

# **Feminisation of agriculture**

## **Theories and Realities of a Phenomenon**

### **Women in rural gardening and agriculture**

Course Instructor: DI Andrea Heistingner

#### **Dates:**

**Preparatory Meeting Monday, 16th of October  
4 pm – 5:30 pm**

Course: 24th and 25th of October 2006

Every day from 9 am to 12 m and from 2 pm to 5 pm

Peasant Women's Day: 8th of March 2007

Further dates will be arranged with the participants.

#### **Place:**

Simonyhaus, Peter Jordanstraße 76  
Seminar room 06, First floor

#### **Teaching contents:**

Since the decades of the 1970s, the concept of the „Feminisation of agriculture“ has entered the realm of Agro-Sociology. This concept was frequently adopted by feminist views in the field of Agro-Sociology and, in the meantime, is well established in Austrian Agricultural Policy. Within the framework of this course, the notion of the “Feminisation of Agriculture” will be analyzed and

discussed through the following guiding questions: How have the agricultural changes of the past decades modified the living and working conditions of peasant women? Does the “Feminisation of Agriculture” imply a wider scope of action for women?

#### **Methodology and requirements:**

Presentations, exemplary texts, discussions. Active participation, common compilation of a manual for a qualitative interview.

Presentation of a content-oriented contribution for the “Peasant Women's Day 2007” and the organizational preparation thereof.

#### **Course objectives:**

The main objective of the course is to make visible the work of peasant women in agriculture and to incorporate it into the academic agricultural discourse. Center of interest is a discussion of women's perspectives in agriculture. Within the framework of the course, Dr. Theresia Oedl-Wieser (Federal Institute for Less Favoured and Mountainous Areas) will present the results of the current study of “Women and Politics in the Countryside”.

#### **Course Instructor:**

University Lecturer DI Andrea Heistingner: Agricultural/Horticultural Studies, freelance agriculture-researcher with focus on cultivated plant variety, organic plant breeding and women in agriculture. Adult education with peasant women in the Southern Tyrols, documentation of experiential knowledge in agriculture.