

Gender, Globalization and Feminist Politics
(920-572)
Sociology
Rutgers
(Fall 2011)

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Time : Monday 1 :10- 3 :50

Office Hours: M/W 4-5 or by appointment

Place : Davidson Hall

Course Description

Globalization is grounded in processes of formation of femininities and masculinity, as well as processes of domination and resistance. The purpose of this course is to examine the multiple ways in which globalization is gendered and the importance of feminism as a force of resistance. If globalization has been grounded in dynamics of class, race, sexuality religion, and nation, feminism has been suspected of various forms of complicities and promiscuities, notably in its liberal forms. While acknowledging the ways in which feminist politics and practice enable forms of resistance to globalization, it is also important to critically assess the complicities of feminism and the feminist movement(s) as a globalizing force.

We will explore these themes though a critical reading of feminist responses to global processes of production, reproduction, sexuality, migration, securitization, violence, and rights. The course will take an interdisciplinary approach drawing on the most current debates in sociology and other social sciences about the gender of globalization. It will draw on feminist liberal, postcolonial, poststructuralist and postmodern critiques of globalization. The course is built in a way to enable students to work on their own research projects/papers, as they progress in their understanding of the intersections of globalization, gender and feminist politics.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to

- identify the ways in which globalization and gender intersect
- understand the relationship between feminism as theory, politics and practice
- be able to use concepts developed by feminist scholars from various locations
- critically assess the impact of women's mobilization on globalization

Required Readings

JK. Gibson-Graham. 1996. *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It) : A feminist Critique of Political Economy*. Minnesota

Lisa Rofel. 1999. *Other Modernities: Gendered Yearnings in China After Socialism*. California

Ritty Lukose. 2009. *Liberalization's Children: Gender, Youth, and Consumer Citizenship in Globalizing India*. Duke

Melissa Hausman and Birgit Sauer. 2007. *Gendering the State in the Age of Globalization: Women's Movements and State Feminism in Postindustrial Democracies*. Rowman and Littlefield

Julia Sudbury . 2005. *Global Lockdown: Race, Gender and The prison Industrial Complex*. Routledge

Dorothy L. Hodgson. 2011. *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Pennsylvania

Other Readings on Sakai

Course Requirement

Class Format: The class is organized as a seminar with students taking an active role in the learning process. This involves reflecting on the readings, leading class discussions and bringing provocative thoughts and questions to the class.

Course Requirements: The students are expected to (1) read all assigned texts and write one page comments addressing the content and concepts of the readings; (2) Present their comments in class and bring provocative questions to the rest of the class; (3) Post their comments and questions on Sakai every Sunday at noon

A term paper.

Your grade is divided between all these assignments. You will get 40% of your grade on your weekly comments and class participation and 60% on the final paper. The final paper is due the last day of class.

Attendance: Your Grade will automatically drop to B if you miss two classes.

My policy on plagiarism is to award an F for the course.

Course schedule

Subject to Revisions

Week one (Sep 8)

Introduction

Film: The Legacy of Malthus

Feminist Readings of the Global Economy

Week two (Sep 12)

Gibson-Graham. 1999. The End of Capitalism as We Knew It (1-3)

* Catherine Eschle. 2004. Feminist Studies of Globalisation: Beyond Gender, Beyond Economism? Global Society. (Sakai)

* Hester Eisenstein. 2005. A Dangerous Liaison? Feminism and Corporate Globalization. Science & Society. (Sakai)

* Carla Freeman. 2001. Is local: Global as feminine: Masculine? Rethinking the Gender of Globalization. Signs (Sakai)

Week Three (Sep 19)

Graham Gibson. 1999. The End of Capitalism as we Knew it (4-5-7-8)

*Sassen Saskia. 2002. Counter Geographies of Globalization: Feminization of Survival, pp 89-104. In Feminist Post-development Thought. Kriemild Saunders (editor)

NGOs , Governance, Governmentality.

Week Four (Sep 26)

*Nicola Prat. 2004. Bringing Politics back in: Examining the link Between Globalization and Democratization. Review of International Political Economy (Sakai)

*Sangeeta Kamat. 2004. The Privatization of Public Interest: Theorizing NGO Discourse in a Neoliberal Era. Review of International Political Economy. (Sakai)

* Mino Moallem. 2001. Middle Eastern Studies, Feminism, and Globalization. Signs (Sakai)

* Julia Elyachar. 2001. Empowerment Money: The World Bank, Non-Governmental Organizations, and the Value of Culture in Egypt. Public Culture (Sakai)

Culture, Subjectivity, Subjects

Week Five (Oct 3)

Lisa Rofel. 1999. Other Modernities 1-2-3

*Marc de Leeuw and Sonja van Wichelen. 2005. "PLEASE, GO WAKE UP!" Submission, Hirsi Ali, and the "War on Terror" in the Netherlands. Feminist Media Studies (Sakai)

*Vandana Shiva. 2002. Mad Cows and Sacred Cows. Pp 183-198 in *Feminist Post-Development Thought*. Kriemild Saunders (editor)

*Lila Abu Lughod. 2002. Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving ? : Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and Its Others. American Anthropologist (Sakai)

Mobilization/ Resistance

Week Six (Oct 10)

Lisa Rofel. 1999. Other Modernities 4-5 (skim 7-8)

*Marianne Marchand: Engendering Globalization in an Era of Transnational Capital: New Cross Border Alliances and Strategies of Resistance in a post-NAFTA Mexico. Pp 105-118 in *Feminist Post-Development Thought*

