GSWS 411-4 Special Topics in GSWS: 
Women, Property, and Law in the Mediterranean

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Course Description: 
This Course will examine the broad question of women and law through a close examination of the issues relating to property over the centuries. Starting with ancient Greece and Rome the course will work its way to the present and cover Byzantine law, Judaic law, Canon law, customary law, Islamic law, up to the development of modern Civil (and Criminal) codes. The course will examine both the theoretical aspects of law as they pertain to women in general and women and property in particular including such questions as inheritance, control of property, marital rights over property, divorce, and so on, and move on to a comparative examination of how women fared in the various courts of the Mediterranean over the centuries. The course will not require particular knowledge in Law or gender history though a broad knowledge of the history of the Mediterranean world will be beneficial.

Course Evaluation and Assignments: 
Students will be graded on the following criteria: 
Class attendance and participation  15%
Readings Responses  15%
Book Presentation  20%
Paper  50%

Schedule of Classes 
- Introduction, Women and Law in Ancient Times
- Law and Religion: Judaism and early Christianity.
- Justinian and Roman Law.
- A new Law: the rise of Islam
- The Law in Medieval Times
- Did Women have a Renaissance?
- The Ottoman Polyphony
- European Law before the Revolution
- Enlightenment and Revolution
- The Napoleonic Code: Patriarchy Restored
- The long 19th century
- Law, Nationalism, and Modernity – the 20th century

Prerequisite: 45 units, including 6 units in GSWS.