

Introduction to Gender and Politics.

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The primary aim of this course is to present a theoretical analysis of the "political" as it is perceived and presented by the important political theorists, and to analyse and discuss the feminist challenges. Toward that end, the emphasis is put on familiarizing students with the many ramifications of the "political", such as key issues, concepts, questions, debates and morality, raised and developed by feminists, historically and at present. The course also covers issues, such as the role of women in society, who defines politics, the notion of citizenship, the division between public and private, the role of the state, etc. It also presents the different ways of examining power, authority and political culture in modern societies. In addition, it focuses on the Greek society: its notion of politics in relation to gender, and the reasons given for the traditionally neglected gender issues. (Lecture course)