

**PROSEMINAR:
WOMEN AND POLITICS
790:608
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Course Time: Mondays, 15.00-17.40
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<https://rutgers.webex.com/meet/mk1041>

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. *In fall 2020, the class will meet virtually on Webex or Zoom.*
- **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 16 (questions distributed on October 5), research design essay on November 6 (assignment distributed on October 26), and genealogy paper and presentation on December 7 (assignment handout distributed on November 2). 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 (login at <https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>), 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 8: 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 (4): 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 14: 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 21: Concepts of Sex and Gender

Joan Wallach Scott. 1986. "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis." *American Historical Review* 91 (5): 1053-1075.

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, 1-24, 149-192.

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

September 28: The Category of Woman

Riley, Denise. 1988. *'Am I That Name?': Feminism and the Category of 'Women' in History*. New York: Macmillan, 1-17, 67-114.

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, xi-37.

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

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

October 5: Theories of Intersectionality

**Feminist theory essay question handed out (due on October 16).*

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.

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

FEMINIST RESEARCH APPROACHES

October 12: 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.

Jaggar, Alison M. 1989. "Love and Knowledge: Emotion in Feminist Epistemology." *Inquiry* 32 (2): 151-176.

Tickner, J. Ann. 2005. "What Is Your Research Program? Some Feminist Answers to International Relations Methodological Questions." *International Studies Quarterly* 49 (1): 1-21.

October 19: 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 26: Feminist Research Methods

**Research design essay question handed out (due on November 6).*

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).

Enloe, Cynthia. 2014. *Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*. Berkeley: University of California Press, chapter 1.

Verloo, Mieke and Emanuela Lombardo. 2007. "Contested Gender Equality and Policy Variety in Europe: Introducing a Critical Frame Analysis Approach." In *Multiple Meanings of Gender Equality*, ed. Mieke Verloo. Budapest: Central European University Press, 21-46.

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 2: Concepts

Okin, Susan Moller. 1979. *Women in Western Political Thought*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 3-12, 274-340.

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.

Carpenter, R. Charli. 2003. "'Women and Children First': Gender, Norms, and Humanitarian Evacuation in the Balkans 1991-95." *International Organization* 57 (4): 661-694.

Tebble, Adam James. 2011. "Homosexuality and Publicness: Towards a Political Theory of the Taboo." *Political Studies* 59 (4): 921-939.

Krook, Mona Lena. 2019. "Global Feminist Collaborations and the Concept of Violence against Women in Politics." *Journal of International Affairs* 72 (2): 77-94.

November 9: Activism

Beckwith, Karen. 2001. "Women's Movements at Century's End: Excavation and Advances in Political Science." *Annual Review of Political Science* 4: 371-390.

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

Strolovitch, Dara Z. 2006. "Do Interest Groups Represent the Disadvantaged? Advocacy at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender." *Journal of Politics* 68 (4): 894-910.

McConaughy, Corrine M. 2013. *The Woman Suffrage Movement in America: A Reassessment*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Connell, R. W. 2005. "Change among the Gatekeepers: Men, Masculinities, and Gender Equality in the Global Arena." *Signs* 30 (3): 1801-1825.

Corredor, Elizabeth S. 2019. "Unpacking 'Gender Ideology' and the Global Right's Antigender Countermovement." *Signs* 44 (3): 613-638.

November 16: Representation

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.

Bauer, Nichole M. 2020. *The Qualifications Gap: Why Women Must Be Better Than Men to Win Political Office*. New York: Cambridge University Press, selections.

Mansbridge, Jane. 1999. "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent 'Yes.'" *Journal of Politics* 61 (3): 628-657.

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

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

Burnet, Jennie E. 2011. "Women Have Found Respect: Gender Quotas, Symbolic Representation, and Female Empowerment in Rwanda." *Politics & Gender* 7 (3): 303-334.

November 23: Institutions

Hawkesworth, Mary. 2003. "Congressional Enactments of Race-Gender: Toward a Theory of Raced-Gendered Institutions." *American Political Science Review* 97 (4): 529-550.

Puwar, Nirmal. 2004. *Space Invaders: Race, Gender, and Bodies Out of Place*. New York: Berg, 1-29, 76-105.

Palmieri, Sonia. 2011. *Gender-Sensitive Parliaments: A Global Review of Good Practice*. Geneva: Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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

Chappell, Louise. 2014. "'New,' 'Old,' and 'Nested' Institutions and Gender Justice Outcomes: A View from the International Criminal Court." *Politics & Gender* 10 (4): 572-594.

Bjarnegård, Elin. 2013. *Gender, Informal Institutions, and Political Recruitment: Explaining Male Dominance in Parliamentary Representation*. New York: Palgrave, 1-51.

November 30: RU Women & Politics Faculty Research

Alexander-Floyd, Nikol G. 2018. "Why Political Scientists Don't Study Black Women, but Historians and Sociologists Do." In *Black Women in Politics*, ed. Julia S. Jordan-Zachery and Nikol G. Alexander-Floyd. Albany: SUNY Press, 5-26.

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.

Daniels, Cynthia R., Janna Ferguson, Grace Howard, and Amanda Roberti. 2016. "Informed or Misinformed Consent? Abortion Policy in the United States." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law* 41 (2): 181-209.

Gambino, Elena. 2020. "'A More Thorough Resistance'? Coalition, Critique, and the Intersectional Promise of Queer Theory." *Political Theory* 48 (2): 218-244.

Krook, Mona Lena and Juliana Restrepo Sanín. 2020. "The Cost of Doing Politics? Analyzing Violence and Harassment against Female Politicians." *Perspectives on Politics* 18 (3).

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

December 7: RU Women & Politics 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.