*Mary Jane Real. 2011. Defending Women, Defending Rights: Transnational Organizing in a Culture of Rights. Pp 218-233 in *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Dorothy Hodgson (editor)

*Rodriguez Robyn. 2011. Fighting for Fatherhood and Family: Immigrant Detainees' Struggles for Rights. Pp 200-217 in *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Dorothy Hodgson (editor)

*Richie Beth. 2011. Queering Antiprison Work: African American Lesbians in the Juvenile System. Pp 73-84

Global Encounters: Masculinities, Femininities, Citizenship

Week Seven (Oct 17)

Ritty Lukose. 2009. Liberalization's Children: Gender, Youth and Consumer Citizenship in Globalizing India (intro, 2-3-4)

*Tyrell Haberkon. 2011. Arbitrary Detention in Southern Thailand. Pp 122 in *Accumulating Insecurity: Violence and Dispossession in the Making of Everyday Life*. Shelley Feldman and al; (editors) Georgia. (Sakai)

*Deborah Cowen and Amy Siciliano. 2011. Schooled In/Security: Surplus Subjects, Racialized Masculinity, and Citizenship. Pp 104-121 in *Accumulating Insecurity: Violence and Dispossession in the Making of Everyday Life*. Shelley Feldman and al; (editors) Georgia. (Sakai)

Week Eight (Oct 24)

No class, meeting with students in my office
Students to schedule time

Human Rights Regimes and Gender Regimes

Week Nine (Oct 31)

Proposal paper Due

*Pheng Cheah. 2011. Capitalizing Humanity: The Global Disposition of People and Things. Pp 298-318. In *Accumulating Insecurity: Violence and Dispossession in the Making of Everyday Life*. Shelly Feldman and al; Georgia (editors)

*Scully Pamela. 2011. Gender, History, and Human Rights. Pp 17-31 in *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Dorothy Hogdson (editor)

*Peggy Levitt and Sally Engle Merry. 2011. Making Human Rights in the Vernacular: Navigating the Culture/Rights Divide. Pp 81-100 in *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Dorothy Hogdson (editor)

*Lila Abu Lughod. 2011. The Active Social Life of “Muslim Women’s Rights.” Pp 102-119 in *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Dorothy Hogdson (editor)

*Caroline Yezer. 2011. How Not to be a Machu Qari: Human Rights, Machismo, and Military Nostalgia in Peru’s Andes. Pp 120-137 in *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Dorothy Hogdson (editor)

Counter Geographies of Rights

Week Ten (Nov 7)

*Dorothy Hogdson. 2011. “These Are Not Our Priorities”: Maasai Women, Human Rights, and The Problem of Culture . pp 138-157 in *Gender and Culture at the Limit of Rights*. Dorothy Hogdson (editor)

*Butler Judith. 2009. *Frames of War*. Verso. Sakai

*Hagar Kotef and Merav Amir. 2008. (En)Gendering Checkpoints: Checkpoint Watch and the Repercussions of Intervention. pp 161-182 in *War and Terror : Feminist Perspective*. Karen Alexander and Mary Hawkesworth . Chicago

*Asale Angel-Ajani. 2011. Domestic Enemies and Carceral Circles: African Women and Criminalization in Italy. Pp 3-15 in *Global Lockdown* .Julia Sadbury. Routledge

*Kamal Kempadoo. 2011. Victims and Agents of Crime: the New Crusade Against Trafficking. Pp 35-52 in *Global Lockdown* .Julia Sadbury. Routledge

Week Eleven (Nov 14)

Mona Atia. 2007. In whose interest? Financial Surveillance and the Circuits of Exception in the War on Terror. 25(3) 447 – 475

Zakia Salime.2007. The War on Terror: Appropriations and Subversion by Moroccan Women Signs (Sakai)

Dowler, Lauraine. 2002. Women on the frontlines: Rethinking war narratives post 9/11 *GeoJournal* 58: 159–165, 2002. (Sakai)

Week Twelve (Nov 21)

No Class / Wednesday class

The Neoliberal State, Reform, Violence, Governance

Week Thirteen (Nov 28)

*Rebecca Bohrman and Naomi Murakawa. 2011. Remaking Big Government: Immigration and Crime Control in the United States. Pp 109-123 in *Global Lockdown* .Julia Sadbury. Routledge

*Juanita Diaz-Cotto. 2011. Latina and the War on Drugs in the United States, Latin America and Europe. Pp137-148 in *Global Lockdown* .Julia Sadbury. Routledge

*Melissa Wright.2011. National Security versus Public Safety : Femicide, Drug Wars, and the Mexican State. Pp 285-297 in *Accumulating Insecurity*. Shelly Feldman (Sakai)

*Terhi Aalto and Anne Maria Holli. 2007. Debating Day Care in Finland in the Midst of an Economic Recession and Welfare state Downsizing. Pp 101-119 in *Gendering the State in the Age of Globalization*. Melissa Haussman and al; Rowman and Littlefield

*Marila Guadagnini. 2007. The reform of the State in Italy. Pp 169-187 in *Gendering the State in the Age of Globalization*. Melissa Haussman and al; Rowman and Littlefield

*Celia Valiente. 2007. The Women's Movements, State Feminism, and Unemployment Reform in Spain, 2002-2003. Pp 227-242 in in *Gendering the State in the Age of Globalization*. Melissa Haussman and al; Rowman and Littlefield

Week Fourteen (Dec 5)

Mernissi. 2001. Shehrazade Goes West: Different Cultures , Different harems. New York : Washington Square Press

Week Fifteen (Dec 12)

Final Paper Due