

Workshop: Integrating Gender into Fisheries and Aquaculture Economics and Trade Research

Program

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Objectives and Topics:

Participants will:

- develop an understanding of why gender analysis is important and how it advances economic science;
- identify key concepts in fisheries economics and trade research in which gender analysis may be deployed; and
- gain insight into theories and methods for integrating gender analysis in fisheries and aquaculture economics and trade research.

Our objective is to move beyond “women’s roles” in the economy toward understanding how *gender* and its intersection with other identities socially constructs individuals and how *gender relations* structure households, markets, and economies. Participants will gain an understanding of how feminist theories present an alternative (heterodox) understanding to mainstream economic concepts and units of analysis.

Topics to be covered include: key concepts in gender economics research; the gendered nature of fishery and aquaculture economies, work, and policy; household economies; labor; markets and trade; technology; governance; intersectionality; and key questions and methods for gender analysis in fisheries economics and trade research.

Format: The format for this workshop will consist of short instructional modules, small group exercises, and time for questions and discussion.

Program Schedule:

9:00-9:25 – **Welcome, Introductions, Plan for Day**

9:30-10:30 – **Session 1 – Gender in Fisheries/Aquaculture Economics & Trade Research**

Gender in Fisheries Economics; Why Study Gender? Gendered Knowledge and Data; Key Concepts for Gender Analysis

10:30-11:00 – **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:20 – **Session 2: The “Micro” View: Gendered Households**

Households as Sites of Contested and Competing Gendered Interests and Implications for Fisheries Economics Research; Labor and Households; Consumption; Care Economy

12:20 – **Group Photo**

12:30-1:30 – **Lunch**

1:30-3:00 – **Session 3 – The “Macro” View: Gender and Markets, Trade, Technology and Governance**

Gendered Institutions, Trade, Markets and Value Chains; Gender, Technology and Economy; Governance and Gender

3:00-3:30 – **Coffee Break**

3:30-4:50 – **Session 4 – Putting it together: Principles and Methods for Gender Analysis**

Methods for Gender Analysis; Gender and Data; Planning a gender-informed research project

4:50 – **Final Remarks/Closing**

Facilitator Bios:

Dr. Holly M. Hapke is a feminist economic geographer and interdisciplinary social scientist with expertise in international political economy/ecology, gender and development, fisheries, and food production systems. She has been conducting research on issues related to fish markets, gender, globalization, technology, economic development, and social-cultural change in small-scale fisheries in South Asia for the past 30 years. She is currently based at the University of California, Irvine in the United States.

Dr. Carmen Pedroza-Gutiérrez is a fisheries scientist and interdisciplinary social-scientist with about ten years of experience in gender, governance, business management and value chain analysis. Her research seeks to understand and explain how fisheries socio-environmental dynamics are influenced by local, regional and international markets, and how the increasing demand for fish products shape and reshape local social structures and exploitation practices. Currently she's a full-time senior Researcher at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, in the Fishery Systems laboratory. She is the Latin American ExCom Member representative in IIFET and President-Elect from 2024-2028.

Dr. Cynthia McDougall is an interdisciplinary social scientist with over two decades of experience in gender, social equity and inclusion in applied research in natural resource governance, food systems and sustainability. Her interests include inter- and transdisciplinary research and transformative and rights-based approaches, and how these can leverage just transitions, equality and sustainability. She is the Research Director as well as leader of the *Gender, Environment and Development Cluster* at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)'s Asia Center in Bangkok and leads SEI's global programme on *Gender Equality, Social Equity and Poverty*.

Prof. Kyoko Kusakabe is a gender expert focusing on women and work, especially on informal employment and labor migration. She is the author of "Women and men in small-scale fisheries and aquaculture in Asia" (FAO 2022). She is a professor at Gender and Development Studies, Department of Development and Sustainability, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian

Institute of Technology (AIT), and currently serving as vice president of Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries Section (GAFS) of Asian Fisheries Society, and Excom member of IIFET.

Dr. Tara Nair - is trained in economics and development studies and works with the Work and Fair and Free Foundation, Bangalore, India, a research and policy institute that specialises in labour and migration issues. Her research interests include financialisation and low income households, social economy of fisheries, changing labour relations in industry and agriculture, and feminist development policy. She works very closely with civil society organisations in India working to secure the rights of women and workers.

Dr. Meryl J Williams' current research focuses on women and the political economy of aquaculture and fisheries. For nearly 50 years she has worked at state, national, regional and international levels in research, research management and leadership, mainly concerned with the fish sectors, agrifood systems, natural resource management and conservation. She is the immediate Past Chair of the Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries Section of the Asian Fisheries Society (GAFS).

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