GSWS 321-4 SPECIAL TOPICS IN GSWS:
FAMILY AND YOUTH IN SCOTLAND

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Course Description:
Using an interdisciplinary and multimedia (art, film, music, and literature) approach examines the social history of the family and youth in Scotland during the rise and fall of the British welfare state, from 1845 to the present.

Between 1700 and the present, Scotland underwent a period of intense social and economic upheaval that had dramatic impacts on the lives of women and their families—among them, increased surveillance over their everyday lives from those in position of power in Scottish society. Using gender as the lens with which to examine the everyday lives of Scottish people, this course will examine, for example, attempts to control women’s bodies and suppress ‘superstitions’ through the witchcraft trials, the effects of the Industrial Revolution on the rhythms of family life and privacy, and the effort by private and state interests to remake children into dutiful citizens. Students will then debate the ways in which women and their families negotiated and resisted these wider forces.

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

Course Texts and Courseware:

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
- Participation 20%
- Primary document assignment 15%
- Online Discussions 10%
- Research essay proposal (300 words plus annotated bibliography) 5%
- Research essay (12-15 pages including bibliography) 30%
- Final exam 20%

Prerequisite: 15 units