitative and quantitative socio-economic data collected concurrently with biological data
- Internet search skills and introduction to virtual resources
- Library resources and interaction with MSU's Area Studies Librarians
- Field visits to relevant local environmental and agricultural organizations
- Faculty mentorship to support development of individual projects

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