



Bergen Summer
Research School

> Global Development Challenges

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PhD-Research Course: *GENDER AND GLOBALIZATION: THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES*

Lecturers

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Guest lecturers:

Professor **Anne Hellum**, Institute of Women's Law, University of Oslo
Professor **David L. Eng**, Department of English, University of Pennsylvania, USA
Professor **Teemu Ruskola**, Emory Law, Emory University, USA

Course description

This interdisciplinary course will explore how globalization processes affect how we conceive of gender today. Concepts of gendered, sexual, ethnic and religious identity, which traditionally have been understood within the context of the nation-state, are now being subject to radical redefinitions due to the global spread of finance capital, new technologies, and the transnational migration of people, cultures and customs. This course will give students insight into gendered expressions of processes of globalization by analyzing gender and identity from the perspective of citizenship, migration, democracy, human rights, armed conflict and military intervention and the reproduction of uneven power relations between the North and the South. The course will address issues related to women's right to use, access and control of natural resources, by approaching development from a gendered and rights-based perspective. Students will be introduced to both theoretical and methodological challenges involved in gender-related research on these issues, from theoretical/philosophical, juridical, anthropological and sociological perspectives, using various feminist/gender and postcolonial theories.

Goals and objectives

This is a multidisciplinary course that aims to explore the interconnections of gender and globalization, both theoretically and empirically in various contexts. Students will be introduced to how categories of difference such as race, ethnicity, class, religion, age and sexual orientation intersect with gender to produce different experiences of globalization. The main aim of the course is to enable students to achieve a critical understanding of gendered dimensions of globalization processes, through engagement with theoretical debates, ethical and methodological questions and practical realities in processes of globalization. This will be done through critical engagement with key feminist/gender theories as they relate to broader issues in processes of globalization that include: female work migration, citizenship and the making and un-making of community in processes of mobility, women's right to use, access and management of natural resources, conflict and post-war reconstruction and efforts for freedom, justice and social change.

Texts from the fields of feminist/gender studies, comparative literature, law and human rights, sociology, anthropology, conflict, labour migration and forced migration studies will be used to guide students to understand key concepts on how processes of economic, cultural and political globalization(s) are embedded in gendered representations, discourses and policies. Group discussions, doctoral presentations and film discussions will provide students with an interactive framework in which to locate the content of the course within their individual projects and to interrogate the contribution of different disciplines in better understanding globalization and its gendered ramifications.

Activities

- Group sessions: Presentation of doctoral projects

Students will present their projects and receive feedback from the instructors:

Prof. Ellen Mortensen

Assoc. Prof. Marit Tjomsland

Postdoctoral Fellow Kari Jegerstedt

Postdoctoral Fellow Cecilie Ødegaard

Postdoctoral Fellow Gaudencia Mutema

Postdoctoral Fellow Synnøve Bendixsen

- Written assignments

Social activities

- Reception at SKOK
- Viewing of selected films related to gender and globalization

Targeted students

The course welcomes PhD students from different professional and disciplinary backgrounds related to the fields of gender and globalization.

Course literature, which will be ready by 15 April 2011, must be read prior to the course. Group work and presentations will be set during the course. After the course, students are expected to present a written assignment redefining their own research utilizing the course curriculum. Deadline for delivery will be specified by the course leaders, and the papers will be graded according to pass/not pass.

Students are required to attend all sessions of the course and participation is also mandatory in the plenary events of the overall programme of the Bergen Summer Research School 2011 (the programme will be published on the web in June 2011).

There is an option of receiving either 3 or 10 ECTS credits. Students will be awarded 3 ECTS on the requirements of preparations (readings) and successful participation of the full programme. 10 ECTS will be awarded upon successful participation of the full programme and the delivery of a research paper submitted after the course which is successfully approved by the course leaders. Information on length of the essay and date of submission will follow.

Reading list

Lecture and Literature Overview

1. Introductory lecture and theories of Gender (21st of June, 14:00 – 16:00)

Prof. Ellen Mortensen

Literature

Kellner, D. (2002). Theorizing Globalization, in *Sociological Theory* 20: 3, pp. 285-305.

2. Theories of Globalization (22nd of June, 9:00 – 11:00)

Guest lecturer Prof. David L. Eng

Literature

Eng, David L. (2010). The Language of Kinship: Transnational Adoption and Two Mothers in *First Person Plural*, in *The Feeling of Kinship: Queer Liberalism and the Racialization of Intimacy*. Durham: Duke University Press, pp. 93-137.

