GSWS 318-4: SPECIAL TOPICS IN GSWS:  
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE AND RIGHTS

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Course Description:  
Reproductive politics refers ongoing struggles to define, constrain, medicalize, technologize, spur, and/or prevent reproduction. This course that builds interdisciplinary, intersectional, and feminist tools to analyze narratives, issues, practices, and arguments regarding reproductive politics as they manifest throughout the lifecourse, from preconception to end of life. Topics include theories of reproductive justice and technology; the biology, culture, and gender of reproduction; reproductive choices and fertility; kinship; childbirth and child rearing; menopause and andropause; and the developmental origins of health and disease. We will survey these topics in the first 1/3 of the course, and then develop the next thirds around two case studies: the placenta as a reproductive political nexus, and abortion politics in Canada.

Recognizing the topical and controversial nature of reproductive politics as well as the role of GSWS in transforming students into critical advocates for social change, assignments encourage students to engage in public dialogues on reproduction.

At the end of this course, students will be able to:  
1. Demonstrate knowledge of a range of feminist perspectives  
2. Demonstrate knowledge of a wide range of issues pertaining to reproductive politics  
3. Analyze reproductive politics from feminist perspectives  
4. Mobilize media skills for participation in public debates on reproductive politics

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

Course Evaluation and Assignments:  
15% Participation and attendance
20% Op-ed; due week 4  
Write a ~800 word opinion editorial about a reproductive political issue from feminist perspectives learned in the course
15% “Twitter Thread”; due week 8  
Write 10x ~280 character “tweets” about an issue in reproductive politics Final Project
25% Podcast (completed in partners) OR Long-form “Oatmeal”-style Comic  
(completed individually); due week 12  
20% Analysis Essay; due week 13  
A ~2000 word substantiation and analysis of your podcast or comic
5% Presentation; due week 12 or 13

Prerequisite: 30 units, including 3 units in GSWS or WS or GDST.
Course Texts and Courseware: