GSWS 335-4W: THROUGH A GENDER LENS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
In this course, we explore what gender means and how knowledge creation is affected by gender. We then apply a gender lens to a number of social issues, contexts and regions. The approach is interdisciplinary and multi modal. We will employ social science readings, film, documentaries, and websites amongst other forms of exploration.

This class is interactive. Sessions will involve activities, group and individual exercises and discussion of the theories, empirical information and ideas presented in the readings. The writing intensive component of the course will help students develop analytical, writing and research skills through a variety of assignments. Students will also participate in class discussions of each of the films and documentaries viewed.

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

COURSE TEXTS AND COURSEWARE:
There is only one text - Marchbank, J & Letherby, G (2014), Introduction to Gender: Social Science Perspectives, please get the 2nd edition as we will use it in class for exercises.

After the first session it is expected that all class members will have completed the assigned readings in ADVANCE of class. Failure to do so will mean an inability to participate in class exercises.

We will watch and analyse several films, these may include Bend It Like Beckham, Billy Elliot, Mulan, Beautiful Boxer, Moonlight, Battle of the Sexes amongst others. We will also watch and discuss several documentaries.

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
Stop and Think 1  10%
Annotated Bibliography  20%
Stop and Think 2  10%
Film Responses x 6  30%
Quiz  30%

There are also several ungraded (formative) exercises necessary for successful completion of the graded (summative) assignments. These are mandatory.

PREREQUISITE: 45 Units. Students with credit for EXPL 310 and 310W taught as Interdisciplinary Issues of Gender may not take GSWS 335W for further credit. Writing/Breadth-Social Sci.