

Syllabus: Course GPB- 6010

26 February-9 March 2007

Course Title: Gender, and Non-Violent Transformation of Conflict

ANOUK GUINE

Course number/number of credits

GPB-6010 2 credits

Pre-requisites or co-requisites: An interest in the study of nonviolence and other approaches to peace, and their articulation with gender.

Course description

This course focuses on the theory and practice of violence and nonviolence from a gender and feminist perspective, and deals with social conflicts at interpersonal, intergroup, and intersocietal levels. The course will consist of two main conceptual parts (which do not correspond to the chronology of the syllabus):

- I. We will explore the origins of violence and the social construction of masculinity.
Within a constructive but also comparative and critical approach, we will also examine: (1) The philosophical, religious and secular origins of nonviolence; (2) The spiritual dimensions of nonviolence; (3) The pragmatist approach to nonviolence elaborated by Gene Sharp.
- II. We will explore a feminist perspective on nonviolence, through the feminist liberation theology, as well as the articulation between women, feminism, pacifism, just war, and nonviolence. We will then examine violence against women in the private and public spheres, violence against lesbians and gay men, and their antiviolence activism. Finally, we will examine case studies on women's resistance against violence in Asia, Latin America, Africa, North America, and Europe.

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N.B. Neither the "pro-life" (anti-abortion) feminist perspective on nonviolence, nor "maternal thinking" will be considered in this course.

Course Length

26 February- 9 March

Instructor

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Course times and meeting place

Monday through Friday

9 a.m.-12 noon

University for Peace campus, Rodeo

Classroom #4

Course Overview

- A. **Intended Participants:** Students and / or professionals interested in different theoretical and pragmatic perspectives on violence and nonviolence, as well as feminist approaches of nonviolence.
- B. **Minimum and maximum number of students:** Between 10 and 15 students.
- C. **Prerequisite knowledge, skills or sensitivities:** in the field of gender studies, feminism, and the philosophy of nonviolence.
- D. **Types of issues addressed:** Origins of violence; introduction to the study of nonviolence; philosophical, religious and secular origins of nonviolence; the spiritual dimensions of nonviolence; liberation theology; feminism and pacifism; feminist liberation theology; sexual terrorism; theories of violence against women; gay and lesbian antiviolence activism; women against violence.
- E. **Relations to larger issues of peace and conflict:** This course examines different types of violence related to gender, as well as philosophies aimed at reaching a state of negative or positive peace.
- F. **Degree to which this course is oriented toward academic vis-à-vis professional education:** While the first part of the course is theoretical and philosophical, the second part aims at exploring case studies on women's resistance against violence, as well as understanding feminism as nonviolent activism.

Course purpose, goals and objectives: To understand the meanings of violence, non-violent transformation of conflicts and the articulation between nonviolence and feminism, and see to which extent nonviolence and the protection of women's rights are compatible.

Learning Resources: Academic, NGO reports, audio-visual material.

Teaching method, assignments, exercises, projects, assessment:

The course is based on personal and collective critical presentations of the readings. The students will be asked to engage in debates around the main problematic of each session. Students are expected to actively participate (20% of the final grade). They will prepare a research paper of 3000 words (40%), on the topic of their choice (related to the course), that is due on the last day of the course. They will also prepare a case study describing and analyzing nonviolent actions from a gender perspective (40%).

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Instructor's biographical data:

Anouk Guiné, Ph.D.; Research Associate in the following research groups:

- GTM-IRESKO (CNRS/Paris VIII): (Gender, Work, Mobilities - Research Institute on Contemporary Societies), Paris, France
- CRCCEM (Research Center on Foreign Civilizations in the Contemporary World), Clermont-Ferrand, France.

She also worked as a consultant in "gender and development" for the Peruvian NGOs DESCO and CEPRODEP (Lima and Ayacucho).

Her research interests include the links between gender and migration, citizenship, human rights, and multiculturalism, as well as the multiculturalist/feminist dilemma. She also works on ethnicity, racialization, politics of belonging, refugee studies, feminist approaches of international law, gender-related persecutions and asylum, women's movements and "state feminism."

Her last appointments included:

- o Adjunct Lecturer and Research Assistant at British Studies and Gender Studies, Blaise Pascal University, Clermont-Ferrand, France.
- o Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science, New School for Social Research (NCSR), New York, NY, USA.

Detailed outline of instructional sessions:

Day 1: Origins of Violence; Roots of Male Violence

- **Michael Kaufman.** "The Construction of Masculinity and the Triad of Men's Violence." In *Gender Violence. Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. 1997. Laura L. O'Toole, Jessica R. Schiffman (eds.). New York University Press. Pp. 30-51.
- **Marko Zivkovic.** July 2006. "Ex-Yugoslav masculinities under female gaze, or why men skin cats, beat up gays and go to war." *Nationalities Papers*, vol. 34, n. 3.
- VIDEO: *Violence Against Women: A Violation of Human Rights*. 1999. Institute for Development Training (IDT), Trenton, ME, USA.

Day 2: A Feminist Perspective on Nonviolence

- **Sharon Welch.** 1985. *Communities of Resistance and Solidarity: A Feminist Theology of Liberation.* Orbis Books. Preface & Chapter 1, pp. 1-14.
- **Gail Sainsbury.** 2006. "Feminist Liberation Theology and the Rise of the Celtic Tiger." *Feminist Theology*, vol. 24, n. 2, pp. 255-264.
- **Robert L. Holmes, Barry L. Gan.** 2nd edition. 2004. "General Introduction." *Nonviolence in Theory and Practice.* Waveland Press.

Day 3: Philosophical, Religious and Secular Origins of Nonviolence

- **Robert L. Holmes, Barry L. Gan.** 2nd edition. 2004. *Nonviolence in Theory and Practice.* Waveland Press: Nonviolence in Eastern Philosophy and Religion: pp. 4-17; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: pp. 23-40; Secular Origins: Challenges to Injustice and Government Power: pp. 41-63.
- AUDIO: Thich Nhat Hanh. 1991. *Peace is Every Step.* Sounds True Recordings, Boulder, CO.

Day 4: Spiritual Dimensions of Nonviolence or Nonviolent Activism as Collective Action; Pragmatist Approach to Nonviolence: Gene Sharp

- **Robert L. Holmes, Barry L. Gan.** 2nd edition. 2004. *Nonviolence in Theory and Practice.* Waveland Press: From Passive Resistance to Direct Action, pp. 77-94.
- Department of Gender and Peace Studies. 2004. "Gandhi and the impact of his experiences." University for Peace (DVD 2).
- **Suresht R. Bald.** 2000. "The Politics of Gandhi's "feminism": constructing "Sitas" for *Swaraj*. In *Women, States, and Nationalism. At home in the nation ?* Sita Ranchod-Nilsson, Mary Ann Tétrault (eds.). Routledge.
- **Gene Sharp, Joshua Paulson, Christopher A. Miller and Hardy Merriman.** 2005. *Waging Nonviolent Struggle: 20th Century Practice and 21st Century Potential.* Extending Horizons Books. Chapters 29, 39 + Appendix A.

Day 5: Articulating Feminism with Pacifism, and Just-War

- **Lucinda J. Peach.** 1994. "An Alternative to Pacifism ? Feminism and Just-War Theory." *Hypatia*, vol. 9.
- **Jean Bethke Elshtain.** 1985. "Reflections on War and Political Discourse: Realism, Just War, and Feminism in a Nuclear Age." *Political Theory*, vol. 13, n. 1, pp. 39-57.
- **Pamela Johnston Conover, Virginia Sapiro.** 1993 "Gender, Feminist Consciousness, and War." *American Journal of Political Science*, vol. 37, n. 4, pp. 1079-1099.

Day 6: Sexual Terrorism

- **Jennifer Turpin, Lester R. Kurtz.** 1997. "Introduction: Violence – The Micro/Macro Link." In J. Turpin, L.R. Kurtz (eds.), *The Web of Violence. From Interpersonal to Global*, pp.1-27. University of Illinois Press, Urbana and Chicago.
- **Carole J. Sheffield.** 1987. "Sexual terrorism and the social control of women." In *Analyzing gender: A handbook of social science research*, Beth B. Hess and Myra Marx Ferree (eds.), pp. 177-89. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.
- VIDEO: *Waking up to Rape* (35mn).

Day 7: Institutional Sexism

- **Pauline Bart, Eileen Geil Moran.** 1992. *Violence Against Women: The Bloody Footprints*. Gender and Society Reader. Sage. Chapter 3.
- **Marilyn French.** 1993. *The War Against Women*. Ballantine Books. Part II.
- VIDEO: *Women's Lives and Choices. Rishte*. By Manjira Datta. (About male sex preference in India).

