

GLOBALIZATION & GENDER

Course outline for May 2006

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SCHEDULE

Tue 02.05.06

- 0900-1030 Theorising gender in the 21st century
- 1100-1230 Gender as policy frame: work/life balance
- 1400-1530 Gender as object of practice: education

Wed 03.05.06

- 0900-1030 Gender as global structure
- 1100-1230 Understanding men & masculinity
- 1400-1530 Men's health as a policy field
- 1700-19.00 PUBLIC LECTURE

Thur 04.05.06

- 0900-1030 Boys' education debates
- 1100-1230 Masculinity politics in global context
- 1400-1530 Studying gender in organizations

Fri 05.05.06

- 0900-1030 Studying transnational masculinities
- 1100-1230 Thesis research in gender studies
- 1400-1530 Politics of gender research

OUTLINE OF COURSE

The course "Gender and globalization" is a set of lecture-discussion and workshop sessions which will examine current research and thinking about gender relations and gender processes, especially in their international dimension. Both broad questions and specific policy and practical issues will be examined.

The sessions are grouped in three units. The first considers contemporary gender analysis. Its sessions examine theories of gender, the gendered constitution of policy debates about work/life balance, gender practice in the field of education, and the ways gender processes are connected to globalization.

The second unit builds on the recent emergence of studies of men and masculinity as a focus in gender studies. Its sessions examine the emergence and character of this field; the gendered policy debates about men's health; the debate over boys' education; and the interplay between globalization and masculinity politics.

The third unit will move to a workshop format and examine specific research problems and projects. It will examine research on gender regimes in organizations; life-history research on business masculinities; provide a session for comparing students' current or proposed research projects; and discuss the politics of gender research.

The course convenor, Raewyn Connell, is an Australian sociologist well-known for both theoretical and empirical research on gender questions. Her book *Gender and Power* proposed a structural theory of gender, in opposition to sex role theory and essentialism, and *Masculinities (Der gemachte Mann)* is the most-cited contribution to contemporary research on men and masculinities.

The course will be in English and will use mostly English-language materials, but will draw on sources from several continents. Students will be invited to stretch their familiarity with gender studies by reading and discussing material from beyond the global metropole, and thinking about diverse traditions of gender analysis.

RECOMMENDED READING

Introductory

Raewyn Connell, "Gender and the intellectuals" in *Gender*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 2002, pp. 115-135.

Raewyn Connell, "Change among the gatekeepers: men, masculinities, and gender equality in the global arena." *Signs*, 2005, vol. 30 no. 3, 1801-1825.

Manisha Desai, "Transnational solidarity: women's agency, structural adjustment, and globalization", pp. 15-33 in Nancy A. Naples and Manisha Desai, ed., *Women's Activism and Globalization*, New York, Routledge, 2002.

Matthew Gutmann, "Engendering popular political culture", pp. 158-191 in *The Romance of Democracy: Compliant Defiance in Contemporary Mexico*, Berkeley, University of California Press, 2002.

Course reading

Asifa Siraj, "On being homosexual and Muslim: conflicts and challenges," pp. 202-216 in Lahoucine Ouzgane, ed., *Islamic Masculinities*, London, Zed Books, 2006.

Chilla Bulbeck, *Re-orienting Western Feminisms: Women's Diversity in a Post-colonial World*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1998. (any part)

Madeleine Arnot, Miriam David and Gaby Weiner, *Closing the Gender Gap: Postwar Education and Social Change*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1999, esp. pp. 12-31.

Toni Schofield, Raewyn Connell, Linley Walker, Julian Wood and Dianne Butland, "Das Konzept des Geschlechterverhältnisses in Forschung, Politik und Praxis", pp.

67-83 in Klaus Hurrelmann und Petra Kolip, ed., *Geschlecht, Gesundheit und Krankheit*, Bern, Verlag Hans Huber, 2002.

Romit Dasgupta, "Creating corporate warriors: the "salaryman" and masculinity in Japan", pp. 118-134 in Kam Louie and Morris Low, *Asian Masculinities*, London, RoutledgeCurzon, 2003.

Robert Morrell, "The times of change: men and masculinity in South Africa", pp. 3-37 in Robert Morrell, ed., *Changing Men in Southern Africa*, Pietermaritzburg and London, University of Natal Press and Zed Books, 2001.