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Research Focus

Mobility and migration
- Labor migration, citizenship, mobile livelihood, connectivity and mobility

Public policy and women’s economic empowerment
- Border trade, value chain analysis, street vendors, social security of workers, social enterprise

Gender mainstreaming
- Gender and fisheries/aquaculture, urban environment management, project management
Dynamics linking gendered labor migration and industrialization and international trade. Mobility patterns (daily, long term, cross border) of women and men, and how they are used as a strategy to adjust to socio/economic/political changes. How has such mobility affect gender identity and power relations?
Mobility and migration

Gender, cross-border migrant workers and citizenship: A case study of the Burmese-Thai border

Project supported by IDRC
In collaboration with Prof. Ruth Pearson, University of Leeds, UK.
Burmese migrant women workers’ citizenship and entitlement in both the place of destination and place of origin, and their social reproduction.
Mobility and migration: Burmese migrant workers

See details in:
• Illegal, temporary, and precarious states of being: Migration, Art exhibition catalogue, 15-28 February 2010, Pridi Bhanomyong Institute, Bangkok.
Mobility and migration

Mobile livelihoods and gendered citizenship: The counter-geographies of indigenous people in India, China and Laos

Project supported by Norwegian Research Council
In partnership with Prof. Ragnhild Lund, NTNU, Norway, Dr. Smita Mishra, HDF, India, Dr. Wang Yunxian, Shianghai Academy of Social Science

Mobility of ethnic groups in Northern Laos and their changing livelihoods under industrialization, increasing trade and investment, and government policy for relocation.
Mobility and migration

Capacity building for gender, poverty and mobility analysis of road transportation development in GMS region

Project supported by ASEAN Foundation
In partnership with Public Works and Transport Institute, Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Lao PDR; Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia; ECODEV, Myanmar; Transport Development and Strategy Institute, Vietnam.

Gender/ poverty analysis of impact of cross-border road development and regional trade in GMS. Focus on changing mobility patterns and gender relations.
With global industrialization and increased trade, how are women’s economic opportunities changing?
How have such changes affected empowerment of women?
Special focus on informal economy and border areas in Greater Mekong Subregion.

PUBLIC POLICY AND WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
Public policy and women’s economic empowerment

Women negotiating the borders: Marketing route and cross-border trade of inland fish between Thailand and Cambodia

Project supported by PAMS-NCCR N-S
In collaboration with Thailand Gender in Fisheries Network, Department of Fisheries, Thailand; and CEDAC, Cambodia

- Official opening of the border and its effect on business opportunities for small women cross border fish traders.
- Value chain analysis of fish trade.

Public policy and women’s economic empowerment

Gender roles and conflicts in border trade: Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos

Project supported by ASEAN Foundation
Public policy’s effect on border trade of woven material, fish, bamboo handicraft, and its impact on gender roles and practices.

See also:
Women dominate street vending in Southeast Asia, and they are one of the most vulnerable group of people in the urban areas in terms of their claim for rights for livelihood.

Projects
• Fighting poverty, fighting the market: Street vendors in Cambodia
• Micro-vendors’ association’s leadership in the development of a solid waste management system in Daem Kor Market, Phnom Penh: A process documentation (supported by CIDA)
• Social capital of women micro-vendors in Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Publications with ILO


Public policy and women’s economic empowerment

Social security and labor rights of factory workers

Increase in unprotected workers under globalized economy and neo liberal development policy.
Precariousness of the status of agency workers; Lack of support for factory workers to balance work and family.; Exploring win-win situation for labor and employer through CSR.

Projects:
• Globalization of economy and the structural change of gender relations in Asia (supported by Japan society for Promotion of Science in collaboration with Yamaguchi University, etc.)
• Escaping the middle income trap: Targeted and pragmatic policies for technological upgrading and worker-inclusive industrial strategies as drawn from firm-level analysis of the Philippines and Thailand (supported by the Netherlands organisation for Scientific Research in collaboration with Erasmus School of Economics and Rotterdam School of Management; University of the Philippines)
Public policy and women’s economic empowerment

Social enterprise and women’s economic empowerment

Will social enterprise strengthen women’s empowerment and how?

Project:
Feasibility study of Bottom of the Pyramid (BOP) business development through social investment: Survey on BOP group in Cambodia and social impact assessment on wild honeybee resourcification project. (supported by JICA through ARUN LLC.)

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Involvement in gender mainstreaming initiatives provide an important inter-face between research and practice. Project/program level gender mainstreaming involving organization analysis and project management. Sector-wide gender mainstreaming involving analysis of the sector and identifying gender issues in the specific sector.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING
Gender Mainstreaming

Gender and fisheries/ aquaculture

Projects:
Technology transfer of commercializing freshwater aquaculture in Northeast Thailand (supported by RTG in collaboration with Chulalongkorn University and Department of Fisheries)

Women in aquaculture project (supported by APEC and DFID in collaboration with Institute of Aquaculture, University of Stirling)

Network:
Gender and Fisheries Network
Urban Environment Management

Project:
Southeast Asia Urban Environment Management Application Program (SEA-UEMA) (partnership between CIDA-AIT)

Development of gender mainstreaming strategies/ approaches and gender analysis framework for UEM.
Gender analysis framework for urban environmental management

**GENDER RELATIONS**

- Gender division of labor
- Social/political environment and globalization
- Access to and control over resources
- Gender-differentiated impact of the deteriorating urban environment
- Gender differentiated access to urban environment-related services
- Status of women in household and society
- Gender differentiated motivation and ability to make changes

**TRAINING**

- Gender strategy
- Gender training
- Integration into all training
- Gender training on framework

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

- Gender checklist
- Local gender experts
- Gender analysis framework

**INFO DISSEMINATION**

- Gender situation analysis
- Bibliography
- Web links
- Book mark
- Gender highlights

**Figure 1:** The summary of the gender mainstreaming strategies in SEA-UEMA project
Gender Mainstreaming

Development project management

Contextualize and customize gender planning and mainstreaming processes.
Gender monitoring and evaluation.
Projects:
• Asian Project Management Support Programme, International Fund for Agricultural Development
• Strengthening Gender Mainstreaming Capabilities in IFAD Projects in Cambodia and Laos


Consultancy on gender mainstreaming with: World Bank, UNDP, UNFPA, JICA
Journal: Gender, Technology and Development

- Published by Sage
- Three times a year

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Graduate courses taught

• Gender and Development: Principles and concepts
• Gender, Enterprise and Organizations
• Gender Analysis and Gender-Responsive Development Planning
• Gender and Transportation Management: Issues and polices
• Research methodology for gender, poverty and mobility analysis of road transportation development in GMS region
• Gender analysis for Urban Environmental Management
• Gender issues in regional economic integration in the Greater Mekong Subregion
• Disaster risk management (institute-wide course)
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