Day 8: Antigay and Lesbian Violence; Gay and Lesbian Antiviolence Activism

- **Robert Lorway.** Sept.-Oct. 2006. "Dispelling 'heterosexual African AIDS' in Namibia: Same-sex sexuality in the township of Katutura." *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, vol. 8, n. 5, pp. 435-449.
- **Stephen Brown.** 2002. " 'Con discriminación y represión no hay democracia': The Lesbian Gay Movement in Argentina." *Latin American Perspectives*, vol. 29, n. 2: Gender, Sexuality, and Same-Sex Desire in Latin America, pp. 119-138.
- **Ian Lekus.** 2004. "Queer Harvests: Homosexuality, the U.S. New Left, and the Venceremos Brigades to Cuba." *Radical History Review*, n. 89, pp. 57-91.
- **Valerie Jenness, Kendal Broad.** 1994. "Antiviolence Activism and the (In)Visibility of Gender in the Gay/Lesbian and Women's Movements." *Gender and Society*, vol. 8, n. 3: Sexual Identities/Sexual Communities, pp. 402-423.

Optional Reading:

Gregory M. Herrek, and Kevin T. Berrill. 1992. *Hate Crimes: Confronting violence against lesbians and gay men*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Day 9: Women against Violence

- **Abigail C. Saguy.** 2001. *Sexual Harassment in France and the United States: Activists and Public Figures Defend their Definitions.* Princeton University; Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (25 pages).
- **Aruna Gnanadason, Musimbi Kanyoro, Lucia Ann McSpadden.** 2005. *Women, Violence and Nonviolent Change.* (Case Studies from Cameroon, Canada, Dominican Republic, and Vietnam). Life & Peace Institute, Uppsala, Sweden
- **Mary Fainsod Katzenstein.** Spring 1989. "Organizing Against Violence: Strategies of the Indian Women's Movement." *Pacific Affairs*, vol. 62, n. 1, pp. 53-71.

Day 10: Presentation of students' individual projects

Session	Dates	Topic	Assigned Readings	Assignments
1	Mon. .26 Feb.	<i>Origins of Violence; Roots of Male Violence</i>	<p>Michael Kaufman. "The Construction of Masculinity and the Triad of Men's Violence." In <i>Gender Violence. Interdisciplinary Perspectives.</i> 1997. Laura L. O'Toole, Jessica R. Schiffman (eds.). New York University Press. Pp. 30-51.</p> <p>Marko Zivkovic. July 2006. "Ex-Yugoslav masculinities under female gaze, or why men skin cats, beat up gays and go to war." <i>Nationalities Papers</i>, vol. 34, n. 3.</p> <p>VIDEO: <i>Violence Against Women: A Violation of Human Rights.</i> 1999. Institute for Development Training (IDT), Trenton, ME, USA.</p>	
2	Tue. 27 Feb.	<i>A Feminist Perspective on Nonviolence</i>	<p>Sharon Welch. 1985. <i>Communities of Resistance and Solidarity: A Feminist Theology of Liberation.</i> Orbis Books. Preface & pp. 1-14.</p> <p>Gail Sainsbury. 2006. "Feminist Liberation Theology and the Rise of the Celtic Tiger." <i>Feminist Theology</i>, vol. 24, n. 2,</p>	

			pp. 255-264. Robert L. Holmes, Barry L. Gan. 2 nd edition. 2004. "General Introduction." <i>Nonviolence in Theory and Practice</i> . Waveland Press.	
3	We d.28 Feb.	<i>Philosophical, Religious and Secular Origins of Nonviolence</i>	Robert L. Holmes, Barry L. Gan. 2 nd edition. 2004. <i>Nonviolence in Theory and Practice</i> . Waveland Press: Nonviolence in Eastern Philosophy and Religion: pp. 4-17; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: pp. 23-40; Secular Origins: Challenges to Injustice and Government Power: pp. 41-63. AUDIO: Thich Nhat Hanh. 1991. <i>Peace is Every Step</i> . Sounds True Recordings, Boulder, CO.	
4	Thur. 1 Mar.	<i>Spiritual Dimensions of Nonviolence or Nonviolent Activism as Collective Action; Pragmatist Approach to Nonviolence: Gene Sharp.</i>	Robert L. Holmes, Barry L. Gan. 2 nd edition. 2004. <i>Nonviolence in Theory and Practice</i> . Waveland Press: <i>From Passive Resistance to Direct Action</i> , pp. 77-94. Department of Gender and Peace Studies. 2004. "Gandhi and the impact of his experiences." University for Peace (DVD 2). Suresht R. Bald. 2000. "The Politics of Gandhi's "feminism": constructing "Sitas" for <i>Swaraj</i> . In <i>Women, States, and Nationalism. At home in the nation ?</i> Sita Ranchod-Nilsson, Mary Ann Tétrault (eds.). Routledge. Gene Sharp, Joshua Paulson, Christopher A. Miller and Hardy Merriman. 2005. <i>Waging Nonviolent Struggle: 20th Century Practice and 21st Century Potential</i> . Extending Horizons Books. Chapters 29, 39 + Appendix A.	
5	Fri. 2	<i>Articulating Feminism with</i>	Lucinda J. Peach. 1994. "An Alternative to Pacifism ? Feminism and Just-War	

