What is a Wiki?
A Wiki is a website whose users can add, modify, or delete its content via a web browser using a simplified markup language or a rich-text editor.

How does Wiki facilitate collaborative learning?
Wikis enable students to:
- Create and share their individual work
- Create and edit Wiki pages for collective tasks (final project, resources, internships, issue-specific literature, etc.)
- Link to classmates’ Wiki pages
- Link to articles, websites, lectures, videos and other material on the web

Context of instruction
This is a small graduate course. It is offered 100% online. It makes use of two main technologies that enhance learning. The first is an old technology, film; and the second, a new technology, Wiki.

Global gender inequality
Women do most of the paid and unpaid “care work” in the world. This has implications for their access to resources, political participation and well-being.

Women make up 40% of the world’s labor force, but hold just 1% of the world’s wealth.

Women’s access to paid employment is lower than men’s in most of the “developing” world. And women are over-represented in low-wage, low-skill jobs.

Women continue to be under-represented in national parliaments in all countries.

Girls’ access to education still lags behind that of boys in many countries.

Course objectives
Understanding how existing gender inequalities are challenged and furthered by processes of international development and globalization

Creating dialogue about contemporary policy solutions to reducing gender inequality

Encouraging and exploring avenues of action to affect social change

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How does it work?
Final project: Glossary
Assigned reading
Drafting glossary
Peer comments on essays
Weekly reflections
Film essays

Challenges
Success depends on timely and in-depth feedback. The course would need to be redesigned for a larger class.

Evaluating effectiveness
Quantitative: Pre- and post-test
Qualitative: Quality of analysis and progress over time

Reading