

Sample Syllabus: Feminism: Philosophical Theory and Practice

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Course Description

We will be tracing the history and examining the content of feminist philosophy. Feminist theorists have made great contributions to philosophy as well as other disciplines, particularly over the last 60 years. The goal of the course is to understand how gender norms pervade the philosophical discourse and affect philosophical concepts personal identity. We will cover feminist thought in metaphysical, ethical, and political frameworks. I hope to provide students with new perspectives and new methods of philosophical examination.

Session Readings

Main Textbook: Hackett, E. and Haslanger, S. (2006). *Theorizing Feminisms*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Social Construction and Postmodern Deconstruction

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| Week 1 | (1) Introduction in <i>Theorizing Feminisms</i> (TF).
(2) Haslanger, S. "Gender and Social Construction" (TF 16-23) |
| Week 3 | (1) Wendell, S. "Social Construction of Disability" (TF 23-30)
(2) hooks, b. (1990) Postmodern Blackness. <i>Postmodern Culture</i> , 1(1). |

Sex and Gender

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| Week 3 | (1) de Beauvoir, S. "The Second Sex" (TF 114-124) |
| Week 4 | (1) Irigaray, L. (1977). <i>The Sex Which is Not One</i> . (C. Porter and C. Burke, Trans.). Ithaca: Cornell University Press.
(2) Martin, E. (1991). The Egg and the Sperm. <i>Signs</i> , 16(3): 485-501. |

Situated Knowledges and Intersectional Identities

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| Week 5 | (1) Spivak, G.C. (1988). Can The Subaltern Speak? In Nelson, C. and Grossberg, L. (eds), <i>Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture</i> (pp. 271-313). Basingstoke: Macmillan Education, 1988.
(2) Alcoff, L. "The Problem of Speaking for Others" (TF 78-92) |
| Week 6 | (1) Meyers, D. (2000). Intersectional Identity and the Authentic self?: Opposites Attract! In C. Mackenzie and N. Stoljar (Eds.), <i>Relational Autonomy</i> (pp. 151-180). New York: Oxford University Press. |

Feminist Ethics

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| Week 7 | (1) Gilligan, C. "Moral Orientation and Moral Development" (TF 200-210)
(2) Ruddick, S. "Notes Toward a Feminist Maternal Peace Politics" (TF 225-237) |
| Week 8 | (1) Butler, J. (2001). Doing Justice to Someone: Sex Reassignment and the Allegories of Transsexuality. <i>GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies</i> , 7(4): 621-636. |

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Difference, Power, Violence	
Week 9	(1) MacKinnon, C. "Sex and Violence: A Perspective" (TF 266-277) (2) Mundy, L. (Mar 26, 2012). Women, Money and Power. <i>Time</i> . (3) Rabin, R.C. (Dec. 14, 2011). Nearly 1 in 5 Women in U.S. Survey Say They Have Been Sexually Assaulted. <i>New York Times</i> . http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/15/health/nearly-1-in-5-women-in-us-survey-report-sexual-assault.html .
Week 10	(1) Pineau, L. (1989). Date Rape: A Feminist Analysis. <i>Law and Philosophy</i> , 8(2): 217-243.
Week 11	(1) Bartky, S. "Foucault, Femininity, and the Modernization of Patriarchal Power" (TF 277-292)
A Dose of Feminist Philosophy of Science and New Materialism	
Week 12	(1) Harraway, D. (1988) Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective. <i>Feminist Studies</i> , 14(3): 575-599.
Week 13	(1) Ahmed, S. (2010). Orientations Matter. In, D. Cole (Ed.), <i>New Materialisms: Ontology, Agency, and Politics</i> . USA: Duke University Press. (2) Barad, K. (2012). Nature's Queer Performativity. In <i>Kvinder, Køn og forskning/ Women, Gender and Research</i> (Copenhagen, 2012), No. 1-2, pp. 25-53.