

Gendering Migration and Diasporas
15PGNH002
2018 - 2019 (Term 1)
Course Convenor: Dr Alyosxa Tudor
Course Level: Postgraduate

University of London
School of Oriental and African Studies
Centre for Gender Studies

Time & Place: Thursdays, 3-4pm

Assessment: One 2000 word essays (50%), 2 out of 3 reaction papers; 1000 words each (50%).

Essay deadline: Jan 8th, 2019, 11:59pm

RP1 deadline: Nov 6th, 2018, 11:59pm

RP2 deadline: Dec 18th, 2018, 11:59pm

RP3 deadline (optional): tbc

Course description:

Migration and diaspora are - like gender – not descriptive, objective categories, but analytical tools to name positions of power. In this course we discuss what gendering, diaspora and migration can imply as analytical categories and how they are constructed interdependently by power relations. We will engage with a range of approaches to gender, migrations and diasporas and will address the social and political dimensions of migration and diasporas as well as politics related to constructions of non/belonging, cultural productions and imaginations.

Building on postcolonial studies, transnational feminism, queer theory, and deconstructionism we will not only focus on analysing power relations and oppression, but also on resistance strategies to and critical knowledge production on nationalist, racist, migrates, sexist, queerphobic, colonialist and Eurocentric norms and normalizations of gender, nation, race and belonging.

This course is focused on theory (making sense of the world) and epistemology (making sense of making sense of the world). We will discuss how theory and epistemology are intertwined with activism, research practice and everyday life. The module aims to enable students to reflect critically on knowledge production and to 'translate' theoretical concepts across disciplines, languages and contexts.

Teaching/Learning Methods: The course consists of lectures, tutorials and class discussions. We will be using Moodle to access course documents, such as the updated syllabus, weekly

lecture notes and sample reaction papers. We will also use BLE for occasional online discussions on specific topics as well as to exchange relevant information, resources and links.

Assignments:

I. Reaction Papers (50%):

Students are asked to write brief reaction papers (1000 words) based on the assigned readings. Students are allowed to submit 3 reaction papers. The grade is based on the 2 best.

II. Essay (50%):

The 2000 word essay is due on Jan 8th, 2019. We will discuss essay topics after reading week.

Regulations:

Please consult the SOAS Postgraduate handbooks for regulations regarding attendance, deadlines, referencing, plagiarism etc.

Course Schedule

DATE	TOPIC
Week 1	Introduction: Why Gendering Diasporas and Migrations?
Week 2	Who is a Stranger? Where is Home?
Week 3	Diaspora Space
Week 4	Black Atlantic - Queer Atlantic
Week 5	Orientalism, Anti-Muslim Racism and Gendered Norms
Week 6	* Reading week *
Week 7	Postcolonial Geopolitics: Transnational Migration
Week 8	Colonialism, Racism, and Gender(ed) Knowledge Productions
Week 9	Trafficking, Border Violence and the Denationalization of Rights
Week 10	Sexual Regimes, Borders and Nation States
Week 11	Cross-Border-Nationalism, Homonationalism, Transnationalism

1. Introduction: Why Gendering Diasporas and Migrations?

2. Who is a Stranger ? Where is Home?

Key Reading

Ahmed, Sara (1999): "Home and Away. Narratives of Migration and Estrangement". In: *International Journal of Cultural Studies*. 2 (3), pp. 329–347. (18 pages)

Tudor, Alyosxa (2018) 'Cross-Fadings of Racialisation and Migratisation: The Postcolonial Turn in Western European Gender and Migration Studies'. *Gender, Place & Culture*.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0966369X.2018.1441141>

Recommended Reading

El-Tayeb, Fatima (2011): "Introduction: Theorizing Urban Minority Communities in Postnational Europe". In: *European Others. Queering Ethnicity in Postnational Europe*. Minneapolis, London: University of Minnesota, pp. xi-xlvi.

