

Florida International University
Department of International Relations and Geography

Feminism and International Relations

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Around the world men predominate in international security apparatuses and in the conduct of war. In the global economy, despite inroads from women, there continues a relatively rigid gender division of labor, between paid and unpaid work, according to economic sectors, and along hierarchies. Although women have gained the vote in most countries, they continue to be underrepresented in governments and parliaments. Indeed, some have argued that gender is a constitutive force enabling security practices, global capitalism, and power politics. In other words, gender makes possible international politics and economics in their current form.

Despite the salience of gender in international politics and economics, studies of gender relations have entered the field of International Relations relatively recently. Feminist approaches are offering new views of a field previously defined as devoid of gender politics. This graduate seminar introduces contemporary feminist approaches to the field. It familiarizes students with major theoretical strands of feminist thinking and surveys contemporary literature in the sub-fields of political economy, global governance, and security studies. It seeks to enable students to look at International Relations through a feminist lens, and trains them to utilize feminist approaches in empirical studies.

Requirements

All students are expected to read assigned materials, attend class and actively participate in class discussions. Every student will serve as discussion leader twice, summarizing the readings assigned for a particular session and preparing discussion questions. All students will write a research paper on a topic of their choice developed in consultation with the instructor.

The final grade will be composed of the following:

Participation and preparation	20%
Paper	50
Class Presentation	30

Required Readings

Brooke Ackerly, *Political Theory and Feminist Social Criticism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

Brooke Ackerly, Maria Stern, and Jacqui True, eds. *Feminist Methodologies for International Relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Lourdes Beneria, *Gender, Development, and Globalization: Economics as if All People Mattered*. New York: Routledge, 2003.

Judith Butler, *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*. New York: Routledge, 1990.

Cynthia Enloe, *The Curious Feminist: Searching for Women in a New Age of Empire*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004.

Mary E. Hawkesworth, *Globalization and Feminist Activism*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006.

Ronald Inglehart and Pippa Norris, *Rising Tide: Gender Equality and Cultural Change around the World*. New York: Cambridge, 2003.

Laura Sjoberg, *Gender, Justice, and the Wars in Iraq: A Feminist Reformulation of Just War Theory*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2006.

Rosemarie Putnam Tong, *Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction*. Boulder: Westview, 1998.

J. Ann Tickner, *Gendering World Politics: Issues and Approaches in the post-Cold War Era*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2001.

Course Schedule

Aug. 31 Introductions

Feminist Thought

Sept. 7 **Liberal/Radical/Marxist**
Tong, Chapters 1, 2, 3

Recommended:

Donna Haraway, A Manifesto for Cyborgs: Science, Technology, and Socialist Feminism in the 1980s. *Socialist Review* 15, 2 (1980): 65-108.

- Sept. 14 **Psychoanalytic/Existentialist/Postmodern**
Butler, *Gender Trouble*
OR
Tong, Chapters 4, 5, 6
- Recommended:*
Seyla Benhabib, Judith Butler, Drucilla Cornell, and Nancy Fraser,
Feminist Contentions: A Philosophical Exchange. New York: Routledge,
1995.
- Sept. 21 **Global Feminism/Ecofeminism**
Tong, Chapters 7, 8, Conclusion
Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship
and Colonial Discourses. In *Third World Women and the Politics of
Feminism*, C.T. Mohanty, A. Russo, and L. Torres, eds. Bloomington:
Indiana University Press, 1991.
Chandra Talpade Mohanty, "Under Western Eyes" Revisited: Feminist
Solidarity through Anticapitalist Struggles. *Signs: Journal of Women in
Culture and Society* 28 (2003): 499 -535.

Feminist International Relations – Methodologies and Methods

- Sept. 28 **Methodologies**
Enloe, Part I
Ackerly et al., Chapters 1-4
Tickner, Introduction, Chapter 1, and Conclusion
- Recommended:*
Georgina Waylen, You still don't understand: Why Troubled
Engagements Continue between Feminists and (Critical) IPE. *Review of
International Studies* 32, 1 (January 2006): 145-164.
Birgit Locher and Elisabeth Prügl, Feminism and Constructivism: Worlds
Apart or Sharing the Middle Ground? *International Studies Quarterly* 45,
(2001): 111-129.
Robert O. Keohane, Beyond Dichotomy: Conversations between
International Relations and Feminist Theory. *International Studies
Quarterly* 42, 1 (1998).
- Oct. 5 **Methods**
Ackerly et al., Chapters 5-12

Women, War, Security

Oct. 12

War and Gender

Tickner, Chapter 2

Enloe, Part II

Iris Marion Young, The Logic of Masculinist Protection: Reflections on the Current Security State. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 29 (Autumn 2003): 1-25.

