THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS 2010/11

POL336 WOMEN, POLITICS AND GLOBALIZATION

Level: Three
Semester Taught: One
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Description

This module analyses how various different processes associated with globalization, such as the restructuring of trade and production, are gendered. In particular it examines the impact of globalization on gender relations in different contexts and on different groups of women as well as the roles played by different women in constructing globalization. It begins by asking whether there are such things as universal women's rights and whether feminism is a western concept. The next section of the module examines processes such as the restructuring of trade and production and at how they are gendered as well as the ways in which international migration is gendered – focusing for example on the growth of domestic work and sex trafficking. The final section of the module examines the political responses to globalization both in terms of women's organizing and political strategies to increase women's representation within institutions such as quotas and gender mainstreaming. Empirical material will come from both the first and third worlds, global institutions such as the UN and World Bank as well as case studies of the activities of the transnational women's movement.

Objectives

This module aims to provide an understanding of how processes of globalization are gendered and the politics of gender in a globalizing world. By the end of the module students will be able to:

• Demonstrate knowledge of the different approaches to the gendered analysis of globalization and the politics of gender in a globalizing world;
• apply conceptual tools to analyse gendered processes of globalization and the politics of gender in a globalizing world in particular cases and regions;
• demonstrate appropriate cognitive, communicative and transferable skills, including understand complex concepts and theories, utilising primary and secondary sources and deepening the capacity for independent learning.

Organisation

Eleven two-hour weekly seminars to be held on Thursday 11.10-13.00 in Elmfield Room G12.

Requirements

• Attendance at seminars;
• Presentation of seminar assignments;
• Participation in seminar discussions;
• Submission of two paper copies of one essay of 3000 words maximum must be handed in on Tuesday 1st December 2010 by 12.00noon. In addition an electronic copy must also be submitted via MOLE by the same deadline.
• Completion of one 2-hour examination

Assessment

• Essay: 50%
• Exam: 50%
**Essay Titles and Other Assessment**

Students are required to give one seminar presentation from PART TWO of the module and to write an essay on a topic from the PART ONE of the module.

**Essay Titles**

Essays should be written on one of the seminar topics from PART ONE of the module. Either use a seminar question or devise your own question on that topic or another theme relevant to the module. Essay titles should only be designed in consultation with the module leader.

**Study Hours**

For a twenty-credit module, about twelve hours per week of private study are normally expected. (For guidance on study techniques see the Undergraduate Handbook.)

**General Regulation**

Students should refer to the current Department of Politics Undergraduate Handbook for guidance on essay writing and other academic skills, for details of marking criteria, and for rules governing submission of assessed work and attendance. Please note that students are required to perform satisfactorily in all components of assessment (all elements of assessed coursework and examinations) before credits can be awarded for a module.

**Seminar Attendance**

Attendance at seminars is compulsory. It is your responsibility to ensure that you sign the attendance sheet. Where possible, if you are unable to attend a seminar you should attempt to inform Sarah Archibald in advance.

**Seminar Presentations**

Part Two of the module (seminars nine to eleven) will be student organised. This will take the form of student presentations and a student-run seminar discussion. The module leader will sum up the key points of the discussion at the end of the seminar. The group presentations will be allocated prior to reading week.

**Recommended Reading**

This is a long list, in part to give the opportunity to read around the subject and to provide reading to complement subject matter on other modules.

There is no set text for this module but there are number of useful introductory books and articles that are also useful throughout the module

**General/Introductory Reading**


D Aguilar and A Lacasama (eds) 2004 *Women and Globalization*, Humanity Books


**Useful Website Links**

- [www.un.org/womenwatch](http://www.un.org/womenwatch): Gateway to UN information and data on women worldwide
- [www.un-instraw.org](http://www.un-instraw.org): UN International Institute for Research and Training for the Advancement of Women
- [www.bridge.ids.ac.uk](http://www.bridge.ids.ac.uk): Bridge Gender and Development database maintained at the University of Sussex (reports on gender and trade etc)
- [http://topics.developmentgateway.org/gender](http://topics.developmentgateway.org/gender): Development Gateway section on gender
- [www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org): Interparliamentary Union website with information on women in parliaments
- [www.idea.int](http://www.idea.int): International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. Big project on gender and politics particularly quotas
SEMINARS

