WS 303-4/WS 833-5 Special Temporary Topic: Bordering Women

This course will examine how material and ideological processes of racialization work to create and maintain borders around women. At a general level, the historical and contemporary bordering of women into nations and 'racial' groups during the various phases of globalization will be examined. Specifically, the course will trace the bordering of women in Canada. Drawing upon third world feminist theory, the role of colonization, and of immigration, citizenship and social policies will be specifically examined to reveal how they reproduce the bordering of women. We will address the dominant neo-liberal discourse regarding the erosion of the sovereignty of nation-states by examining the relationship of women to 'nation-states' and 'national' economies as 'Indians,' 'citizens,' 'immigrants,' and 'migrant workers.' The course will also highlight the various strategies women have used to transgress borders and to defy processes of racialization.

Required texts:


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Course assignments:
Class participation 20%
Class presentation 15%
Discussion paper (10 pages) 30%
Final paper (15 pages) 35%

*Women's Studies Graduate courses are offered in conjunction with undergraduate courses. Graduate Students are requested to meet with the instructor to discuss the increased workload and grading expectations.*