# Syllabus

## Instructor Information

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## Course Information

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<th>Course title</th>
<th>Aesthetics, Values, and Authority: Women's Issues Worldwide</th>
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<td>Course description</td>
<td>This course serves as a third year seminar of the Honors College. We will be dealing with women's issues worldwide, as affected by aesthetics, values, and authority.</td>
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## Course Goals

In this course we have various goals:

1. We hope to get an understanding of some of the worldwide differences between men and women, as affected by aesthetics, values, and authority.

2. We will participate in the community with a service learning experience dealing with community institutions serving women in need.

3. We will participate in the learning community by presenting our major research findings in academic conferences/exhibitions/competitions/etc.
4. In this course we will fulfill FIU requirements of getting students involved in oral class presentations and undertaking research over the Internet.

**Academic Integrity**

**Procedures**

FIU is a learning community and we are expected to act as moral beings governed by a sense of ethics. The University's Code of Academic Integrity was adopted by the Student Government Association on November 28, 2001 and reflects the values articulated in the Student Code of Standards.

In this course we follow these standards, and if you decide not to comply with them, you will be recommended for expulsion from FIU.

Citing from a letter to all students from Dr. Ken Johnson we get an explanation of the two most frequent instances of academic misconduct:

**Cheating:**

... which is the unauthorized use of books, notes, aids or assistance from another person with respect to examinations course assignments, filed service reports, class recitations or possession of examination papers of course materials whether originally authorized or not. Any Student helping another cheat may be found guilty of academic misconduct.

**Plagiarism:**

... consisting of the deliberate use and appropriation of another's work without any indication of the source and the passing off of such work as the student's own. Any student who fails to give credit for ideas or materials taken from another is guilty of plagiarism. Any Student helping another to plagiarize may be found guilty of academic misconduct. (*Student Handbook* p. 136)

Students who are brought up on charges of academic misconduct face possible penalties that range from failure of the course to expulsion.

**Course Requirements**

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<th>Introduction</th>
<th>Grading in this course will come from various sources.</th>
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<td>In each semester, students will be evaluated as follows:</td>
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<td>1. Class participation and involvement in the topic under discussion</td>
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2. Service learning experience, with written reports and class presentations (15%)
3. Two book reviews to be selected from the bibliography provided, with written reports and oral presentations (10% each one)
4. Three research papers with corresponding written reports (5 pages minimum) and class presentations (15% each one).
5. Reviews of videos shown in class (5%).

**Service Learning Experience**

The Service-Learning experience will be coordinated with the FIU Volunteer Action Center (VAC) located at GC-354. Please visit their office and arrange to offer volunteer work to a non-profit agency dealing with women issues in Miami-Dade, Monroe or Broward Counties. You are expected to work a minimum of 15 hours during the semester and you will be submitting a report and a journal of your service-learning experience.

**Meeting Service Learning Requirement**

**Guidelines**

1. Students will select an agency in accordance with the Volunteer Action Center. Some possibilities include: Camillus House, Catholic Community Services' Angelica House, Department of Children and Families, Miami Rescue Mission, Miami Skills Center, New Life Family Shelter, Safe Space Shelter, Women in Distress of Broward County.

2. Participants will provide direct service according to agreements with the particular agencies involved.

3. The problems dealt by the agency should be related to women's issues, so as to make this a learning experience.

4. Students will keep a journal of their experience, to be handed in together with the written report.

5. The report, minimum of 5 pages, should include the following topics:
   (a) brief overview of the agency you are working with and the primary problems they are dealing with, and
   (b) reflect on your experiences according to what you were expecting and the most important things you learned.

**Calendar**

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Lesson 1

Lesson: Indices of Human Development and of Gender Development,
Objectives or Goals: To get an understanding of the indices developed by the United Nations to measure human development and gender development.
Topics:
1. Index of Human Development
2. Index of Gender Development
3. Empowerment Measure
Readings: The Human Development Report is available online at: http://www.undp.org

The Human Development Report offers information for more than 170 countries. We plan to concentrate on the following representative countries:
Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.
If you are interested in studying additional countries, get approval before proceeding.

Assignments:
1. Explain the indices of human and gender development as developed by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).
2. Discuss advantages and disadvantages of using these indices. What are the possible alternatives to compare the status of men and women?
3. Write a report (5 pages minimum) and make a class presentation on the status of women in comparison to men in five of the countries indicated.

