1) Course Description

This is a graduate level course that discusses in depth the nexus between gender, peace and security. Gender is recognized as a key cross cutting issue, in peace and security studies internationally. In many African countries, the extent of gender-based violence during conflicts and its persistence during apparent periods of peace has forced the issue to influence policy and research. Divided in nine sessions, this course attempts to introduce/enhance students’ knowledge on basic concepts of gender, feminism, and masculinities. It also discusses major national, regional and international legal frameworks and policies on women rights as well as on women, peace and security. Discussions on implementations of the policies/legal frameworks also takes a central part. Critically engaging students, the course will investigate violence, peace and security issues from the feminist and African perspective. In this respect, the role of women in conflict as well as peace-making/peace-building will be discussed in depth. Feminist methodologies are also another important sub-topic of this course.

2) Learning Objectives

Upon the completion of this course, students are expected to:

1. Know key concepts in gender, feminism, and masculinities;
2. Analyze peace, violence and security issues from the gender perspective;
3. Discuss major national, regional and international legal provisions on women rights and those on women, peace and security;
4. Discuss various types of gender based violence in Africa and the world at large;
5. Acquire knowledge on women’s contributions in conflict making, conflict prevention, resolution and peace building; and
6. Demonstrate the understanding of gender analysis, mainstreaming and related concepts.
3) Topics and Reading Materials

Session One: Evolution of Gender/ Women studies

Session Two: Feminist theories and security

Session Three: African Feminist Perspectives

Session Four: Masculinities and Security

Session Five: Legal Frameworks on women rights (local, regional and international)

Session Six: Gender and Peace-building

Session Seven: Gender and Human Security (In-Security)

Session Eight: Feminist Methodology and Critique

Session Nine: Gender in emerging security threats
- Steans Jill (2008) Telling Stories about Women and Gender in the War on Terror, Global Society, 22:1, 159-176
- Wondwosen Teshome (Vienna), Jerusalem Negash (Vienna) The Anti-Terror War in Somalia: Somali Women’s Multifaceted Role in Armed Conflict
4) Course Requirements and Evaluation

1. All reading materials uploaded on Moodle are compulsory. Students are expected to read each article before the lecture on the session.
2. Students are required to attend classes (at least 80%) and actively discuss.
3. The following is the tentative grading and evaluation scheme.

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