GSWS 314-4: Race, Class and Gender Relations: Intersectional Influences

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Course Description:
This course provides students with an overview of the interlocking nature of race, class and gender 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 with 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:

- Discuss and illustrate the key concepts in the study of race, gender, and class and how they intersect with each other;
- 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 intersectional theorizing and comprehend the impact of social division and oppression of women on multiple level;
- 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.

Course Texts and Courseware:

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Recommended Readings:
A set of books will be placed on 7-day reserve in the library.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
A short paper/presentation (1500 words; 5-6 pages) 20%
Poster Presentation/Written Part (Group Project) 15%
Open Book mid-term in-class exam 25%
Journal (300 words per page; 9-10 pages) 25%
Class attendance & participation 15%

Prerequisite: 15 units. Students who have taken either WS 301 or 310 as Special Topics: Race, Class and Gender may not take this course for credit.