

**PROSEMINAR:
WOMEN AND POLITICS
790:608
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Course Time: Tuesdays, 15.00-17.40
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Course Description

This seminar provides an introduction to key concepts in feminist theory and epistemology and explores how they have been applied to the study of politics. The course draws on feminist research in multiple disciplines and surveys how these theoretical ideas have informed research across the subfields of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political theory, focusing on the potential for feminist scholarship to transform the discipline of political science.

Course Requirements

The course seeks to introduce students to basic concepts and debates on gender and politics through two sets of course assignments:

- **Class participation** (25%) which includes coming to class prepared and participating actively in class discussions. Students should bring notes on the readings, as well as copies of the readings themselves, to every class.
- **Three short essays** (25% each) which help students reflect on and integrate perspectives learned in the course: (1) an essay on feminist theory and concepts, (2) an essay on research design, and (3) a feminist genealogy paper and presentation on a Rutgers Women & Politics alum. Each paper should be 8-10 pages long, double-spaced.
- **Deadlines:** feminist theory essay on October 11 (questions distributed on October 1), research design essay on November 8 (assignment distributed on October 29), and genealogy paper and presentation on December 17 (assignment handout distributed on November 5). All papers are due by 11.59 PM and should be submitted via the Dropbox on Sakai.

Required Texts

All of the readings are available on the course's Sakai page, except the following book which can be purchased online or from your favorite local bookstore.

Grant, Judith. 1993. *Fundamental Feminism: Contesting the Core Concepts of Feminist Theory*. New York: Routledge.

COURSE SCHEDULE

September 3: Course and Subfield Introduction

Tolleson-Rinehart, Sue and Susan J. Carroll. 2006. "'Far from Ideal': The Gender Politics of Political Science." *American Political Science Review* 100 (1): 507-513.

Hawkesworth, Mary. 2005. "Engendering Political Science: An Immodest Proposal." *Politics & Gender* 1 (1): 141-156.

Ahrens, Petra, Karen Celis, Sarah Childs, Isabelle Engeli, Elizabeth Evans, and Liza Mügge. 2018. "Politics and Gender: Rocking Political Science and Creating New Horizons." *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 1 (1-2): 3-16.

<https://www.apsanet.org/PUBLICATIONS/Journals/2020-APSR-Editorial-Team>

<https://qz.com/work/1679115/the-top-us-political-science-journal-will-now-be-led-by-12-female-professors/>

Strach, Patricia. 2019. "What's Wrong with Us? Sexual Misconduct and the Discipline of Political Science." *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy* 40 (1): 7-20.

Medie, Peace A. and Alice J. Kang. 2018. "Power, Knowledge, and the Politics of Gender in the Global South." *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 1 (1-2): 37-53.

Paternotte, David. 2018. "Coming Out of the Political Science Closet: The Study of LGBT Politics in Europe." *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 1 (1-2): 55-74.

FEMINIST THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES

September 10: Types of Feminism

Grant, Judith. 1993. *Fundamental Feminism: Contesting the Core Concepts of Feminist Theory*. New York: Routledge, 1-88.

Hawkesworth, Mary. 2004. "The Semiotics of Premature Burial: Feminism in a Postfeminist Age." *Signs* 29 (4): 961-985.

Snyder, R. Claire. 2008. "What Is Third-Wave Feminism? A New Directions Essay." *Signs* 34 (1): 175-196.

Springer, Kimberly. 2002. "Third Wave Black Feminism?" *Signs* 27 (4): 1059-1082.

Banet-Weiser, Sarah. 2018. *Empowered: Popular Feminism and Popular Misogyny*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1-40.

September 17: Concepts of Sex and Gender

Joan Wallach Scott. 1988. "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis." *In Gender and the Politics of History*. New York: Columbia University Press, 28-50.

Chanter, Tina. 2000. "Gender Aporias." *Signs* 25 (4): 1237-1241.

