

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, representation in the Czech Republic

in cooperation with the

Department of Gender Studies, School of Humanities at Charles University in Prague

have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar/workshop

ECONOMICS AND GENDER

taught by a leading Polish feminist economist [Ewa Rumińska- Zimny, PhD](#)

Date: November 25 – 29, 2013, 9.00 – 15.00

Venue: Residence Dlouhá 17, Dlouhá 17, 110 00

Course description

Feminist economics critically analyzes both economic theory and economic policies from a gender perspective, and advocates various forms of economic transformation. In this course, we will explore this new and exciting field. After an introduction to feminist/heterodox theory and comparing it with mainstream economics, we will look more in depth at economic situation and policies in the context of Eastern Europe, the Czech Republic and Poland. The impact of the economic crisis and the future of Europe will be also discussed. We will look into areas understudied or ignored by traditional economists such as caring labor, gender budgets and female factor in economic growth and development. We will also look at feminist critiques of and alternatives to mainstream tools and methodology and basic concepts of “economic man”, market mechanisms and how the economy works at national, European and global level.

This course will be taught in combining lectures with seminar and workshop format. There are four thematic blocks; each will be introduced by 3 lectures (x45 min) followed by 3 sessions in seminar/workshop format where students are expected to make presentations, participate in discussions and round tables. The class is structured to be reading- and discussion-intensive and student participation is expected. Recommended readings are listed under each theme (additional readings will be added during the course). Students will also receive ppts

presentations to each lecture. For students enrolled at Charles University in Prague, the course can be acknowledged as a part of your study programme and (if passed successfully) rewarded by 5 ECTS credits.

About Ewa Rumińska-Zimny

Teaching is based on my research and academic experience as well as work for the United Nations in New York and Geneva, including as a Team Member of *Human Development Reports* and Head of Gender and Economy Programme at *the UN Economic Commission for Europe* (www.unece.org). Teaching this course will also benefit from GEM–IWG work, an International Working Group on Gender and Macroeconomics (www.gem-iwg.org), and in particular lectures and discussions at *GEM IWG Summer Institutes in 2012 Krakow (Poland) and 2011 Istanbul (Turkey)* (www.Gem-europe.eu).

If you are interested in attending the course (either the whole course or selected parts), please, contact the coordinator of the course for the FES Anna Kárníková at anna.karnikova@fesprag.cz by November 20, 2013.

Programme of the course

Monday, November 25, 2013

Introduction to Feminist Economics (FE)

1. Economy as social science: why economics is not gender neutral?
2. A short history of FE: its roots and vision
3. Male bias in macroeconomics
4. Practical implications of FE approach

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Economy and Economic Policy from a FE perspective

1. Care economy and time-use budgets
2. Public finance and gender budgets
3. Transformation in Eastern Europe: the case of Czech Republic and Poland
4. Policy options: FE perspective in theory and practice

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Growth, Development and Gender equality

1. The relationship between gender, economic growth and development
2. Is gender equality a „smart” economics?
3. Development strategies: a female factor in building innovating economy
4. Case studies: the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Sweden, Norway

Thursday, November 28, 2013

The crisis in Europe, EU gender architecture and the global context

1. Economic crisis in Europe: gender implications
2. The EU gender architecture: how effective?
3. Policies addressing the crisis in the Czech Republic and selected countries
4. Economic crisis or many crises: what future for a new Europe?

Readings for the course will be available online.