

Gender Studies: Feminist Theory and Intersectional Analyses

Welcome to the course

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In this document, you will find some information about Umeå Centre for Gender Studies (UCGS), schedule and course literature.

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Schedule

In order to pass the course students must complete two written assignments (module 1 and 2), attend and take active part in all seminars.

Module 1: Feminist theories and debates

Course introduction: Feminist theories and empathetic reading (MC)

Lecture: Monday 4th of Nov: 10.15-11.15

ROOM: SAM.A.397

Literature

Ahmed “Whose counting?” in *Feminist theory*, vol. 1 (1): 97-103.

Lykke, Nina (2010) *Feminist Studies* pp.1-45.

Norlander, Kerstin (2013) “Empathetic reading. The art of reading a text in its own terms.” *Gender Studies Education and Pedagogy* (ed.) Anna Lundberg & Ann Werner, Gothenburg: Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research pp. 10-13.

Power, gender and Subjectivity (MC)

Lecture (MC):

Canvas

Seminar(MC): Friday November 8, 10.15 – 12.00

ROOM: SAM.A.381

Literature

Butler, Judith (2024) *Who's afraid of gender?* Allen Lane Pp.3-36, 134-228.

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. (2008). Feminist Perspectives on Power. Retrieved from: <https://stanford.library.sydney.edu.au/archives/fall2008/entries/feminist-power/#radi>

Foucault, Michel (1982) “The subject and power. *Critical Inquiry*, Vol. 8, No 4. pp. 777-795.

Additional reading:

Mansfield, N. (2000). *Subjectivity*. [Elektronisk resurs]: *theories of the self from Freud to Haraway*. St Leonards, N.S.W.: Allen & Unwin. Chapter 4 “Foucault: The subject and power” (51-65).

Intersectional perspectives and debates (MC)

Lecture (MC):

Canvas

Seminar (MC): Thursday Nov 14: 10.15-12.00

ROOM: SAM.A.381

Literature:

Crenshaw, Kimberlé Williams. (1995) "Mapping the margins: Intersectionality, identity politics, and violence against women of colour" *Stanford Law review*. Vol. 43, pp. 1241-1299.

Carbin, Maria & Edenheim, Sara (2013) "The intersectional turn in feminist theory. A dream of a common language?" *European Journal of Women Studies*. Vol. 20, No. 3. pp. 233-248.

De los Reyes, Paulina and Mulinari, Diana (2020) "Hegemonic Feminism Revisited: On the Promises of Intersectionality in Times of the Precarisation of Life", *NORA - Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, DOI: 10.1080/08038740.2019.1705905

Staunæs, Dorthe. (2003) "Where have all the subjects gone? Bringing together the concepts of intersectionality and subjectification" *NORA*. Vol 11, No 2. pp. 101-110.

Radical feminisms and debates on sexuality (LB)

Lecture (LB):

Canvas

Seminar (LB): Thursday Nov 21: 13.15 – 15.00

ROOM: SAM.A.397

Literature:

MacKinnon, Catharine "Sexuality" in: Nicholson, Linda ed. (1997) *The Second Wave. A Reader in Feminist Theory*, Routledge: New York and London. pp. 158-180.

Mottier, Véronique, (2008), "Virgins or whores? Feminist critique of sexuality", in: *Sexuality. A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 49-74.

Rubin, Gayle (1984) "Thinking sex" in: Abelove, Henry, Michèle Aina Barale, David M. Halperin (ed), *The lesbian and gay studies reader*. London & New York: Routledge, pp. 3 – 44.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2019), Governing in the Name of Caring – the Nordic Model and its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 16, 151-165

Postcolonial feminist critique (LB):

Lecture (LB):

Canvas

Seminar (LB): Thursday the 28th of Nov 13.15-15.00

ROOM: SAM.A.391

Literature

Abu-Lughod, Lila (2003) "Do Muslim women really need saving? Anthropological reflections on Cultural relativism and its Others." *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 104, No. 3. pp. 783-790.

