Course Description:
In the 1992 book: Risk society: Towards a new modernity, Ulrich Beck discusses power in developed countries as the ability of an individual and of society, to control their exposure to risk. He also introduces gender as a dimension from which to analyse risk.
This course will encompass three sections:

The first section of the course will begin with discussions of scientific measurement as applied to historical and contemporary discussions of sex and gender from an interdisciplinary feminist perspective.

The second section of the course will use Beck's concept of risk and various case studies to discuss how neoliberalism and the trend toward individual responsibility affects policy and gender in the developed world.

The third section will challenge measurement and stereotypes as we explore gender and risk-taking behaviours within various cultural settings. Case studies will include gender, non-traditional work and extreme sports.

Course Texts and Courseware:
Courseware package will be available at the Burnaby campus bookstore

(Additional readings will be available online)

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Article Analysis 1 (15 %)
Article Analysis 2 (25 %)
Annotated Bibliography and Case Study Paper Proposal (15 %)
Case Study Paper (8-10 pages) (30 %)
Presentation (15 %)

Prerequisite: 30 units