Political Science 6201
Gender and Diversity: Comparative and International Politics
Wednesday 11:35-14:25
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Course Description:
This course complements PSCI 6200 as one of the core courses in the Gender and Diversity field group in the Ph.D. program in Political Science. The course focuses in particular on comparative, empirical and international literature relevant to the field of gender and diversity. The course includes attention to a variety of intersectionalities and identities, including ethnicity, race, gender identity and sexual orientation. Assigned readings include a variety of influential texts, methodological debates, and empirical analyses of particular contexts.

The goals of the course include: 1) To help to prepare students for the Ph.D. comprehensive examination in Gender and Diversity, by guiding students through key texts and debates, 2) to develop further skills in critical reading, analysis and comparison of academic literature, 3) to explore questions of methodology in gender and diversity research, particularly in comparative and IR contexts, 4) to identify limitations in existing literature in this evolving field, while students move forward to identify their own future research contributions.

The course requires intensive examination and debate of assigned readings, and students are expected to have read all assigned reading in advance of the session in which they will be discussed. All students will be expected to participate actively in class discussions, and to be prepared to comment constructively on the presentations of their peers. Students are encouraged to share their particular research interests as relevant to the course discussions.

Readings:
Assigned readings will be available on Library Reserve, or in some cases, Web links will be provided to open-source material. Some readings will be accessible electronically through Carleton McOdrum Library’s ARES system (which students can access through the course CuLearn page); others will be available through check-out at the Reserve desk in McOdrum Library.
Course Requirements:

The table shows the weight of each component of the final grade. A detailed description of each component follows the table.

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<td>Attendance and participation in class discussions</td>
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<td>Reading response papers, two, on the same two course themes as the class presentations</td>
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- **Attendance and participation in class discussions**: Students are expected to attend classes prepared to discuss all of the assigned readings in depth, and to participate actively in class discussion. Discussions may include work on particular questions circulated in advance.

- **Oral presentations**: The professor will draw up a schedule in which during weeks 2-9, one student will be responsible for initiating discussion on specific assigned readings, by giving a brief, focused analytical reflection and critique of those readings. Each student will be expected to give two presentations, on two different class dates. Oral presentations should be succinct (ca. 10 minutes), and students should speak to their audience in an engaging manner: no reading from a prepared text, please.

- **Reading response papers**: Students will prepare two short papers (5-7 typed, double-spaced pages each) during the term, based on the same topics as their oral presentation; each paper will provide a critical and analytical discussion of the assigned readings for a particular week in the course. These essays should integrate, critique and contrast themes in the respective readings: they should NOT simply be descriptive summaries. The essays should answer a specific question about the literature under discussion: the instructor will periodically provide suggested questions for discussion. For the topics they choose, students are required to prepare their paper in advance of the course session in question, and to submit it to the instructor on the day of the scheduled oral presentation.

- **Presentation to class of research in progress for final research paper**: These presentations will take place in the final three weeks of class. In a brief presentation (maximum 15 minutes), students should present the following: the key research question to be examined; its position in the relevant literature; tentative findings to date; and areas where the student could benefit from feedback. Students should speak to their audience in an engaging manner: no reading from a prepared text, please.

- **Final Research Paper**: The longer analytical paper should be approximately 12-15 pages. In this assignment students are expected to do one of the following: a) apply the literature of one of the course topics to a particular country, region, or international event, b) provide an exhaustive and detailed critique of a particular course topic, going beyond the assigned readings to incorporate additional supplementary literature, c) explore in
detail a particular debate between scholars in the academic literature relevant to gender and diversity. Due April 9.

*All written papers for the course should have a clear focus and concentrate on developing an analytical argument supported with sufficient evidence. Papers should engage relevant academic literature in depth. Of the three papers assigned for the course, each must be on a different topic and each must discuss relevant assigned readings for the course. Papers should be typed, double-spaced and submitted directly to the professor in hard copy. All papers should include complete references and bibliography. Whenever you have drawn upon another author’s idea, conceptualization or data, you are expected to acknowledge the source appropriately in a footnote or in-text citation. Direct quotations from sources should be used sparingly, when there is a clear purpose; and should respect fair-use conventions.*

Week 1: *Introduction* (January 9)

Week 2: *Foundational Works (1)* (January 16)


Week 3: *Foundational Works (2)* (January 23)


Week 4: The State and Political Representation (January 30)


Week 5 Feminist institutionalism and neo-institutionalism (February 6)


Week 6: Intersectionalities and Identities (February 13)


Week 7: LGBTQ Politics (February 27)


Sjoberg, Laura. "Toward trans-gendering international relations?" *International Political Sociology* vol. 6, no. 4, December 2012, pp. 337-354.


Week 8: Citizenship and Social Movements (March 6)


Week 9: Methodologies of Gender and Diversity; Research Ethics (March 13)


Week 10: Feminism and Diversity in International Relations (March 20)


Tickner, J. Ann. *A feminist voyage through international relations*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. Chapter 1 (pp. 5-18) and Chapter 6 (pp. 73-91)


**Week 11: Gender, Identity and Conflict** (March 27)


**Week 12: Policy and Gender Mainstreaming** (April 3)


**Academic Accommodations**

**Requests for Academic Accommodation**
You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation**
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](http://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

**Religious obligation**
Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](http://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**
If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. [carleton.ca/pmc](http://carleton.ca/pmc)

**Survivors of Sexual Violence**
As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and is survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For
more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

**Accommodation for Student Activities**
Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. [https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf](https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf)

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

**Plagiarism**
The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s 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 may include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

Student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

**Submission and Return of Term Work**
Papers must be submitted directly to the instructor according to the instructions in the course outline 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. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Grading
Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Final standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

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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.

Carleton E-mail Accounts
All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and University information is distributed this way, it is the student’s responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

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. By hosting social events, including Model Parliament, debates, professional development sessions and more, CPSS aims to involve all political science students 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 our networking opportunities, academic engagement initiatives and numerous events which aim to complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, visit us on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/CarletonPoliticalScienceSociety/] and our website [https://carletonpss.com/], or stop by our office in Loeb D688!"
Official Course Outline
The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.