Julia Adams and Ann Shola Orloff, Defending Modernity? High Politics, Feminist Anti-Modernism, and the Place of Gender. *Politics and Gender* 1, 1 (March 2005): 166-182. (And responses to this article in *Politics and Gender* 1,3 (September 2005): 481-508).

Michael Ferguson, "W" Stands for Women: Feminism and Security Rhetoric in the Post-9/11 Bush Administration. *Politics & Gender* 1, (March 2005): 9-38.

Recommended:

Joshua S. Goldstein, *War and Gender: How Gender Shapes the War System and Vice Versa*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Mary Caprioli, Feminist IR Theory and Quantitative Methodology: A Critical Analysis. *International Studies Review* 6, 2 (June 2004): 253-269.

Mary Caprioli, Gender Equality and State Aggression: The Impact of Domestic Gender Equality on State First Use of Force. *International Interactions* 29, 3 (2003): 195-214.

Mary Caprioli and Mark Boyer, Gender, Violence, and International Crisis. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45 (2001): 503-518.

Patrick M. Regan and Aida Paskeviciute, Women's Access to Politics and Peaceful States. *Journal of Peace Research* 40 (2003): 287-302.

Oct. 19

Feminism Goes to War

Sjoberg, whole book

Recommended:

Charli R. Carpenter, "Women and Children First": Gender, Norms and Humanitarian Evacuation in the Balkans 1991-95. *International Organization* 57, 4 (2003): 661-694.

Helen Kinsella, Governing the Innocent: The "Civilian" in International Law. In *Power in Global Governance*, eds. Michael Barnett and Raymond Duvall. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Democracy and Gender

Oct. 26 **Political Theory and Feminist Social Criticism**

Ackerly, whole book

Recommended:

Martha Nussbaum, Capabilities and Social Justice. *International Studies Review* 4, 2 (Summer 2002): 123-135.

Nov. 2 **Political Participation**

Inglehart and Norris, whole book

Recommended:

Gender Quotas I. In *Politics and Gender* 1, 4 (December 2005).

The Gendered Political Economy

Nov. 9 **Gender and Development**

Benería, whole book

Recommended:

Progress of the World's Women 2005: Women, Work and Poverty. New York: United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 2005. (Available on UNIFEM website).

Clair Apodaca, The Effects of Foreign Aid on Women's Economic and Social Human Rights. *Journal of Third World Studies* 17, 2 (2002): 205-219.

Nov. 16 **The Biases of Economics**

Tickner, chapter 3

V. Spike Peterson, Rewriting (Global) Political Economy as Reproductive, Productive, and Virtual (Foucauldian) Economies. *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 4, 1 (April 2002).

Diane Elson, The Economic, the Political and the Domestic: Businesses, States and Households in the Organisation of Production. *New Political Economy* 3, 2 (1998): 189-208.

Eva Feder Kittay, *Love's Labor: Essays on Women, Equality and Dependency*. Routledge, 1999. Excerpts.

Recommended:

J.K. Gibson-Graham, *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It): A Feminist Critique of Political Economy*. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 1996.

Diane Elson and Nilufer Cagatay, The Social Content of Macroeconomic Policies. *World Development* 28, 7 (2000): 1347-1364.

Nov. 23 THANKSGIVING

Global Governance

Nov. 30 **Feminist Movements and the UN**
Hawkesworth, whole book

Recommended:

Arvonne S. Fraser and Irene Tinker, eds., *Developing Power: How Women Transformed International Development*. New York: The Feminist Press.

Dec. 7 **Mainstreaming Gender/Theorizing the State**
Tickner, chapter 4
Prügl, From Equal Rights to Gender Mainstreaming

Recommended:

Special Issue on Gender Mainstreaming. *Social Politics* 12, 3 (Fall 2005).