

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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 – 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"

Kimberle Crenshaw "Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics *The University of Chicago Legal Forum*, vol. 1989, issue 1, p. 139.

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

Annamarie Jagose, "Queer" in *Queer Theory: An Introduction*, New York University Press, 1996, P. 72-100

Adrienne Rich, "Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence." *Signs*, vol. 5, no. 4, 1980, pp. 631-660.

Judith Butler, "Critically Queer" in: *Bodies that Matter: on the Discursive Limits of "Sex"* (Routledge: New York, London, 1993), p. 223-242.

Catherine A. MacKinnon, "Sexuality, Pornography, and Method: 'Pleasure under Patriarchy.'" *Ethics*, vol. 99, no. 2, 1989, pp. 314-346.

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

Chandra Mohanty, *Under Western Eyes*, in: "Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism," by Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Ann Russo.

Gloria Anzaldua, "La Conciencia de la Mestiza - Towards New Consciousness," in: *Borderlands/ La Frontera*, p. 77-91.

Emily Starr and Michele Adams, "The Domestic Exotic: Mail-Order Brides and the Paradox of Globalized Intimacies," *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 41, no. 4 (Summer 2016): 953-975.

Angela Y. Davis, "The Meaning of Freedom," in: *The Meaning of Freedom and Other Difficult Dialogues*. San Francisco: Open Media Series/City Lights Books, 2012, 135-51.

Cindi Katz, "On the Grounds of Globalization: A Topography for Feminist Political Engagement," *Signs*, Vol. 26, No. 4, *Globalization and Gender* (Summer, 2001), pp. 1213-1234.

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: