

SOAN 510/GWST 570: Gender Inequalities, Sexuality and the State

Three-Week Intensive Summer Course: July 18 to August 5, 2010

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This graduate seminar introduces students to contemporary gender politics in Egypt. Through a combination of immersion in the academic literature, NGO visits and critical seminar discussion the course will provide a framework for exploring the challenges and opportunities of gender justice or gender equity movements in the contemporary Middle East.

Course Requirements:

1. Class participation (20%)
2. Four 1,250 word essays reflecting on the site visits and material from week 2 and 3 and the course materials from week 1 (40%). Two essays are due at the end of week 2, and two at the end of week 3.
3. Two 1,250 word essays reflecting on specific questions raised in the course overall will be due August 15 (40%).

Seminar Schedule

Week One (July 18-22, 2010): This graduate seminar is designed in three parts. The first week consists of an intensive academic immersion into contemporary Egyptian gender politics. Full day lectures and discussions based on assigned readings will take place on AUC's downtown Tahrir Square campus.

July 18 Introduction: Egypt, the Muslim World, and its Gender Politics

9:00-11:00: Welcome: H. Rizzo (Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and Egyptology, AUC) and Ute Luig (Institute for Social Anthropology, FU)

11:00-13:00: Egypt and its Gender Politics

Lecturers: H. Rizzo (Sociology)

Readings: El Mahdi, Rabab. "Egypt's Feminist Movement: Different or Non-Existant?", Cairo Papers in Social Science. Cairo: AUC Press, Summer/Fall 2006: 29 (2/3): 16-36.; Al-Ali, Nadje S. 2002. "The Women's Movement in Egypt, with Selected References to Turkey." Civil Society and Social Movements: Programme Paper Number 5. Geneva, Switzerland: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD); Rizzo, Helen, Anne M. Price

and Katherine Meyer. "Targeting Cultural Change in Repressive Environments: The Campaign against Sexual Harassment in Egypt." Under review

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-16:30: The Muslim World and its Gender Politics
Lecturer: D. Schulz (Anthropology and Islamic Studies)

Readings: Kandiyoti, Deniz. 1988. "Bargaining with Patriarchy." *Gender and Society* 2 (3): 274-90.; Ahmed, Leila. 1992. *Women and Gender in Islam*. New Haven: Yale University Press. (selections); Moghadam, Valentine. 2003. *Modernizing Women: Gender and Social Change in the Middle East*, 2nd Edition. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc. (selections).

July 19 Sexuality and Violence

9:00-11:00: Lecturer: A. Justus (Psychology)

Readings: International Encyclopedia on Sexuality; listing for The Arab Republic of Egypt <http://www2.hu-berlin.de/sexology/IES/egypt.html>; Justus, A.W. (2008, August). Shocking Truths in Egypt: Modern Sexuality in Egypt. *Identity*, 14-20; Yasan, Aziz and Faruk, Gurgun. "Marital Satisfaction, Sexual Problems, and the Possible Difficulties on Sex Therapy in Traditional Islamic Culture." *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy*, 35:68–75, 2009; Semerdjian, Elyse. 2006. "Rewriting The History of Sexuality in The Islamic World." *HAWWA* 4, (2–3): 119-130.

11:00-13:00: Lecturer: A.Fahmy (Anthropology)