Nicholson, Linda. 1994. "Interpreting Gender." *Signs* 20 (1): 79-105.

Butler, Judith. 1988. "Performative Acts and Gender Constitution: An Essay in Phenomenology and Feminist Theory." *Theatre Journal* 40 (4): 519-531.

Laqueur, Thomas Walter. 1992. *Making Sex: Body and Gender from the Greeks to Freud*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, selections.

Beckwith, Karen. 2005. "A Common Language of Gender?" *Politics & Gender* 1 (1): 128-137.

September 24: The Category of Woman

Riley, Denise. 1988. *'Am I That Name?': Feminism and the Category of 'Women' in History*. New York: Macmillan, selections.

Alcoff, Linda. 1988. "Cultural Feminism versus Post-Structuralism: The Identity Crisis in Feminist Theory." *Signs* 13 (3): 405-436.

Scott, Joan W. 1988. "Deconstructing Equality-Versus-Difference: Or, The Uses of Post-Structuralist Theory for Feminism." *Feminist Studies* 14 (1): 33-50.

Fuss, Diana. 1989. *Essentially Speaking: Feminism, Nature and Difference*. New York: Routledge, selections.

Young, Iris Marion. 1994. "Gender as Seriality: Thinking about Women as a Social Collective." *Signs* 19 (3): 713-738.

Martin, Jane Roland. 1994. "Methodological Essentialism, False Difference, and Other Dangerous Traps." *Signs* 19 (3): 630-657.

October 1: Theories of Intersectionality

**Feminist theory essay question handed out (due on October 11).*

Spelman, Elizabeth V. 1989. "Gender & Race: The Ampersand Problem in Feminist Thought." In *Inessential Woman: Problems of Exclusion in Feminist Thought*. Boston: Beacon, 114-132.

McCall, Leslie. 2005. "The Complexity of Intersectionality." *Signs* 30 (3): 1771-1800.

Weldon, S. Laurel. 2006. "The Structure of Intersectionality: A Comparative Politics of Gender." *Politics & Gender* 2 (2): 235-248.

Hancock, Ange-Marie. 2007. "Intersectionality as a Normative and Empirical Paradigm." *Politics & Gender* 3 (2): 248-254.

Alexander-Floyd, Nikol G. 2012. "Disappearing Acts: Reclaiming Intersectionality in the Social Sciences in a Post-Black Feminist Era." *Feminist Formations* 24 (1): 1-25.

Cho, Sumi, Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, and Leslie McCall. 2013. "Toward a Field of Intersectionality Studies: Theory, Applications, and Praxis." *Signs* 38 (4): 785-810.

October 8: Gender and Political Science Concepts

Okin, Susan Moller. 1979. *Women in Western Political Thought*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, selections.

Pateman, Carole. 1988. *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, selections.

Bourque, Susan C. and Jean Grossholtz. 1974. "Politics an Unnatural Practice: Political Science Looks at Female Participation." *Politics and Society* 4 (2): 225-266.

Paxton, Pamela. 2000. "Women's Suffrage in the Measurement of Democracy: Problems of Operationalization." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 35 (3): 92-111.

Puwar, Nirmal. 2004. *Space Invaders: Race, Gender, and Bodies Out of Place*. New York: Berg, selections.

FEMINIST RESEARCH APPROACHES

October 15: Feminist Epistemology 1: Enlightenment Critiques and Reversals

Ramazanoğlu, Caroline with Janet Holland. 2002. *Feminist Methodology: Challenges and Choices*. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 23-59.

Longino, Helen E. 1987. "Can There Be a Feminist Science?" *Hypatia* 2 (3): 51-64.

Tuana, Nancy. 1996. "Revaluing Science: Starting from the Practices of Women." In *Feminism, Science, and the Philosophy of Science*, ed. Lynn Hankinson Nelson and Jack Nelson. Boston: Kluwer, 17-35.