Mohanty, Chandra T. (2003): "Genealogies of Community, Home, and Nation". In: *Feminism Without Borders. Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity*. Durham, London: Duke University. pp. 124-137 (13 pages)

Boatcă, Manuela (2013): "Multiple Europes and the Politics of Difference Within". In: *Worlds & Knowledges Otherwise (WKO). Uneasy Postcolonialisms*. 3 (3), online:
https://globalstudies.trinity.duke.edu/wp-content/themes/cgsh/materials/WKO/v3d3_Boatca2.pdf [20.01.2014].)
<https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/e5f6/d65d0c7ddc5e07797f4328fc0330049c4e72.pdf>

Butler, Judith (1993): "Imitation and Gender Insubordination". In: Ablove, Henry; Barale, Michèle Aina; Halperin, David M. (Eds.), *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader*. New York: Routledge, pp. 307–320.

3. Diaspora Space

Key Reading

Brah, Avtar (1996): "Diaspora, Border and Transnational Identities". In: *Cartographies of Diaspora. Contesting Identities*. London, New York: Routledge, pp. 178–210.

Hall, Stuart (1991): "Europe's Other Self". In: *Marxism Today*. 18, pp. 18–19.
http://banmarchive.org.uk/collections/mt/pdf/91_08_18.pdf

Recommended Reading

Gayatri Chakravorty (2008): "Our Asias 2001 – How to Be a Continentalist". In: *Other Asias*. Malden, MA ; Oxford: Blackwell Pub. 209–238.

Oyěwùmí, Oyèrónké (2002): "Conceptualizing Gender: The Eurocentric Foundations of Feminist Concepts and the Challenge of African Epistemologies". In: *Jenda: a Journal of Culture and African Woman Studies*. 2 , pp. 1-5. (5 pages)

Brah, Avtar (1996): "Re-Framing Europe: Gendered Racisms, Ethnicities and Nationalisms in Contemporary Western Europe". In: *Cartographies of Diaspora. Contesting Identities*. London, New York: Routledge. pp. 152–177. (25 pages)

4. Black Atlantic

Key Reading

Gilroy, Paul (2003): "The Black Atlantic as a Counterculture of Modernity". In: Braziel, Jana Evans; Mannur, Anita (Eds.) *Theorizing Diaspora. A Reader*. Malden: Blackwell, pp. 49–80.

Tinsley, Omise'eke N. (2008): "BLACK ATLANTIC, QUEER ATLANTIC: Queer Imaginings of the Middle Passage". In: *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. 14 (2-3), pp. 191–215.

Recommended Reading

Spillers, Hortense. (1987): 'Mama's Baby, Papa's Maybe: An American Grammar Book' *Diacritics* 17(2), pp. 65–81.

Hartman, Saidiya (2008): *Lose your mother: a Journey along the Atlantic Slave Route*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Lewis, Gail (2017): 'Questions of Presence'. *Feminist Review* 117, pp. 1-19.

Campt, Tina & Deborah Thomas (2008) 'Gendering diaspora: transnational feminism, diaspora and its hegemonies', in *Feminist Review* 90, pp. 1-8.

Thomas, Deborah; Campt, Tina (2006): "Diasporic Hegemonies: Slavery, Memory, and Genealogies of Diaspora". In: *Transforming Anthropology*. 14 (2), pp. 163–172.

Wright, Michelle M. (2004): "Introduction: Being and Becoming Black in the West". In: *Becoming Black. Creating Identity in the African Diaspora*. Durham, London: Duke University. pp. 1–26.

5. Orientalism, Anti-Muslim Racism and Gendered Norms

Key Reading

El-Tayeb, Fatima (2011): "Secular Submissions: Muslim Europeans, Female Bodies, and Performative Politics". In: *European Others. Queering Ethnicity in Postnational Europe*. Minneapolis, London: University of Minnesota. pp. 81-120. (29 pages)

Sabsay, Leticia (2012): 'The Emergence of the Other Sexual Citizen: Orientalism and the Modernisation of Sexuality'. *Citizenship Studies*, 16:5-6, pp. 605-623, DOI: [10.1080/13621025.2012.698484](https://doi.org/10.1080/13621025.2012.698484)

Recommended Reading

Shohat, Ella; Boatcă, Manuela; Costa, Sergio (2013): "Bodies and Borders: An Interview with Ella Shohat". In: *Jadaliyya*. http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/15203/bodies-and-borders_an-interview-with-ella-shohat [17.12.2013].