Lesson 2

Lesson: Women in Today's World
Objectives or Goals: To study and understand global gender gaps.
Goals

Topics
1. Education
2. Employment
3. Marriage and Divorce
4. Family Planning
5. Health
6. Violence Against Women

Readings

This book is available in the Reference Section of the Green Library.

Assignments
Although this document offers information for 140 countries, we will continue to concentrate on the following representative countries: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Isarael, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

If you are interested in studying additional countries, get approval before proceeding.

Updating the data offered by Neft and Levine, write a report (5 pages minimum) and make an oral presentation, discussing the status of women in one of these countries, in terms of the six topics under consideration: (1) education, (2) employment, (3) marriage and divorce, (4) family planning, (5) health, and (6) violence against women.

Lesson 3

Lesson Progress of the World's Women

Objectives or Goals To examine the progress of the world's women in the last 20 years.

Topics
1. Education
2. Women in decision making positions
3. Work environment
4. HIV/AIDS
5. Globalization
6. Other topics of interest, after consultation with the instructor

Readings

Assignments

Using these two documents from the United Nations, write a report (5 pages minimum) and make an oral presentation of the progress of women in the last 20 years in one of the countries under consideration.

Book Reviews

Requirements

For review, during each semester, you will select two books from the list provided under Bibliography. In order to avoid duplication, please inform the books of your choice as soon as possible. For each book review you will write a report (2 pages minimum) and make a class presentation.

Annotated Bibliography

The following annotated bibliography are some of the books and documents, organized by topics, available from Women, Ink. For a complete list, visit their website at: http://www.womenink.org

1. Armed Conflict and Peace Process

Women, War and Peace: The Independent Experts’ Assessment on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Women and Women’s Role in Peace-building
Elisabeth Rehn & Ellen Johnson Sirleaf BR> Progress of the World's Women 2002 (volume 1) The voices of women, their experiences during war and their struggles to build peace are at the heart of this report by independent experts Elisabeth Rehn (Finland) and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Liberia). Because of the specific way in which women are targeted during conflict, and because Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security called for further study, UNIFEM appointed the two women, both politicians and government officials in their home countries, to travel to conflict areas, interview women and bring their concerns to the attention of the United Nations and the world. The report covers many areas of concern, from the gender dimensions of violence and displacement during conflict to the role of peacekeepers and the need for women to play a central part during peace negotiations and reconstruction. Key recommendations focus on finding ways to protect and empower women.

Gender Violence: The Hidden War Crime, Women, Law and Development International
In large part due to women's lobbying efforts, the international community has begun to see sexual violence against women during armed conflicts as a war crime and to define rape as a form of torture. This book explores which international, regional and national mechanisms protect civilian women against such violence; why
women find difficulty in getting access to an effective legal recourse procedure; and what improvements are necessary to prevent, and protect women from, state violence. 1998. 133 pages. WE401Y. US$10.00

2. Culture and Religion

Female Circumcision Controversy, The: An Anthropological Perspective Ellen Gruenbaum Drawing on over five years of fieldwork in Sudan, this title shows that the practices of female circumcision are deeply embedded in Sudanese cultural traditions—in religious, moral, and aesthetic values, and in ideas about class, ethnicity, and gender. The author's research illuminates both the resistance to and the acceptance of change. She shows that change is occurring as the result of economic and social developments, the influences of Islamic activists, the work of Sudanese health educators, and the efforts of educated African women. Gruenbaum points out that Western outrage and Western efforts to stop genital mutilation often provoke a strong backlash from people in the countries where the practice is common. She explores both outsider and insider perspectives on female circumcision, concentrating particularly on the complex attitudes of the individuals and groups who practice it and on indigenous efforts to end it. Includes glossary and bibliography. 2001. 244 pages. ISBN: 0-8122-1746-2. WE 563. US$24.95.

Gender, Religion and Spirituality Caroline Sweetman (Ed.) Articles in this collection, from Oxfam’s Focus on Gender series, survey the impact of religion and spirituality on women’s lives, on communities, and on development work. Written by contributors of many faiths, and none, they explore the complex links between social and economic development and religious and spiritual belief, and assess the costs to development of ignoring these links. The threat to women’s human rights from religious fundamentalists—both Islamic and Christian—is addressed, and contributors also analyze the complex relationship between culture, religion, and feminism, and how this is played out in gender and development work in countries of the South. List of resources. 1998. 87 pages. ISBN 0-85598-426-0. WE482W. US$12.95