Supplementary

Liu, Petrus (2007). Queer Marxism in Taiwan, *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, 8:4, pp. 517-539.

3. Theories of Globalization, with open discussion (22nd of June, 11:30 – 13:00)

Guest lecturer Prof. David L. Eng

Literature

Puar, Jasbir K. (2005). Queer Times, Queer Assemblages, *Social Text* 84-85, 23:3-4 (Fall-Winter), pp. 121-139.

Supplementary

Hochberg, Gil Z.; Haneen Maikey; and Rima, Samira Saraya (2010). No Pride in Occupation: A Roundtable Discussion," *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 16:4, pp. 599-610.

4. Gender and Law (23rd of June, 14:00 – 16:00)

Guest lecturer Prof. Anne Hellum

Literature

Ikdahl, Ingunn, Hellum, Anne, Kaarhus, Randi, Benjaminsen, Tor A. & Kameri-Mbote, Patricia (2005). Human rights, formalisation and women's land rights in southern and eastern Africa. *Kvinnerettslig skriftserie/Studies in Women's Law*, 57.

Empirical examples from South Africa and Tanzania:

Ikdahl, Ingunn (2008). 'Go home and clear the conflict': Human rights perspectives on gender & land in Tanzania, in Birgit, Englert & Elizabeth, Daley (eds.), in *Women's land rights & privatization in Eastern Africa*. James Currey Publishers, pp. 40 – 60.

Hellum, Anne & Derman, Bill (2010). The Making and Unmaking of Unequal Property Relations between Men and Women: Shifting Policy Trajectories in South Africa's Land Restitution Process, in *Nordic Journal of Human Rights*, 28: 2.

5. Gender and Law, with open discussion (24th of June, 9:00 – 11:00)

Guest lecturer Prof. Anne Hellum

Literature

Hellum, Anne; Ali, Shaheen Sardar; Stewart, Julie & Tsanga, Amy (2007). Paths are made by walking: introductory thoughts, in Anne, Hellum; Shaheen Sardar, Ali; Amy, Tsanga & Julie, Stewart (ed.), *Human rights, plural legalities and gendered realities: paths are made by walking*. Weaver Press.

Hellum, Anne (2007). *One size fits nobody*, Hellum in interview with KILDEN, Available at: <http://eng.kilden.forskningsradet.no/c52778/nyhet/vis.html?tid=52899>

6. Law, Gender and Sexuality (24th of June, 15:00 – 17:00)

Guest lecturer Prof. Teemu Ruskola

Literature

J.K. Gibson-Graham (1996). Querying Globalization, in *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It): A Feminist Critique of Political Economy*, Blackwell, pp. 120-47.

Cover, Robert (1983). Foreword: Nomos and Narrative, *Harvard Law Review*, 91:1, pp. 4-42.

7. Methods (27th of June, 9:00 – 11:00)

Methods: Humanities – Textuality

Prof. Ellen Mortensen (9:00 – 10:00)

Literature:

Barthes, R. [1971] (1979). From Work to Text, printed in Josue V. Harari, ed., *Textual Strategies: Perspectives in Poststructuralist Criticism*, Ithaca, NY: Cornell UP, pp. 73-81.

Methods: Social Sciences – Politics and Ethics of Research

Postdoc. Gaudencia Mutema (10:00 – 11:00)

Literature:

Punch, M. (1986). The Politics and Ethics of Fieldwork, Chapter 2, Ethical Considerations in Fieldwork, in *Qualitative Research Methods*, 3, London: SAGE Publications Inc, pp. 29-48.

Case Study

Wood, E. J. (2006). The Ethical Challenges of Field Research in Conflict Zones, in *Qualitative Sociology*, 29: 3, pp.373-386.

8. Mobilities, Communities, Citizenship (28th of June, 9:00 – 11:00)

Postdoc. Cecilie Ødegaard

Literature

Horton, S. and Judith C. B. (2009). "Stains" on their self-discipline: Public health, hygiene, and the disciplining of undocumented immigrant parents in the nation's internal borderlands, in *American Ethnologist*, 36: 4, pp. 784-798.

Puwar, N. (2004). Chapter 1 (Introduction: Proximities) and chapter 2 (Of men and Empire) in *Space invaders. Race, gender and bodies out of place*, Oxford and New York: Berg, pp. 1-29.

Supplementary

Kerber, Linda K. (2009). The stateless as the citizens's other: A view from the United States, in *Migrations and mobilities. Citizenship, borders, and gender*, Seyla Benhabib and Judith Resnik (eds.), New York and London: New York University Press, pp. 76-123.

