WS 831-5  Selected Topics: Gender-ing Globalization, ‘Race’-ing Citizenship  Sunera Thobani  Day-Burnaby Campus

The term globalization has become extremely popular, giving rise to notions of uncontrollable, unstoppable global forces remaking societies and economies by eroding the sovereignty of nation-states and destroying the rights of citizens. This inter-disciplinary course will examine theories of globalization by focusing on the continuities and discontinuities within the historical development of capitalist relations that globalization represents. In this examination, our focus will be on the social forces which are both shaping and resisting globalization.

In particular, the course will address the impact of globalization on women’s lives in Canada. Drawing upon Third World feminist theory, the points of entry into dominant neo-liberal discourses will be the relationship of women to ‘nation-states’ and ‘national’ economies as ‘citizens,’ ‘immigrants’ and ‘migrant workers.’ These categories will be examined to reveal how they codify and organize the relations of race, class and gender, with particular emphasis on the racialized nature of citizenship in Canada.

**Required Texts**


A package of selected readings will be available in the library.

**Recommended Texts**


**Course Assignments**
Class Participation  15%
Class Presentation  15%
Discussion Paper (12 pages)  30%
Final Paper (20 pages)  40%