Gendered Politics of Sexuality, HIV/AIDS and Care Work

This section will look specifically at HIV/AIDS care work - also known as ‘care giving’. A critical examination of care work provides a case study of how "gender hierarchies and stereotypes about gender and work" operate in South Africa. This case study provides clear examples of these critical themes.

• The meaning of women’s work in the economy
• Tendered labour practices
• The sexual division of labour within the household
• The gendered nature of the HIV/AIDS epidemic

Guest Lecturer: Ingrid Meintjes

Required Readings


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Useful websites (all on ON VULA)
- UNAIDS website
- HSRC Research on HIV/AIDS in South Africa
- USAID website with links on Home-based Care

TUTORIAL RESPONSE PAPER 4: The paper should be between 500 and 1000 words in length, and word-processed.

1. Naila Kabeer has provided a critique of the United Nation’s Third Millenium Development Goals on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment. What is the Goal and how is it to be measured?

2. Kabeer has identified the key limitations she sees in how the goals for MDG3 are to be measured – what are these limitations?

3. Do you agree with Kabeer’s criticisms? Explain your answer.