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Gender Equality Studies and Training Programme (GEST)

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Gender Equality – A key for economic and social development in Europe and beyond

Hellisheiðarvirkjun, 31 October 2019



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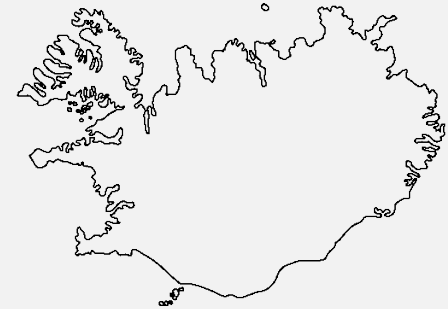
The GEST programme was established in 2009 at the University of Iceland and in 2013 it became a part of the United Nations University network.

Mission

Use a multi-disciplinary approach to promote gender equality and social justice in developing, conflict and post-conflict countries through: 1) strengthening skills of professionals, scholars and organizations, 2) high-quality, collaborative and policy-relevant research, 3) creating a platform for transnational dialogue and knowledge exchange.

Iceland's rankings in
international gender equality
indices 2018:

Global Gender Gap Index
No. 1 out of 142



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EQUALITY



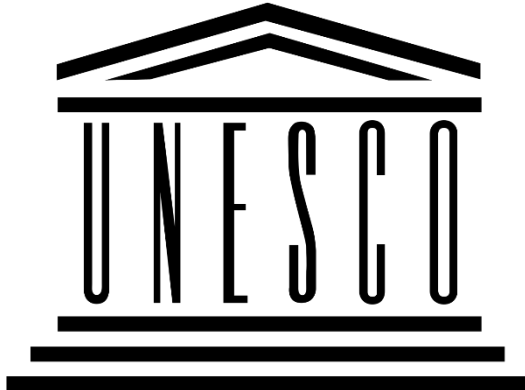


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As of **1 January 2020**, the GEST programme will disassociate with the UNU network and become a part of a Category 2 Centre, **Centre for Capacity Development, Sustainability and Societal Change** under the auspice of UNESCO, along with the GTP, LRT and FTP programmes.



Gender Equality Studies and Training programme (GEST)

Fisheries Training programme (FTP)

Geothermal Training programme (GTP)

Land Restoration Training programme (LRP)



**GEST
Postgraduate
Diploma
Programme**



**GEST Specialized
Programme**



**GEST
Online Courses
Programme**

GEST Academic Programme Components

GEST has three main pillars that comprise its academic programme:

- ✓ The main pillar is its postgraduate diploma programme equivalent to 30 ECTS.
- ✓ Specialized programme pillar includes short courses.
- ✓ Online courses pillar includes an expanding series of courses offered by GEST.
- ✓ MA and PhD programmes are under preparation.

