This course will examine many facets of women's experience in the labour market today, in the past, and in developing countries. The contemporary topics covered will be: job ghettos, wage differences between men and women, women in male-dominated and female-dominated professions, blue-collar and "pink-collar" (clerical) workers, domestics and housewives, socialization for work, women returning to the labour force, women's work and the family. For comparisons, we will consider women's work in the labour force and in the family in pre-industrial, industrial, and post-industrial Europe as well as in developing countries. In the comparative material, we will pay some attention to rural-urban differences.

Throughout the course, we will note and try to account for the existence of sexual segregation in the labour market and wage differentials. As part of this process, we will evaluate various economic explanations (eg. human capital, overcrowding, dual labour market and reserve army theories) and sociological interpretations (eg. socialization, exchange and conflict theories.)

The format will be flexible: either two hours of lectures and one hour of tutorial per week or vice versa depending on the reading assignment. Students will be expected to read and discuss the reading assignments and prepare three short (seven typed pages) papers. The final grade will be distributed as follows:

- Tutorial participation ... 25%
- For each of the papers ... 25%

Required readings: (available in bookstore or on Reserve)


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Scheduling:

Lectures: Mondays & Wednesdays 2:30 - 3:20 AQ 5025
Tutorial 01: Mondays 3:30 - 4:20 cc 8104
Tutorial 02: Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:20 AQ 5082