WS 308-4 Women and Work

This course will provide an interdisciplinary exploration of the nature and conditions of women's paid, underpaid, and unpaid work within a colonial and globalization context. It will include an examination of theories which explain labour market discrimination; the effect of public policies on work; and the international relationships which affect women's work within a historical and cross-cultural perspective. The social construction of work will be analyzed to reflect the diverse locations women occupy as workers such as race, class, sexuality, ability, and gender relations. The course will consider the struggles and resistance of women’s organizations working for change towards worker’s rights. Students will be especially encouraged to challenge the unacknowledged assumptions and categories of "comfortable thinking". WMST 308 will be taught from an allied anti-classist, anti-racist, anti-colonialist, and queer perspective.

Required readings:
A custom courseware package will be available at the SFU bookstore at Harbour Centre

Course requirements and Grading Structure:
10% - Class Participation
30% - Midterm
15% - Class Presentation
15% - Short Written Assignment (4-5 pages)
30% - Essay (10-15 pages)

Prerequisites:
Six credits in Women's Studies including WS 101 or WS 102.

Thursdays 1:30-5:30 pm

The Department of Women's Studies encourages clarity of thought and expression and good writing. Students will be evaluated on these skills in all courses given by the Department.