Course Schedule at a Glance

Course schedule is subject to change. The most updated version of the schedule is available on Blackboard under “Syllabus”

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Course Schedule

Class 1 (January 15th) Introduction & Logistics

- Introduction to the course
  - Review the course syllabus
- Gendered impacts of globalization
  - What kind of issues at stake regarding “gender and globalization”?

Reading Assignments

Recommended
  Introduction: The Girl Effect, pp.xi-xxii

Media: TED TALK: Sheryl WuDunn: Our century’s greatest injustice (19min)
- http://www.ted.com/talks/sheryl_wudunn_our_century_s_greatest_injustice.html

Assignments for next week
- Write the first critical summary (Group One: Three students)

Class 2 (January 22nd) No Meeting (Snow Day)

Class 2 (January 29th) Theoretical Foundation (1)—Gender and Power

- Feminist theory of IR
  - Different approaches to the study of women in politics
- What is gender? What does it mean for an institution or organization to be “gendered”?
- What forces/factors influence the status and power of women in the world?

Reading Assignments
- [B] Raewyn Connell, Gender: In World Perspective (Short Introductions). 2nd Edition (Polity, 2009) ch.5: Gender Relations, pp.72-93 [22pgs]; ch.7: Gender on the Large Scale, pp.115-133 [19pgs]; ch.8: Gendered Politics, pp.134-151 [18pgs]

Recommended
- Raewyn Connell, Gender: In World Perspective (Short Introductions). 2nd Edition (Polity, 2009) ch.1: The Question of Gender, pp.1-12


**Media:** TED X: Jackson Katz: Violence and Silence (19min)

**Assignments for next week**
- Write the first critical summary (Group Two: Three students)

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**Class 3 (February 5th)**  No Meeting (Snow Day)

**Class 3 (February 12th)  Globalization & Globalizing Gender Studies**

- Neoliberal theory on globalization
  - *What defines globalization? How does the global system operate?*
- Globalization’s impact on women & changing terms of gender
  - *What has changed about the relations between men and women in the context of “globalization”?*

**Reading Assignments**


**Recommended**


Media: PRI-The World “Globalization, AIDS, and the Pornography Industry” (5 min)

**Class 4 (February 14th) Policy and Public Law Matter!**

- Impact of public policy & public law on women in former communist & socialist countries
  - Policies regarding women during the socialist periods & their legacies after 1989
- What does it mean for the state to be “gendered” or exercise power in gendered terms? How have the state and its gender terms changed in the contemporary era?

**Reading Assignments**


**Recommended**

Media: “China investing big in convincing 'leftover women' to get married”

Class 5 (February 26th) Culture and Religion Matter!
- Impact of domestic culture (e.g., religion) on gender relations

Reading Assignments

Recommended
- Saba Mahmood, “Preface” and “Chapter 1: The Subject of Freedom” in Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject (2005), Preface & ch.1 [43pgs]

Media: “China investing big in convincing 'leftover women' to get married”
Class 6 (March 5th)  Women & Political Leadership

- “Congress to Campus” program (4:30-5:15pm)
- Impact of female political representation

Reading Assignments


Recommended


Class (March 12th)  No Class—Spring Break

Class 8 (March 19th)  Impact of Economic Circumstances

- Migration
- Sex trafficking

Reading Assignments


**Recommended**

- Dennis Altman, Global Sex (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2001), ch. 3 “Sex and Political Economy”; ch. 4 “The (Re)Discovery of Sex”; ch.6 “The Globalization of Sexual Identities.”

**Movie (Recommended): “When Mother Comes Home for Christmas”**

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**Class 9 (March 26th) Take-Home Midterm Exam**

**Class 10 (April 2nd) The Role of International Organizations**

- The United Nations and Women’s Rights

**Reading Assignments**


Recommended


Class 11 (April 9th)  Women Organizing Matters!

- Women’s activism, social networks
- Transnational advocacy networks

Discussion Question

Under what conditions do advocacy groups that promote women’s rights have influence?

Reading Assignments


Recommended


- Valerie Sperling, Myra Marx Ferree and Barbara Risman, “Constructing Global Feminism: Transnational Advocacy Networks and Russian Women’s Activism,” *Signs*, 26:4 (Summer, 2001), pp.1155-1186

**Class 12 (April 16th) Gender and Nationalism**

- Impact of colonialism & democratization on gender equality

**Reading Assignments**

- [B] Haleh Esfandiari, et.al., “Is the Arab Awakening Marginalizing Women?” *Wilson Center Middle East Program, Occasional Paper Series* (Summer 2012) (everything except Rangita de Silva de Alwis’s section, pp.4-8) [22pgs]

**Recommended**


**Class 13 (April 23rd) Women, Militarization, and War**
Impact of wars on women

Impact of internal displacement and refugee status on women

Reading Assignments


Recommended