

GENDER AND POLITICS IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
POLITICAL SCIENCE/WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES 357B
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Course Description

This course surveys central topics in the study of gender and politics, covering such issues as women's participation in political parties and social movements, women as voters and candidates in political elections, feminism and the state, and gender and international politics. It will draw on examples from various world regions and time periods to analyze similarities and differences across cases around the globe.

Course Requirements

This course aims to introduce students to basic concepts and debates in gender and politics. Grades for the course will be calculated in the following way:

- **Class participation** (20%) Although this is primarily a lecture-style course, you are expected to come to class prepared and to participate actively in all class discussions.
- **Two short take-home 'midterms'** (20% each) You will write two short papers – approximately five pages long – on questions stemming from the readings and class discussions. I will distribute a list of questions – of which you will answer one – a week before the assignment is due. Deadlines: February 19 and March 28.
- **One final take-home exam** (40%) You will write one final exam – approximately ten pages long – in which you answer two questions from the readings and class discussions. Although you will have some choice in terms of the questions, the first will address materials from the third part of the course, while the second will integrate concepts and debates from the course as a whole. Deadline: May 4.

Course Policies

This course seeks to promote active learning and foster a positive classroom environment. To help achieve these goals, you should take note of the following policies:

- **Attendance** is required. The readings serve as a background, not as a substitute, for the lectures and class discussions. Missing sessions will result in a deduction in your class participation grade and will affect your ability to answer the exam questions.
- **Late papers** and **email submissions** will not be accepted. Any requests for exceptions to these rules must be made in advance of the due date (i.e., at least the day before).
- The study and practice of politics is fundamentally about **interpretation and debate**. The aim of class sessions is to acquaint you with **multiple points of view** in order to help you

develop your own arguments in relation to various political phenomena. Therefore, your participation in **class discussions** is crucial for elaborating the content of the lectures and, in the case of class debates, for integrating the ideas and materials introduced in the course.

Required Readings

All of the readings will be available on ERes with the password “respect.”

Research, Prize, and Internship Opportunities

Students interested in doing further research on gender and politics are welcome to meet with me to discuss possible opportunities for independent and collaborative research. Various kinds of funding for student projects are available through the Office of Undergraduate Research and the Center for the Humanities.

All papers written in the course will be considered for the William Benton Parshall Prize, which is awarded each year by the political science department for the outstanding undergraduate paper on women in politics. Essays handed in before spring break will be entered into this year’s competition, while essays submitted after spring break will be entered into next year’s competition.

Internship opportunities in the St. Louis area are available at the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, at <http://www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/>. Information on job and internship opportunities in Washington, DC, and elsewhere is available through the Feminist Career Center at <http://www.feminist.org/911/jobs/911jobs.asp>.

Please feel free to contact me at mlkrook@wustl.edu with questions – or suggestions – regarding these or other opportunities in the field of gender and politics.

COURSE SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION TO ‘GENDER’ AND ‘POLITICS’

January 17: Introduction to Gender and Politics

No assigned reading – discussion of course aims and introduction to developments in gender and politics worldwide.

January 22: Gendering the Study of Politics

Hawkesworth, Mary. 2005. “Engendering Political Science: An Immodest Proposal.” *Politics & Gender* 1, no. 1: 141-156.

Carver, Terrell. 1996. “Feminist Theories of Politics and Postmodern Theories of Gender.” Pp. 15-36 in *Gender Is Not a Synonym for Women*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS AND POLITICAL PARTIES

January 24: Feminist and Women's Movements

Beckwith, Karen. 2000. "Beyond Compare? Women's Movements in Comparative Perspective." *European Journal of Political Research* 37: 431-468.

Molyneux, Maxine. 1998. "Analysing Women's Movements." *Development and Change* 29, no. 2: 219-245.

January 29: Women, Men, and Social Movements

Reif, Linda L. 1986. "Women in Latin American Guerrilla Movements: A Comparative Perspective." *Comparative Politics* 18, no. 2: 147-169.

Cunningham, Karla J. 2003. "Cross-Regional Trends in Female Terrorism." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 26, no. 3: 171-195.

January 31: Women's Movements and Political Parties

Young, Lisa. 2000. "Theorizing Feminist Strategy and Party Responsiveness." Pp. 11-26 in *Feminists and Party Politics*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Baldez, Lisa. 2002. "Why Women Protest: Tipping, Timing, and Framing." Pp. 1-20 in *Why Women Protest: Women's Movements in Chile*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

February 5: Women and Political Parties

Sainsbury, Diane. 2004. "Women's Political Representation in Sweden: Discursive Politics and Institutional Presence." *Scandinavian Political Studies* 27, no. 1: 65-87.