Cixous, Hélène. 2000. "Feminine Writing and Women's Difference." In *French Feminism Reader*, ed. Kelly Oliver. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 253-275.

Jaggar, Alison M. 1989. "Love and Knowledge: Emotion in Feminist Epistemology." In *Gender/Body/Knowledge: Feminist Reconstructions of Being and Knowing*, ed. Alison M. Jaggar and Susan R. Bordo. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 145-171.

October 22: Feminist Epistemology 2: Standpoint Theory and Postmodernism

Hartsock, Nancy C. M. 1983. "The Feminist Standpoint: Developing the Ground for a Specifically Feminist Historical Materialism." In *Discovering Reality: Feminist Perspectives on Epistemology, Metaphysics,*

Methodology, and Philosophy of Science, ed. Sandra Harding and Merrill B. Hintikka. Boston: Kluwer, 283-310.

Collins, Patricia Hill. 1989. "The Social Construction of Black Feminist Thought." *Signs* 14 (4): 745-773.

Hekman, Susan. 1997. "Truth and Method: Feminist Standpoint Theory Revisited." *Signs* 22 (2): 341-365.

Grant, Judith. 1993. *Fundamental Feminism: Contesting the Core Concepts of Feminist Theory*. New York: Routledge, 127-151.

Fraser, Nancy, and Linda Nicholson. 1988. "Social Criticism without Philosophy: An Encounter Between Feminism and Postmodernism." *Theory, Culture & Society* 5 (2-3): 373-394.

Canning, Kathleen. 1994. "Feminist History after the Linguistic Turn: Historicizing Discourse and Experience." *Signs* 19 (2): 368-404.

October 29: Feminist Research Methods

**Research design essay question handed out (due on November 8).*

Krook, Mona Lena and Judith Squires. 2006. "Gender Quotas in British Politics: Multiple Approaches and Methods in Feminist Research." *British Politics* 1 (1): 44-66.

Tripp, Aili Mari and Melanie M. Hughes. 2018. "Methods, Methodologies, and Epistemologies in the Study of Gender and Politics." *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 1 (1-2): 241-257.

Puwar, Nirmal. 1997. "Reflections on Interviewing Women MPs." *Sociological Research Online* 2 (1).

Luff, Donna. 1999. "Dialogue Across the Divides: 'Moments of Rapport' and Power in Feminist Research with Anti-Feminist Women." *Sociology* 33 (4): 687-703.

van der Haar, Marleen, and Mieke Verloo. 2016. "Starting a Conversation about Critical Frame Analysis: Reflections on Dealing with Methodology in Feminist Research." *Politics & Gender* 12 (3): E91-7.

Stauffer, Katelyn E. and Diana Z. O'Brien. 2019. "Fast Friends or Strange Bedfellows? Quantitative Methods and Gender and Politics Research." *European Journal of Politics and Gender* 2 (2): 151-171.

FEMINIST POLITICAL SCIENCE

November 5: Gender and International Relations

Guest: Professor Summer Lindsey

**Feminist genealogy paper and presentation instructions handed out (due on December 17).*

Tickner, J. Ann. 1992. *Gender in International relations: Feminist Perspectives on Achieving Global Security*. New York: Columbia University Press, selections.

Enloe, Cynthia. 2014. *Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*. Berkeley: University of California Press, selections.

Hudson, Valerie M. et al. 2009. "The Heart of the Matter: The Security of Women and the Security of States." *International Security* 33 (3): 7-45.

Loken, Meredith. 2017. "Rethinking Rape: The Role of Women in Wartime Violence." *Security Studies* 26 (1): 60-92.

Lindsey, Summer. 2018. "Conflict, Protection and Punishment: Repercussions of Violence in eastern DR Congo." Working Paper.

Krystalli, Roxanne, Allyson Hawkins, and Kim Wilson. 2018. "'I Followed the Flood': A Gender Analysis of the Moral and Financial Economies of Forced Migration." *Disasters* 42 (S1): 17-39.

