

Theme 6 *Gender and Development: Various Topics*

- Objectives
- To learn to view the process of development as a contested ideological, political and cultural terrain
 - To move beyond the understanding of development as a set of discrete issues
 - To develop a holistic notion of development
 - To learn how to ground development theory and practice in the agency and every day lives of women
 - To develop a critical understanding of the gender construction of violence and conflicts and how they affect women differently;
 - To assess the effects of globalization on the environment and women;
 - To learn about the many challenges women face in relation to their sexual and reproductive health;
- Focus questions
- How are women targeted and affected by different forms of violence? How structural, sexual, physical, and psychological violence contribute in disempowering women and what are the consequences on their community building strategies? What have been organised women's responses to the challenges posed by the increasing privatisation of natural resources? How have women been affected by the restructuring of health policies and at what cost?
- Relevant cases
- Female infanticide, violence and declining sex ratio in India ([link](#))
 - Several discussions on violence in Latin America in the volumes of *Debate Feminista* ([link](#))
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