



Gender and Labour in the Global South

Video Transcript

Research perspectives

CHRISTINE BIGLER: The three educators of this course are members of the Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development – the r4d programme. This programme is a joint funding initiative by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Swiss National Science Foundation. It supports research aimed at solving global problems, with a focus on less developed, low- and middle-income countries. Our course synthesises research results from different r4d programmes. Sony KC, Bounseng Khammounty and I have different academic backgrounds. We look at the labour market from different angles. As an interdisciplinary team, each of us contributed to the content of the course.

BOUNSENG KHAMMOUNTY: My research interests are the comparison and development of vocational teaching standards. I also investigate the contribution of vocational skills development to inclusive industrial growth and transformation in Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, South Africa and Laos. In this course, I would like to exchange and share ideas from my research.

SONY KC: I have spent 9 years in social science research. My research has been on livelihoods, social protection and women's role in society. My PhD research focus has been on women in labour markets in Nepal. Women's engagement in the informal sector in Nepal is huge. In this course, I will be happy to share my own experience as a researcher to understand women's status in the labour market and the challenges they face. Thank you!

CHRISTINE BIGLER: I'm a researcher and lecturer in the field of gender and sustainability. My research focus is on the rural labour market in Rwanda. The main goal of this course is to discuss labour market issues in the Global South from a gender perspective. This course will equip policymakers with tools and approaches for improving policies on decent work. By the end of this course, you will be able to: Understand the importance of gender as a variable for promoting sustainable development and decent work; understand how gender roles operate in the labour market in the Global South; understand the impact of gendered skills on the labour market; and critically analyse and reflect on the relevance of incorporating the gender variable into labour market policies.



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Each of the following three weeks is organised around a particular topic. For example, gender gaps in the productive and reproductive economy, or women and men in different labour market sectors. We will address key aspects of labour markets in the Global South, which we will analyse at three different levels: on a global-macro level, a national-meso level, and a local-micro level. We will also put the focus on three different countries: Laos, Nepal and Rwanda. We talked to workers in our focus countries and will build on their stories. This will hopefully spark discussions and help you explore the content in order to deepen your insights.

BOUNSENG KHAMMOUNTY: We are very proud that this project enables us to exchange ideas and insights with you.

SONY KC: I hope from Nepal's perspective, whatever information we bring to you is clear. I hope that you will learn from us and that you enjoy the course. Thank you.

CHRISTINE BIGLER: Have fun exploring the content together!