GSWS 311-4: Modernizing Women:  
Canadian Women in Historical Perspective, 1870s-1970s

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Course Description:
This course examines the historical development and contested understandings of women’s roles, experiences, and identities in Canadian society from the 1870s to the 1970s. Together, we will study the ways in which gender, ethnicity, race, class, and sexuality shaped women’s experiences, how women and femininity were imagined in relationship to men and masculinity, and the changes and continuities in the history of gender and women’s work, domesticity, sexuality, politics, and activism. By the end of this course, students will be able to:

Educational Goals:
- Think critically about how class, race, ethnicity, gender, region, sexuality, and religion have shaped Canadian women’s history;
- Explain the methodologies and vocabulary of Canadian women’s history;
- Engage critically with academic literature in the field;
- Analyze primary historical documents;
- Understand how historians utilize gender as a category of analysis; and
- Present and clearly articulate an understanding of women’s history in oral, visual, and written form.

Course Texts and Courseware:
- Required readings, unless otherwise specified in the syllabus, will be available through SFU Canvas.
- All films listed in the syllabus will be shown in class.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
- Reading responses: 15%
- Class participation: 15%
- Essay Proposal/Annotated bibliography: 10%
- Final paper/zine and reflection: 30%
- Final exam: 30%

Prerequisite: 15 units. Students who have taken GSWS 202 (WS 202) may not take this course for further credit.