Course Syllabus

Gender, Race, Class: Global Inequality

(2 credits)

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Fall Semester, 2018
Wednesday 1:30-3:10

Description: This course examines the links between gender, race, and class in the era of global capitalism. Through the semester, students will critically explore the intersected racialized and gendered manifestations of capitalism at the global and local level. The course explores how dominant economic and political rationalities of neoliberalism have constructed through particular gendered and racialized discourses and social practices that effects various groups such as Roma in Europe.

Through the semester students will critically explore the dynamic of global inequality and process of social change through a variety of topics; such as gendered division of labor, politics of racialized and gendered body, politics of production and reproduction, etc. One of the central themes of the course is how the notion of “disposable third world women” has been emerged by global capitalism and reproduced in the heart of the “first world”. What are the major forces which shape these women’s life trajectories? What are the links between gendered and racialized discourses, markets, ideologies and institutions that shape women’s work and subjectivities in their politics of locations?

Learning objectives of the course:

- Engage in a critical dialogue and reflection based on the assigned texts, articles and book chapters
- Participate actively in discussions, based on class readings
- Appreciate places, peoples and cultures of various world regions and understand different social perspectives based on various readings
- Think critically about gender, racial and social inequality
- Participate in collective learning practices
- Articulate ideas verbally and support them with evidence
• Write critically and thoughtfully: this includes understanding the purpose and practice of proper citation, and the ability to develop an argument that integrates evidence and analysis.

Class Format

100 min. sessions per week. Generally, the first 20-30 minutes will comprise of a mini lecture on that day’s specific topic. The second half will comprise student discussion and smaller group exercises. You are expected to come to class prepared with questions and comments related to the assigned readings.

Seminar Requirements:

The class is a discussion based graduate seminar. Students are expected to be prepared based on the assigned reading materials and engaged in active and creative class discussions. Student’s participation will be judged according to the quality (i.e. substance, thoughtfulness, etc.) of their contribution. Additionally, students are expected to be mindful and respectful of the differences of opinion and perspectives that will emerge in class discussions. Part of the course is learning how to articulate arguments and how to disagree (as well as agree) with other perspectives in an open, respectful, and non-confrontational manner.

Behavior in the class: Please leave cell phones off and computers closed during class (the use of computers is permitted only when reading relevant text that will allow students to answer questions. Checking emails, facebook, etc. is NOT allowed and will be dealt with accordingly), arrive on time, return promptly from our break, and plan each week to stay for the entire class.

The final grade will depend upon the following criteria for both oral and written contributions:

1. Active Participation: 15%. Attendance at every class, evidence of thorough and careful reading, and engaged participation in discussions.
2. Reading Diaries: 15%. Students need to prepare a reading diary (3 key points from the author(s) of the weekly assigned article(s)/book chapter(s), 3 questions what student would like to raise in class, 3 points for student’s argument based on the article) for each class based on the required reading materials. Student’s “Reading Diaries” should be posted before the class session on the Sakai/Forum.
4. **Research and Group presentation:** 15%. Students will be asked to formulate groups on various topics which relate to global capitalism, neoliberalism, gender and racial politics. They have to research and prepare an interactive and engaging group presentation on the specific assigned topic.

5. **Individual final paper:** 35%. A 10-15 page paper (double spaced) on a specific course related topic that is approved by the instructor. This individual paper is expected to be a synthesis of the intellectual work accomplished during the semester. Proper citation and full bibliographical references are required.

### Grading

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**Academic Honesty**

Please know that any submitted work that contains plagiarized materials will result in immediate failure of the course.

**Campus-wide Emergencies**

In the event of circumstances in which the campus must close, students will be notified.

*If you have a disability that may require an accommodation for taking this course, please consult with me on the first week.*

Suggested Course books:
SUGGESTED COURSE READINGS

*Undoing the Demos: Neoliberalism’s Stealth Revolution* by Wendy Brown

*Logics of Empowerment: Development, Gender and Governance in Neoliberal India* by Aradhana Aharma

*Neoliberalism as Exception: Mutations in Citizenship and Sovereignty* by Aihwa Ong

*Disposable Women and Other Myths of Global Capitalism* by Melissa W.Wright

*Fortunes of Feminism: From State Managed Capitalism to Neoliberal Crisis* by Nancy Fraser

*Social Reproduction: Feminist Political Economy Challenges Neoliberalism* edited by Kate Bezanson and Meg Luxton

*A Brief History of Neoliberalism* by David Harvey

*Spaces of Global Capitalism: Toward A Theory of Uneven Geographical Development* by David Harvey

*The Racial State* by David Theo Goldberg

*The Threat of Race: Reflections on Racial Neoliberalism* by David Theo Goldberg

*European Social Integration and the Roma: Questioning neoliberal governmentality* by Cerasela Voicelesce

*The European Roma: Minority Representation, Memory and the Limits of Transnational Governmentality* by Huub van Baar

*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander

*Disciplining the Poor: Neoliberal Paternalism and the Persistent Power of Race* by Joe Soss, Richard C. Fording & Sanford F.Schram

*Workfare States* by Jamie Peck

*Inequality, Poverty, and Neoliberal Governance: Activist Ethnography in the Homeless Sheltering Industry* by Vincent Lyon Callo

Delphy, Christine (2015) *Separate and Dominate: Feminism and Racism after the War on Terror*.