November 12: Gender and American Politics

Guest: Professor Kira Sanbonmatsu

Huddy, Leonie, Erin Cassese, and Mary Kate Lizotte. 2008. "Gender and Public Opinion." In *Political Women and American Democracy: Critical Perspective on Women and Politics Research*, ed. Christina Wolbrecht, Karen Beckwith, and Lisa Baldez. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Huddy, Leonie, and Nadya Terkildsen. 1993. "Gender Stereotypes and the Perception of Male and Female Candidates." *American Journal of Political Science* 37 (1): 119-147.

Smooth, W. 2006. "Intersectionality in Electoral Politics: A Mess Worth Making." *Politics & Gender* 2 (3): 400-404.

Hardy-Fanta, Carol, Pei-te Lien, Dianne M. Pinderhughes and Christine M. Sierra. 2006. "Gender, Race, and Descriptive Representation in the United States: Findings from the Gender and Multicultural Leadership Project." *Journal of Women Politics & Policy* 28 (3-4): 7-41.

Dittmar, Kelly, Kira Sanbonmatsu, and Susan J. Carroll. 2018. *A Seat at the Table: Congresswomen's Perspectives on Why Their Presence Matters*. New York: Oxford University Press, 59-117.

Recommended:

Dittmar, Kelly, Kira Sanbonmatsu, and Kathleen Rogers. 2019. "Gender and Electoral Politics in the United States." *Oxford Bibliographies*. <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199756223/obo-9780199756223-0137.xml>

November 19: Gender and Political Theory

Guest: Professor Danielle Hanley

Honig, Bonnie. 2009. "Antigone's Laments, Creon's Grief: Mourning, Membership, and the Politics of Exception." *Political Theory* 37(1): 5-43.

Ahmed, Sara. 2010. "Killing Joy: Feminism and the History of Happiness." *Signs* 35 (3): 571-594

Hemmings, Clare. 2012. "Affective Solidarity: Feminist Reflexivity and Political Transformation." *Feminist Theory* 13 (2): 147-161

Nash, Jennifer. 2014. "Institutionalizing the Margins." *Social Text* 32 (1): 45-65

Dahl, Ulrika. 2017. "Femmebodiment: Notes on Queer Feminine Shapes of Vulnerability." *Feminist Theory* 18 (1): 35-53

Hanley, Danielle. 2019. "*Menis and Medea*: Finding Empowerment through Grief-Wrath." Manuscript.

November 26: NO CLASS (Thursday schedule due to Thanksgiving)

December 3: Gender and Comparative Politics

Molyneux, Maxine. 1985. "Mobilization without Emancipation? Women's Interests, the State, and Revolution in Nicaragua." *Feminist Studies* 11 (2): 227-254.

Hughes, Melanie M. 2011. "Intersectionality, Quotas, and Minority Women's Political Representation Worldwide." *American Political Science Review* 105 (3): 604-620.

Kenny, Meryl. 2014. "A Feminist Institutional Approach." *Politics & Gender* 10 (4): 679-684.

Celis, Karen, and Sarah Childs. 2012. "The Substantive Representation of Women: What to Do with Conservative Claims?" *Political Studies* 60 (1): 213-225.

Krook, Mona Lena and Diana Z. O'Brien. 2012. "All the President's Men? The Appointment of Female Cabinet Ministers Worldwide." *Journal of Politics* 74 (3): 840-855.

Krook, Mona Lena and Juliana Restrepo Sanín. Forthcoming. "The Cost of Doing Politics? Analyzing Violence and Harassment against Female Politicians." *Perspectives on Politics*.

December 10: NO CLASS

December 17: Feminist Genealogies

**In-class presentations and paper deadline.*

Critical Perspectives Symposium. 2013. "Crossing Borders, Transforming Knowledge: Celebrating 25 Years of the Women and Politics Program at Rutgers University." *Politics & Gender* 9 (4): 463-497.