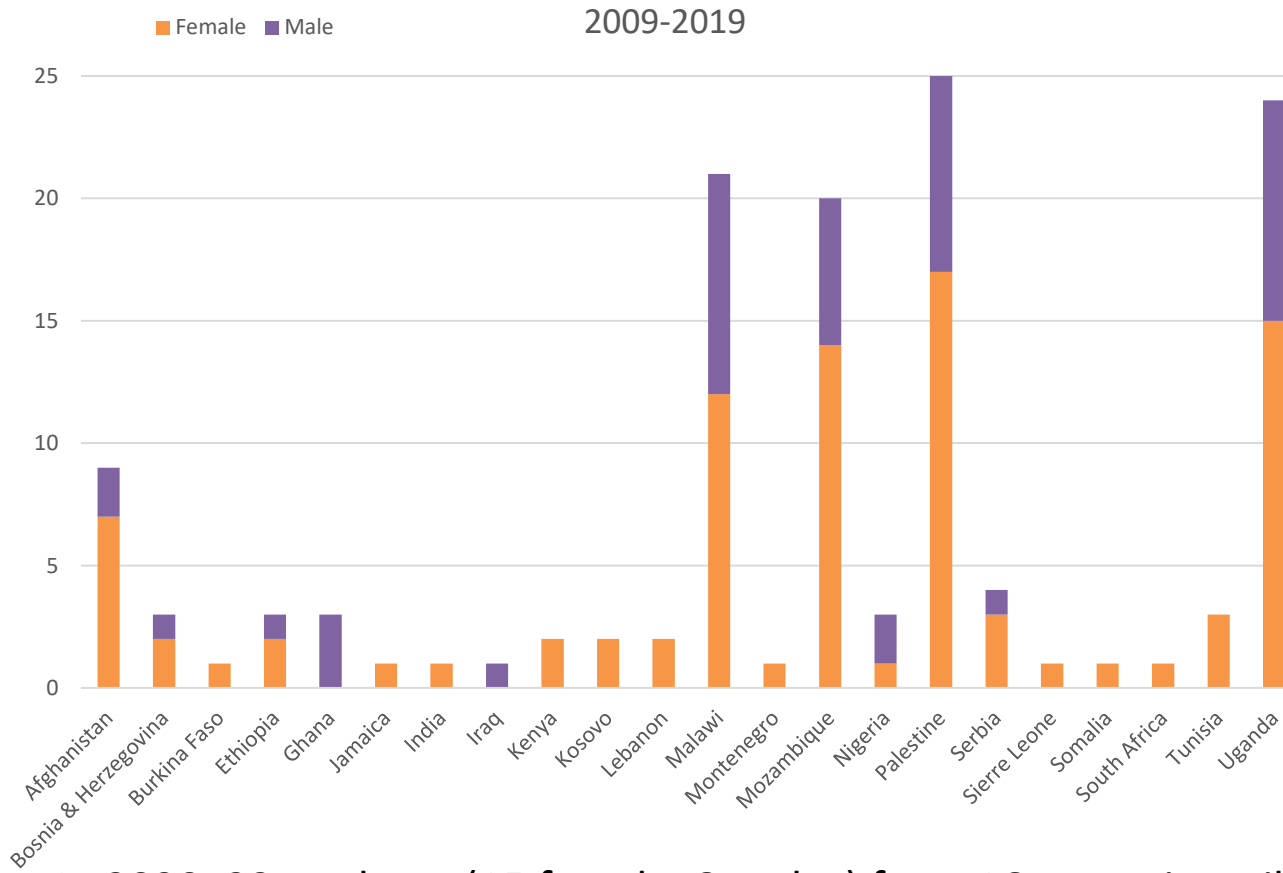


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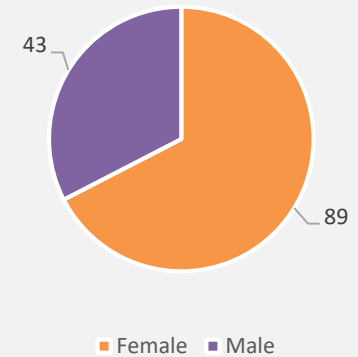
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- 132 students have graduated from the postgraduate diploma programme (2009-2019) from 22 countries.



