This is a guided self-study course aimed at enabling the student to understand, think, speak, and write critically in applying anthropological theories and approaches for interpretation of gender and sex, in sociological, socio-economic, and psycho-social contexts.

The objective includes preparing the student to be familiar with the usefulness and limitations of contemporary anthropological theories for sex & gender, and their application for social analysis in both Western and non-Western societies. Through intensive and extensive readings, including ethnographies, the student is guided towards employing ideas for answering questions on gender influence on disparities, inter-gender relations, and relations between gender and society. The studies also include developing an understanding of the distinctions between perspectives based on quantitative genetics versus social constructs. Finally, an assessment of human roles, human activities, and human imagination, relative to the delineation of gender and sex, is taken up, to understand components of analyses that are agency related versus structure related.

Reading List

(NOTE: The list below is only a suggestive one for a base on the reading; the instructor shall provide a more substantial list of papers to be read during the conduct of the course.)