Al-Ali, Nadjie (2009): "Up Against Conceptual Frameworks: Post-Orientalism, Occidentalism and Presentations of the Self". In: *Secularism, Gender and the State in the Middle East: The Egyptian Women's Movement*. Cambridge University, pp. 19–50.

Haritaworn, Jin (2012): 'Colorful Bodies in the Multikulti Metropolis: Vitality, Victimology and Transgressive Citizenship in Berlin'. In *Transgender Migrations. The Bodies, Borders, and Politics of Transition*, ed. Trystan T. Cotten, 11–31. New York: Routledge.

El-Tayeb, Fatima (2012): "'Gays Who Cannot Properly Be Gay": Queer Muslims in the Neoliberal European City'. *European Journal of Women's Studies* 19 (1): 79–95.

Razack, Sherene. 2004. 'Imperilled Muslim Women, Dangerous Muslim Men and Civilised Europeans: Legal and Social Responses to Forced Marriages'. *Feminist Legal Studies* 12 (2).

6. Reading week – no lectures

7. Postcolonial Geopolitics: Transnational Migration

Key Reading

Al-Sharmani, Mulki (2006): 'Living Transnationally: Somali Diasporic Women in Cairo'. *International Migration* 44 (1), pp. 55-77.

Shakhsari, Sima (2014): 'The queer time of death: Temporality, geopolitics, and refugee rights.' In: *Sexualities*, Vol 17, Issue 8. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1363460714552261>

Recommended Reading

Callemard, Agnès (1999): „Refugee women: a gendered and political analysis of the refugee experience“. In: A. Ager (Ed.): *Refugees: Perspectives on the Experience of Forced Migration*. London Pinter. pp. 194-214. (20 pages)

Essed, Philomena, Georg Frerks and Joke Schrijvers (2004) (Eds.): „Introduction: Refugees, Agency and Social Transformation“. In: *Refugees and the Transformation of Societies: Agency, Policies, Ethics and Politics, Vol 13 Forced Migration* Berghahn Books Oxford and New York. pp. 1-16. (16 pages)

8. Colonialism, Racism, and Gender(ed) Knowledge Productions

Key Reading

Shohat, Ella (2002): "Area Studies, Gender Studies, and the Cartographies of Knowledge". In: *Social Text* 72. 20 (3), pp. 67–78.

Kilomba, Grada (2012): "Africans in Academia – Diversity in Adversity". In: *Netzwerk MiRA (Eds.) Kritische Migrationsforschung? Da kann ja jedeR kommen*. pp. 299–304.

Haritaworn, Jin (2008): "Shifting Positionalities: Empirical Reflections on a Queer/Trans of Colour Methodology", in *Sociological Research Online*. 13 (1), <http://www.socresonline.org.uk/13/1/13.html> [30.01.2014].

Recommended Reading

Lorde, Audre (2007): "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House". In: *Sister Outsider. Essays and Speeches*. Berkeley: Crossing pp. 110–113. (4 pages)

hooks, bell (1994): "Language. Teaching New Worlds/New Words". In: *Teaching to Transgress. Education as the Practice of Freedom*. London, New York: Routledge, pp. 167–175. (8 pages)

Mama, Amina (2011): "what does it mean to do feminist research in African contexts?". In: *Feminist Review*. S. e4–e20.

Ahmed, Sara (2010): "Feminist Killjoys (And Other Willful Subjects)". In: *The Scholar & Feminist Online*. (8.3 : Summer 2010), pp. 1–8, http://sfonline.barnard.edu/polyphonic/ahmed_01.htm [20.01.2014].