2009-2019



**Fellows are carefully selected;
in strategic positions within
governments and civil society**

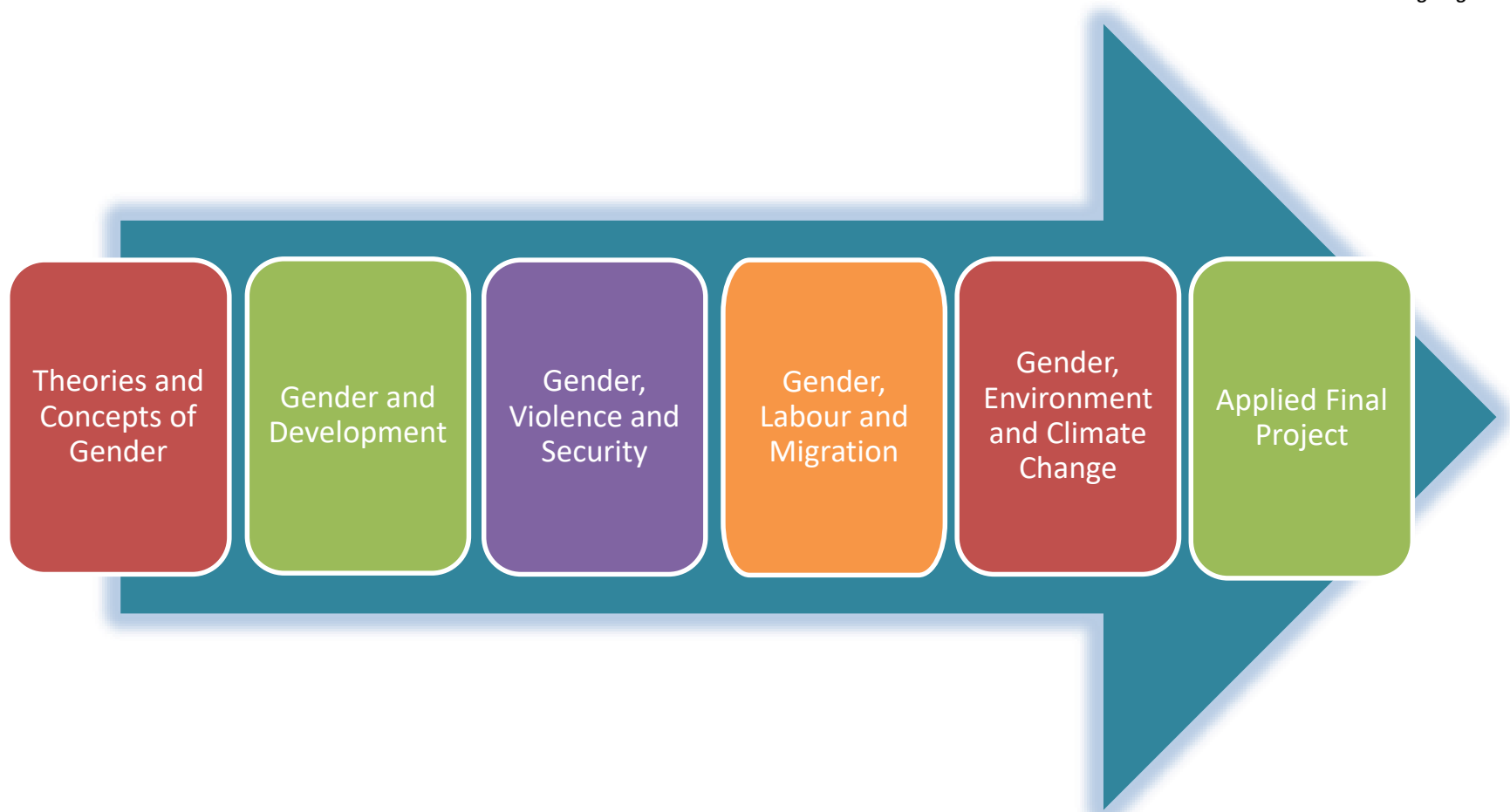
In 2020, 23 students (15 female, 8 males) from 16 countries will join the programme including students from four new countries, Cameroon, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Russia.



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Tony Bero (Palestine)

Strengthening GBV Preparedness and Prevention in Emergency Situations in Seven UNRWA Refugee Camps in the North Area of West Bank



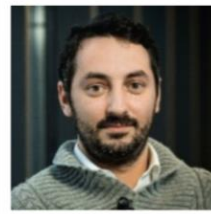
Martha Mtenje (Malawi)

Women's Representation and Participation in Decision Making Positions: The Case of Malawi Public Service



Shaista de Araújo (Mozambique)

Violence Against Women and Girls in Public Spaces in Maputo City: The Case of the Luis Cabral Neighbourhood



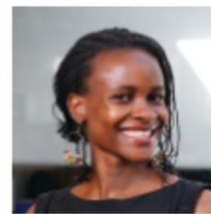
Luka Lazović (Serbia)

Confronting Serbia's Past: The Feminist Memory Politics of Women in Black



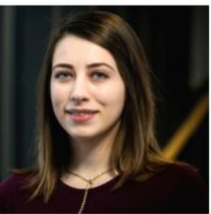
Oureratou Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso)

Offsetting the Gendered Side Effects of Mining in Yatenga, Burkina Faso



Hellen Nansikombi (Uganda)

Socio-economic Empowerment of Women through Agroforestry in Lira and Pader Districts: A Post-conflict Region in North Uganda



Amira H. Khader (Palestine)

Sexual Abuse within the Family in the Occupied State of Palestine



Daniel Amponsah (Ghana)

Sexuality in transition: Examining the changing sexual orientation and behavior among Ghanaians

