PSCI 3502A
GENDER AND POLITICS: GLOBAL SOUTH
Wednesday 14:35-17:25
Please confirm location on Carleton Central.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Drawing upon selected theoretical questions in comparative politics and feminist theory, this course aims to give students an understanding of the key debates about gender and politics in the global South. The first half of the course explores the implication of gender in political processes, such as state formation, democratisation, authoritarianism, and nationalism. The second half of the course is thematically organised, and through a gendered lens, examines theoretical questions pertaining to citizenship, development, political economy and religion, and cultural pluralism. The course relies on case studies from diverse regions, and compares the similarities and differences across cases.

READINGS

You can obtain a course pack containing other required readings at the Haven Book Store. For more information, please check your course Web CT. In addition, a number of readings on the course outline are available electronically, and the links will be posted on the course Website. Also, the required readings are available on reserve at the university library. The readings marked (W) are available online.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING CRITERIA

Students will be evaluated on the following five graded components:

- In-class Mid-term Exam (20%) – due: Feb. 2
- Essay (30%) – due: March 25
- Group Assignment (10%) & Group Presentation (5%) – Due: March 2
- Final Exam (35%) – during formally scheduled exam period.

- **In-class mid-term exam (20%)** to be held on February 2, 2011.
  This exam is based on course lectures, readings, and group discussions to date.
Essay (30%) due on March 25. Late papers must be stamped and dropped off at the Political Science office; late papers will be accepted until April 4, 2011. These late papers are retrieved every business day at 4 pm, stamped with that day’s date, and then distributed to the instructor. A cumulative penalty of 2% per day is applied to late submissions. If you have a medical certificate or other documentary evidence, your late paper can be exempted from the penalty. Students will be given a list of essay topics on February 2, and can choose one of them or select their own in consultation with the TA or the instructor. The paper should be approximately 12-15 pages (double-spaced) in length. Students are graded on the overall understanding of the material covered, the clarity of the presentation, and the logical consistency of the arguments. For essays that will not be returned in class that you would like to have returned to you, please attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope to that essay. Assignments sent by fax or email will not be accepted.

Group Assignment (10%) and Group Presentation (5%) due in class on March 2. During Week 9 (March 2), we will hold an in-class mock court organized around questions that highlight the tension between women’s rights and cultural practices. Through consultation with the instructor, you can select your topic by the week of January 19, and then students will be divided into groups. On March 2, students who represent opposing sides of the debate will try to persuade a jury to rule in their favour. Further details about this assignment will be discussed in class and on Web CT. Students will also write a short essay of 6-8 pages based on their courtroom presentation and submit it on March 2.

Final exam (35%) during formally scheduled exam period. The exam will emphasize the course readings, discussions, and course lectures of the latter half of the course. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Note: Each assignment is graded out of 100 marks. A penalty of two marks per day will be deducted from the grade of late submissions.

January 5 Overview


January 12 Gender and Colonialism


**January 19 Gender and Nationalism**


**January 26 Gender and Democratisation**


**February 2 Gender, Citizenship, and Representation; and In-class Midterm Exam**


**February 9 Gender and the State**


February 16 Gender, Religion, and Politics


February 23 Winter Break. No Classes.

March 2 Women’s Rights and Cultural Practices: Mock Court and Classroom Debate


March 9 Gender and Economic Policies


March 16 Gender and Development


March 23 Gender, Conflict, and Peace Building; and excerpts from the film *My daughter the Terrorist*


March 30 Transnational Feminisms; and Course Review


**COURSE POLICIES**

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

At the discretion of the instructor As per university regulations, it is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of “plagiarism” as defined in the undergraduate or graduate calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. The Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as “to use and pass off as one’s own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another.” The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another’s work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student’s own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student’s own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. You cannot submit the same assignment to two or more courses.

The Department’s Style Guide is available at: [www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf](http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf).
Oral Examination

At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work

Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at 4 p.m., stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

Approval of final grades

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Connect email accounts

The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be distributed through the Connect email system. For instructions about how to set up your account, see http://connect.carleton.ca.

Carleton Political Science Society

The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, CPSS aims to involve all political science students in the after-hours academic life at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and
social life at Carleton University. To find out more, please email carletonpss@gmail.com, visit
our website at poliscisociety.com, or come to our office in Loeb D688.

Academic Accommodations

For students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in
this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (500
University Centre) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Registered PMC students
are required to contact the centre (613-520-6608) every term to ensure that the instructor receives
your request for accommodation. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet
with the instructor in order to discuss your needs at least two weeks before the first assignment is
due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you require accommodation
for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for
accommodation to PMC by November 15 2010 for December examinations and March 11 2011
for April examinations.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should
apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic
requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as
possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before
the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an
individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make
accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and
students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact
an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a letter of accommodation. Then, make an
appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first
academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

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Grading: Assignments and exams will be graded with a percentage grade. To convert this to a
letter grade or to the university 12-point system, please refer to the following table.

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Official Course Outline: The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.