	Mar.	<i>Pacifism, and Just-War.</i>	<p>Theory." <i>Hypatia</i>, vol. 9.</p> <p>Jean Bethke Elshtain. 1985. "Reflections on War and Political Discourse: Realism, Just War, and Feminism in a Nuclear Age." <i>Political Theory</i>, vol. 13, n. 1, pp. 39-57.</p> <p>Pamela Johnston Conover, Virginia Sapiro, "Gender, Feminist Consciousness, and War." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, vol. 37, n. 4, pp. 1079-1099.</p>	
6	Mon .5 Mar.	<i>Sexual Terrorism</i>	<p>Jennifer Turpin, Lester R. Kurtz. 1997. "Introduction: Violence – The Micro/Macro Link." In J. Turpin, L.R. Kurtz (eds.), <i>The Web of Violence. From Interpersonal to Global</i>, pp.1-27. University of Illinois Press, Urbana and Chicago.</p> <p>Carole J. Sheffield. 1987. "Sexual terrorism and the social control of women." In <i>Analyzing Gender: A handbook of social science research</i>, Beth B. Hess and Myra Marx Ferree (eds.), pp. 177-89. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.</p> <p>VIDEO: <i>Waking up to Rape</i> (35mn).</p>	
7	Tue. 6 Mar.	<i>Institutional Sexism</i>	<p>Pauline Bart, Eileen Geil Moran. 1992. <i>Violence Against Women: The Bloody Footprints</i>. Gender and Society Reader. Sage. Chapter 3.</p> <p>Marilyn French. 1993. <i>The War Against Women</i>. Ballantine Books. Part II.</p> <p>VIDEO: <i>Women's Lives and Choices. Rishite</i>. By Manjira Datta. (About male sex preference in India).</p>	
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	7 Mar.	<p>and Lesbian Antiviolence Activism</p>	<p>township of Katutura." <i>Culture, Health & Sexuality</i>, vol. 8, n. 5, pp. 435-449.</p> <p>Stephen Brown. 2002. " 'Con discriminación y represión no hay democracia': The Lesbian Gay Movement in Argentina." <i>Latin American Perspectives</i>, vol. 29. n. 2: Gender, Sexuality, and Same-Sex Desire in Latin America, pp. 119-138.</p> <p>Ian Lekus. 2004. "Queer Harvests: Homosexuality, the U.S. New Left, and the Venceremos Brigades to Cuba." <i>Radical History Review</i>, n. 89, pp. 57-91.</p> <p>Valerie Jenness, Kendal Broad. 1994. "Antiviolence Activism and the (In)Visibility of Gender in the Gay/Lesbian and Women's Movements." <i>Gender and Society</i>, vol. 8, n. 3: Sexual Identities/Sexual Communities, pp. 402-423.</p> <p><u>Optional Reading:</u> Gregory M. Herrek, Kevin T. Berrill. 1992. <i>Hate Crimes: Confronting violence against lesbians and gay men</i>. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.</p>	
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9	Thur. 8 Mar.	<i>Women against Violence</i>	<p>Abigail C. Saguy. 2001. <i>Sexual Harassment in France and the United States: Activists and Public Figures Defend their Definitions</i>. Princeton University; Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (25 pages).</p> <p>Aruna Gnanadason, Musimbi Kanyoro, Lucia Ann McSpadden. 2005. <i>Women, Violence and Nonviolent Change</i>. (Case Studies from Cameroon, Canada, Dominican Republic, and Vietnam). Life & Peace Institute, Uppsala, Sweden.</p> <p>Mary Fainsod Katzenstein. Spring 1989. "Organizing Against Violence: Strategies of the Indian Women's Movement." <i>Pacific Affairs</i>, vol. 62, n. 1, pp. 53-71.</p>	
10	Fri. 9 Mar.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of students' individual projects (case studies) - Research paper due (3000 words) 	