GSWS 830-5 SELECTED TOPICS GRADUATE SEMINAR I:
IMMIGRANTS, WOMEN AND TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION

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Course Description:
This course explores socio-economic-political conditions that are considered necessary for immigrant and migrants’ basic security for their development and full participation in the Canadian society. The concept of immigrant is used in a broad and comprehensive way – beyond the legal framework and “standard” societal perception. By exploring the growth and role of the state, this course also examines the history, development, and restructuring of immigration and settlement policies in Canada and how immigrants irrespective of genders, class, race, sexual orientation, age, nationality, ethnicity, and dis/ability have been affected by these policies. Key objectives of the course are to:

- Examine immigration policies and practices in an era of neo-liberalism;
- Examine the growth and role of institutions in facilitating transnational migration and different forms of migrant workers including refugees;
- Explore the federal and provincial governments’ efforts to recognize immigrants’ credentials from countries of origin;
- Analyse the role of multiculturalism, citizenship, and social policies in immigrants’ and migrants’ lives;
- Explore effective strategies for facilitating full participation of immigrants that includes youths and families including “second generation” immigrants in Canada.

Educational Goals:

I Demonstrate Advanced knowledge of core concepts and theories
II Develop transferable professional skills

For more detailed information please see the GSWS website: http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html

Course Texts and Courseware:

- GSWS 312 E-copy articles
- Recommended Texts - A number of books are available in the library.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:

- 2 Critical Analytical Paper (2000 words each; 7-8 pages) 30%
- Annotated Bibliography for Research Paper (1500; 6-7 pages) 15%
- Research Paper and Presentation (2500 words; 10-12 pages) 40%
- Class Attendance and Participation 15%

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.
IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)