Seminar Topics

PART ONE
Week One: Globalization, Feminism and Women’s Rights
Week Two: Approaches to the study of gender and globalization

Processes of Globalization and their Governance
Week Three: Economic Processes: Restructuring Industrial Production and Trade
Week Four: Economic Processes: Restructuring Agriculture, Finance and Services
Week Five: Global Movements of People: Migration and Trafficking
Week Six: Economic Governance

Week Seven: NO SEMINAR Reading Week

Week Eight: (In)Security Peacekeeping and Conflict in a Global Age

PART TWO
Politics of Gender in a Globalizing World
Week Nine: Outside Global Institutions: Women’s Transnational Organizing
Week Ten: Inside Institutions: Women’s Representation and Quotas
Week Eleven: Inside Institutions: Gender Mainstreaming and State Feminism

Week Twelve: Conclusion and Review

Seminars and Reading

PART ONE
Seminar One: Globalization, Feminism and Women’s Rights: exploring Key Themes and concepts in the Module

Themes
What is Globalization? (What are the key differences between different approaches to globalization such as critical IPE and more mainstream ones?)
Are women’s rights universal?
Is feminism a western concept?
Are women too divided to share common interests?

Reading
V Moghadam, 2005, Globalizing Women, early chapters
J A Tickner, 2001 Gendering World Politics
Special Issue on Women and Human Rights, 2007 Review of International Studies, 33, 1, (articles by Guerrina and Zawelski, Steans and Howard)
R Cook (ed) 1994 Human Rights of women: national and International perspectives
C Mohanty et al (eds), 1991, Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism,


Brooke Ackerly, 2008, Universal Human Rights in a World of Difference, CUP,


Non Gendered Analyses of Globalization


B Gills (ed) 2000, Globalization and the Politics of Resistance, Palgrave


N Woods (eds) 2000 The Political Economy of Globalization,


R Stubbs and G Underhill, 2005, Political Economy and the Changing Global Order. 3rd ed


Seminar Two: Approaches to the Study of Gender and Globalization

Most of the analyses of gender and globalization have come from either IR or gender and development (GAD) and women in development (WID). What are the most significant differences between gendered analyses of globalization informed by WID, GAD and International Relations (IR)? Are they compatible? Which one do you find most convincing?

Key reading


International Relations

L Shepherd (ed), 2010, Gender Matters in Global Politics. Including Section 1.

*M Marchand, Gendered Representations of the Global: Reading/Writing Globalization in Stubbs and Underhill (eds), Political Economy and the Changing Global Order 2nd ed


Gender and Development (GAD) and Women in Development (WID) etc


S Rai, 2002, Gender and the Political Economy of Development, chapter on gender and development

G Waylen, 1996, Gender in Third World Politics, chapter on development.

Processes of Globalization and their Governance

Seminar Three: Economic Processes: Restructuring Industrial Production and Trade

What has been the impact of the global restructuring of industrial production on gender relations and different groups of women?
What roles have women played in the global restructuring of production and trade and what has been their response?

Production


G. Standing, 1999, Globalization through Flexible Labour: A theme revisited, World Development, 27, 3.  See also:


Available at www.unrisd.org.


D Perrons, 2004, Globalization and Social Change, Routledge, esp chapter 4


Trade


Special issue on ‘Growth, Trade, Finance and Gender Inequality, 2000, World Development, 27, 2.

M Keating (ed) 2004 Gender, Development and Trade, Oxfam.


International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN) Website: http://www.igtn.org/

Gender and Trade (Commonwealth Secretariat) Website: http://www.genderandtrade.org/

Seminar Four: Economic Processes: Restructuring Agriculture, Finance and Services

What has been the impact of the restructuring of agriculture, finances and services on gender relations and different groups of women?
What roles have women played in the restructuring and what has been their response to it?


