GSWS 102-3: Feminist Action (B-Hum)

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Course Description:

This course will examine the history of feminist consciousness and feminist resistance in Western cultures from prehistoric times to the early twentieth century. Topics that will be covered include definitions of feminisms, theories of the origins of patriarchies, women’s place and feminine symbolism in dominant western religions (Judaism, Christianity, Muslim and First Nations spiritualities); women’s struggle for formal education; women’s resistance to traditional gender roles; the development of equal rights and maternal feminisms, suffrage movements in Europe and North America; and the intersection of gender with other oppressions. The emphasis throughout this course will be on developing conceptions of feminisms that are inclusive of women’s resistance in many different contexts.

Learning Outcomes:
- students will explore diverse origins of feminist thought and patriarchal orders.
- students will identify components of feminist theories and activism.
- students will become familiar with a broad scope of feminist organizing.
- students will learn to think critically about intersecting layers of oppression.
- students will be able to explain and understand the importance of historic and contemporary forms of feminist action.

Course Texts and Courseware:

Course Evaluation and Assignments:

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Prerequisite: None