Farris, Sara (2017) *In the Name of Women’s Rights: The Rise of Femonationalism*.


Incite! Women of Color Against Violence (2007) *The Revolution will not be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex*.


**Course Videos:**

Videos for the class will be selected from the Bullfrog Films website (http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/about.html), which is the oldest leading source of educational DVDs & videos, with a variety of issues on Environment, Globalization, Sustainability, Climate Change, Social Justice, Developing World, etc.

**Websites:** [http://xntl.info/neoliberalism/](http://xntl.info/neoliberalism/)

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**TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE**

**I. Global Capitalism and Neoliberalism:**

**Week 1:**

Neoliberalism – the ideology at the root of all our problems by George Monbiot’s in *The Guardian* https://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/apr/15/neoliberalism-ideology-problem-george-monbiot

Neo-liberalism and the restoration of class power by David Harvey (book chapter); Neoliberalism and Global Order by Noam Chomsky (book chapter)

II. Neoliberal Governmentality: Workfare and Prison System

**Week 2: Re-engineering the welfare state**

*Governmentality: Critical Encounters* by Walters, William (book chapter)

*Workfare States* by Jamie Peck (book chapter)

*The Rise of Neoliberal Paternalism* by Joe Soss, Richard C. Fording & Sanford F. Schram (book chapter); *The Color of Neoliberal Paternalism* by Joe Soss, Richard C. Fording & Sanford F. Schram (book chapter)

**Week 3: Fragmentation and marginalization**

*Undoing the Demos: Neoliberalism’s Stealth Revolution* by Wendy Brown (book chapter)

*Inequality, Poverty, and Neoliberal Governance: Activist Ethnography in the Homeless Sheltering Industry* by Vincent Lyon Callo (pp. 1-47)

**Week 4: Governing racialized minorities in neoliberal Europe**

Note: instead of this class, you will be required to attend a session from a conference on Romani resistance during the Holocaust, taking place on the same day and at the usual time (Jan 31st).


*European Social Integration and the Roma: Questioning neoliberal governmentality* by Cerasela Voicelesce (book chapter)

*The European Roma: Minority Representation, Memory and the Limits of Transnational Governmentality* by Huub van Baar (book chapter)

**Week 5: Criminalization and the Prison Industrial Complex**


Silliman, Jael and Bhattacharjee, Anannya (2002) *Policing the National Body: Sex, Race, and Criminalization.* Cambridge, Mass.: South End Press. (Chap 1)


*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander (Introduction, Chapter 1-2)

**Week 6: Take home Midterm week**

**III. Feminism, Neoliberalism, and Gender Inequality**

**Week 7: Neoliberal feminism**

Catherine Rottenberg (2014) *The Rise of Neoliberal Feminism,* *Cultural Studies,* 28:3, 418-437,

How feminism became capitalism's handmaiden - and how to reclaim it by Nancy Fraser [https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/oct/14/feminism-capitalist-handmaiden-neoliberal](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/oct/14/feminism-capitalist-handmaiden-neoliberal)


**Week 8: NGO-ization and critique of developmentalism**

Incite! Women of Color Against Violence (2007) *The Revolution will not be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex.* (introduction)

*Logics of Empowerment: Development, Gender and Governance in Neoliberal India* by Aradhana Aharma (book chapters)


Week 9: Whose feminism? Debates and power relations in global capitalism


‘Feminism, Capitalism and the Cunning of History’ by Nancy Fraser, New Left Review 56, March-April 2009.

Disposable Women and Other Myths of Global Capitalism by Melissa W.Wright (1-71)

Farris, Sara (2017) In the Name of Women’s Rights: The Rise of Femonationalism.

IV. Gendered Racial Neoliberalism and Global Capitalism

Week 10: Social reproduction and racialized gender

Social Reproduction: Feminist Political Economy Challenges Neoliberalism edited by Kate Bezanson and Meg Luxton (book chapter)

The Racial State by David Theo Goldberg (book chapter)

The Threat of Race: Reflections on Racial Neoliberalism by David Theo Goldberg (book chapter)

Week 11: Disarticulated Citizenship

Neoliberalism as Exception: Mutations in Citizenship and Sovereignty by Aihwa Ong (book chapters)


Week 12: Resistance