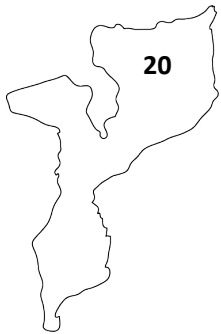


Alumni Network Strategy

- To create a global alumni community to exchange values, resources and knowledge
- To enhance their connection sharing fellow's achievements and consolidate relationships amongst the fellows
- To conduct workshops, trainings and seminars
- To support project/research development
- To enhance the programme's sustainability



Mozambique Alumni 2016





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Officials working on public performance assessments and public finance management reforms, donors, academics and civil society



Officials in ministries, district and local governments, academics, researchers, CSOs and the media



Teachers, researchers, curriculum developers, educational administrators and policy makers involved in work with the youth



Professionals - practitioners, advocates, educators and policy makers - involved in work with the youth

01

Gender Responsive Budgeting

02

Gender and Climate Change

03

Teaching Gender to Youth

04

Engaging Men in Gender Equality



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Online Diploma Course

Gender and Development Studies

30 ECTS

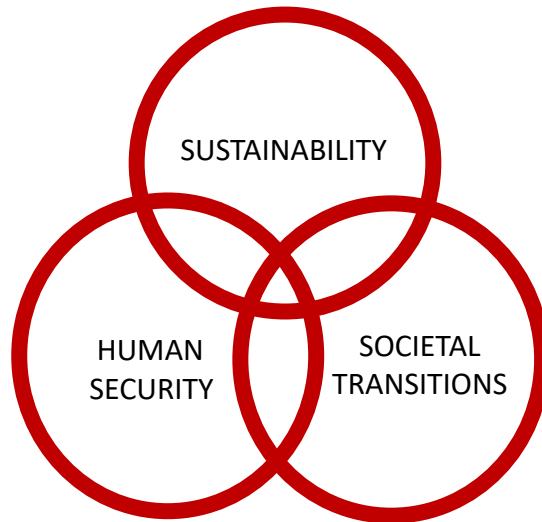
2019-2021



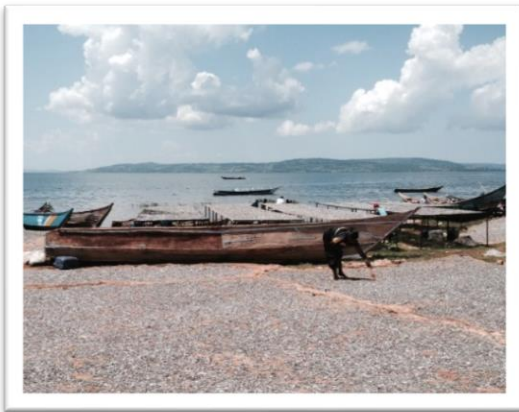


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UNU-GEST research programme is based on three pillars and focuses on development.



- Gendered Value Chain Analysis of Small-scale Fisheries and Fish Processing by Lake Tanganyika
- Women in Geothermal – A Documentary and Visual Ethnography
- SOGI Refugees: Improving Policies and Practices
- Increased Gender Equality in the East African Energy Sector





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Promoting Women and Girls' Effective Participation in Peace, Security and Recovery in Mozambique

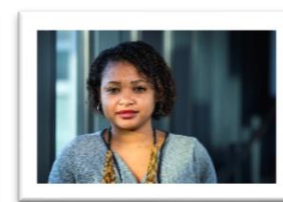
Collaboration with UN Women Mozambique.

Goal: To contribute to the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325 in Mozambique.

1. Gender-sensitive capacity building of educational staff in police, armed forces, and Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo.
2. Support to a scoping study conducted to collect information on women and girls in Manica, Sofala, Tete and Zambézia Provinces.
3. Mozambican experts obtain postgraduate diplomas from UNU-GEST



Fátima António De
Deus



Rayma Titia Amélia
Rajá



Imeldina Eduardo



Rosa Maria de
Lurdes Zaqueu



João Carlos Colaço



Cecília Sibambo



Transnational Dialogue and Knowledge Production and Exchange

Policy briefs

Research

Impact via academic programmes

Postgraduate diploma
programme (MA and
PhD Programmes in
the planning stage)

