This course provides an overview of feminist theory. It is divided into four general topics: (1) The role of women in traditional political thought and the emergence of modern feminist theories. (2) Considerations and contestations of identity. (3) A reexamination and a "rethinking" of basic political concepts and relationships and (4) global challenges.

The course will be conducted as a seminar. Students are required to complete all readings and to participate in class discussions. Occasional oral reports on readings will be assigned. There will be three short essays (5 pages) and a 15 page research paper required to complete the course.

Required Readings (available at Huntley Bookstore) are as follows:

Catherine Mackinnon, Toward a Feminist Theory of the State
Carole Pateman, The Sexual Contract
Luce Irigaray, I Love to You
Patricia Hill Collins, Black Feminist Thought
Donna Haraway, Modest Witness @ Second Millenium. Female Man Meets Oncomouse: Feminism and Technology
Alice Jaggar, Feminist Politics and Human Nature
M. Daly, Gyn/Ecology, Metaethics of Radical Feminism
Hirschmann and Di Stephano, Revisioning the Political
N. Sturgeon, Ecofeminist Natures
Sandra Harding, Is Science Multicultural?

Reserve Book readings listed in the syllabus are on electronic reserves at Honnold Library.
September 4  **Introduction**: What Is Feminist Theory?

**I. The Western Tradition: Silence, Critiques and Rebellions**

**A. Overview**
Moira Gatens, "Feminism, Philosophy and Riddles Without Answers" in Pateman & Gross, *Feminist Challenges*.
Susan Okin, *Women in Western Political Thought*, Intro, chp. 1, 4

Recommend:
- Diana Coole, *Women in Political Theory*
- Andrea Nye, *Feminist Theory and the Philosophies of Man*
- S. de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, Part II

Sept. 11  **B. Liberalism**

Alison Jagger, *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*, chp. 3, 7

Recommend:
- Wollstonecraft, *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*
- J.S. Mill, *On the Subjection of Women*
- Jane Mansbridge, *Why We Lost the ERA*

**C. Marxism**

Catherine Mackinnon, *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State*, chp. 1-4
Jaggar, chp. 4, 8

Recommend:
- Engels, *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*
- Ann Ferguson, *Sexual Democracy*
Sept. 18-25  D.  Variations/Interpretations of Marxism: Socialist, Radical and Materialist Feminism and Standpoint Theory

N. Hartsock, Money, Sex and Power: Toward a Feminist Historical Materialism, Chp. 10, 11 and The Feminist Standpoint Revisited, Intro., Chp. 11. (separate)
C. Delphy, Close to Home: A Materialist Analysis, chp. 8, 9, 11
Jaggar, chp. 5, 6, 9, 10, 11

E. Patriarchy

C. Pateman, The Sexual Contract, chp. 1-3
C. Bulbeck, Reorienting Western Feminisms, pp. 69-96. (R#3)

Oct. 2  F. Post-Modernism

Judith Butler, "Contingent Foundations: Feminism and the Question of "Postmodernism."
Benhabib, “Feminism and Postmodernism: An Uneasy Alliance.”
Fraser, “False Antithesis: A Response to Benhabib and Butler.”
Hartsock, The Feminist Standpoint Revisited, chp. 10
Harding, Is Science Multicultural? chps. 1,2,7.

Recommend:
Linda Nicholson, ed., Feminism/Postmodernism

Oct. 5  First essay due
II. What Is a "Woman"? A Feminist?
Identity: Nation, Race, Class, Sex, Gender, and Generation.

Oct. 9 A. Race

Patricia Collins, *Black Feminist Thought*
Nancy Carraway, *Segregated Sisterhood: Racism and the Politics of American Feminism* (selections)
M. Matsuda, *Where is Your Body? Essays on Race, Gender and the Law* (selections)

Recommend:
S. Firestone, *The Dialectics of Sex*
A. Davis, *Women, Race, Class*
Andre Lorde, *Sister Outsider*
I. Blea, *La Chicana and the Intersection of Race, Class and Gender*
Asian Women United of California (eds.), *Making Waves*
Marga and Anzaldua, *This Bridge Called My Back*
Hall, Scott, and Smith (eds.), *All the Women are White, All the Blacks are Men, But Some of Us are Brave*
C. Trujillo (ed.), *Living Chicana Theory*
S. Shah (ed.), *Dragon Ladies*
Asian American Feminists Breathe Fire

Oct. 16-23 B. Gender and Sexuality

Wittig, "One is Not Born a Woman"
Singer, *Androgyny* (selections)
Illich, "Vernacular Gender" in *Co-evolution Quarterly*, Spring, 1982 or *Gender*
W. Roscoe, "How to Become a Berdache: Toward a Unified Analysis of Gender Diversity" in Herdt, *Third Sex, Third Gender*
Jacobs, Thomas, Lang (eds.) *Two-Spirit People* (selections)
Warnke, “Inter sexuality and the categories of Sex,” *Hypatia*, vol 16, No. 3 (summer 2001)
Feinberg, *Transgender Warriors* (selections)

