**CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**SOCI 4860D**

**WINTER 2024**

**WORK, OCCUPATIONS AND PROFFESSIONS: WOMEN, WORK AND HEALTH**

**Instructor:** Carieta Thomas

**Email:** carietathomas@cunet.carleton.ca

**Method of Delivery:** Online Synchronous

**Course Description:**

While we spend much of our lives engaged in various types of work, from working for wages to working on our relationships, we seldom contemplate the contours of work—its definition, valuation, and the gendered processes involved. This course explores the relationship between gender, work, occupations, and professions from a variety of intersectional and situated perspectives. We will analyze the ways work creates, shapes, and reinforces gender inequality in and outside of the home. We will interrogate how social locations (i.e. race, ethnicity, class, gender identity, citizenship, and space) shape the work we do. We will also consider the ways issues of gender inequality and the occupations women labour in impact their health—connecting globalized and local processes of work to women’s health and wellbeing.

To do so, we will begin by orienting ourselves to the theories of gender segregation in the labour market, gendered organizations, and (re)productive labour. We will then explore the application of these theories and concepts to different types of work, labour, and organizations in global contexts. This will allow us to think through the ways gender intersects with migrant worker status, stigmatized workers, and work in the gig economy.

**Reading (s)/Textbook (s):**

There is no required textbook for this course. Links to required readings will be included in the **schedule and pdf or links provided on Brightspace.**

**Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Assessment Component/Assignment** | **Weight** |
| Participation | 10% |
| Reflection Papers (3 out of 5) | 30% |
| Film Analysis | 15% |
| Final Research Paper Presentation | 15% |
| Final Research Paper | 30% |