

GEN 410/610: Gender and Politics
Sabancı University, Spring 2021
Wed. 12:40-13:30 and Thu. 13:40-15:30 (zoom)
Synchronous Online Course

Zeynep Gülru Göker

E-mail: gulru.goker@sabanciuniv.edu

Office hours: Wed. 10:00-12:00 (by appointment, zoom link TBA)

Course Description:

This course explores the relationship between gender and politics on three interrelated levels. It offers a theoretical survey of the role of gender in shaping major political concepts and institutions such as representation, participation, interest, power, justice and democracy; explores the role of gender in social movements and political mobilization on a micro and macro as well national and transnational level, and opens up to discussion the constitution and impact of policies pro and against gender equality with contemporary examples from global politics.

*Course content, requirements and policies are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

Forms of Assessment and Grading:

Midterm exam (take home April 7th 5 PM to April 8th 5 PM): **30 %**

Final exam: 30 % (take home June 10th 9 AM to June 11th 5 PM)

*PhD students are exempt from the exams. They will submit and discuss a paper proposal (10 %) (submit by April 8th by 10 AM), present their final research paper in the last two classes (10 %) and submit a final paper (double spaced 20-30 pages including references) at the end of the semester, due June 9th 5 PM (40 %).

*MA students have the option to either take both of the exams or write a paper like the PhD students. They have to declare their choice via e-mail in the second week of the class. No changes can be made after the initial declaration.

Position papers: 25 %

All students are asked to write four double-spaced 2 pages long position papers advancing a disciplined argument on the readings of the selected week and submit it before the first class of that week. Late submissions will not be accepted. Extensions will not be granted except in extremely adverse circumstances. Each student should submit at least one position paper per month, excluding February.

Attendance and Active Participation: % 15

Unless indicated otherwise, students are expected to come to each class having read the assigned material and ready to engage in a conversation about it. Aside from reading the assigned materials and participating in class discussions, active participation requires paying attention, active listening and respect to others during class hours and group work. It also means being present in class and actively listening when others are presenting their work. Participation grade will be given on the basis of active participation to class discussions, exercises, policy making activity, listening and commenting on the presentations of fellow students and level of preparation for the class (doing the readings, preparing questions, partaking in discussions).

*Further detailed instructions regarding all assignments and exams will be submitted in class.

Important:

*In their assignments and papers students are expected to give references properly, and avoid plagiarism at all costs. Make sure to familiarize yourself with the university's policy on plagiarism and academic integrity:

http://www.sabanciuniv.edu/eng/?genel_bilgi/felsefemiz/akademikdurustlukilkeleri.html

*Students who fail to show up for the exams indicated in the Syllabus without a valid excuse and not taking the make-up examinations for such exams will receive N/A as their final grade.

*Your webcam must always be on during exams-if not, your exams will be void.

*You must connect to the Zoom link for the course with your official Sabancı University e-mail account, and not utilize other email accounts.

Course Schedule:

*All mandatory readings will be posted on SUCourse. If a reading is not on SUCourse it means that it is available as a digital resource on the Information Center website.

Week 1: Introduction

Feb 24.

Meeting, going over the syllabus and requirements, discussing class content and expectations.

Feb 25.

Gender, private and the political; in-class discussion.

Week 2: Gendering Politics: Different Approaches

March 3.

Brown, Wendy. 1988. Chapter 1 (pp.1-20) in *Manhood and Politics*. Rowman & Littlefield Publisher.

March 4.

Squires, Judith. 1999. Introduction and Chapter 1 (pp. 1-32) in *Gender in Political Theory*. Polity Press. (p. 32 onwards is optional)

Recommended:

Elshtain Jean Bethke. 1981. *Public Man, Private Woman: Women in Social and Political Thought*. Princeton University Press.

Okin, Susan Moller. 1979. *Women in Western Political Thought*. Princeton University Press.

Pateman, Carole, 1988 (2008). *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford University Press.

Week 3: Gendering Democracy: Interest and Representation

March 10.

Phillips, Anne. 1992. "Must Feminists Give up on Liberal Democracy?", *Political Studies*, XL, pp.68-82

March 11.

Mansbridge, Jane. 1999. "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent 'Yes'", *The Journal of Politics* 61(3), pp.628-657.

Reynolds, Andrew. 2013. "Representation and Rights: The Impact of LGBT Legislators in Comparative Perspective", *The American Political Science Review* 107(2), pp. 259-274.

Recommended:

Bektas, Eda and Esra Issever-Ekinci. 2019. "Who Represents Women in Turkey? An Analysis of Gender Difference in Private Bill Sponsorship in the 2011–15 Turkish Parliament", *Politics & Gender* 15, pp. 851-81.

