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.

Learning Outcomes:
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 prioritized different agendas at different times
- Explain feminist action on major topics such as suffrage; education; reproductive rights; sexuality; and violence.
- Be able to provided examples and case studies from across the globe.

Course Texts and Courseware:
- GSWS 102 Courseware package

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Paired Tutorial Reading Presentations
Research Essay
Artifact Analyses
Final Exam

Week 1  Introduction and overview: terms and chronologies
Women’s Movements and Feminism

Weeks 2 & 3  Modern Feminism Begins

Week 4  Standing on the Corners of Boxes – What kind of feminist am I?

Week 5  Global Feminism: Role of the United Nations
Case Study – Women’s Rights as Human Rights ISSUES

Week 6  Patriarchy and Oppression
Case Study – Contagious Diseases Acts

Weeks 7 & 8  From Votes for Women, to State Feminism
Case Study 1 – British Suffrage Movement
Case Study 2 – History of the All China Women’s Federation

Week 9  The Fight for Education and the Fight to Change Education

Week 10  The Struggle for Reproductive Rights

Week 11  Reading Week

Week 12  Violence Against Women/Gender–Based Violence

Week 13  Sex and Sexuality

Prerequisite: Students who have completed WS 102 may not take GSWS 102 for further credit. Breadth-Humanities.
If you have any problems registering for this course please contact gswsmgr@sfu.ca.

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