Islam, Gender and Social Change Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad & John L. Esposito (Eds.) These essays examine the impact the religious, historical and political reconstruction of Islam has had on gender. It reveals a much fuller portrait of Muslim women than the usual stereotype of passivity and repression, showing how women from North Africa to Southeast Asia are initiating change. Bibliography.
Women in Muslim Societies: Diversity Within Unity Herbert Bodman and Nayereh Tohidi (Eds.) Bringing together authors from a variety of disciplines, this book assesses the issues facing women in Muslim societies not only in the Middle East but also in Africa and Asia, including Post-Soviet Central Asia. It stresses the importance of historical context, local customs and policies in defining the status of Muslim women, and examines how women are coping with challenges such as modernity and conservative reaction. 1998. 309 pages. ISBN 1-55587-578-5. WE412X US$19.95

The Women, Gender and Development Reader Nalini Visvanathan, Lynn Duggan, Laurie Nisonoff and Nan Wiegersma (Eds.) Featuring some of the foremost writers in the women and development field, this reader makes an excellent basic text for new students as well as a worthy addition to any veteran scholar’s collection. It is divided into five parts: a review of the field’s key theories, the status of women in the household and family, women in the global economy, the impact of social change on women’s lives and women organizing for change. 1997. 396 pages. ISBN 1-85649-142-0. WE344Z. US$25.00

Women and Sexuality in Muslim Societies Pinar Ilkkaracan (Ed.) The control of women's sexuality continues to be one of the most powerful tools of patriarchy in many societies. The essays in this volume show that the sexual oppression of Muslim women is not the result of an Islamic vision of sexuality, but a combination of political, social and economic inequalities throughout the ages. The volume brings together female researchers, academics, activists, authors, poets and caricaturists from different countries that illuminate various aspects of women’s sexuality with analysis, research, literature and personal accounts. The contributors explore issues around: Islam, Sexuality and Sexual Politics\Pleasure, Desire and Love\Virginity, Marriage and Control of Women's Sexuality\Eroticism, Love and Sexuality Between Women\Sexual Harassment, Rape and Sexual Abuse\Diverse Practices, Diverse Strategies. 2000. 455 pages. ISBN: 975-7014-06-0. WE 562. US$20.00

3. Development

Gender in the 21st Century Caroline Sweetman (Ed.) This new addition to the Oxfam Focus on Gender series considers the key challenges facing development practitioners and policy-makers in a world where “McDonald’s outlets are located beside shanty towns and trafficked sex workers and international financiers increasingly
coexist within a few meters of each other.” The collection examines the positive and negative impacts of globalization and how these affect gender relations and shape women’s and men’s choices and chances. It includes innovative case studies of current gender-sensitive development work, focusing on topical issues such as the acknowledgement of sexuality as a development issue. List of resources. 2000. 119 pages. WE 506V. ISBN 0-85598-427-9. US$12.95

Understanding Gender Kamla Bhasin This useful booklet about the concept of ‘gender’ in feminism discourse deals with such difficult questions as the relationship between ‘gender’ and ‘woman’; the difference between ‘women and development’ and ‘gender and development’; gender and patriarchy; and how religion, caste and class affect gender relations. A must read for those involved in gender training and in women’s studies. 2000. 86 pages. ISBN: 81-86706-21-6. WE546. US$6.95

4. Education

Women’s Education in Developing Countries: Barriers, Benefits and Policies Elizabeth King and M. Anne Hill (Eds.) Despite the overwhelming evidence that educating women and girls benefits both individuals and their societies, women in most developing countries still receive less schooling than men. With region-specific chapters, this book examines the relationship between women’s education and development and assesses the strategies that have been used to improve schooling for girls. 1998. 337 pages. ISBN 0-8018-5828-3. WE409X. US$24.95

5. Employment

Counting for Nothing: What Men Value and What Women are Worth Marilyn Waring Deeply felt, clearly argued—and often humourous—this classic feminist analysis of women’s place in the world economy has been brought up to date with a sizeable new introduction. Waring mounts a sustained challenge to the idea that money payment is necessary for work to be done; that ‘work’, ‘labor’ and ‘economic activity’ are interchangeable. She argues that monetary value needs to be attributed to unpaid work—productive and reproductive—in order to make this work visible, influence policies and concepts, and question values. The book concludes with a call for action and a strategy for change. Bibliography. 1999 (second edition). 310 pages. ISBN 0-8020-8260-2. WE486W. US$21.95

