GSWS 314-4: RACE, CLASS AND GENDER RELATIONS

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Course Description:
This course provides students with an overview of the interlocking nature of race, class and gender relations at the micro- and macro- levels of society. It explores a number of themes in the analysis of race, class, gender relations, and sexuality in contemporary industrial societies. Using feminist and anti-racist perspectives, the course examines how race is mediated through other forms of social difference such as gender, class, sexuality, dis/ability and age. Through a wide range of readings, this course aims to cover the following:

• Analyze and illustrate theoretical frameworks in the study of race, gender, and class relations;
• Explain and demonstrate an understanding of how race, class, and gender intersect with other categories of social experience such as sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, dis/ability, religion, and age;
• Examine social inequality through theorizing anti-racism and comprehend the impact of social division and oppression on multiple level;
• Show an exercise how to break the cycles of oppression of various disadvantaged groups;
• Demonstrate the role of advocacy groups, grassroots organizations, and coalition building.

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

Course Texts and Courseware:
• GSWS 314 Electronic readings available through SFU Library  
Recommended: In addition, a set of readings will be available through SFU Library.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Short Paper (1000 words; 3-4 pages)  20%
Mid-term in-class Exam     30%
(Two short essays out of 3 pre-selected questions)
Group Project           10%
Final Paper              25%
(250 words per page; 2500 words)
Class Attendance & Participation   15%

Prerequisite: 15 units. Students who have taken either GSWS 301 (or WS 301) or GSWS 310 (or WS 310) as Special Topics: Race, Class and Gender may not take this course for credit.