

ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES

Session September 2025

Field of doctoral studies:

Doctoral supervisor:

TOPICS FOR THE ADMISSION TO DOCTORAL STUDIES

TOPIC 1: Exploring Gender Roles in Agricultural Decisions and Productivity for Sustainable Development

Contents / Main aspects to be considered - *to be adapted/ completed/ deleted*

1. Gender-Based Roles and Responsibilities in Agriculture
2. Decision-Making Power and Access to Resources
3. Impact on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainable Outcomes

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10. Wason, K. (2025). Gender Dynamics in Central Asia: A Contemporary Analysis. *National interest*, 4(18), 42–53, available at: <https://sc01.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/NIT/article/view/241214>

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TOPIC 2: Impact of women leadership on corporate governance

Contents / Main aspects to be considered - *to be adapted/ completed/ deleted*

1. Representation and participation of women in corporate leadership
2. Influence on governance practices and decision-making
3. Organizational performance and sustainability outcomes

Recommended bibliography:

1. Adekunle, K. D., Rao-Nicholson, R., & Kusimo, A. O. Empowering women in leadership: opportunities and barriers in Nigerian corporate governance, available at: https://www.ocerints.org/adved24_e-publication/papers/Kehinde%20Damilola%20Adekunle1.pdf
2. Aluchna, M., Roszkowska-Menkes, M., & Khan, S. (2024). Corporate governance perspective on environmental reporting: Literature review and future research agenda. *Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management*, 31(3), 1550–1577, <https://doi.org/10.1002/csr.2643>
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10. Yahya, H. (2025). Female leadership and ESG performance of firms: Nordic evidence. *Corporate Governance: The International Journal of Business in Society*, 25(1), 109-127, available at: <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/cg-03-2023-0129/full/pdf?title=female-leadership-and-esg-performance-of-firms-nordic-evidence>

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