GSWS 321-4: SPECIAL TOPICS IN GSWS: RACE AND SEXUALITY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course will explore the intersection of race, gender and sexuality in a variety of different texts. We will recognize, analyze and critically engage with feminist discussions and debates regarding race and sexuality. Topics include: racial and sexual histories, immigration and diasporas, popular culture, masculinities and sex research and sexual agency. Students can expect readings, lecture, in-class discussions and assessments, presentations, and reflective responses.

Please note that this course will discuss systemic and colonial violence derived from racism, ethnocentrism, sexism, homophobia, and transphobia. We will cover these topics from a scientific and feminist, anti-racist, anti-homophobic and trans inclusive perspective to better understand racial and sexual histories, and complex understandings of racial and sexual identities to improve our own lives and the lives of others.

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

COURSE TEXTS AND COURSEWARE:
Readings and course materials will be linked or uploaded on Canvas, or will be made available by instructor.

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
Participation and Attendance 20%
Reflective Responses (x5) 25%
In-class Assessments (x5) 25%
Presentations 20%
Final Quiz 10%

PREREQUISITE: 15 units