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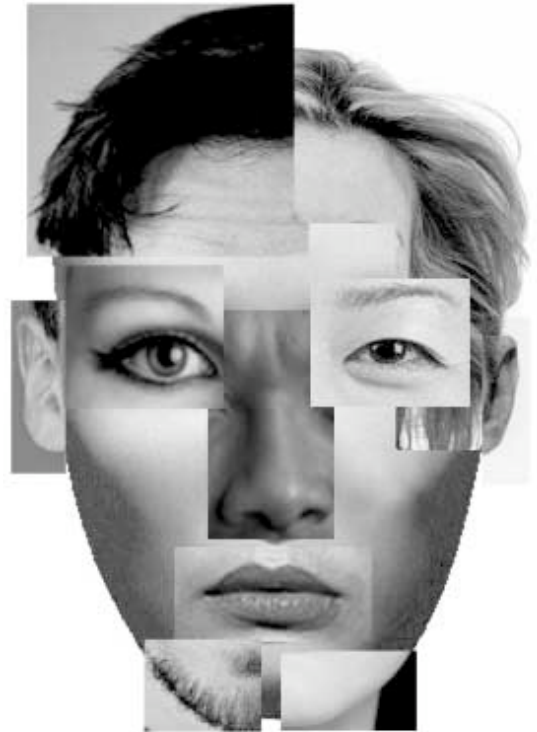
WS 5843.01/.02, Feminist Theories

Contemporary Feminist Theories

Spring 2010, Mondays 2:30-5:20 Course Code: 36956

Spring 2010, Tuesdays 6:00-8:50 Course Code: 37336

Feminist theories are ways of thinking that problematize sex/gender/sexuality systems and agitate for justice. This course provides an exploration of some contemporary feminist theories including an analysis of social construction, performative subjectivity, intersectionality, transnationalism, social justice movements, and U.S. imperialism. The course encourages us to think about how theory informs practice and vice versa, and therefore about the relationships between feminist theory, daily lived experience, history, and feminist politics. It challenges us to question what we think we know about feminism, to explore new thinking, and to further develop our feminist tools for critical analysis.



Tentative List of Required Texts:

- Judith Butler, Undoing Gender, 2004.
- Aimee Carrillo Rowe, Power Lines: On the Subject of Feminist Alliances, 2008.
- Eli Clare, Exile and Pride: Disability, Queerness, and Liberation. 1999.
- Inderpal Grewal, Transnational America: Feminisms, Diasporas, Neoliberalisms. 2005.
- Chandra Talpade Mohanty, et al., Feminism and War: Confronting U.S. Imperialism. 2008.
- Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Feminism without Borders. 2003.
- Juana Maria Rodriguez. Queer Latinidad: Identity Practices, Discursive Spaces. 2003.
- Robyn Wiegman, Women's Studies on Its Own: A Next Wave Reader in Institutional Change. 2002.
- Additional articles and materials will be made available in class.

Recommended Texts:

- Sonya Andermahr, Carol Wolkowitz, and Terry Lovell, A Concise Glossary of Feminist Theory, 1997.
- Maggie Humm, The Dictionary of Feminist Theory, 2nd Ed. 1995.

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