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(Religious) Gender Ideologies and Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Religious institutions shape cultural norms, social rules and behaviour, and they impact the rigidity of the gender roles and rules that are used to justify gender discrimination. A new field for ICT4D research and intervention presents itself with questions such as: 1) How can ICT contribute to women and LGBTIQ persons participating more fully in their countries’ social, cultural, political, economic and religious life as equal citizens, and 2) How can the networked character of societies be more optimally employed to engender appreciation for gender diversity and gender equality to further inclusive development and democracy?

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants should be able to:

1. Explain how the use of Information Communication Technology is a function of gender stratification in societies
2. Describe how Information Communication Technology can be used to speak to, interrupt and transform gender discrimination in society.
3. Describe how the field of Information Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) is subject to society’s gender stratification and the efforts it will take to address this.

All faculty, residents, fellows, staff, students and members of the community are welcome to attend.

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