GSWS 322-4: FEMINIST APPROACHES TO RESEARCH

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
What questions, concerns, and practices guide feminist research and inquiry? This class offers an interdisciplinary overview of feminist approaches to the production of knowledge and difference. We will learn what methods feminist research brings to the study of several major issues including: (1) how knowledge is produced and identities are shaped in everyday life and at the systemic level; (2) the broader dynamics of power that structure what kinds of knowledge gains dominance and visibility, and which perspectives and beliefs are marginalized; (3) the ways that feminist, queer, and decolonial modes of research, theory, and practice expose, disrupt, or revise dominant systems of knowing. Methods and topics include: feminist and decolonial epistemologies, autoethnography, critical discourse analysis, oral history, performance research, material culture, and digital media. Emphasis will be placed not only on approaches to conducting research, but also on modes of disseminating findings from podcasts to Wikipedia

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 texts will be available online, through Canvas or SFU Library

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
• Attendance and participation - 15%
• Methods Project - 20%
  (~1500-word paper or equivalent length podcast, visual essay, or video)
• Object Lesson - 20%
  (~1500-word paper or equivalent length podcast, visual essay, or video)
• Wikipedia Revision – 45%
  (5% tutorial & edits; 5% library research workshop; 15% annotated bibliography; 20% completed edits of 250-300 words)

PREREQUISITE: 30 units, including three units in GSWS or WS or GDST. Students who have taken WS 208 may not take this course for further credit.