Gender and Jobs: Sex Segregation of Occupations in the World
Richard Anker The segregation of men and women into different occupations is one of the most important and enduring aspects of labor markets around the world. Based on unusually detailed ILO data and covering a large number—as well as a broad range—of countries, this book provides a comprehensive analysis of the current situation. 1998. 444 pages. ISBN 92-2-109524-X. WE407X. US$40.00

No Sweat Fashion, Free Trade and the Rights of Garment Workers Andrew Ross (Ed.) No Sweat includes contributions from workers, activists, labor lawyers, trade unionists, industry executives, journalists and academics who are challenging the inequities of the new global economy. It puts the issue of labor squarely alongside the issue of style by looking, for example, at the connections between child labor in Bangladesh and runway couture in Milan, Paris and New York. Photographs; list of contacts. 1997. 314 pages. ISBN 1-85984-172-4. WE363Z. US$20.00

6. The Girl Child

Endangered Daughters Discrimination and Development in Asia Elisabeth Croll This unique book examines some of the reasons why large numbers of women and girls are ‘missing’ from the populations of countries across Asia. Bringing together demographic data and field studies, the book reveals the multiple ways in which girls are disadvantaged, from excessive child mortality to the withholding of health care and education. Focusing especially on China and India, this compelling account reveals the paradox of increasing daughter discrimination with rising economic development, declining fertility and the generally improved status of women. 2001. 207 pages. ISBN 0-41524-765-9. WE570. US$24.95

7. Globalization

The Globalized Woman Reports from a Future of Inequality Christa Wichterich Arguing that women all over the world have become the 'call-girls' of the global labor market, the author of this exceptional book uses a mixture of case studies, examples and quotations to illustrate some hard facts. She looks at the lives of women across the world to show how they have been turned upside down by industrialization in the South and a return to homeworking in the North. From New York to Phnom Penh, from Moscow to Dakar, we see the devastating effects of the unfettered power of transnational corporations on women's lives. This book charts that devastation and calls for urgent action by states—and by women themselves. Notes and bibliography. 2000. 180 pages. ISBN 1-85649-74-1. WE536.
Woman’s Role in Economic Development  
Ester Boserup  
Boserup analyzes how women have been affected by the breakdown in village-based production and by male migration to cities, and proposes new forms of education for women to ensure their participation in the modern labor force. This new edition of her classic work is superb background for all those concerned with women’s role in the development process. 1989. 288 pages. ISBN 1-853-83-0402. WE111Z. US$22.00

Women, Men and Economics  
The Gender-Differentiated Impact of Macroeconomics  
Lorraine Corner  
This monograph is especially concerned with the gender-differentiated consequences of the sometimes unrecognized impact of macroeconomic policy on individual women and men in developing countries. It argues that the lack of gender-awareness which characterizes the economics profession and its activities is partly a consequence of certain defects and deficiencies in its methodological apparatus. 1997. 82 pages. ISBN 0-912917-47-4. WE382Z. US$9.95

8. **Health and Sexuality**

Health Care of Women and Children in Developing Countries  
Helen M. Wallace, Kanti Giri and Carlos V. Serrano  
With over 70 essays by doctors, health-care practitioners, and policy-makers, this comprehensive volume begins with an overview of women’s health, including issues such as poverty, family planning programmes, and urbanization. It features sections on sexual and reproductive health; maternal and child health; and adolescent health. Bibliography; tables; graphs. 1995. 754 pages. ISBN 0-89914-043-2. WE301Z. US$34.95

Learning about Sexuality: A Practical Beginning  
Sondra Zeidenstein and Kirsten Moore (Eds.)  
This book is a unique tool for understanding how contraceptive use, sexually transmitted disease, and unwanted pregnancy are affected by the dynamics of sexuality and gender. It includes chapters on approaches to understanding the experience of sexuality; bringing sexuality into family planning services, reproductive health interventions, and biomedical research; and challenging entrenched attitudes and behavior. 1996. 404 pages. ISBN 0-878-34085-8. WE267Z. US$20.00

Where Women Have No Doctor  
A Health Guide for Women  
A. August Burns, Ronnie Lovich, Jane Maxwell and Kathy Shapiro  
This comprehensive community-based health book for women was
developed with the help of community-based groups, village health workers and women’s health experts in more than 30 countries. It combines medical information with an understanding of how poverty, discrimination, and culture affect women’s health and access to health care. Liberally illustrated. 1997. 600 pages. ISBN 0-942364-25-2. WE278Z. US$20.00

