

University of Southern California
 School of International Relations
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 Seminar: 2:00-5:00 Tuesday
 Office Hours: Tues:11-12 am, Thurs:2-4pm
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GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Introduction

The first part of this seminar will examine some of the “first generation” literature that has developed feminist critiques of, and feminist perspectives on, various theoretical approaches in the discipline of international relations. Drawing on a variety of feminist perspectives, the seminar will address the question as to whether international relations theories are gendered and, if so, how this might affect their explanations and understandings of, and prescriptions for, the conduct of world politics. In subsequent sections issues central to the discipline, such as war, peace, security, global governance, human rights and economic globalization will be addressed through feminist lenses. In each section, methodologies developed by IR feminist scholars to investigate these issues will be examined. Emphasis will be on “second generation” empirical case studies - IR feminist research that has used “first generation” feminist theoretical frameworks to understand gendered, and often unexplored, dimensions of these issues.

Seminar Requirements

Two review essays	20% each
Research paper	40%
Seminar participation	20%

Review essays: These are short papers (5-7 double-spaced pages) critically analyzing the readings from a particular week. All students must write on selected readings from weeks 4 and 5 (conversations and critiques). This essay will be due on February 19. The other essay may be written from readings from a week of the student’s choosing. Choices about the topic for the second essay must be made in writing by February 19 at the latest. This essay will be due one week following the week chosen.

Research paper: Students are expected to write a research paper of approximately 20 double-spaced pages on a topic of their choice. Alternatively, students may choose to write two shorter papers of approximately 10 pages each. In the case of the second option, each will count for 20% of the grade. In the case of the first option, the paper is due on May 5. In the case of the second option, the first paper is due on April 1 and the second on May 5. Students should consult with the instructor before writing their research paper(s).

Seminar participation: Students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively each week in class discussions of the required readings. Participation will include several short book reports. This is an important component of the grade. In the final session (April 29), students will make a brief presentation on their research paper.

Academic Integrity

It is each student's responsibility to understand and uphold the university's standards of academic integrity, guidelines for which are available in the University Student Conduct Code in the 'SCampus. Examples of academic integrity violations include "the submission of material authored by another person but represented as the student's own work, whether that material is paraphrased or copied in verbatim or near-verbatim form" and "improper acknowledgement of sources in essays or papers." Failure to uphold these standards will result in appropriate sanctions which may include an "F" for the course.

Readings

Required books are available for purchase in the USC bookstore. These books are also on reserve in the Leavey library. Other readings, indicated by an asterix, are on electronic reserve through the library Ares reserve desk.

Books Available for Purchase

B. Ackerly, M. Stern & J. True, *Feminist Methodologies for International Relations*, Cambridge University Press, 2006.

L. Benería, *Gender, Development and Globalization: Development as if All People Mattered*, Routledge, 2003

C. Enloe, *Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2007

C. Hooper, *Manly States: Masculinities, International Relations and Gender Politics*, Columbia University Press, 2001.

E. Prügl, *The Global Construction of Gender: Home-Based Work in the Political Economy of the 20th Century*, Columbia University Press, 1999.

J. A. Tickner, *Gendering World Politics: Issues and Approaches in the Post-Cold War Era*, Columbia University Press, 2001

S. Whitworth, *Men, Militarism and UN Peacekeeping: A Gendered Analysis*, Lynne Rienner, 2004.

Seminar Outline

Introduction: January 15

I. CONCEPTUAL AND THEORETICAL ISSUES

1. **Introduction to Gender, Feminist Theories and Feminist Epistemologies** (January 22 & 29)

*R. Tong, *Feminist Thought*, ch.1.

*S. Harding, "Rethinking Standpoint Epistemology: What Is Strong Objectivity?" ch.3 in L. Alcoff and E. Potter, eds., *Feminist Epistemologies*, Routledge, 1993.

*P. Hill Collins, "Learning from the Outsider Within: the Sociological Significance of Black Feminist Thought," ch.7 in S. Hesse-Biber, C. Gilmartin & R. Lydenberg, eds. *Feminist Approaches to Theory and Methodology*.

*T. E. Jayaratne and A. Stuart, "Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences: Current Feminist Issues and Practical Strategies," ch. 5 in M. M. Fonow and J. Cooke, *Beyond Methodology: Feminist Scholarship as Lived Research*, Indiana University Press, 1991.

*M. M. Fonow and J. A. Cook, "Feminist Methodology: New Applications in the Academy and Public Policy," *Signs*, vol.30:4 (2005)

S. L. Weldon, "Inclusion and Understanding: A Collective Methodology for Feminist International Relations." Ch. 4 in Ackerly, Stern and True, *Feminist Methodologies for International Relations*.

Recommended:

Evelyn Fox Keller, *Reflections on Gender and Science*. Yale University Press, 1985

C. Mohanty, *Feminism Without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity*, Duke University Press, 2004

S. Harding, *Whose Science? Whose Knowledge? Thinking from Women's Lives*, Cornell University Press, 1991.

S. Reinharz, *Feminist Methods in Social Research*, Oxford University Press, 1992

2. Conversations and Critiques Across Theoretical and Methodological Divides: Gender, Feminism and International Theory (February 5 and 12)

*J. True, "Feminism," ch. 9 in S. Burchill et. al. eds., *Theories of International Relations*, 2nd edition, Palgrave, 2001

J. A. Tickner, *Gendering World Politics*, Introduction and ch. 1

*J. A. Tickner, "You Just Don't Understand: Troubled Engagements Between Feminists and IR Theorists," *International Studies Quarterly*, 41(4) (1997)

*R. Keohane, "Beyond Dichotomy: Conversations Between International Relations and Feminist Theory," *International Studies Quarterly* 42(1) (1998)

*M. Marchand, "Different Communities/Different Realities/Different Encounters: A Reply to J. Ann Tickner," *International Studies Quarterly* 42(1) (1998)

J. A. Tickner, "Feminism Meets International Relations: Some Methodological Issues," ch.2 in Ackerly, Stern and True.

*B. Locher and E. Prügl, "Feminism and Constructivism: Worlds Apart or Sharing the Middle Ground?" *International Studies Quarterly* 45, pp.111-129 (2001)

M. Zalewski, "Distracted Reflections on the Production, Narration, and Refusal of Feminist Knowledge in International Relations," ch. 3 in Ackerly, Stern and True

*M. Caprioli, "Feminist IR Theory and Quantitative Methodology; A Critical Analysis," *International Studies Review*, 6 (2) 2004

T. Jacoby, "From the Trenches: Dilemmas of Feminist IR Fieldwork," ch. 8 in Ackerly, Stern and True.

C. Sylvester, "Bringing Art/Museums to Feminist International Relations," ch. 10 in Ackerly, Stern and True

Recommended:

Hans Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations*

Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics*

C. Sylvester, *Feminist International Relations: An Unfinished Journey*, Cambridge University Press 2002

FIRST REVIEW ESSAY DUE FEBRUARY 19

II. THE POLITICS OF WAR, PEACE, AND SECURITY

1. **Gendering the State and Nation** (February 19 and 26)

*J.A. Tickner, "Identity in International Relations Theory," ch.8 in Y. Lapid and F. Kratochwil, *The Return of Culture and Identity in IR Theory*

*R. Dean, "Masculinity as Ideology: John F. Kennedy and the Domestic Politics of Foreign Policy," *Diplomatic History*, Vol.22, 1 (1998).

B. D'Costa, "Marginalized Identity: New Frontiers of Research for IR?" ch. 7 in Ackerly, Stern and True

C. Hooper, *Manly States*

Recommended:

N. Yural Davis, *Gender and Nation*, Sage Publication, 1997

M. Zalewski and Jane Parpart, eds., *The "Man" Question in International Relations*, Westview, 1998

2. **Gendered Perspectives on Conflict and Security** (March 4 and 11)

Tickner, *Gendering World Politics*, ch.2

*C. Cohn, "Wars, Wimps and Women," ch.10 in M. Cooke & A. Woollacott, eds., *Gendering War Talk*

C. Cohn, "Motives and Methods: Using Multi-sited Ethnography to Study US National Security Discourses," ch. 5 in Ackerly, Stern and True.

