DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN’S STUDIES
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WS 822 – 5: Graduate Seminar in Feminist Theory
SEXUAL ECONOMICS
(Or, Feminist Arguments for Economic Issues) Marjorie Griffin Cohen
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Economics is about values, wealth, power and money. It is also about sexual domination. How these issues are related will be part of the focus of this course.

The intent is to shape the course around three main themes:
1. to understand something about the cast-iron grip that conservative economic theory seems to hold over every economic issue.
2. to understand how a feminist approach could be different
3. to discuss the debates on some leading economic issues in Canada

Finally, the course will provide an opportunity to examine ways in which women and men committed to a more equal society might think about economic strategies for change. This course is designed for students who have not necessarily taken an economics course in the past.

Required Readings
Custom Courseware package available in bookstore


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Course Requirements and Grading
Class Participation 20%
Class Presentation 15%
Book Review 15%
Essay 50%

NOTE: 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.