

# FEMINIST STUDIES COURSES

## Spring 2009

**80K Feminism and Science** TTh 10:00-11:45am Social Sciences 1, 110  
Considers the nature of scientific practice, the culture of science, and criteria for the responsible practice of science. Particular attention is given to feminist commitments to strengthening objectivity, increasing scientific literacy, and including ethical considerations in the practice of science. (GE Code: T5-Hum&Arts or Soc Sci.) **K. Barad** Call #75851

**80R Tribes, Castes, and Women** TTh 4:00-5:45pm Stevenson 152  
Examines historical construction and contemporary deployments of the categories that have structured anthropological understandings of social life in South Asia, particular those of "tribe," caste," and "women." Students gain familiarity with the mobilization of the categories in contemporary political movements across India. (General Education Code(s): T3-Social Sciences.) **Megan Moodie** Call #77750

**116 Feminist Ethnographies** TTh 12:00-1:45pm Porter 249  
Examines ethnographic methods and writing in anthropology from a feminist perspective; focuses on questions of representation and representativeness, power, and knowledge production; traces theories of exchange in 20th-century anthropology including outsourcing, financialization, and microcredit. Prerequisite(s): course 1 or 80C or permission of instructor. Enrollment restricted to 20 junior and senior feminist studies majors. **Megan Moodie** Call #77751

**145 Racial and Gender Formations in the U.S.** TTh 4:00-5:45pm Stevenson 150  
Provides an introduction to the defining issues surrounding "women of color" in the U.S. Explores the term "women of color" as a coalitional term that brings together forms of knowledge surrounding our understanding of African American, Chicana, Native American, and Asian American women, with simultaneous focus on our acts of interpretation and critique in looking at "women of color" as an emergent and subjective socio-political phenomenon. (General Education Code: E.) Mandatory sections to be assigned during the first week of class. **Anjali Arondekar** Call #73577

**150 Women's Culture** TTh 2:00-3:45pm New Location - Cowell 113  
Philosophical, historical, and aesthetic implications of women's consciousness of social reality. Both the sexual division of labor and the subordination of women in society give rise to distinctive categories of thought. Course objectives: locate and consider these categories of thought as they are presented in women's expressive culture; redefine culture, beauty, and artistry from a feminist perspective; and propose a praxis for creating and transmitting culture. Prerequisite(s): course 1 or 80C. Enrollment restricted to juniors and seniors. Recommended for students with a background in feminist studies, cultural, and/or ethnic studies. Enrollment limited. **Bettina Aptheker** Call #77752

**194D Feminist Science Studies** Mon 9:15am-12:15pm Cowell 223  
Examines different feminist approaches to understanding the nature of scientific practices. Particular attention paid to notions of evidence, methods, cultural and material constraints, and the heterogeneous nature of laboratory practices. Considers the ways in which gender, race, and sexuality are constructed by science and how they influence both scientific practices and conceptions of science. Also examines the feminist commitment to taking social factors into account without forfeiting the notion of objectivity. Prerequisite(s): course 1 or 80C; and course 100. Enrollment restricted to 20 senior feminist studies majors. **Karen Barad** Call #77753

**201 On Gender and Subaltern Studies** Wed 2:00-5:00pm 316 Humanities 1  
Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak's ground-breaking essay "Can the Subaltern Speak?" interrogated the mobilization of the term "subaltern" in South Asian historiography through an attentiveness to gender and geopolitics. Since the publication of Spivak's essay over 25 years ago, scholars continue to grapple with its myriad invocations. This seminar considers the epistemic challenges outlined in Spivak's early and current work and engages their instantiations in the proliferating scholarship on gender, subalternity and area studies. Overall, the course explores complex accounts of the couplings of gender and/or subalternity across varied geopolitical sites. Readings include the work of the original (South-Asia based) Subaltern Studies group, recent interventions from feminist theorists, and debates in critical area studies. Enrollment restricted to 15 graduate students. **Anjali Arondekar** Call #77754

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