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)

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)


July 19 Sexuality and Violence

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


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


13:00-14:30: Lunch

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


**July 20 Islamic Family Law**

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


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)


**July 21 Critical Urbanism: Gendering Urban Space**

9:00-11:00: Harassment and Safety  
Lecturers: H. Rizzo (Sociology)


The Spatiality of Modernity/Poverty  
11:00-13:00: Visioning modern space  
Lecturer: M. Rieker (Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies)


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)

July 22 Gender Justice: Reflections on the Historical Present

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


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


10:30-11.00: Break

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

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**


10:00-10.30: Break

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

Film: Garbage Dreams, 2009, 79 min

13:30-14:30: Lunch

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


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**


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


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)


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.