Lewis Reina & Sara Mills (2003), "Introduction" (pp 1-24), *Feminist Postcolonial Theory. A Reader*. New York:

Routledge. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/10.3366/j.ctvxcr9q0.4.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3Ad284502b7b9d971d2f81406458cc69b3>

Mohanty, Chandra, "Under Western Eyes. Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses", *Feminist Review*, Volume: 30 issue: 1, page(s): 61-88.

Rajan, Rajasweri Sunder & You-me Park (2008), Postcolonial Feminism/Postcolonialism and Feminism, In Schwarz, Henry, and Sangeeta Ray (2008). *A companion to postcolonial studies*. John Wiley & Sons, pp. 53 – 71.

EXAMINATION FOR MODULE 1 HANDED IN ON TUESDAY THE 3RD OF DECEMBER AT 23.59.

Module 2: Intersectional Analyses

Theorizing class (JO)

Lecture (JO):

Canvas

Seminar (JO):

Monday Dec 9: 13.15-15.00

ROOM: SAM.A.391

Literature

Acker, Joan. (2005) "Feminists Theorizing Class—Issues and Arguments" *Class Questions, Feminist Answers*. AltaMira Press, pp. 15-44. (29 pp.)

Skeggs, Beverly (1997) "Introduction" and "Ambivalent Femininities" in: *Formations of class and gender: Becoming respectable*, London: Sage Publications Ltd. pp. 1-16 and 98-118. (35 pp.)

Sohl, Lena (2018) "Feel-bad moments: Unpacking the complexity of class, gender and whiteness when studying 'up'", *European Journal of Women's Studies*, Vol. 25(4) 470-483. (13 pp.)

The nexus of care and work in Feminist theory (MC)

Lecture:

Canvas

Seminar: Thursday Dec 12: 13.15 – 15

ROOM: SAM.A.391

Literature

Anderson, Briget (2007) A very private business: exploring the demand for migrant domestic workers, *European Journal of Women Studies*. Vol. 14, no 3. Pp. 247-264.

Ferguson, S. (2016). Intersectionality and Social-Reproduction Feminisms, *Historical Materialism*, 24(2), 38-60. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/1569206X-12341471>

Fraser, Nancy (2016) "Contradictions of capital and care" *New Left Review*, 100, Aug 2016, pp 99-117.

Hansen, Lise Lotte et.al. (2022) Chapter 3: "Fraser's care crisis theory meets the Nordic welfare societies", in Hansen, Lise Lotte; Laura Horn and Hanne Marlene Dahl *A care crisis in the Nordic welfare state*. Bristol University Press. Pp 39-59

Weeks, Kathi (2010) "Introduction" in *The problem with work*, Duke University Press. Pp 1-36.

Crip theory and analysis (MMK)

Lecture (MMK): Tuesday the 17th of Dec 13.15-15.00 ROOM SAM.A.381

Seminar (MMK): Wednesday the 18th of Dec 13.15-15.00 ROOM SAM.A.391

Literature

Apelmo, E., & Nordgren, C. (2022). Still waiting for that hand to be raised: On being crip killjoys at a neoliberal university. In H. Egard, K. Hansson, & D. Wästerfors (Eds.), *Accessibility denied: Understanding inaccessibility and everyday resistance to inclusion for persons with disability* (pp. 107–122). Routledge.

Bahner, J. (2018). Crippling sex education: lessons learned from a programme aimed at young people with mobility impairments. *Sex Education*, 18(6), 640-654.

Mery Karlsson, Mikael & Rydberg, Jens. (2023). Crip Theory: A Toll for Social Change. *NORA – Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*. 31:4

EXAMINATION MODULE 2

Friday January 17: 9.15 – 12.00 (MC) ROOM: BET.F.202

Final seminar including students' presentations and course evaluation.

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