

## Theme 2 *Southern scholarship on knowledge production*

- Objectives
- To introduce students to a diversity of scholarship on gender and related issues;
  - To help students appreciate some of the barriers to the dissemination of Southern scholarship;
  - To help students develop an understanding of how we can get beyond divides such as "Northern/Southern", and endorse bodies of scholarship which are representative of global diversity.
- Focus questions
- What do Southern scholars tell us about how we should approach the study of gender?
- Relevant cases
- Gender and Women Studies for Africa's Transformation website, see the section on *Feminist Knowledge* and *Africa's Feminist Thinkers* ([link](#))
  - Review of Women's Studies, *Economic and Political Weekly*, a leading social science journal from India. The review is published annually, for a recent issue, see VOL 41 No. 42 Oct 21 - October 27, 2006. Specially "Is 'Gender' Easy to Study? Some Reflections", and "Making Space for Feminist Social Critique in Contemporary Kerala" ([link](#))

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