ADVANCED TOPICS IN GENDER STUDIES

2 credits MA course

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This course is designed to help students prepare for their MA research. Several representative examples of feminist research will be discussed from the point of view of research design, methodology, argumentation and analytical finesse.

Using selected examples, students will be required to relate aspects of the readings and the discussion to their research projects and to progress towards better understanding of the aims, research questions and the scope of the research they want to make for their MA thesis.

Requirements:

There is no final paper for this class, so grading will be based on class participation, short written pieces and a final presentation of research proposal.

Active participation in class – approx. 40%

Presentation of research proposal- approx. 30%

2 short assignments – approx. 30%

session 1: Feminist Approaches to Research


Joey Sprague and Diane Kobrynowicz. “A Feminist Epistemology”. In Feminist Perspectives on Social Research. Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber and
session 2: Finding a Research Topic


session 3. Formulating research questions


session 4. Choosing a proper methodology


Assignment 1: Thesis topic and a short description of the proposed research due by May 8.

session 5. Formulating a theoretical argument (1)


session 6. Formulating a theoretical argument (2)

Assignment 2: Reflection on research question for the proposed research (2 – 3 pages). Deadline: May 23.

session 7. Positioning the researcher (1)


May 18, session 8. Positioning the researcher (2)


sessions 9-12. Student presentations.