T Korovkin, 2002 ‘Cut flower exports, female labour and community participation in highland Ecuador, Latin American Perspectives, 30, 4.


**Seminar Five: Global Movements of People: Migration and Trafficking**

How are global processes of migration and trafficking gendered?
In what ways are men and women affected differently by migration and trafficking?

Migration


K Chang and L Ling, 2000, ‘Globalization and Its Intimate ‘Other’: Filipina Domestic Workers in Hong Kong’, In Marchand and Runyan (eds). Gender and Global Restructuring

S Jolly and H Reeves, 2005, Gender and Migration: Overview Report, Bridge Cutting Edge Pack, IDS, Sussex, Available at: www.bridge.ids.ac.uk/reports/CEP-Mig-OR.pdf.


R S Parrenas, 2000, Migrant Filipina Domestic Workers and the international division of reproductive labour, Gender and Society, 14, 4.

R-C Lain 2003, ‘Maid or Madam: Filipina Migrant Workers and the Continuity of Domestic Labour, Gender and Society, 17, 2.


Trafficking


Articles on migration, trafficking and prostitution by L Augustin, J Outshoorn, G Kligman and S Lemonelli, 2005, in Social Politics, 12, 1.

Special Issue on Trafficking and Slavery, 2002, Gender and Development, 10, 1.


**Seminar Six: Economic Governance**

How are the institutions of economic governance (IMF, World Bank etc) and their policies (eg structural adjustment programmes) gendered?

Institutions


S Rai, 2004 ‘Gendering Global Governance’ International Feminist Journal of Politics, 6, 4,


Policies


WEEK SEVEN: READING WEEK - NO SEMINAR

Week Eight: (In)Security: Conflict and Peacekeeping in a Global Era

How are the processes of conflict and peacekeeping that characterize the contemporary global world gendered?


Rai and Waylen (eds) 2008, Global Governance Feminist Perspectives Chapters on the International Criminal Court by Louise Chappell and UN security council resolution 1325 by Carol Cohn.


PART TWO
Politics of Gender in a Globalizing World

Student- Led Seminars.
In this section of the module, a different group of students will give an introductory presentation then lead the subsequent discussion for each of the three seminars. The module leader will then sum up the key points of the discussion at the end of the seminar.

Week Nine: Outside Global Institutions: Transnational Women’s Movements challenging Globalization

This session looks at challenges to globalization from below. It will focus on a number of questions such as:
What are transnational women’s movements? Has globalization facilitated the development of transnational women’s movements? What different kinds of movements can you identify?
(for example around reproductive rights, gender-based violence, economic issues) What impact have they had?


MM Ferree and A Tripp (eds) 2006, Global Feminism: Transnational Women’s Activism, Organizing and Human Rights,


Gender Based Violence
M Keck and K Sikkink, 1998, Activists Beyond Borders (section on violence against women)


Women’s Rights as Human Rights/International Conferences


E Friedman, K Hochstetler and A Clark, 2005, Sovereignty Democracy and Global Civil Society, NYU Press.
Special Issue on Women’s Human Rights 2007, Review of International Studies, 33, 1. (articles by Guerrino, Steans)

Globalization


Reproductive Rights


Critical Perspectives on Gender and Politics, 2005 ‘Gender Quotas 1’, Politics and Gender, 2, 1.

Critical Perspectives on Gender and Politics, 2006 ‘Gender Quotas 2’, Politics and Gender, 3, 1.

IDEA, 2005, Women in Parliament: Beyond Numbers, Available from www.idea.int/publications/wip2 (also see IDEA website for their project on women and quotas which has a global database of quotas for women)


**Seminar Eleven: Inside Global Institutions: Gender Mainstreaming**

What is gender mainstreaming? What impact has it had as a strategy to ensure that gender issues are taken into account in global institutions?


E Prugl and A Lustgarten, 2006, ‘Mainstreaming Gender in International Institutions’, in Jaquette and Staudt (eds), *Women and Gender Equity in Development Theory and Practice*,


**Seminar Twelve: Conclusion and Review**