Ødegaard, Cecilie Vindal (2009). Chapter 5 in Mobility, markets and indigenous socialities. Contemporary migration in the Peruvian Andes, in *Mobility, work and gender*, Farnham: Ashgate, pp. 125-148.

9. Globalisation and Feminisation of Work Migration (29th of June, 9:00 – 11:00)

Assoc. Prof. Marit Tjomsland

Literature

Ong, A. (2009). A Bio-Cartography: Maids, Neoslavery, and NGOs, in Benhabib, S. and Resnik, J. (eds): *Migrations and Mobilities*, New York: New York University Press, pp. 157-184.

Yeates, N. (2004). Global Care Chains, in *International Feminist journal of Politics*, 6:3, pp 369-391.

10. Globalisation and Feminisation of Work Migration, with open discussion (29th of June, 11:30 – 13:00)

Assoc. Prof. Marit Tjomsland

Literature

De Regt, M. (2010). Ways to Come, Ways to Leave: Gender, Mobility, and Illegality among Ethiopian Domestic workers in Yemen, in *Gender and Society* 24:237, pp 237-260.

Bettio, F.; Simonazzi, A.; Villa, P. (2006). Change in Care Regimes and Female Migration: the “Care drain” in the Mediterranean, in *Journal of European Social Policy*, 16:3, pp 271-285.

11. Gender, Forced Migration, and Globalization (29th of June, 14:00 – 16:00)

Postdoc. Gaudencia Mutema

Literature

Indra, Doreen (1999). Not a “Room of One’s Own:” Engendering Forced Migration Knowledge and Practice, in *Engendering Forced Migration: Theory and Practice*, D. Indra, (ed.), New York: Berghahn Books, pp. 1-22.

Katharine M. Donato et al. (2006). A Glass Half Full? Gender in Migration Studies. *The International Migration Review*, 40:1, pp. 3-26.

Case Study

Grabska, Katarzyna (2011). Constructing 'Modern Gendered Civilized' Women and Men: Gender-mainstreaming in Refugee Camps. *Gender & Development*, 19:1, pp.81-93.

12. Current Challenges: Gender, Politics, Globalization

Postdoc. Kari Jegerstedt (30th of June, 9:00 – 11:00)

Literature

Spivak, Gayatri (2004). Righting Wrongs, in *The South Atlantic Quarterly*, 103: 2/3, (Spring/Summer), pp. 523-581 (Also available as revised version: "Righting Wrongs"- 2002: Accessing Democracy among the Aborigines in *Other Asias*, Oxford: Blackwell, 2008, pp. 14-57).

Khanna, Ranjana (2009). Disposability, in *differences*, 20: 1, pp. 181-198.

Supplementary

Zizek, Slavoj (2004). The Obscene Knot of Ideology, and How to Untie It, in *The Parallax View*. Cambridge and London: MIT Press, pp. 330-387.

Rancière, Jaques (2004). Who Is the Subject of the Rights of Man?, in *The South Atlantic Quarterly*, 103: 2/3, (Spring/Summer), pp. 297-310

GENDER AND GLOBALIZATION FILM LIST

(a selection of films from which we will choose titles relevant for the students of the course)

1. Maria full of grace

Irregular migration, the drug trade, development
Colombia/USA

2. Why is Kofi Annan not a woman? Gender & leadership at the United Nations

International relations, gender, leadership
USA

3. UMEMULO: Animal Sacrifice, Human Rites, and AIDS in South Africa

Religion, rites of passage, human rights, HIV/AIDS

South Africa

4. SASA!

Women, Violence and HIV/AIDS

Tanzania and Uganda

5. Last Resort

Immigration, survival, political asylum

UK

6. Between the Lines: India's Third Gender

Gender and sexuality, religion, community, politics and activism

India

7. Dadi's family

Patriarchy, marriage and gender roles

India

8. Women of the Yellow Earth

Women's reproductive health

China

9. Encounters - Do Girls Want It?

Gender, age, purity, ritual, objectification, HIV/AIDS

South Africa

10. Disgrace

Race and gender relations, post-apartheid, sexuality, masculinity

South Africa

11. The Stoning of Soraya M.

Sharia law, patriarchy, justice

Iran

12. La teta asustada

Armed conflict, symbolic universe of violence, trauma, gender and class difference

Peru

13. Children of Men

Immigration, global warming, globalized capitalism

14. Through My Eyes: A Film about Rwandan Youth

The arts and self-expression, youth, coping with poverty, AIDS, post-genocide

trauma

Rwanda