

The practical ways in which gender can and has been mainstreamed into macroeconomic and fiscal policy using the example of the UK

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1) Main objective of the session: Students are expected to understand examples of how gender budgeting has been implemented in the UK

2) Brief description or outline of subtopics that will be discussed in each lecture slot:

Lecture slot 1 will present background on the history and role of the UK Women's Budget Group work on annual budget analysis and influencing Her Majesty's Treasury and parliamentarians. How Gender Responsive Budgeting has been used globally. Barriers and opportunities. A practical example: tax credits - purse to wallet campaign - success in changing fiscal policy.

Lecture slot 2 will present 2 case studies from the UK:

1. the Judicial review of 2010 UK state budget and EHRC section 31 review of 2010 spending review
2. Costing Violence Against Women and Girls - funding Rape crisis centres out of the victim's levy (success in influencing fiscal policy)

3) Learning objectives

At the end of the sessions, the student is expected to:

- Understand the history of gender responsive budgeting in the UK
- Identify three examples of how UK fiscal policy has been changed through gender budgetary analysis (purse to wallet campaign, judicial review of 2010 UK state budget and EHRC section 31 review of 2010 spending review, Violence Against Women and Girls: funding Rape crisis centers out of the victim's levy)
- Understand how the law has been used to change fiscal policy on women's rights
- Understand the key data requirements for producing gender responsive budget analysis
- Understand the practical application of gender responsive budgeting tools to women's rights

4) The content is expected to take into account the following:

- Key concepts.
- Description of trends, context, history or evolution of the topic.
- Gender-aware methodological tools.
- Examples:

- Basic aspects of the UK state budget, tax credit system and welfare benefits from a gender perspective.
- An understanding of how budgetary analysis of violence against women and girls was used in the UK to influence state expenditure, including funding for services

5) Required Reading (1 per lecture slot)

Lecture 1 Required Reading pages 5-14 of Women Count

<https://womenscount.wbg.org.uk/uploads/section-pdfs/Women-Count-A-Casebook-for-GRB-Groups.pdf>

Pages 69-72 of Women Count – Lessons Learned

<https://womenscount.wbg.org.uk/uploads/section-pdfs/Women-Count-A-Casebook-for-GRB-Groups.pdf>

Lecture 2 Required Reading

Making fair financial decisions - an assessment of HM Treasury's 2010 spending review S31

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/making-fair-financial-decisions-assessment-hm-treasurys-2010-spending-review>

The Impact on Women of the Budget 2011 UK Women's Budget Group - April 2011

https://wbg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/RRB_Reports_7_282363355-1.pdf

Violence Against Women and Girls: background briefing from the UK Women's Budget Group

<https://wbg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/VAWG-October-2018-w-cover-2.pdf>

The Cost of Domestic Violence: Up-date 2009 Professor Sylvia Walby UNESCO Chair in Gender Research Lancaster University

http://openaccess.city.ac.uk/21695/1/Cost_of_domestic_violence_update_2009_.pdf

UK Strategy to end violence against women and girls: 2016 to 2020, UK Government,

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/783596/VAWG_Strategy_Refresh_Web_Accessible.pdf