WS 203-3  Women in Contemporary Society

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What is the relationship between roles and identities? What factors contribute to the establishment of roles and the construction of identities? What part does feminism play in these processes?

These are some of the questions we will explore in this course. While we will attend particularly to issues of representation and self-representation, we will also be interested in other social institutions which influence women's lives.

The course will conclude with a critical look at issues surrounding the questions of ‘Identity Politics.’

Required readings:

Course requirements and Grading Structure:
Mid-term (open book) exam  20%
Term paper (10 pp)  30%
Final Exam (take home)  30%
Presentation  10%
Participation  10%

Prerequisites:
WS 101 or WS 102 (may be taken concurrently).

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