Readings: Scheper-Hughes Nancy and Philippe Bourgois eds. *Violence in War and Peace: An Anthology*. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2004; Scheper-Hughes, Nancy and Lock, Margaret M. "The Mindful Body: A Prolegomenon to Future Work in Medical Anthropology". *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 1.1 (1987): 6-41; Watts, C. and C. Zimmerman, "Violence against Women: Global Scope and Magnitude." *The Lancet*, Volume 359, Issue 9313, Pages 1232-1237; Violence against women in Egypt, literature review: http://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&q=cache:MbWFIK42gDYJ:pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PNADQ891.pdf+violence+survey+and+World+health+organization+and+Egypt&hl=en&gl=eg&pid=bl&srcid=ADGEESjUZqZBneIad_h3Nt5di1esO6KastyD9Vc151CLq7Y2hUwl_ijzaglPrvV14BW2MjSeYxLoNRITLISaidSGOvQe0hqIK1FJsSyG2Pu_PP_7inLRne42cL_d5YrfCwT79gf7Tj&sig=AHIEtbS0Y5tO4yhWCVW9x9X05R0X0Wsxw; Jureidini, Ray. 2006. "Sexuality and the Servant: An exploration of Arab images of the sexuality of domestic maids in the household" in S. Khalaf and J. Gagnon (eds) *Sexuality in the Arab World*. Saqi Press, London, Chapter 6, pp. 130-151; Yount, Kathryn M. "Resources, Family Organization, and Domestic Violence Against Married Women in Minya, Egypt." *Journal and Marriage and Family* 67 (August 2005): 3; Ellsberg, M. H. Jansen, L. Heise, C. Watts, C. Garcia-Moreno. "Intimate partner violence and women's physical and mental health in the WHO multi-country study on women's health and domestic violence: an observational study." *The Lancet*, Volume 371, Issue 9619, Pages 1165-1172; Ammar, Nawal H. "Beyond the shadows: domestic spousal

violence in a democratizing Egypt.” *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*. 7:4 (October 2006): 244-259; Elnashar AM, El-Dien Ibrahim M, Eldesoky MM, Aly O.M, El-Sayd Mohamed Hassan M. “Sexual abuse experienced by married Egyptian women.” *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* (2007) 99, 216-220.

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-16:30: The Politics of Health and HIV /AIDS
Lecturer: U. Luig (Anthropology)

Readings: Farmer, P., S. Lindenbaum, and M.-J. Delvecchio Good 1993, Women, Poverty and AIDS: An Introduction. In: *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 17: 387-397; Schoepf, Brooke Grundfest 1992. "Women at Risk: Case Studies from Zaire." In: Herdt, Gilbert and Shirley Lindenbaum (eds): *The Time of AIDS: social analysis, theory and method*. London; Alonzo, Angelo and Nancy R. Reynolds. 1995, Stigma, HIV and AIDS: An Exploration and Elaboration of a Stigma Trajectory. In: *Soc. Sc. and Med.* 41, 3:303-315; Crawford, Robert 1994. "The Boundaries of the Self and the Unhealthy Other: Reflections on Health, Culture and AIDS." In: *Social Science and Medicine* 38, 10:1347-1365.

July 20 Islamic Family Law

9:00-13:00 Lecturer: M. Al Sharmani (Social Research Center)

Readings: Tucker, Judith. *Women, Family, and Gender in Islamic Law*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008: 38-83 (chpt. 2), 84-132 (chpt. 3); Mir-Hosseini, Ziba. “The Construction of Gender in Islamic Legal Thought and Strategies for Reform.” In: *Hawwa*, 1, 1, 2003: 1-28; Singerman, Diane. *Rewriting Divorce in Egypt: Reclaiming Islam, Legal Activism, and Coalition Politics.*; Ali, Kecia. “Progressive Muslims and Islamic Jurisprudence: The Necessity for Critical Engagement with Marriage and Divorce Law.” In: Safi, O. (ed.). *Progressive Muslims on Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*. Oxford: One World, 2003. Pp. 163-189.

13:00-14:30 Lunch

Critical Urbanism: Gendering Urban Space

14:30-16:30: Why space matters?
Lecturer: M. Rieker (Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies)

Readings: L. Peake (2008), “Gender in the city.” In *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, 4-17; Rieker M. and K. Ali (2008), “Introduction: Gendering Urban Space” In *Gendering Urban Space in the Middle East., South Asia and Africa* Ed. M. Rieker and K. Ali, Palgrave: 1-16; Wilson, E. (1992). The invisible flaneur. *New Left Review*, 191, 90-110; Padhke, S. S. Ranada, S. Khan (2009) “Why loiter? Radical possibilities for gendered dissent” In *Dissent and Cultural Resistance in Asia’s Cities* Ed. M. Butcher and S. Velayutham.

Routledge: 185-203; Roy, N (2001), "A "Public Muse: On Planning Convictions and Feminist Contentions," *Journal of Education, Planning and Research*: 21:109-126.

July 21 Critical Urbanism: Gendering Urban Space

9:00-11:00: Harassment and Safety

Lecturers: H. Rizzo (Sociology)

Readings: Pavljuk, Katherine. 2008. "Indomitable Patriarchy, Ambivalent Masculinities?: Investigating Men's Gendered Relations in Egypt." Master's Thesis. Cairo, Egypt: The American University in Cairo. (selection); Ilahi, Nadia. 2009. "You Gotta Fight for Your Right(s): Street Harassment and Its Relationship to Gendered Violence, Civil Society, and Gendered Negotiations." Master's Thesis. Cairo, Egypt: The American University in Cairo (selection); ECWR. 2008. *Clouds in Egypt's Sky*. www.ecwronline.org; Phadke, Shilpa. 2007. "Dangerous Liaisons: Women and Men: Risk and Reputation in Mumbai." *Economic and Political Weekly* April 28: 1510-1518; Guano, Emanuela. 2007. "Respectable Ladies and Uncouth Men: The Performative Politics of Class and Gender in the Public Realm of an Italian City." *Journal of American Folklore* 120(475):48-72; Gardner, Carol Brooks. 1980. "Passing By: Street Remarks, Address Rights, and the Urban Female." *Sociological Inquiry* 50: 328-56

The Spatiality of Modernity/Poverty

11:00-13:00: Visioning modern space

Lecturer: M. Rieker (Institute for Gender and Women's Studies)

Readings: Çelik, Z. (1997) *Urban Forms and Colonial Confrontations: Algiers Under French Rule*. Berkeley: University of California Press, c1997, ch. 3; Alsayyad, N. & Roy, A. (2006). *Medieval modernity: On citizenship and urbanism in a global era*. *Space and Polity*, 10(1), 1-20; Ismail, S (2006) *Political Life in Cairo's New Quarters*. University of Minnesota, ch. 4; Merry, S. E. (2001). *Spatial governmentality and the new urban social order: Controlling gender violence through law*. *American Anthropologist*, 103(1), 16-29.

Documentary Films

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-16:30: The Politics of Poverty: Neoliberal Lifeworlds

Lecturer: M. Rieker (Institute for Gender and Women's Studies)

Readings: Nagar, R., Lawson, V., McDowell, L., & Hanson, S. (2002). *Locating globalization: Feminist (re) readings of the subjects and spaces of globalization*. *Economic Geography*, 78(3), 257-284; Elyachar, J. (2003). *Mappings of power: The state, ngos, and international organizations in the informal economy of Cairo*. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 45 (03), 571-605; Okin, S. M. (2003). *Poverty, well-being, and gender: What counts, who's heard?* *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 280-316 Ismail, S. (2006) *Political Life in Cairo's New Quarters* University of Minnesota, ch. 3.

July 22 Gender Justice: Reflections on the Historical Present

9:00-13:00: Lecturer: M. Rieker (Institute for Gender and Women's Studies)

Readings: Cornwall & Brock (2005, November). Beyond buzzwords “poverty reduction”, “participation” and “empowerment” in development policy. UNSRID; Jenson, J. (2009). Lost in translation: The social investment perspective and gender equality. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 16(4), 446; Conway, J. (2008). Geographies of transnational feminisms: The politics of place and scale in the world march of women. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*, 15(2), 207; Franke, K. M. (2006). Gendered subject of transitional justice. *Colum. J. Gender & L.*, 15, 813; Kabeer, N. (2005). Gender equality and women's empowerment: A critical analysis of the third millennium development goal. *Gender and Development*, 13(1), 13-24; Risman, B. J. (2004). Gender as a social structure: Theory wrestling with activism. *Gender & Society*, 18(4), 429.

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-16:30: Group Discussion Projects (Wrap Up of Week 1)

Gender and Resource Management in Egypt Summer Course 2010: Week Two (July 25-29)

Desert Development Center

Tina Jaskolski, Richard Tutwiler

Sunday, July 25: Introduction to Gender, Resource Management and Environmental Issues in Egypt

8:30-10:30: **Gender and Resource Management: A Theoretical Overview**

Agarwal, B., 1992: The Gender and Environment Debate: Lessons from India, *Feminist Studies*, 18(1), 119-158.

Elmhirst, R., 2008: Multi-Local Livelihoods, Natural Resource Management and Gender in Upland Indonesia. In Resurreccion, B. and Elmhirst, R. (eds.): *Gender and Natural Resource Management: Livelihoods, Mobility and Interventions*. IDRC Books / Earthscan, London / Sterling, VA, 67-86.

Ortner, S., 1996: *Making Gender: The Politics and Erotics of Culture*. Beacon Press, Boston. Chapter 2: Is Female to Male as Nature is to Culture?, 21-42.

Upadhyay, B., 2005: Women and Natural Resource Management: Illustrations from India and Nepal, *Natural Resources Forum*, 29, 224-232.

10:30-11:00: Break

11:00-13:00: **Egypt's Changing Environments: Rural and Urban Resource Management in Egypt**

Attia, F.A.R., (1999): Water and Development in Greater Cairo (Egypt), *Afers Internacionais*, 45-46, 81-102.

Bayat, A. and Denis, E., 2000: Who Is Afraid of Ashwaiyyat? Urban Change and Politics in Egypt, *Environment and Urbanization*, 12, 185-199.

Fahmi, W.S., 2005: The Impact of Privatization of Solid Waste Management on the Zabaleen Garbage Collectors of Cairo, *Environment and Urbanization*, 17(2), 155-170.

Fahmy, N.S., 2004: A Culture of Poverty or the Poverty of Culture? Informal Settlements and the Debate of the State-Society Relationship in Egypt, *Middle East Journal*, 58(4), 597-611.

UNDP, 2005: *Egypt Human Development Report 2005*. Chapter 8: Addressing the Population/Land Equation, 149-167.

13:00-14:30: Lunch

14:30-18:00: **Excursion: Environmental Management Issues in Cairo**

Monday, July 26: Gender Aspects of Resource Management in Egypt

8.30-10.00: **Women, Agriculture and Resource Management in Egypt**

Ali, K.A., 1998: Conflict or Cooperation: Changing Gender Roles in Rural Egyptian Households. In Hopkins, N. and Westergaard, K. (eds.): *Directions of Change in Rural Egypt*. AUC Press, Cairo, 166-183.

Briggs, J., Sharp, J., Hamed, N. and Yacoub, H., 2003: Changing Women's Roles, Changing Environmental Knowledges: Evidence from Upper Egypt, *The Geographical Journal*, 169(4), 313-325.

El-Eshmawity, K.H., El-Shiraif, L.M. and El-Khafif, A.I., 2007: Socioeconomic and Environmental Aspects of Women Labor in the Egyptian Agricultural Sector: A Case Study of Sugar Crops, *American-Eurasian Journal of Agriculture & Environment*, 2(3), 255-260.

El-Tobshy, Z., 2005: Gender and Agriculture in Egypt. In Motzafi-Haller, P. (ed.): *Women in Agriculture in the Middle East*. Ashgate, Aldershot / Burlington, 115-140.

Toth, J., 1991: Pride, Purdah, or Paychecks: What Maintains the Gender Division of Labour in Rural Egypt?, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 23(2), 213-236.

10:00-10:30: Break

10:30-13:30: **Gendered Urban Livelihoods and Cairo's Informal Areas**

Early, E.A., 1998: Nest Eggs of Gold and Beans: *Baladi* Egyptian Women's Invisible Capital. In Lobban, R.A. Jr. (ed.): *Middle Eastern Women and the Invisible Economy*. University Press of Florida, Gainesville, 132-147.

Kipper, R. and Fischer, M., (eds.), 2009: *Cairo's Informal Areas: Between Urban Challenges and Hidden Potentials: Facts. Voices. Visions*. Chapter 2: Daily Life in Informal Areas, 49-83.

MacLeod, A.E., 1996: Transforming Women's Identity. In Singerman, D. (ed.): *Development, Change and Gender in Cairo: A View from the Household*. Indiana University Press, Bloomington / Indianapolis, 27-50.

Film: Garbage Dreams, 2009, 79 min

13:30-14:30: Lunch

14:30-16:30: **Greening the Desert: Desert Reclamation in Egypt**

Meyer, G., 1998: Economic Changes in the Newly Reclaimed Lands: From State Farms to Small Holdings and Private Agricultural Enterprises. In Hopkins, N. and Westergaard, K. (eds.): *Directions of Change in Rural Egypt*. AUC Press, Cairo, 334-356.

