GSWS 330 – 4: MASCULINITIES

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Course Description:
In this course we will explore Critical Studies of Masculinities (CMS). CMS is a feminist-inspired, interdisciplinary field that emerged in the last few decades of the 20th century and is concerned with the social construction of what it means to “be a man.” We begin with a short history of the emergence of CMS and will then spend several weeks exploring different theories of masculinity (hegemonic, hybrid, inclusive). As masculinity refers to gender rather than biology we will also explore female masculinities and trans masculinities. We will then move on to consider masculinity in the context of nation, colonialism and ‘race’; masculinities through the life course from boy to senior; men, families and caring; masculinity and education; masculinity and deviance and how masculinities intersect with sexualities.

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

Course Texts and Courseware:
All readings will be included in a Custom Courseware or available electronically via your library account.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
1. All students will take on the role of Lead Discussant and will create and present a Powerpoint to the class on an additional reading (assigned). 10%

2. In class graded assignment A – short quiz/short writings 10%

3. Guided reading exercises (average of your best 4 responses across the semester) 15%

4. In class graded assignment B – short essay pieces 25%

5. Creative project (15 minute video, or professional poster, or create musical or spoken word album, or a zine, or propose your own) which will then be presented to the whole class, can work alone or with a partner. 30%

6. Participation 10%

Prerequisite: 15 units