

GENDER, POLITICS, AND THE STATE

Overview: This course explores the complex historical, cultural and social processes by which the state and politics are gendered. We will discuss: 1. key debates within feminist political and legal theories and third world feminist and post colonialist theories of politics and the state; 2. links between local resistance, immigration, cultural citizenship, international politics, neoliberal discourse, and global economic restructuring; 3. political strategies contesting inequalities with particular attention to struggles against sex discrimination, violence against women, and for sexual and reproductive freedom; 4. the challenges posed by "democratization" processes in Latin America and Eastern Europe; and 5. globalization, economic restructuring and economic development policies.

Course Requirements

Class participation: Group discussion is the primary format for the course. The instructor will offer background information and provide direction for the discussion, but we will work together to create an atmosphere that maximizes participation. The success of the course depends on your preparation for and participation in class discussion and activities. To be prepared for the class involves completing the assigned reading prior to the class, understanding the major themes in the reading and contributing questions and issues for discussion.

Response papers: Each week you will be expected to submit a response paper that summarizes the key points of each of the assigned readings for the upcoming week. Response papers should be sent via email by Sunday, 6:00PM of the upcoming week. Response papers should include at least three questions that can be used for class discussion.

Course Project: (Due May 10)

OPTION 1: Analyze and critique select academic literature in an area of concern or topic of interest to you from the point of view of the debates and diverse theoretical frameworks we have read or discussed in class. You are welcome to generate a new paper, research proposal, rework a paper prepared for another course, or prepare a review essay of the area chosen.

OPTION 2: Choose at least 8 additional books from either the list of recommended reading or a self-generated list that builds on one or more aspects of the course. Review and analyze these texts, then write a bibliographic essay in which you dialogue with the readings and demonstrate your understanding as well as analysis of these readings.

Required Texts

Bhavnani, Kum-Kum, John Foran and Priya Kurian. 2003. Feminist Futures: Re-imagining Women, Culture and Development. London: Zed Books.

Chunn, Dorothy E., and Dany Lacombe, eds. 2000. Law as a Gendering Practice. NY: Oxford University Press.

Enloe, Cynthia. 2000. Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Eschle, Catherine. 2001. Global Democracy, Social Movements, and Feminism. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

Evans, David T. 1993. Sexual Citizenship: The Material Construction of Sexualities. NY: Routledge.

Hirschmann, Nancy J., and Christine DiStefano, eds. 1996. Revisioning the Political: Feminist Reconstructions of Traditional Concepts in Western Political Theory. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

- Talamantez, Inez, M.A. Jaimes*Guerrero, and Anne Waters, eds. 2003. Indigenous Women in the Americas. Special Issue. Hypatia 18(2).
- Kaplan, Caren, Norma Alarcon, and Minoo Moallem, eds. 1999. Between Woman and Nation: Nationalisms, Transnational Feminisms, and the State. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Landes, Joan B. 1998. Feminism, the Public and the Private. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Ong, Aihwa. 1999. Flexible Citizenship: The Cultural Logics of Transnationality. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Meyer, Mary K., and Elisabeth Prugl, eds. 1999. Gender Politics in Global Governance. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- Williams, Patricia J. 1991. The Alchemy of Race and Rights: Diary of a Law Professor. Boston: Harvard University Press.
- Young, Iris Marion. 2000. Inclusion and Democracy. New York: Oxford University Press.

Recommended

- Alvarez, Sonia E. 1990. Engendering Democracy in Brazil. Princeton University Press.
- Basu, Amrita, ed. 1995. Women's Movements in Global Perspective. Boulder: Westview Press.
- Booth, Karen M. 2002. Local Women, Global Science: Fighting AIDS in Kenya. Indiana University Press
- Bystydzienski, Jill M., and Joti Sekhon, eds. 1999. Democratization and Women's Grassroots Movements. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- Carver, Terrell, and Veronique Mottier (eds.). 1999. Politics of Sexuality: Identity, Gender, Citizenship. NY: Routledge.
- Cruikshank, Barbara. 1999. The Will to Empower: Democratic Citizens and Other Subjects. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Davis, Nira Yuval, and Flora Anthias (eds.). 1998. Women, Nation, State. Sage.
- Edelman, Murray. 1985. The Symbolic Uses of Politics. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
- Enloe, Cynthia. 1993. The Morning After: Sexual Politics at the End of the Cold War. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Glenn, Evelyn Nakano. 2002. Unequal Freedom: How Race and Gender Shaped American Citizenship and Labor. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Hirschmann, Nancy J., and Ulrike Liebert. 2001. Women and Welfare: Theory and Practice in the United States and Europe. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- Keck, Margaret E., and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. Activists Beyond Borders. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
- Kampwirth, Karen. 2002. Women and Guerrilla Movements: Nicaragua, El Salvador, Chiapas, and Cuba. Penn State University Press.
- Kelly, Rita Mae, Jane H. Bayes, Mary E. Hawkesorth, and Brigitte Young, eds. 2001. Gender, Globalization, and Democratization. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Kim, Elaine H. Kim, and Chungmoo Choi (eds). 1998. Dangerous Women: Gender and Korean Nationalism. Routledge,
- Mayer, Tamar (ed). 1999. Gender Ironies of Nationalism: Sexing the Nation. NY: Routledge.
- Naples, Nancy A., and Manisha Desai, eds. 2002. Women's Activism and Globalization: Linking Local Struggles and Transnational Politics. New York: Routledge.
- O'Connor, Julia S, Ann Shola Orloff, and Sheila Shaver. 2003. States, Markets, Families : Gender, Liberalism and Social Policy in Australia, Canada, Great Britain and the United States. Cambridge University Press.
- Peters, Julie, and Andrea Wolper, eds. Women's Rights, Human Rights: International Feminist Perspectives .NY Routledge.
- Randal, Vicky, and Georgina Waylen (eds.). 1998. Gender, Politics, and the State. NY: Routledge.
- Skocpol, Theda. 1995. Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States. Harvard University Press.

Shanley, Mary Lyndon, and Uma Narayan, eds. 1997. Reconstituting Political Theory: Feminist Perspectives. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press.

Sen, Gita, and Caren Grown. 1987. Development, Crises, and Alternative Visions: Third World Women's Perspectives. New York, NY: Monthly Review Press.

Shiva, Vandana. 1989. Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development. Atlantic Highlands, NJ: Zeb Books

Stychin, Carl F. 2003. Governing Sexuality: The Changing Politics of Citizenship and Law Reform. Hart Publishing: Oxford and Portland, Oregon.

Pettman, Jan Jindy. 1996. Worlding Women: A Feminist International Politics. NY: Routledge.

Rowbotham, Sheila, and Swasti Mitter, eds. 1994. Dignity and Daily Bread: New Forms of Economic Organizing among Poor Women in the Third World and the First. London: Routledge.

Tichner, J. Ann. 2001. Gendering World Politics. NY: Columbia University Press.

Stetson, Corothy McBride, ed. 2001. Abortion Politics, Women's Movements, and the Democratic State: A Comparative Study of State Feminisms. NY: Oxford.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Overview and introduction (January 26)

2. Revisioning the Political (February 2)

Hirschmann, Nancy J., and Christine DiStefano, eds. 1996. Revisioning the Political: Feminist Reconstructions of Traditional Concepts in Western Political Theory. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

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Shanley, Mary Lyndon, and Uma Narayan, eds. 1997. Reconstituting Political Theory: Feminist Perspectives. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press.

Edelman, Murray. 1985. The Symbolic Uses of Politics. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

3. Challenging the Public/Private Dichotomy (February 9)

Landes, Joan B. 1998. Feminism, the Public and the Private. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Hirschmann, Nancy J., and Ulrike Liebert. 2001. Women and Welfare: Theory and Practice in the United States and Europe. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Skocpol, Theda. 1995. Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States. Harvard University Press.

4. Inclusion and Democracy (February 16)

Young, Iris Marion. 2000. Inclusion and Democracy. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Glenn, Evelyn Nakano. 2002. Unequal Freedom: How Race and Gender Shaped American Citizenship and Labor. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Cruikshank, Barbara. 1999. The Will to Empower: Democratic Citizens and Other Subjects. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

5. Race and Rights (February 23)

Williams, Patricia J. 1991. The Alchemy of Race and Rights: Diary of a Law Professor. Boston: Harvard University Press.

6. Law as a Gendering Practice (March 1)

Chunn, Dorothy E., and Dany Lacombe, eds. 2000. Law as a Gendering Practice. NY: Oxford University Press.

7. Sexual Citizenship (March 8)

Evans, David T. 1993. Chapters 2, 4-7 in Sexual Citizenship: The Material Construction of Sexualities. NY: Routledge.

Recommended

Stychin, Carl F. 2003. Governing Sexuality: The Changing Politics of Citizenship and Law Reform. Oxford and Portland, Oregon: Hart Publishing.

Carver, Terrell, and Veronique Mottier (eds.). 1999. Politics of Sexuality: Identity, Gender, Citizenship. NY: Routledge.

Booth, Karen M. 2002. Local Women, Global Science: Fighting AIDS in Kenya. Indiana University Press

8. The Politics of Indigenism (March 15)

Talamantez, Inez, M.A. Jaimes*Guerrero, and Anne Waters, eds. 2003. Indigenous Women in the Americas. Special Issue. Hyupatia 18(2).

9. Flexible Citizenship (March 22)

Ong, Aihwa. 1999. Flexible Citizenship: The Cultural Logics of Transnationality. Durham: Duke University Press.

10. Nationalism and Transnationalism (March 29)

Kaplan, Caren, Norma Alarcon, and Minoo Moallem, eds. 1999. Between Woman and Nation: Nationalisms, Transnational Feminisms, and the State. Durham: Duke University Press.

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11. NO CLASS (April 5)

12. Gender and Development (April 12)

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13. Gender and Militarization (April 19)

Enloe, Cynthia. 2000. Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives. Berkeley: University of California Press.

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Kampwirth, Karen. 2002. Women and Guerrilla Movements: Nicaragua, El Salvador, Chiapas, and Cuba. Penn State University Press.

14. Gender Politics in Global Governance (April 26)

Meyer, Mary K., and Elisabeth Prugl, eds. 1999. Gender Politics in Global Governance. Lanham:

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

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Pettman, Jan Jindy. 1996. Worlding Women: A Feminist International Politics. NY: Routledge.

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Pettman, Jan Jindy. 1996. Worlding Women: A Feminist International Politics. NY: Routledge.

Tichner, J. Ann. 2001. Gendering World Politics. NY: Columbia University Press.

15. Women's Activism and Globalization (May 3)

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16. PAPER PRESENTATIONS (May 10)