



# LUND UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Social Sciences

## Department of Gender Studies

### Syllabus for Gender Studies at PhD level:

### Specialisation Course, 7.5 Credits; Gendering the Classics: Feminist Readings

(Kursplan för Genusvetenskap på forskarnivå: Specialiseringskurs; 7,5 högskolepoäng)

The course was adopted, and the syllabus approved by the Board of the Department of Gender Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University 2020-10-21. This syllabus is valid from October, 2020.

#### A. Course Details (Allmänna uppgifter)

The course is offered the Department of Gender Studies as a reading course in Gendering the Classics at Ph.D. level. The language of instruction is English, or Swedish, depending on the student group.

#### B. Course Goals (Kursens mål)

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

- Identify and reflect upon the complexity of social science classics from a gender/feminist perspective.
- Locate various positions in classical social science debates and their interrelation with gender/feminist interventions.
- Critically examine various contributions in mainstream social science theories and their gender/feminist counterparts.
- Consider the ways in which a gender/feminist contribution to mainstream analytical concepts in the social sciences informs the study of social processes.
- Discuss key concepts in social science theories as well as gender/feminist studies and their relevance for various social science disciplines and research.
- Evaluate major developments in the field of the social sciences with a particular focus on gender/feminist critiques.
- Apply a gender/feminist perspective in one's own research/dissertation.

#### C. Course Content (Kursinnehåll)

The course offers insights into the ways in which a gender perspective enhances classical social science texts. By reading social science classic texts against gender/feminist interventions, the course invites critical dialogue between various theoretical and empirical themes including postcolonialism, conflicts, belonging, space, power, the body, and sexuality. In unfolding the strengths and limitations of established social science research from a gender/feminist perspective, the course aims at offering students epistemological and ontological tools by the aid of which mainstream theories in the social sciences can be contested and enhanced.

**D. Teaching (Kursens genomförande)**

The course is offered as a reading course. Course participants read the course literature within a period of time defined in agreement with supervisor and examiner.

**E. Assessment (Examination)**

A final thematic essay designed either as a book chapter or as a scientific article based on the course readings should be produced by each course participant. Priority can be given to a ~number of perspectives, as agreed with supervisor, but at least 70% of the course literature must be included in the paper. The paper will be assessed by an examiner.

**F. Grades (Betyg)**

The grades awarded are Pass or Fail. To receive Pass, the PhD candidate must fulfill the requirements specified for the course.

**G. Admission Requirements (Förkunskapskrav)**

Applicants must be accepted to the PhD programme in Gender Studies.

**H. Course Readings (1700-2000 pages)****Introduction****Postcolonialism & Decolonialism**

- Fanon, Frantz. 1963. *The Wretched of the Earth*. New York: Grove Widenfeld, pp. 107-148.
- Huddart, David. 2005. *Homi K. Bhabha*. London: Routledge, pp. 35-101.
- Paresh, Chandra. 2008. "Marxism, Homi Bhabha, and the Omissions of Postcolonial Theory". *Critique*, vol. 40(2), 199-214.
- Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty. 1988. "Can the Subaltern Speak?" In Nelson, Cary and Lawrence Grossberg (eds) *Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture*. London: Macmillan, pp. 24-28.

**Zones & In/Justice**

- Agamben, Giorgio. 1998. *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp. 15-30, 69-110 (Part Two).
- Athanasiou, Athena. 2012. "Reflection on the Politics of Mourning: Feminist Ethics and Politics in the Age of Empire", *Historien* 5.
- Butler, Judith. *Precarious Lives*. 2004. New York: Verso, pp. 1-153.
- Derrida, Jacques. 2001. *On Cosmopolitanism and Forgiveness*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 1-150.
- Mbembe, Achille. 2003. "Necropolitics", *Public Culture*, vol. 15(1), pp. 11-40.

**Discipline & Power**

- Foucault, Michel. 1972. *The History of Sexuality*. vol. 1. London: Penguin Books, pp. 15-133.
- Hearn, Jeff. 2001. *The Violences of Men*. London: Sage, pp. 60-160 (Part II).

- Soper, Kate. 1993. "Productive Contradictions", pp. 29-51. In Ramazanoglu, Caroline (ed.). *Up Against Foucault: Explorations of Some Tensions Between Foucault and Feminism*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Zhang, Christoph M. 2019. "Biopolitical and Necropolitical Constructions of the Incarcerated Trans Body", *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*, 37.2. (Online).

### **Belonging & Citizenship**

- Balibar, Etienne. 2004. *We the People of Europe? Reflections on Transnational Citizenship*. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, pp. 1-115.
- Freeman, Carla. 2001. "Is Local: Global as Feminine: Masculine? Rethinking the Gender of Globalization. *Signs*, vol. 26(4), pp. 1007-1037.
- Yuval-Davis, Nira. 2011. *The Politics of Belonging: Intersectional Contestations*. London: Sage, pp. 1-113.