Goetz, Anne Marie. 2003. "The Problem with Patronage: Constraints on Women's Political Effectiveness in Uganda." Pp. 110-139 in *No Shortcuts to Power: African Women in Politics and Policy-Making*, ed. Anne Marie Goetz and Shireen Hassim. New York: Zed.

February 7: Women's Parties

Class Debate: What are women's parties – social movements or political parties? What does their existence suggest about mainstream political parties? Why do most women's parties fail when women form a majority of the population?

Levin, Leah Simmons. 1999. "Setting the Agenda: The Success of the 1977 Israel Women's Party." *Israel Studies* 4, no. 2: 40-63.

Dominelli, Lena and Gudrun Jonsdottir. 1988. "Feminist Political Organization in Iceland: Some Reflections on the Experience of Kwenna Frambothid." *Feminist Studies* 30: 36-60.

Ishiyama, John T. 2003. "Women's Parties in Post-Communist Politics." *East European Politics and Societies* 17, no. 2: 266-304.

WOMEN, GENDER, AND ELECTIONS

February 12: Women and the Right to Vote

Film: One Woman, One Vote

Pateman, Carole. 1994. "Three Questions About Womanhood Suffrage." Pp. 331-348 in *Suffrage and Beyond: International Feminist Perspectives*, ed. Caroline Daley and Melanie Nolan. New York: New York University Press.

February 14: Women, Gender, and Voting

Harvey, Anna. 1998. "The Legacy of Female Disfranchisement." Pp. 1-22 in *Votes Without Leverage: Women in American Electoral Politics, 1920-1970*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Inglehart, Ronald and Pippa Norris. 2000. "The Developmental Theory of the Gender Gap: Women's and Men's Voting Behavior in Global Perspective." *International Political Science Review* 21, no. 4: 441-463.

February 19: Women as National Leaders

Guest Lecturer: Farida Jalalzai, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Jalalzai, Farida. 2004. "Women Political Leaders: Past and Present." *Women & Politics* 26, nos. 3-4: 85-108.

Skidmore, Max J. 2003. "Breaking the Final Glass Ceiling: When (Not If) a Woman Becomes President." Pp. 21-30 in *Anticipating Madame President*, ed. Robert P. Watson and Ann Gordon. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

February 21: Women as Elected Representatives

Caul, Miki. 1999. "Women's Representation in Parliament: The Role of Political Parties." *Party Politics* 5, no. 1: 79-98.

Yoon, Mi Yung. 2004. "Explaining Women's Legislative Representation in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 29, no. 3: 447-466.

February 26: Women and Men as Candidates

Norris, Pippa and Joni Lovenduski. 1995. "Puzzles in Political Recruitment." Pp. 1-19 in *Political Recruitment: Gender, Race, and Class in the British Parliament*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Fox, Richard L. and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2004. "Entering the Arena? Gender and the Decision to Run for Office." *American Journal of Political Science* 48, no. 2: 264-280.

Niven, David. 1998. "Party Elites and Women Candidates: The Shape of Bias." *Women & Politics* 19, no. 2: 57-80.

WOMEN, GENDER, AND POLITICAL OFFICE

February 28: Normative Arguments for Women's Representation

Phillips, Anne. 1995. "Quotas for Women." Pp. 57-83 in *The Politics of Presence: The Political Representation of Gender, Ethnicity, and Race*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Mansbridge, Jane. 1999. "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent 'Yes.'" *Journal of Politics* 61, no. 3: 628-657.

March 5: Women and Campaigns for Political Office in the United States

Guest Lecturer: Vivien Eveloff, Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Norris, Pippa. 1997. "Women, Media, and Politics." Pp. 1-18 in *Women, Media, and Politics*, ed. Pippa Norris. New York: Oxford University Press.

Kahn, Kim Fridkin. 1994. "The Distorted Mirror: Press Coverage of Women Candidates for Statewide Office." *Journal of Politics* 56, no. 1: 154-173.

March 7: Gender Quotas and Female Candidates Worldwide

Dahlerup, Drude and Lenita Freidenvall. 2005. "Quotas as a 'Fast Track' to Equal Political Representation for Women: Why Scandinavia is No Longer the Model." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 7, no. 1: 26-48.

Krook, Mona Lena. 2006. "Reforming Representation: The Diffusion of Candidate Gender Quotas Worldwide." *Politics and Gender* 2, no. 3: 303-327.

Recommended:

Global Database of Quotas for Women, <http://www.quotaproject.org>.

March 19: Women Representing Women in Political Office

Carroll, Susan J. 2001. "Representing Women: Women State Legislators as Agents of Policy-Related Change." Pp. 3-21 in *The Impact of Women in Public Office*, ed. Susan J. Carroll. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press.

Childs, Sarah and Mona Lena Krook. 2006. "Should Feminists Give Up on Critical Mass? A Contingent Yes." *Politics & Gender* 2, no. 4: 522-530.

Weldon, S. Laurel. 2002. "Beyond Bodies: Institutional Sources of Representation for Women in Democratic Policymaking." *Journal of Politics* 64, no. 4: 1153-1174.

March 21: Women's Descriptive and Substantive Representation

Class Debate: Are women under-represented in elected office? How and why is it important – or not – to increase the number of female candidates? What roles do men play in the descriptive and substantive representation of women?

Mansbridge, Jane. 2005. "Quota Problems: Combating the Dangers of Essentialism." *Politics & Gender* 1, no. 4: 622-638.

Krook, Mona Lena. 2006. "Gender Quotas, Norms, and Politics." *Politics & Gender* 2, no. 1: 110-118.

GENDER, THE STATE, AND PUBLIC POLICY-MAKING

March 26: Women, Gender, and the State

Kantola, Johanna. 2006. "Gender and the State: Theories and Debates." In *Feminists Theorize the State*. New York: Palgrave.

Chappell, Louise. 2000. "Interacting With the State: Feminist Strategies and Political Opportunities." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 2, no. 2: 244-275.

March 28: Gender, Identity, and the State

Guest Lecturer: Erica Townsend-Bell, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis

Roseblatt, Karin Alejandra. 2000. "Domesticating Men: State-Building and Class Compromise in Popular Front Chile." Pp. 162-191 in *Hidden Histories of Gender and the State in Latin America*, ed. Elizabeth Dore and Maxine Molyneux. Durham: Duke University Press.

Foote, Nicola. 2004. "Rethinking Race, Gender, and Citizenship: Black West Indian Women in Costa Rica, c. 1920-1940." *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 23, no. 2: 198-212.

April 2: Women, Gender, and Public Policies

Bacchi, Carol Lee. 1999. "Taking Problems Apart." Pp. 1-13 in *Women, Policy, and Politics*. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Htun, Mala. 2003. "Sex and the State in Latin America." Pp. 1-28 in *Sex and the State: Abortion, Divorce, and the Family Under Latin American Dictatorships and Democracies*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

April 4: Gender and Democratization in Southern Africa

Guest Lecturer: Frances Henderson, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis

Waylen, Georgina. 1994. "Women and Democratization: Conceptualizing Gender Relations in Transition Politics." *World Politics* 46, no. 3: 327-354.

April 9: State Feminism and Gender Mainstreaming

Class Debate: What is state feminism and gender mainstreaming? How do they contribute – or not – to the creation of women-friendly and/or gender-sensitive public policy?

Stetson, Dorothy McBride and Amy Mazur. 1995. "Introduction." Pp. 1-21 in *Comparative State Feminism*, ed. Dorothy McBride Stetson and Amy Mazur. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Squires, Judith. 2005. "Is Mainstreaming Transformative? Theorizing Mainstreaming in the Context of Diversity and Deliberation." *Social Politics* 12, no. 3: 366-388.

GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

April 11: International and Transnational Women's Movements

Rupp, Leila J. and Verta Taylor. 1999. "Forging Feminist Identity in an International Movement: A Collective Identity Approach to Twentieth-Century Feminism." *Signs* 24: 363-386.

Alvarez, Sonia E. 2000. "Translating the Global: Effects of Transnational Organizing on Latin American Feminist Discourses and Practices." *Meridians: A Journal of Feminisms, Race, Transnationalism* 1, no. 1: 29-67.

April 16: International Organizations and Women's Rights

Berkovitch, Nitza. 1999. *From Motherhood to Citizenship: Women's Rights and International Organizations*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1-17.

Reanda, Laura. 1999. "Engendering the United Nations: The Changing International Agenda." *European Journal of Women's Studies* 6: 49-70.

April 18: Gender and International Conflict

Carpenter, R. Charli. 2003. "'Women and Children First': Gender, Norms, and Humanitarian Evacuation in the Balkans, 1991-95." *International Organization* 57, no. 4: 661-694.

Kaufman-Osborn, Timothy. 2005. "Gender Trouble at Abu Ghraib?" *Politics & Gender* 1, no. 4: 597-619.

April 23: Women in Politics in Post-Conflict Societies

Film: Cut From Different Cloth: Burqas and Beliefs

Skjelsbæk, Inger. 2001. "Is Femininity Inherently Peaceful? The Construction of Femininity in War." Pp. 47-67 in *Gender, Peace and Conflict*, ed. Inger Skjelsbæk and Dan Smith, Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Bouta, Tsjeard, Georg Frerks, and Ian Bannon. 2005. *Gender, Conflict, and Development*. Washington: World Bank, 49-87.

April 25: Conclusions and Recent Developments in Gender and Politics Worldwide

No assigned reading – students bring their own articles for class discussion on recent developments in gender and politics worldwide.