

Linking ideas about ‘gender’ to notions of ‘development’

Here we will introduce ways of linking ‘gender’ to notions of development. Recognized gender analysis tools will be discussed in relation to Lesotho.

Film: Gold Widows (also available in AFRICAN STUDIES)

GOLDWIDOWS focuses on four Basotho women of Lesotho. Although most Basotho men, and sometimes 60% at once, have worked in South Africa's gold mines, apartheid laws forbid these women and their children from entering South Africa. They are forced to live as practical widows. Each tells of her life, coping alone, caught in the inhumane web of South Africa's oppressive system.

Required Readings

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), "Gender Analysis", (ON VULA)

Gender and Development – a guide (ON VULA).

Lesotho Bureau of Statistics, 2009. "2008 Integrated Labour Force Survey: Preliminary Results Report", No. 9. (ON VULA)

Epprecht, Mark. 2000. "'Loose women' and the crisis of colonialism", *'This matter of women is getting very hard': Gender, Development and Politics in Colonial Lesotho*. Pietermaritzburg: University of Natal Press. (IN PACK)

TUTORIAL RESPONSE PAPER 1: The paper should be between 500 and 1000 words in length, and word-processed. ***For the response paper, answer the following question:***

Choose one statistic you think provides information about ‘gender equality’ in Africa. Discuss three ways in which you think this statistic provides useful information for measuring progress.