Madhok, Sumi; Evans, Mary (2014): "Epistemology and Marginality". In: *The Sage Handbook of Feminist Theory*. London: Sage, pp. 1–9. (10 pages)

9. Trafficking, Border Violence and the Denationalization of Rights

Key Reading

Schmidt Camacho, Alicia R. (2005): "Ciudadana X: Gender Violence and the Denationalization of Women's Rights in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico". In: CR: The New Centennial Review. 5 (1), S. 255–292.

Andrijasevic, Rutvica (2007) 'Beautiful Dead Bodies: Gender, Migration and Representation in Anti-Trafficking Campaigns', *Feminist Review* 86, pp 24-44.

Recommended Reading

Agustin, Laura Maria (2005): „Migrants in the Mistress's House: Other Voices in the "Trafficking" Debate.“ *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society*, 12(1): 96-117.

Sanghera, Jyoti (2012): „Unpacking the Trafficking Discourse“. In: Kamala Kempadoo et al. (eds) *Trafficking and Prostitution Reconsidered: New Perspectives on Migration, Sex Work and Human Rights*. 2nd edition. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers, pp. 3-24. (21 pages)

Kabeer, Naila (1999): "Resources, Agency, Achievements: Reflections on the Measurement of Women's Empowerment". In: *Development and Change*. 30 , pp. 435–464.

10. Sexual Regimes, Borders and Nation States

Key Reading

Luibheid, Eithne (2006): 'Sexual Regimes and Migration Controls: Reproducing the Irish Nation-State in Transnational Contexts' <https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1057%2Fpalgrave.fr.9400281.pdf> In: *feminist review* 83, 1. pp 60–78

Nyanzi, Stella (2013): 'Homosexuality, Sex Work, and HIV/AIDS in Displacement and Post-Conflict Settings: The Case of Refugees in Uganda'. *International Peacekeeping*, 20:4, 450-468.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/13533312.2013.846136?needAccess=true>

Recommended Reading

Berlant, Lauren (2007): "Slow Death (Sovereignty, Obesity, Lateral Agency)". In: *Critical Inquiry*. 33 (4), pp. 754–780.

Mbembe, Achille (2003): "Necropolitics". In: *Public Culture*. 15 (1), pp. 11–40

Haritaworn, Jin; Kuntsman, Adi; Posocco, Silvia (2014): *Queer Necropolitics*. London: Routledge.

Spade, Dean (2011): *Normal Life. Administrative Violence, Critical Trans Politics, and the Limits of Law*. Brooklyn, NY: South End.

11. Homo/Transnationalism

Key Reading

- Bhanji, Nael (2012): "TRANS/SCRIPTIONS: Homing Desires, (Trans)sexual Citizenship and Racialized Bodies". In: Cotten, Trystan T. (ed.) *Transgender Migrations. The Bodies, Borders, and Politics of Transition*. New York: Routledge, pp. 157–175.
- Puar, Jasbir K. (1998): "Transnational Sexualities: South Asian (Trans)nation(alism)s and Queer Diasporas". In: Eng, David L.; Hom, Alice Y. (ed.) *Q & A: Queer in Asian America*. Philadelphia: Temple University, pp. 405–424. (19 pages)
- Puar, Jasbir K. (2013): "Rethinking Homonationalism". In: *International Journal of Middle East Studies*. 45, pp. 336–339. (3 pages)

Recommended Reading

- Aizura, Aren Z. (2006): "Of Borders and Homes: The Imaginary Community of (trans) Sexual Citizenship". In: *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*. 7 (2), pp. 289–309. (20 pages)
- Tudor, Alyosxa (2017) '[Dimensions of Transnationalism](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41305-017-0092-5)'. *Feminist Review* 117. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41305-017-0092-5> <http://rdcu.be/Jf2l>
- Campt, Tina (2011): "what's the 'trans' and where's the 'national' in transnational feminist practice? – a response". In: *Feminist Review*. pp. e130–e135.
- Grewal, Inderpal; Kaplan, Caren (2001): "Global Identities: Theorizing Transnational Studies of Sexuality". In: *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. 7 (4), pp. 663–679.
- Cotten, Trystan T. (Ed.) (2012): *Transgender Migrations. The Bodies, Borders, and Politics of Transition*. New York: Routledge.