

Appendix: Synopses

Public Lecture (1): Gender and Sexuality in the New Global Capitalism: Are We Heading for Another Feudal Age?

It is a common belief that economic modernization causes greater equality between women and men. Yet as older gender regimes are eroded, new forms of exploitation of women seem to emerge: in factory labour, prostitution, and family life. Men (especially the men of privileged social groups) control most of the new institutions of global capitalism. Violence against women is still endemic, globally, and women are targeted in new forms of civil conflict. Is modernity, therefore, the prelude to a new feudalism in gender relations? In this public lecture, Professor Raewyn Connell will discuss evidence about these questions from different parts of the world, and will offer a new view of how gender relations are changing globally.

Public Lecture (2): The Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality

It is often assumed that gender equality is a 'women's business', and men have no role in reforming gender relations. But men are crucial to gender reform, and their role is increasingly debated. In 2004, the United Nations adopted a policy document about how men and boys can be involved in achieving gender equality. Professor Raewyn Connell, who helped to write this document, will discuss the issue of social justice in gender relations, the changing place of men in debates about gender equality, the relation between men and women's movements, and the new research about men and masculinities.

Postgraduate Seminar: Researching Corporate Masculinities: A Discussion of Method

This workshop will examine research methods in the recently developed field of studies of masculinities and men in gender relations. Professor Raewyn Connell will present interview transcripts from her own current research on corporate masculinities, and discuss methods of data analysis, especially life-history case studies. Participants will have the opportunity to work on interpretation of interview material (in English only) and discuss the results.

Faculty Roundtable: Southern Theory and the Critique of Gender

Most theory in the social sciences and humanities is generated in the global metropole - the rich countries of Europe and North America which hold the major accumulations of wealth in the world, dominate new technologies, and control most means of producing and circulating knowledge. This is true of gender theory as in other fields of knowledge. Yet new knowledge and new ideas about gender are produced in the global periphery, the majority world. In this roundtable, critical understandings of gender that arise in the encounter with colonialism, neocolonialism, and neoliberal globalization will be examined, and how this should affect concepts of gender that arise in the global metropole will be discussed.