GSWS 314-4: RACE, CLASS AND GENDER

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Course Description:
This course provides students with an overview of the interlocking nature of race, class and gender relations at the micro- and macro-levels of society. It explores a number of themes in the analysis of race, class, gender relations, and sexuality in contemporary industrial societies. Using feminist and anti-racist perspectives, the course examines how race is mediated through other forms of social difference such as gender, class, sexuality, dis/ability and age. Through a wide range of readings, this course aims to cover the following:

- Analyze and illustrate theoretical frameworks in the study of race, gender, and class relations;
- Explain and demonstrate an understanding of how race, class, and gender intersect with other categories of social experience such as sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, dis/ability, religion, and age;
- Examine social inequality through theorizing anti-racism and comprehend the impact of social division and oppression on multiple levels;
- Show an exercise how to break the cycles of oppression of various disadvantaged groups;
- Demonstrate the role of advocacy groups, grassroots organizations, and coalition building.

Educational Goals:
- Learn how race is mediated through various forms of social differences
- Gaining tools to analyze systemic and structural discrimination
- Learn how to break the cycle of oppression and work for social justice

Course Texts and Courseware:
- E-artICLES will be available through the SFU Library.

Recommended: In addition, a set of readings will be available through SFU Library.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
25% Short Paper (1200 words; 4-5 pages)
30% Research Essay Paper and Presentation (8 pages approximately; 2000 words)
30% Take Home Final Exam (Two short essays out of 3 questions; 1000 words per essay)
15% Class Attendance & Participation

Prerequisite: 15 units. Students with credit for either GSWS 301 (or WS 301) or GSWS 310 (or WS 310) as Special Topics: Race, Class and Gender may not take this course for further credit.