Syllabus

Gender and Feminism - Theory and Practice - 59540

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Glocal International Development

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course will introduce feminist theories from the global South and North, and explore the role of gender in social, cultural and economic processes. We will consider gendered social constructions, and the relationship between ideology and disenfranchising practices in everyday lives. The course will begin with an introduction to the field of gender, sexuality and feminist thought, following we will examine matrixes of oppression in the South and gender and globalization.

Course/Module aims:
The goal of the course is to construct a critical understanding of gender as an intersectional category that has a complex relationship with biological, social, economic and cultural practices.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
- Identify and explain what are gender constructions
- Understand gender as an intersectional category that has a complex relationship with biological, social, economic and cultural practices
- Construct an argument and prove it using articles and scholars that will be studied throughout the course
- Read complex texts that discuss gender norms and development, analyze them and discuss them in class

Attendance requirements(%):
Mandatory attendance and active participation

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: A mix of lecture-based and seminar-style instruction

Course/Module Content:
Introduction of the terms of the debate: the private vs public division, the personal and the political

The Intersectionality of Gender, Race and Class as Systems of Oppression

Heterosexuality and Heteronormativity as a Gendered Construction

The Desired Body and the Question of Agency
Feminist Thought from the Global South

Gender and the Global

Required Reading:
Marilyn Frye, "Oppression"

bell hooks, "Feminism: A Movement to End Sexist Oppression"


Frances M. Beal, Double Jeopardy: To Be Black and Female, in: The Black Woman (p. 146 - 155).


Saba Mahmood, Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject, Chapters 1, 5.


Cynthia Enloe, “The Curious Feminist: Searching for Women in a New Age of Empire,” (Chapters 1, 2, 4, 9).

Raewyn Connell, 100 Million Kalashnikovs: Gendered Power on a World Scale, In Debate Feminista, Volume 51, 2016, Pages 3-17.

Additional Reading Material:
Please see the course's website (moodle)

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 40 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 50 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: