



Chapter 1

The evolution of male and female roles in the economic system

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Gender Economics

- 🏠 Gender Economics is a new field of economics.
 - It was first taught in economics in Thailand at the Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University (since 2004)
 - Currently, this course is being taught in many universities that offer courses in economics throughout Thailand.
- 🏠 Gender Economics integrates gender dimensions into economic theory by applying the basic principles of economics to the analysis.

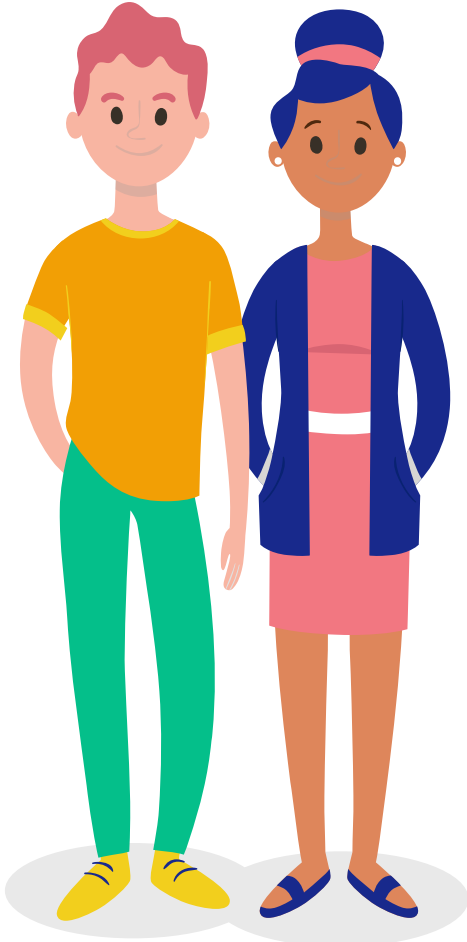
Dr. Gary Becker - Pioneer

- 🏠 Dr. Gary Becker, Nobel Laureate in Economics, pioneered the integration of perspectives on gender differences into economic theory.
- 🏠 Basic principles of economics - Agent analysis (Representative Agent)
 - The only assumption is that a person (or agent) is rational. This agent is a consumer, producer, or policy maker.
This assumption does not consider whether one is female or male.

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- 🏠 In reality, male representatives or female representatives has differences in decision-making such as different preferences.
- 🏠 Gender Economics will integrate a gender dimension to economic analysis.
 - To understand the effect of gender differences on welfare at the individual level, household level, up to the national level.

Gender Economics



- Gender Economics in this class
 - The study begins by applying basic economic principles in a process analysis, the decision-making process, outcomes, and impacts of decision making.
- The main issues of Gender Economics
 - The study begins in the smallest sub-unit, which is decision making at the individual, household, and national levels.

At every level, the gender dimension is involved in the analysis.

1. Individual level

Decision of males and females to establish a family, choose a spouse for marriage, and make decision to have children until divorce

2. Household level

- Time allocated by males and females to household tasks and the labor market
- Intra-household bargaining between males and females.
- Demand and supply factors affecting differences between males and females in their career paths, incomes, occupations

3. National/Organization Level

- The role of women in society, economy and politics
- Government policies or welfare affecting male and female differently
- Male and female in the aging economy
- The economic crisis and household management and the effect on the female and male labor market
- Issues of gender wage equality, employment, leadership at both the organization and national level
- The role of LGBT people in the economy

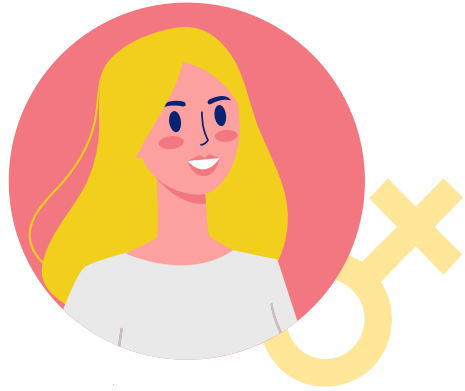
Gender Roles

The difference between the words “sex” and “gender” (Blau and Winkler, 2018).

- “Female” and “male” (biological differences) is the classification of humans according to the physical characteristics present at birth.
- “Gender differences are defined according to social or cultural conditions in which each individual plays a role and performs tasks.

Gender Equality

- Equality of males and females in society. There is equality in terms of rights, duties, responsibilities, and opportunities.
- Social conditions facilitate the equality and exercise of human rights and participation in creating equal benefits for society.
- This equality is the basic “human right,” an important basic principal worldwide.
- All human beings must have equality in how they are treated and given opportunities, and equality in demonstrating their potential.



Gender Equality

- It is now globally and universally recognized as a fundamental right that all human beings deserve equally. This is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG5).
- Sustainable Development Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls (SDG5).
- Thailand has emphasized this issue. Its aim is to create gender equality in the country.



Gender Equality Law in Thailand

**International treaty
for the promotion of women's rights**

Gender Equality - International Ranking