WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

SUMMER 1991
Summer Session
July/August

FRANCES PINE

Tue. 13:30-16:20
Thurs. 13:30-16:20

W.S. 303-3
WOMEN IN EASTERN EUROPE

The very rapid social, economic and political changes in Eastern Europe over the past months are unprecedented in recent European history and, in terms of women's experience in particular, raise a wide range of questions both about the nature of socialist society and the social and economic repercussions of swift and uncompromising change from a centrally planned one party system to a free market economy and democratic state. The aim of this course is to examine the role and position of women in Soviet Russia and socialist Eastern Europe under the socialist regimes, and to assess the implications of the changes of the past two years for Eastern European women. The course is organised both thematically and chronologically, and examines the changing ideologies of gender, family and work which evolved since the 1917 revolution, and the practicalities of women's lives under socialism. It emphasizes the conditions which led to the changes of 1898-90, and in the last weeks concentrates specifically on the part which women played, in bringing about these changes.

REQUIRED READING


RECOMMENDED READING


ASSIGNMENTS

15% Class participation
15% Seminar presentation (5 written pages)
35% Essay (10 written pages)
35% Take home examination (15 written pages)
ASSESSMENT

The course will be organized into lectures and seminars. Assessment will be based on class participation, one essay, one short seminar presentation, and a take home exam. Seminar topics will be suggested at the beginning of the session; however, students are encouraged to pursue their own particular interest, and to propose particular subjects after consultation with the instructor. The take home exam at the end of the course will consist of a list of questions drawn from the material covered, from which three will be answered.

Prerequisite: 60 credit hours or WS 100