GSWS 826-5: GRADUATE SEMINAR ON QUEER/TRANS STUDIES

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This seminar traces the career and import of “queer theory” and revisits the challenges that it puts forward and questions that it faces. We will examine the formative questions, key debates, and current critiques of this amorphous field that crosses disciplines as it encounters postcolonial histories, the biopolitical state, globalizing categories.

Students are expected to:
• acquire critical literacy in the intellectual foundation of queer studies
• become conversant with contemporary debates on sexual and gender variance
• develop critical skills to conceptualize, develop, and present an original research project
• on topic relevant to queer and/or trans studies

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 texts are available on-line through SFU library or as PDFs on Canvas.

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
Attendance 10%
Class Presentation 30%
Research Presentation 30 %
Final Paper 30 %

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)