Beckwith, Karen. 2011. "Interests, Issues, and Preferences: Women's Interests and Epiphenomena of Activism", *Politics & Gender* 7(3), pp. 424-9.

Squires, Judith. 2008. "The Constitutive Representation of Gender: Extra-parliamentary Re-presentations of Gender Relations", *Representation* 44(2), pp. 187-204.

Pateman, Carole. 1989. *The Disorder of Women: Democracy, Feminism and Political Theory*. Polity Press.

Phillips, Anne. 1991. *Engendering Democracy*. Polity Press, 1991.

Shirin Rai (ed.) 2000. *International Perspectives on Gender and Democratisation*, Basingstoke: Macmillan

Tinker, Irene. 2004. "Quotas for Women in Elected Legislatures: Do They Really Empower Women?", *Women's Studies International Forum* 27 (5/6), pp.531-46.

Young, Iris Marion. 2000. *Inclusion and Democracy*. Oxford University Press.

Week 4: Gendering Democracy: Participation and Social Movements

March 17.

Bhattacharjya, Manjima et al. 2013. "Why Gender Matters in Activism: Feminism and Social Justice Movements", *Gender & Development* 21(2), pp. 277-293.

Palacios, Jone Martinez. 2016. "The Sex of Participatory Democracy. An Analysis of the Theoretical Approaches and Experiences of Participatory Democracy from a Feminist Viewpoint", *Democratization* 23(5): 940-959.

March 18.

Farrar, Margaret and Jamie Warner. 2006. "Rah-Rah-Radical: The Radical Cheerleaders' Challenge to the Public Sphere", *Politics & Gender* 2, pp. 281-302.

Terriquez, Veronica. 2015. "Intersectional Mobilization, Social Movement Spillover, and Queer Youth Leadership in the Immigrant Rights Movement", *Social Problems* 62(3), pp. 343-362.

Recommended:

Paternotte, David. 2016. "The NGOization of LGBT Activism: ILGA-Europe and the Treaty of Amsterdam", *Social Movement Studies* 15(4), pp. 388-402.

Week 5: Gender and the Politics of Care

March 24.

Tronto, Joan. 1993. Chapter 6 (pp. 157-180) in *Moral Boundaries: A Political Argument for an Ethic of Care*. Routledge.

March 25.

Hines, Sally. 2007. "Transgendering Care: Practices of Care within Transgender Communities", *Critical Social Policy* 27(4), pp. 462-486.

Mhajne, Anwar and Crystal Whetstone. 2018. "The Use of Political Motherhood in Egypt's Arab Spring Uprising and Aftermath", *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 20(1), pp. 54-68.

Recommended:

Karaman, Emine Rezzan. 2016. "Remember, S/he Was Here Once: Mothers Call for Justice and Peace in Turkey", *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 12(3), pp. 382-410.

Kittay, Eva Feder, and Ellen K. Feder. 2002. *The Subject of Care: Feminist Perspectives on Dependency*. Rowman & Littlefield.

MacGregor, Sherilyn. 2011. *Beyond Mothering Earth: Ecological Citizenship and the Politics of Care*. UBC Press.

Medved, Caryn. 2016. "Stay-at-Home Fathering as a Feminist Opportunity: Perpetuating, Resisting, and Transforming Gender Relations of Caring and Earning", *Journal of Family Communication* 16(1), pp. 16-31.

Robinson, Fiona. 2010. "After Liberalism in World Politics? Towards an International Political Theory of Care", *Ethics and Social Welfare* 4(2), pp. 130-144.

Ruddick, Sara. 1989. *Maternal Thinking*. Beacon Press.

Sevenhuijsen, Selma. 2003. "The Relevance of the Feminist Ethic of Care for Social Policy", *Feminist Theory* 4(2), pp. 179-97.

Week 6: Rethinking the Public Sphere

March 31.

Landes, Joan B. 1984. "Women and the Public Sphere: A Modern Perspective", *Social Analysis: The International Journal of Anthropology* 15, pp. 20-31.

April 1.

Fraser, Nancy. 1990. "Rethinking the Public Sphere: A Contribution to the Critique of Actually Existing Democracy", *Social Text* 25/26, pp. 56-80.

Trott, Verity. 2020. "Networked Feminism: Counterpublics and the Intersectional Issues of #MeToo", *Feminist Media Studies*, pp. 1-18.

Recommended:

Chambers, Samuel A. 2009. "A Queer Politics of the Democratic Miscount", *Borderlands* 8(2).

Landes, Joan. 1998. (ed) *Feminism, the Public and the Private*. Oxford University Press.

Young, Iris Marion. 1990. *Justice and the Politics of Difference*, Princeton University Press.

