Course Content

In the early 1960's it was claimed by a sociologist that organized feminist movements, if they continued at all, could only be counted alongside vegetarianism and nudism as bordering on the cult. Since that time, however, we have witnessed the revival of feminism and growing public concern regarding sexuality, gender divisions and the position of women in society. These issues, once ignored or ghettoized, are now increasingly considered central to any general understanding of society. In this course, areas of investigation will include: the sex-gender system, the feminist debate, the domestic labour debate, the relationship of gender to social class, ethnicity and race, and the sexual division of labour both inside and outside the family.

Required Reading

Laurel R. Walum, The Dynamics of Sex and Gender: A Sociological Perspective, Rand.

Organization

One Four-hour Seminar Weekly
Grading: Mid-term (20%)
2 written assignments (60%)
1 class presentation (20%)