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GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES (GGS) IS A TWO-YEAR MASTER'S SPECIALIZATION AT THE SCHOOL OF CULTURE AND GLOBAL STUDIES, AALBORG UNIVERSITY, DENMARK

Gender and related categories of e.g. religion, ethnicity, 'race', class and sexuality pose multiple inequalities which are vital for our understanding of development and international relations in a globalizing world.

comprehending and analyzing gender related issues in a holistic and coherent combination.

GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES CAN BE FOLLOWED

- As a specialization in the two-year Master's programmes Development and International Relations (DIR) or European Studies (ES) or other existing programmes, such as Culture, Communication and Globalization, etc.

- As one or two modules of each 5 ECTS as part of Master's programmes such as Sociology, Political Science, etc.

At the 3rd semester it is possible for the students to do an internship or, they can spend a semester relevant to Global Gender Studies at a university abroad.

At the 4th semester, the students write their Master's thesis. If you choose the full specialization, the topic of the thesis must be relevant for Global Gender Studies.

THEMATIC FOCUSES OF THE SPECIALIZATION IN GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES

- **What is globalization?** How are e.g. global security processes gendered, and what are the political, legal, social and economic implications of this observation? What global, (transnational and local) economic, political, legal and social processes influence the role of gender at the labour market? How is global governance gendered?
- **What is gender?** Including what is the meaning of notions of masculinity, femininity, queer and transgender and how can gender be analyzed in relation to other categories in society, such as those of religion, 'race', ethnicity, sexuality and/or class?

EXAMPLES OF LECTURE CONTENTS OFFERED IN GGS

- WHAT IS GENDER?
- WHAT IS A GENDER APPROACH?
- THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
- GENDER AND TRANSNATIONAL MOBILIZATION
- GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The Global Gender Studies specialization emphasizes gendered perspectives upon structures and processes in international law (including human rights), equality politics on national, transnational and international levels, global democracy and governance, international institutions and transnational actors. This opens the door to a variety of professional career possibilities where gender and discrimination are a central component, such as in Nordic, European and international organizations, institutions and universities.

THE STRUCTURE OF GLOBAL GENDER STUDIES

- Two semesters of theoretical studies at a Master's programme combined with Global Gender Studies (2 x 5 ECTS)
- One semester doing an internship or study at a university abroad (30 ECTS)
- One semester writing a Master's thesis (30 ECTS).

The first two semesters consist of theoretical studies at a Master's programme, such as Development and International Relations or European Studies. This is combined with lectures offered in Global Gender Studies (5 ECTS each semester) aimed at introducing topics in a problem-based and interdisciplinary manner. Through this approach, students will be capable of

• **What is equality?** How can equality policies be analyzed? What is global equality and how is it related to notions of gender, justice, democracy and development? Including an analysis of contemporary and historical policy trends e.g. gender mainstreaming and the use of quotas in different parts of the world. What resistances against equality policies can be recognized and how can these resistances be analyzed?

• **How do actors such as politicians, legislators, public servants and activists deal with multiple inequalities according to categories of gender, 'race', ethnicity, class, religion, sexuality, age, generation and health?** Is transnational solidarity feasible and desirable?

• **What is a gender approach?** And how can it be used in the analysis of international law (including human rights), (in-) security (including post-conflict processes), development, international organizations/relations and international political economy (including the labour market)?

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS THROUGH AN INTERNSHIP OR STUDY ABROAD

At the 3rd semester, the students do either an internship in a private company, NGO or public organization with relevance for Global Gender Studies, or, they can spend a semester relevant to Global Gender Studies at a university abroad.

To enhance students' international opportunities, Aalborg University has widespread linkages to a range of organizations - from various UN agencies to NGOs and from government embassies to private companies - and we continue to increase our international relations with host organizations around the globe.

In addition, Aalborg University has a number of agreements with universities in European and non-European countries.

AALBORG UNIVERSITY - FIRST IN LEARNING INNOVATION

Established in 1974, Aalborg University (AAU) is an internationally recognized institution that offers first rate academic programs. Our 19.000 students choose from over 60 different study programmes within four faculties.

AAU is one of Denmark's leading universities in innovative methods of cooperation with the world from local to global levels.

Students are surrounded by a concentration of top quality research and study facilities. There are also a number of services to support you in your academic work - wireless networks, remote database access, a digital project library, and much more. Throughout the year there are many events and activities organized to help you get the most out of Aalborg University and your Danish experience.

INNOVATIVE LEARNING

Our learning model rests upon principles of interdisciplinarity, problem-based learning and project work. Today, we are one of

the leading universities in this method - but what truly sets us apart is the close connection between students and faculty. It begins by students themselves identifying real-world problems, which they tackle through group projects in cooperation with their supervisor. In a recent OECD evaluation, our teaching model was applauded for being "optimal for learning".

ENROLLING IN GGS

Global Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary specialization. Students with a Bachelor's degree in the social sciences or humanities such as history, international studies, human geography, law or anthropology are qualified for admission. For more information about admission requirements, application, etc., please see www.apply.aau.dk and www.studyguide.aau.dk.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS

Danish students must have no less than a B-level in English. Foreign students, who are non-native speakers of English, are required to pass one of the English proficiency tests accepted by Aalborg University. These are IELTS, TOEFL and Cambridge ESOL. The test has to be less than two years old; otherwise it will not be accepted as valid.

You do not have to submit an English test if one of the following criteria applies to you:

- You have a complete Bachelor's degree done in English from either Australia, the UK, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, USA, New Zealand, South Africa or Canada.
- You have a complete Bachelor's degree done in English from a Danish university.

During their studies, students are given the opportunity to attend English language classes to further improve their skills.

SOCIALIZING & THE CITY

Aalborg is the ideal setting for generating solutions to global issues alongside a cultural vigor like nowhere else. Located close to Denmark's stunning west coast, the city is known for its 'cozy' café life, cobblestone streets and charming harbor front.

Aalborg is a great place to meet students from around the globe. AAU's Student House bar is crowded every Wednesday for International Night and at the end of the week, the campus is bustling with the Friday Café. We look forward to seeing you in one of Denmark's fastest growing cultural and academic hubs!