Collaboration with
Universities

Information sharing

Collaboration with
other institutes

Advocacy



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▶ Noon Lecture Series

The National Museum's Lecture Hall at 12:00-13:00

10 January ^{IS}

Edda Björk Þorbjardóttir, Postdoctoral Researcher, Faculty of Medicine, University of Iceland: Trauma and its Health-related Effects

24 January ^{EN}

Henri Myrtilinen, PhD in Gender Studies: Broadening the Scope: The Benefits and Risks of Integrating Masculinities and LGBTIQ Perspectives into Woman, Peace and Security

7 February ^{EN}

Zilka Spahić Šiljak, PhD in Gender Studies: Victim or Survivor? Choosing Identity and Being Acknowledged after Wartime Sexual Violence

21 February ^{EN}

Marsha Henry, Reflections on Gender and Transformative Wellbeing in Postconflict Contexts: The Political Economy of Sexual Violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Liberia

7 March ^{IS}

Nanna Hlin Halldórsdóttir, PhD in Philosophy: Do You Take Vitamin D? Health, Neoliberalism, and Individualisation of Responsibility

21 March ^{IS}

Dagný Kristjánsdóttir, Professor in Icelandic Contemporary Literature: There Was a Child in the Valley ... " On Children in Pain and More in the Works of Steinunn Sigurbardóttir

4 April ^{IS}

Bryndis Björk Asgeirsdóttir, Associate Professor in Psychology and **Rannveig Sigurvinisdóttir**, Assistant Professor in Psychology: Trauma, Mental Health and Social Context

2 May ^{IS}

Gunnþórunn Guðmundsdóttir, Professor in Literature: Inheriting Memories: Trauma and Biographical Writing

▶ Conferences

28 February and 1 March – Icelandair Hotel Reykjavík Natura
Opening the (Gender) Blinds: Towards an Inclusive Gender-Based View of Trauma and Addiction

22-24 May – University of Iceland campus
Border Regimes, Territorial Discourses and Feminist Politics,
NORA Conference 2019

RIKK



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The Road to End Child Marriage in Africa

When: 15 March 2019 at 10-11:15 AM Where: Conference Room D - UN General Assembly Building, New York

The governments of Malawi, Zambia and Iceland with UN Women and UNU-GEST invite you to attend a side event during the CSW62

The governments of Malawi and Zambia have been lead champions at the continental and global levels in efforts to eradicate child marriage with considerable progress at the national and community levels, with traditional leaders playing a lead role within communities. Both countries have developed national strategies and launched campaigns to end child marriage (ECM) signaling political will at the highest level which is critical for the protection of women and girls and the achievement of the SDGs.

The side event will shed light on the issue of child marriage, tracing girls' life time and disproportionately in both countries, and how it is being successfully tackled through formal and informal structures. Presenters will discuss the main challenges to an equal gender relation in rural areas of Malawi and Zambia and the effective means of ending child marriage. The event will help identify accomplishments, lessons learned and challenges in implementing strategies at country levels including partners' engagement and the critical role constitutional amendments play in this context.

PROGRAMME

Time		
10:00-10:02	Welcome remarks	Dr. Esme Kaura National Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), Malawi
10:02-10:05	Opening Remarks by the Chair of the side-event	Minister of Gender: Hon. Jean Kankanda, MP, Malawi
10:05-10:08	Ending child marriage in Africa	Minister of Gender: Hon. Viccome Kalama, MP, Zambia
10:10-10:15	Child marriage and impact on rural development	Ambassador Kristin Arnadóttir, Special Envoy for Gender Equality, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland
10:15-10:20	Ending child marriage – A policy perspective	Dr. Lucienne Bese-Ogaga, UN Women Regional Director for East and Southern Africa
	<i>Examples from the field</i>	
10:30-10:36	Community actions to end child marriage in Malawi: Video screening	Senior Chief Kadhimwete
10:30-10:43	Ending child marriage – example from Zambia	Ms. Pumele Muzila Director, Gender Rights Protection, Ministry of Gender, Zambia
10:43-10:54	Using the constitutional review process to ban child marriage (video screening)	Moshi-Kelley Mshoko Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA)
10:54-11:13	Discussions and contributions from participants	Kikejona Sigurþorjardóttir, UNU-GEST
11:13-1:15	Closing remarks	Ms. Nyaradzayi Gembombwanda A. G. Gwede Al. Ambassador for the Campaign to End Child Marriage





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