GSWS 102-3: FEMINIST ACTION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
In this course we will explore the history of feminist actions and social movements from the mid-eighteenth century to today. We will explore histories and activisms from around the globe. We will use texts created by activists from a range of historical periods and geographies to come to an understanding of the diversity of feminist actions.

At the end of this course you will:
- Be able to discuss definitions of ‘feminism’
- Be aware of the major schools of feminist thought
- Understand the concepts of, and problems with, ‘waves of feminism’
- Understand that different movements prioritised different agendas at different times
- Explain feminist action on major topics such as suffrage; education; reproductive rights; sexuality; and violence.
- Be able to provide examples and case studies from across the globe.

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 required readings are available free on Canvas. Readings are organised by topic and tutorial activities will be based on the readings. Material from the readings will be included in the quizzes so make sure to read more than just the works you are assigned to present on.

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
Paired Tutorial Reading Presentations – 10%  
Quiz 1 – 30%  
Quiz 2 – 30%  
Artifact Analyses – 20%  
Participation – 10%  
*For explanation of assignments see page two of this outline

PREREQUISITE: Students who have completed WS 102 may not take GSWS 102 for further credit. Breadth-Humanities.
WEEKLY OVERVIEW OF TOPICS

Week 1  Introduction and overview: terms and chronologies: Women’s Movements and Feminism
Week 2  Feminism Begins
Week 3  Standing on the Corners of Boxes – What kind of feminist am I?
Week 4  Global Feminism: Role of the United Nations
Casestudy – Women’s Rights as Human Rights
Week 5  Patriarchy and Oppression
Casestudy – Contagious Diseases Acts
Week 6  Votes for Women
Casestudy – British Suffrage Movement
Week 7  Reading Week, no classes
Week 8  Quiz 1
Week 9  State Feminism
Casestudy – History of the All China Women’s Federation
Week 10 The Fight for Education and the Fight to Change Education
Week 11 The Struggle for Reproductive Rights
Week 12 Violence Against Women/Gender–Based Violence
Week 13 Sex and Sexuality
Week 14 Quiz 2

EXPLANATION OF ASSIGNMENT

Paired Tutorial Readings
Your TA will ask you to organise into pairs and to select (or be allocated) a reading. Together you will develop a 5-10 minute summary of the reading with some discussion points to lead discussion in the tutorial. This is a joint assignment work 10% of your final mark.

Artifact Analyses
Throughout the course I will present a number of artifacts relevant to our topics of study. You are required to do 4 of these, though if you choose to do 5 your best 4 marks will be counted. They are due one week after being issued to your TA in class, hard copy only. Responses can be written reflections on the artifact; a creative response such as a piece of art or poem or a discussion of the artifact in relation to our class and your lived experience. Individual assignment worth a total of 20% of your final mark.

Quiz 1
The quiz will consist of multiple choice questions, terminology definitions and one short essay. It will be taken IN CLASS in week 8, immediately after reading week. It will cover course material, including readings, lectures and case studies up to an including week 6. It is worth 30% of your overall grade.

Quiz 2
This quiz will consist of multiple choice questions and two short essays. It will cover course material, including readings, lectures, & case studies from weeks 8 to 13. Again it is taken IN CLASS. It is worth 30% of your overall grade.

Participation
Your participation grade is based on your attendance at tutorials and your contributions to debates. Contributions that are thoughtful and respectful will be rewarded more than simply talking lots! This is worth 10% of your final grade. To complete this course you must complete ALL assignments. If you require accommodations for assignments eg taking the quiz in a different setting please talk to me.