Women Coping with HIV/AIDS We Take It As It Is Judith van Woudenberg HIV and AIDS are particular risks for women in developing countries due to their low socioeconomic status, and their lack of power compared to men makes prevention more difficult. The report, based on a 14-month study in Zimbabwe, reaches into the experiences of 35 HIV-positive women, delineating their coping strategies and the support they needed and received. Ideal for policymakers, counselors and researchers involved in the care and support of those affected by HIV/AIDS, it can be used as a reference to determine what is important for women when developing and implementing activities intended to help them. Numerous quotations from the participants in the study reflect the concerns of the thousands of HIV-positive women around the world. 1998. 126 pages. WE517V. ISBN 90-6832-834-4. US$9.00

9. Human Rights

Female Genital Mutilation: An Overview This World Health Organization publication provides the information needed to understand both the social importance of the practice of female genital mutilation and the dangers it presents to the health of the women and girls who undergo it. It serves as a good introductory publication as it covers the technical aspects, provides research and background data and also outlines certain international agreements and actions related to this practice. 1998. 73 pages. ISBN 92-4-156191-2. WE451W. US$23.40

From Basic Needs to Basic Rights Women’s Claim to Human Rights Margaret A. Schuler (Ed.) The essays and case studies in this book focus on the struggle to create an effective and responsive system for enforcing women's human rights. Topics include: gender and hierarchy in human rights; social, economic, and reproductive rights; religious, cultural and ethnic identity challenges to the exercise of women's human rights; and strategic dimensions of the women's human rights movement. 1995. 597 pages. WE215Z. US$21.00

Rights of Women: A Guide to the Most Important UN Treaties on Women’s Human Rights. Written in simple non-legal language, Rights of Women provides a comprehensive review of women’s
human rights as defined by the most important United Nations human rights treaties. The book takes a “right by right” approach in describing the relevant conventions and includes effective strategies for using international law to better women’s human rights—from hosting a local tribunal to building a human rights community via the Internet. The manual also supplies a list of women’s human rights resources, regional ratification charts indicating which country has signed which treaties, and the full text of key international human rights documents. For legal scholars and local activists alike, this reader-friendly book provides both the theory and the tools for championing women’s human rights. 1998. 144 pages. ISBN 0-945006-00-4. WE150Z. US$15.95

Violence Against Women Caroline Sweetman (Ed.) Violence is both a human rights issue and an obstacle to women’s participation in development—and one that affects all of us. The World Health Organization estimates that at least one in five women has been physically or sexually abused by a man or men at some point in her life. The writers in this collection look at violence against women in a variety of different settings: in conflict and in peacetime; in the home and in public; as members of ‘different’ ethnic groupings; as children and as adults, providing a valuable overview of the many forms the violence can take. They focus on campaigning and advocacy as well as on work with women who have experienced violence in countries including Russia, Guinea-Bissau and India. 1998. 80 pages. ISBN 0-85598-401-5. WE443W. US$12.95

10. Politics/Women

Policy, Politics and Gender Women Gaining Ground Kathleen Staudt Staudt focuses on political activism and strategies that have influenced great change in state and international policies. A central premise of the book is that all institutions, both within and outside government, are sources and sites of struggle for equality and justice. Separate chapters are devoted to a gender analysis of key policy areas: education, work, reproductive health and violence. Bibliography. 1998. 243 pages. ISBN 1-56549-079-7. WE411X. US$24.95

11. Population and Reproductive Rights

Dangerous Intersections Feminist Perspectives on Population, Environment and Development Jael Silliman and Ynestra King (Eds.) This anthology offers a multicultural, international look at the issues of environment, development, and population control. It presents alternative voices and approaches to policies that focus on
the fertility of poor women of color in the North and in the South as the primary threat to the ecological viability of the planet. Feminist scholars and activists reveal the racism behind the scapegoating of women, the poor and immigrants as the source of major world problems, and present realistic solutions that rely on the ingenuity and resourcefulness of women—who thus become the central agents of their own fate. 1999. 283 pages. ISBN 0-89608-597-X. WE437W. US$20.00

12. Science and Technology

Gender and Technology Empowerment Empowering Women; Engendering Development Saskia Everts Everts demonstrates why gender awareness needs to be integrated into technology transfer, explores the technology needs of women and looks at how technology itself can empower--and disempower. Included are an overview of the gender and technology debate, a model training programme for successful technology transfer, and a list of issues to consider when introducing technology to women’s enterprises. Case studies; bibliography. 1998. 171 pages. ISBN 1-85649-658-9. WE416X. US$17.50

Gender and Technology Caroline Sweetman (Ed.) The contributors to this lively collection of essays and articles consider the effects of technology on development, with varying conclusions. Some authors hail the new communication technologies as vital to economic and social progress in developing countries, noting that they have led to significant advancements for the women in the areas of health, agriculture and labor. Others argue that these advances—for the privileged few—only further the imbalance of power. List of resources. 1998. 88 pages. ISBN 0-85598-422-8. WE481W. US$12.95


13. References

1999 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development: Globalization, Gender and Work United Nations Produced every 5
years, the current world survey explores the positive and negative economic effects of globalization. Three trends that it describes are: trade liberalization and expansion; the spread of production capacity through direct investment by multinationals; and the increased international mobility of capital. These have led not only to what it describes as the global reality of the increased participation of women in paid work, but also to the parallel outcome of increased economic volatility, job insecurity and loss of livelihood. Taking into consideration the mixed effects of globalization on women, the survey provides suggestions for developing gender-aware policies at the national and international level. This survey also serves as a basic document for the Special Session of the UN General Assembly: Women 2000: Gender Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century (June 2000), and is invaluable for anyone involved in the Beijing +5 process. Tables. 1999. 76 pages. ISBN:92-1-130200-5. WE488W. US$14.95

Progress of the World's Women 2000 Diane Elson (Ed.) This much-awaited, new biennial report, published by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), examines women's progress worldwide from the mid 1980s to the late 1990s. It reviews key indicators of progress, highlights issues and countries in which impressive strides have been made, and identifies opportunities for strengthening accountability. With a specific focus on the economic dimensions of gender equality, Progress of the World's Women 2000 explores ways in which globalization can be reshaped to take the contributions and interests of women into account. 2000. 164 pages. WE499. ISBN: 0-9679502-1-X. US$16.95

WISTAT-CD: Women’s Indicators and Statistics Database United Nations This is a comprehensive and authoritative compilation of currently available international statistics on gender, population and social development for 206 countries and areas of the world. Version 4 presents 76 tables, mainly covering the period 1970-1997, on population; education; economic activity; households, marital status and fertility; health and health services; reproductive health and reproductive rights; public affairs and political participation; violence; national product and expenditure. Wistat-CD provides user-friendly software for versatile table layout and data search, selection and export, as well as the complete set of data organized in 161 spreadsheet files. It can also be installed on a multi-user network. 1995. Version 4, CD-ROM. ISBN 92116-14198. WE230D. US$149.00

Women and Human Rights: The Basic Documents Center for the Study of Human Rights This compact book brings together all the
United Nations conventions and declarations that relate to women’s human rights. Whether you want to know about the rights of refugees or which international convention guarantees equal pay for equal work, you will find the information here. 1996. 251 pages. ISBN 1-881482-03-0. WE354Z. US$18.00

The World's Women 2000 Trends and Statistics. United Nations This revealing and book published by the United Nations Statistics Division, remains the most complete description to-date of women's conditions and contributions worldwide. Although women's status has improved over the past decades, the majority of women still lag far behind men in power, wealth and opportunity. Using innovative techniques in a form non-specialists can readily understand, this book is an academically sound blend of facts and interpretation. 2000. 220 pages. WE525. ISBN: 9211614287. US$16.95

The following books are available from the FIU Library:

List # 1: Economic issues

Afshar H. and S. Barrientos, Women, globalization and fragmentation in the developing world, HQ1240.5.D44 W657 1999
Haider, R. Gender and development, HQ1240.H33 1996
Headler, Sue E. The cost of being female HQ1237.H43 1996
Jackson, Robert Max. Destined for equality HQ1236 J33 1998
Mehra, R. Credit for women: Why is it important, HG3756 D44 M44 1995
Vickers, J. Women and the World Economic Crisis, HQ1870.9 V53 1991
Waring, Marilyn. Counting for nothing HC79.I5W384 1999
Wichterich, Crista. The globalized woman HD6053.W44713 2000

List # 2: Social issues

Afshar, H. Women and empowerment: illustrations from the Third World , HQ 1870.9 W625 1998
Freedman, Jane. Feminism HQ1154.F743 2001
Garcia, B. Women, poverty, and demographic change , HQ1870.9. W6555 2000
Mirskey, Judith and Marty Radlett (eds.) No paradise yet HQ1154.N6
2000
OXFAM. Gender works HQ1240.G4547 1999
Rao, A. Gender at work: organizational change for equality HD6223.R26 1999
Smith, Joan. Different for girls: how culture creates women HQ 1206 S658