### **Space & Mobility**

- Lefebvre, Henri. 2008. "Writings on the City". London: Blackwell. pp. 147-198.
- Massey, Doreen B. 1993. "Power-Geometry and a Progressive Sense of Place". In Bird, Jon et.al. (eds), *Mapping the Futures*. London: Routledge, pp. 59-69.
- McDovell, Linda. 1993. "Space, Place, and Gender Relations", *Progress in Human Geography* vol. 17(3), pp. 305-318.
- Nguyen, Minh. 2019. *Waste and Wealth*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **Labour & Reproduction**

- Therborn, Göran. 2012. "Class in the 21 Century". *New Left Review*, no. 78. Spring, pp. 5-78.
- Gluksmann, Miriam. 2009. "Formations, Connections, and Divisions of Labor", *Sociology*, vol. 43(5), pp. 878-895.
- Hartmann, Heidi. 1979. "The Unhappy Marriage of Marxism and Feminism: Towards a more Progressive Union", *Capital & Class*, vol. 3(2), pp. 1-33.
- Parrenas, Salazar R. 2012. "The Reproductive Labor of Migrant Workers". *Global Networks*, vol.12 (2), pp. 269-275.

### **Practices & Experiences**

- Bourdieu, Pierre. 1992. *The Logic of Practice*. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 23-135.
- Crenshaw, K. 1989. "Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics". *University of Chicago Legal Forum* Issue 1, Article 8.
- Skeggs, Beverley. 2004. "Context and Background: Pierre Bourdieu's Analysis of Class, Gender, and Sexuality", *The Sociological Review*, vol. 52 (s2), pp. 19-33.

### **Relatedness & Care**

- Carsten, Janet. 2003. *After Kinship*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-109.
- Connell, R.W. 2005. "Change among the Gatekeepers: Men, Masculinities, and Gender Equality in the Global Arena", *Signs*, vol. 30(3), pp. 1801-1825.
- Chodorow, Nancy. 2002. "Reflections of the Reproduction of Mothering. Twenty Years Later". *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, vol. 1(4), pp. 337-348.
- Majumdar, Anindita. 2019. *Surrogacy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-150

### **Corporealities & Techniques**

- Grosz, Elizabeth. 2010 [1987]. “Notes Towards a Corporeal Feminism”, *Hypatia*, pp. 1-16.
- Haraway, Donna. 1991. “Science, Technology, and Socialist-Feminism in the Late Twentieth Century”. In Haraway, Donna, *Simians, Cyborgs and Women: The Reinvention of Nature*, pp. 149-181.
- Merleau-Ponty, Maurice. 2005 [1945]. *Phenomenology of Perception*. Part One “The Body”, pp. 77-202. London and New York: Routledge.
- Sanzo, Kameron. 2020. “Genealogy of the Posthuman”. (Online).
- Young, Iris Marion. 2005. “Throwing Like a Girl: A Phenomenology of Feminine Comportment, Motility, and Spatiality”, pp. 27-46. In Young, Iris Marion, *On Female Body Experience*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **Intimacies & Bodies**

- Giddens, Anthony. 1992. *The Transformation of Intimacy: Sexuality, Love, and Eroticism in Modern Societies*. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 4-158.
- Irigaray, Luce. 1985. *This Sex Which is Not One*. Cornell: Cornell University Press, pp. 9-86, 170-219.
- Jamieson, Lynn. 1999. “Intimacy Transformed. A Critical View at the Pure Relation”. *Sociology*, vol. 33(3), pp. 477-494.
- Kulick, Don. 1997. “The Gender of Brazilian Transgendered Prostitutes”, *American Anthropologist*, vol. 99(3), pp. 574-585. 11 pgs.

### **Queer & Subjectivities**

- Ahmed, Sara. 2016. “An Affinity of Hammers”, *TSQ, Transgender Studies Quarterly*, vol. 3(1), pp. 22-34.
- Deleuze, Gilles and Félix Guattari. 2000. *Anti-Oedipus*. Minneapolis: Minnesota University Press, pp. xi-xv (preface by Michel Foucault), pp. xv-1 (introduction by Mark Seem), pp. 1-51, 139-240, 273-322.
- Nigianni, Chrysanthi and Merl Stor (eds). 2009. *Deleuze and Queer Theory*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, pp. 11-150.

### **Recognition & Politics**

- Basu, Amrita (ed.). 2017. *Women’s Movements in the Global Era: The Power of Local Feminisms*, Boulder: Westview Press. Introduction, chapters 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11-12.
- Fraser, Nancy. 2012. “On Justice: Lessons from Plato, Rawls, and Ishiguro”, *New Left Review*, pp. 41-51.
- Halberstam, Jack. 2014. “You Are Triggering me! The Neo-Liberal Rhetoric of Harm, Danger, and Trauma”, Bully Bloggars. (Online).
- Massey, Doreen. 2008. “When Theory Meets Politics”. *Antipode*, vol. 40(3), pp. 492-497.

### **Closing**