A. Kronsell, "Methods for Studying Silences: Gender Analysis in Institutions of Hegemonic Masculinity," ch.6 in Ackerly, Stern and True

*J.A. Tickner, "Feminist Perspectives on 9/11," *International Studies Perspectives*, 3 (4), pp.333-50. (2002)

READINGS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE

*M. Evangelista, E. Prügl, and E. Kier, "Symposium on War and Gender," *Perspectives on Politics*, vo.1, no.2, pp.327-347, (2003).

C. Enloe, *Globalization and Militarism*

Recommended:

J. Goldstein, *War and Gender*, Cambridge University Press, 2001

SPRING BREAK MARCH 18

NO CLASS MARCH 25

Gendered Perspectives on Peace and Peacebuilding (April 1)

*b. hooks "Feminism and Militarism: A Comment," *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 23, 3&4, (1995)

*C. Sylvester, "Some Dangers in Merging Feminist and Peace Projects," ch. 10 in Sylvester, *Feminist International Relations: An Unfinished Journey*

*M. Caprioli, "Gendered Conflict," *Journal of Peace Research*, 37:1 (2000)

S. Whitworth, *Men, Militarism and UN Peacekeeping*

Recommended:

V. Woolf, *Three Guineas*, 1938.

I. Skjelsbaek and D. Smith, *Gender, Peace and Conflict*, Sage Publications, 2001

III. GLOBAL GOVERNANCE, GLOBAL ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT

1. **Engendering International Organization, Social Movements and Human Rights**
(April 8)

Tickner, *Gendering World Politics*, ch. 4

READINGS CONTINUE ON THE NEXT PAGE

*S. Bovarnick, "Universal Human Rights and Non-Western Normative Systems: A Comparative Analysis of Violence Against Women in Mexico and Pakistan," *Review of International Studies*, 33, 59-74 (2007)

E. Prügl, *The Global Construction of Gender: Home-Based Work in the Political Economy of the 20th Century*

Recommended:

S. Rai, ed., *International Perspectives on Gender and Democratisation*, Macmillan, 2000

S. Whitworth, *Feminism and International Relations*.

C. Eschle, *Global Democracy, Social Movements and Feminism*, Westview, 2001

2. Engendering Economic Development and Globalization (April 15 and 22)

Tickner, *Gendering World Politics*, ch.3

L. Benería, *Gender, Globalization, and Development*

*S. Bergeron, "Political Economy Discourses of Globalization and Feminist Politics," *Signs*, vol. 26 #4 (2001).

*V.S. Peterson, "Rewriting Global Political Economy as Reproductive, Productive and Virtual Foucaudian Economies," *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, vol. 4, #1, (2002)

*G. Waylen, "You Still Don't Understand: Why Troubled Engagements Continue Between Feminists and (Critical) IPE," *Review of International Studies*, vol.32, 145-164 (2006)

F. Robinson, "Methods of Feminist Normative Theory: A Political Ethic of Care for International Relations," ch. 11 in Ackerly, Stern and True.

Recommended:

I. Bakker and S. Gill, *Power, Production and Social Reproduction*

Rosi Braidotti et. al. *Women, the Environment and Sustainable Development: Towards A Theoretical Synthesis*, Zed Books, 1994

R. M. Kelly et al, eds., *Gender, Globalization, and Democratization*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2001

M. Marchand and J. Parpart, eds., *Feminism, Postmodernism, Development*, Routledge, 1995

M. Marchand & A. S. Runyan eds., *Gender and Global Restructuring: Sightings, Sites and Resistances*, Routledge, 2000

V.S. Peterson, *A Critical Rewriting of Global Political Economy*

C. Scott, *Gender and Development: Rethinking Modernization and Dependency Theory*, Lynne Rienner, 1996.

S. Razavi, ed., *Gendered Poverty and Well-Being*, Blackwell, 2000

J. True, *Gender, Globalization and Postsocialism: The Czech Republic After Communism*, Columbia University Press, 2003

United Nations, *The World's Women: Trends and Statistics*

United Nations, *Human Development Reports* (issued annually)

Marilyn Waring, *If Women Counted*

IV. CONCLUSIONS AND STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (April 29)

B. Ackerly & J. True, "Studying the Struggles and Wishes of the Age: Feminist Theoretical Methodology and Feminist Theoretical Methods," ch. 12 in Ackerly, Stern and True