Voll, S.P., 1980: Egyptian Land Reclamation since the Revolution, *Middle East Journal*, 34(2), 127-148.

Film: Farming the Ancient Waters of the Desert, DDC, 2009, 25 min

Tuesday, July 27: Excursion: Informal Neighborhood in Cairo / Drive to Desert

8:00: Departure from Downtown

8:30 – 12:00: Excursion to Menshiet Nasser

12:00: **Departure for South Tahrir**

14:30: Arrival in South Tahrir

14:30-15:30: Lunch

15:30-16:30: Break

16:30-17:30: **Sustainable Development in Desert Communities**

17:30-18:30: Tour of the DDC

20:00: Dinner

Wednesday, July 28: Gender and Livelihoods on Egypt's Old and New Lands

8:00-9:00: Breakfast

9:00-12:00: **Women in Egypt's Agricultural Communities**

Sukkary-Stolba, S., 1985: Changing Roles of Women in Egypt's Newly Reclaimed Lands, *Anthropological Quarterly*, 58(4), 182-189.

Larson, B.K., 1998: Women, Work, and the Informal Economy in Rural Egypt. In Lobban, R.A. Jr. (ed.): *Middle Eastern Women and the Invisible Economy*. University Press of Florida, Gainesville, 148-165.

Butler, M., 1998: Women and Home-Based Microenterprises. In Lobban, R.A. Jr. (ed.): *Middle Eastern Women and the Invisible Economy*. University Press of Florida, Gainesville, 166-184.

Discussion with female graduates from surrounding villages

12:30-13:30: Lunch

14:00-17:00: **Excursion to Graduate Villages around South Tahrir**

19:00-20:00: Dinner

Thursday, July 29: Evaluating Gendered Livelihoods and Resource Management Practices in Egypt

8:00-9:00: Breakfast

9:00-12:00: **Workshop – Discussion and Evaluation of Experiences**

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:30: Departure for Cairo

17:30: Arrival in Cairo

Week three (August 1-5, 2010) The final week of the seminar builds on the knowledge gained in the first two weeks. Students will be visiting a representative sample of feminist and gender-focused NGO's in Cairo every morning for discussions and exchange of ideas. The afternoon classroom sessions will analytically engage the mornings site visits. Students are required to submit three 1,250 word essays reflecting on the site visits and the course materials from week 1. Field visits and classroom discussions in week three will be coordinated by H. Rizzo, U. Luig and H. Saleh.

August 1: Mapping Sexual Harassment

9:00-10:00: Women in Islamic and Secular Movements
Lecturer: H. Saleh (Political Science)

Readings: Abou-Bakr, Omaila 1999: A Muslim Woman's Reflection on Gender. In <http://www.islamsays.org/w1.html>; Abou-Bakr, Omaila 2001: Islamic Feminism: What's in a Name? Preliminary Reflections. In: Middle East Women's Studies Review, vol. xv, no. 4, Winter/Spring, 1- 4. Salah, Hoda 2010: From Ijtihad to Gender Jihad: Islamic Feminists between Regional Activism and Transnationalism, in: Dierchs, Claudia. (Translated from: Diskurse des islamischen Feminismus," in: GENDER: Zeitschrift für Geschlecht, Kultur und Gesellschaft, edited by Heidemarie Winkel and Sabine Schäfer, 1/2010, pp. 47–64).

11:00-13:00: NGO Visit

13:00-14:30: Lunch
14:30-16:30: Classroom Discussions

August 2: The Shelter Movement in Egypt

10:00-13:00: NGO Visit
13:00-14:30: Lunch
14:30-16:30: Classroom Discussions

August 3: HIV/AIDS and Health Policy

9:00-13:00: NGO Visit
13:00-14:30: Lunch
14:30-16:30: Classroom Discussions

August 4: State Feminisms

9:00-13:00: NGO Visit
13:00-14:30: Lunch
14:30-16:30: Classroom Discussions

August 5: Comparative Feminisms and their Locals

9:00-13:00: Wrap Up Discussion.