

ANTH 4813: GENDER AND GLOBALIZATION

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Course Description:

This course explores the multifaceted understandings of genders and sexualities, analyzing in historical, political, and globalized economic contexts. How are genders and sexualities constructed, contested, and understood within the heterotopias of globalized economic spaces, and where are the possibilities for radical activism?

Course Requirements:

1. A one-page term paper proposal outlining concepts and references to be used. This will be worth 20% of final grade and due on **Feb 9** by 11:59pm on D2L.
2. 5-7 page term paper based on topic of choice related to genders and sexualities and pre-arranged through paper proposal. Three course references are required at minimum. Term paper will be worth 40% of final grade and due on **March 9** by 11:59pm on D2L.
3. A take-home final assignment based on course and lecture material worth 40%. Questions will be posted on D2L on **March 23** and due on D2L by 11:59pm **April 6**.

Required Texts:

Readings will be made available as PDFs on D2L.

WEEK 1: Jan 10 and 12

Introduction

The Gender Ads Project “Woman as Nature” and “Man”

Ortner, Sherry. “Is Female to Male as Nature Is to Culture?”

PART I: GLOBAL SEXUALITIES

WEEK 2: Jan 17 and 19

Rethinking Sexualities

Lyons, Andrew and Harriet Lyons. “The New Anthropology of Sexuality”.

Rubin, G. “Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality.”

WEEK 3: Jan 24 and 26

Theorizing Global Sexualities

Sex, Gender and Sexuality in an Anthropological View Youtube video.

Boellstorff, Tom. “Some Notes on the New Frontiers of Sexuality and Globalisation.”

Moore, Henrietta. “Sexuality Encore.”

WEEK 4: Jan 31 and Feb 2

Sex/Gender Identities

Weeks, Jeffrey. “The Sexual Citizen.”

PART II: SEXUALITY IN THE COLONIAL ENCOUNTER

WEEK 5: TERM PAPER PROPOSAL: Feb 7 and 9

Regulating Discourses of Sexuality

Foucault, Michel. "Scientia Sexualis". The History of Sexuality. An Introduction Volume I.

Giddens, Anthony. "Sexuality, Repression, Civilisation". The Transformation of Intimacy. Sexuality, Love & Eroticism in Modern Societies.

WEEK 6: Feb 14 and 16

Race and Sexuality in Colonial Context

Stoler, Ann. "Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Gender, Race and Morality in Colonial Asia." The Gender/Sexuality Reader.

WEEK 7: Feb 28 and March 2

The Gay Archipelago

Boellstorff, Tom. Chapter One. The Gay Archipelago.

PART III: DECOMPOSING DIFFERENCE: BEYOND BINARIES

WEEK 8: TERM PAPER DUE: March 7 and 9

Sex, Gender and Culture

Kulik, D. Travesti: Sex, Gender and Culture among Brazilian Transgendered Prostitutes. Introduction and Chapter One.

WEEK 9: March 14 and 16

Ambiguous Gender

C. Keyes. "Ambiguous Gender: Male Initiation in a Northern Thai Buddhist Society."

PART IV: SEX, POWER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

WEEK 10: March 21 and 23

Sex, Power and Gender

Valverde, Mariana. Sex, Power and Pleasure. Text Lust: By Way of an Introduction.

WEEK 11: March 28 and 30

Sexuality, Politics and Social Movements

Mahdavi, P. "The Personal Is Political and the Political Is Personal: Sexuality, Politics and Social Movements in Modern Iran."

WEEK 12: FINAL ASSIGNMENT: April 4 and 6

Radical Queer Activism

Brown, Gavin. "Mutinous Eruptions: Autonomous Spaces of Radical Queer Activism."