Week 7: Exam and Paper Discussions

April 7.

Re-cap

April 8.

Individual meetings about paper proposals

Paper proposals due by 10 AM

Take-home midterm due by 5 PM

Week 8: Gender, Deliberative Democracy and Political Discussion

April 14.

Beauvais, E. 2019. "The Gender Gap in Political Discussion Group Attendance", *Politics & Gender*, 1-24.

April 15.

Asenbaum, H. 2020. "Making a Difference: Toward a Feminist Democratic Theory in the Digital Age", *Politics & Gender* 16: 230-257.

Young, Iris M. 1988. Impartiality and the Civic Public: Some Implications of Feminist Critiques of Moral and Political Theory (ch.3 pp. 57-76) in S. Benhabib and D. Cornell eds. *Feminism as Critique*. University of Minnesota Press.

Recommended:

Browne, Jude (ed.) 2013. *Dialogue, Politics and Gender*. Cambridge University Press.

Karpowitz, Christopher and Tali Mendelberg. 2016. Chapter 1 (pp. 26-49) and Chapter 9 (pp. 261-293) in *The Silent Sex: Gender, Deliberation and Institutions*. Princeton University Press.

Zobl, Elke and Ricardaa Drüeke (eds.) *Feminist Media: Participatory Spaces, Networks and Cultural Citizenship*. Verlag.

Week 9: Feminism, Solidarity and Agonistic Politics

April 21.

Zerilli, Linda. 2005. "Conclusion" (pp. 165-182) in *Feminism and the Abyss of Freedom*. The University of Chicago Press.

April 22.

Cagatay, Selin. 2018. "Women's Coalitions beyond the Laicism–Islamism Divide in Turkey: Towards an Inclusive Struggle for Gender Equality?", *Social Inclusion* 6(4), pp. 48-58.

Watson, Janell. 2013. "Feminism as Agonistic Sorority: An Interview with Bonnie Honig", *Minnesota Review* 81: pp. 102-25.

Recommended:

Eschle, Catherine. 2018. Ch. 4 (pp. 117-144) in *Global Democracy, Social Movements and Feminism*. Westview Press.

Mendoza, Breny. 2002. "Transnational Feminism in Question," *Feminist Theory* 3(3), pp. 295-314.

Mohanty, Chandra T., *Feminism without Borders Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity*. Durham: London: Duke University Press, 2003.

Week 10: The Politics of Gender Equality

April 28.

Walby, Sylvia. 2005. "Gender Mainstreaming: Productive Tensions in Theory and Practice", *Social Politics* 12(3), pp. 321-343.

Verloo, Mieke. 2005. "Displacement and Empowerment: Reflections on the Concept and Practice of the Council of Europe Approach to Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Equality", *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society* 12(3), pp. 344-365.

April 29.

Elomaki, Anna. 2015. "The Economic Case for Gender Equality in the European Union: Selling Gender Equality to Decision-makers and Neoliberalism to Women's Organizations", *European Journal of Women's Studies* 22(3), pp. 288-302.

Spehar, Andrea. 2012. "This Far, but No Further? Benefits and Limitations of EU Gender Equality Policy Making in the Western Balkans", *East European Politics and Societies* 26(2), pp. 362-379.

Week 11: Gender Mainstreaming in Practice

May 5.

In-class Policy Making Activity

May 6.

In-class Policy Making Activity

Week 12.

May 12.

Holiday, no class.

May 13.

Holiday, no class.

Week 13: Anti-Gender Mobilizations

May 19.

Holiday, No class.

May 20.

Graff, Agnieszka. 2014. "Report from the Gender Trenches: War against 'Genderism' in Poland", *European Journal of Women's Studies* 21(4), pp. 431-442.

Paternotte, David and Roman Kuhar. 2018. "Disentangling and Locating the "Global Right": Anti-Gender Campaigns in Europe", *Politics and Governance* 6(3), pp. 6-19.

Pető, Andrea and Weronika Grzebalska. 2018. "The Gendered Modus Operandi of the Illiberal Transformation in Hungary and Poland", *Women's Studies International Forum* 68, pp. 164-172.

Recommended:

Rawluszko, Martha. 2019. "And If the Opponents of Gender Ideology Are Right? Gender Politics, Europeanization, and the Democratic Deficit", *Politics & Gender*, pp. 1-23.

Week 14: Reflections

May 26.

Concluding discussion & Graduate students' paper presentations

**All students need to participate, listen and comment on the presentations.*

May 27.

Concluding discussion & Graduate students' paper presentations

**All students need to participate, listen and comment on the presentations.*

Take home Final exam: June 10th 9 AM to June 11th 5 PM

Research papers due by June 9th 5 PM.