GSWS 314-4: RACE, CLASS AND GENDER

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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, indigenous status, 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:
Required Readings
- 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 25%  
(1200 words; 4-5 pages)  
Mid-term in-class Exam 30%  
(Two short essays out of 3 pre-selected questions)  
Final Paper 30%  
(250 words per page; 2500 words)  
Class Attendance & Participation 15%

PREREQUISITE: 15 units. Students with credit for either GWS 301 (or WS 301) or GWS 310 (or WS 310) as Special Topics: Race, Class and Gender may not take this course for further credit.