S. Walters, "From Here to Queer: Radical Feminism, Postmodernism, and the Lesbian Menace," *Signs* Summer 1996.
Sarah Hoagland, *Lesbian Ethics*, chp. 1, pp. 265-292
Irigaray, *I Love To You* ______. "This Sex Which Is Not One" from *This Sex Which is Not One*. 
____, Je, tu, nous. Toward a Culture of Difference (selections)
____, Thinking the Difference, For a Peaceful Revolution (selections)
____, To be two (selections)
____, Democracy begins between two (selections)

Recommend:
J. Butler, Gender Trouble, Feminism and the Subversion of Identity
____, Bodies That Matter
Elizabeth Grosz, Space, Time and Perversion
_____________, Volatile Bodies: Toward a Corporal Feminism
Wittig. Les Guérillères, The Lesbian Body
S. Benhabib, "The Generalized and the Concrete Other" in Feminism as Critique

Oct. 30
C. Generations

Kristeva, “Women’s Time”
Please read selections from the following for your class report:
Heywood and Drake, Third Wave Agenda
Hypatia, “Third Wave Feminisms” Special Issue
vol. 12, No. 3; summer 1997
Baumgardner & Richards, ManifestA young women, feminism and the future
K. Springer, “Third Wave, Black Feminism?” Signs, vol 27, No. 4
Summer 2002
Melody Berger, ed. We Don’t Need Another Wave.

D. Nature and Spirituality

S. Griffin, Women and Nature, pp. 1-46
N. Sturgeon, Ecofeminist Natures
S. Harding, Is Science Multicultural?, chp. 6
Recommend:
C. Spretnak, States of Grace
Mies & Shiva, Ecofeminism
Shiva, Staying Alive

Nov. 2
2nd essay due

III. Multiplicity and Community: Confronting the Political
How Should We Relate? Rethinking Concepts and Categories;
Integrating thought and experience.
Nov. 6  A.  **What Is Thinking?**


Ortega Y Gasset, “Relativism & Rationalism” (separate) and “The Historical Significance of the Theory of Einstein” from The Modern Theme

Recommend:

H. Arendt, The Life of the Mind Vol 1: Thinking
Sandra Harding, Is Science Multicultural?

Nov. 13  B.  **The State and Rights**

Pateman, The Sexual Contract
Mackinnon, Toward a Feminist Theory of the State Part III
Eisenstein, The Female Body and the Law, chp. 2
Elshtain, "Sovereignty, Identity, Sacrifice" in V. Spike Peterson, Gendered State

Recommend:

B. Lockwood, ed., Women’s Rights A Human Rights Quarterly Reader

Nov. 20  C.  **Justice, Authority, Public/Private Space, Power**

Hirschmann and DiStefano, Revisioning the Political

Recommend:

Iris Young, Justice and the Politics of Difference
Patricia Boling, Privacy and the Politics of Intimate Life
J. Tronto, Moral Boundaries, Part III
K. Jones, Compassion Authority
Klein, "Gain or Drain?  Compassion and the Self-Other Boundary", Meeting the Great Bliss Queen
M. Naples, Grassroots Warriors

Nov. 26  3rd essays due

IV  **Globalization and Contested Boundaries**
A. **Technology: Information, Mapping and the Body**

Nov. 27  
D. Haraway, Modest ____ Witness @ Second ____ Millennium. Female Man Meets ____ Oncomouse : Feminism and Technoscience.

**Recommend:**  
Ginsburg and Rapp, *Conceiving the New World Order. The Global Politics of Reproduction*  
J. Raymond, *Women as Wombs*

Dec. 4  
B. **Global Politics**

(1) The Economy:
S. Sassen, “Toward a Feminist Analysis of the Global Economy”
“No tes on the Incorporation of Third World Women into Wage Labor Through Immigrational Offshore Production” from *Globalization and Its Discontents*
M. Keck and K. Sikkink, “Transnational Networks on Violence Against Women” from *Activists Beyond Borders*
G. Chang, “The Global Trade in Filipina Workers” in S. Shah (ed.), *Dragon Ladies* (selections)

(2) Environment and Ecofeminism
Sturgeon, *Ecofeminist Natures*, chp. 5

(3) International Rights
Petchesky, “The UN Conferences as Sites of Discursive Struggle: Gains and Fault Lines”, *Global Prescriptions, Gendering Health and Human Rights.*
K. West, “The United Nations Women’s Conference and Feminist Politics” in Meyer and Prüge, (eds.), *Gender Politics in Global Governance*

Dec. 11  
Presentation of Research Projects

Dec. 18  
**Research paper due in PP office 5 P.M.**