

**Political Science/Women's Studies 300.301
RACE, GENDER, & WORLD POLITICS**

Syracuse University
Fall Term 2002
Class room: Heroy Geo Lab 113
Class time: MWF 11:45-12:40 PM

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COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES

In this course we examine how social constructions of "race" and "gender" intersect in and shape world politics (aka international relations or "IR") through an examination of issues in international conflict and international political economy, including globalization and democratization. We will investigate a range of topics, including the recent World Conference Against Racism (WCAR), racial/ethnic violence, human rights vs. cultural relativism, rape as an international war crime, sex tourism, femicide, maquiladoras and free trade zones, and debt and structural adjustment programs. We will consider how national and transnational social movements by racial-ethnic and indigenous groups, women, and workers are urging national governments, multinational corporations, and international organizations to respond to these issues.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Examinations (60%) There will be three examinations, equally weighted, on course content and relevant current events. Each examination will consist of two parts: short answer questions and an analytic essay. Students will receive a list of questions to prepare in advance of each examination.

Portfolio (30%) Each student will compile a portfolio on issues relating to race and gender in world politics. Portfolios may include commentary on news articles and recent events, written analyses of assigned readings and materials, and original creative responses to the themes and issues addressed in the course. Portfolios will be collected at intervals during the semester, on dates announced by the instructor as well as those noted below. Students should bring their portfolios to class on Mondays.

Class Participation (10%) Students should come to class prepared to discuss or to respond in writing to questions about assigned reading materials, films, and current events. There will be one graded in-class writing assignment or activity per week.

Attendance Policy Attendance at each class session is expected. Absences will be excused if the student provides written documentation of participation in an activity sanctioned by the University **OR** attendance at a University-sponsored or community event relevant to our course, *viz.*, a speaker, lecture, or film presentation about some aspect of race/gender in world politics. Documentation must be submitted within one week of the absence or event.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required reading:

The following materials are available for purchase at the University bookstore (*) or are on line and/or on reserve for your use at Bird Library:

Conaway, Janelle. "Spotlight on Indigenous Rights." *Americas* 53:4 (July/August 2001) 52-53; *et al.* (photocopied packet).

Hawkes, David C. "Indigenous Peoples: Self-Government and Intergovernmental Relations." *International Social Science Journal* 53:1 (March 2001) 153-161.

*Lauren, Paul Gordon. *Power & Prejudice: The Politics & Diplomacy of Racial Discrimination*, 2nd Edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996.

*Peterson, V. Spike, and Anne Sisson Runyan. *Global Gender Issues*, 2nd Edition. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1999.

United Nations. High Commission on Human Rights. "Fact Sheet No. 9: The Rights of Indigenous Peoples." www.unhchr.ch/html/menu6/2/fs9.htm

United Nations. High Commission on Human Rights. "International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples." www.unhchr.ch/indigenous/ind_sub.htm

United Nations. High Commission on Human Rights. *WomenWatch Website*. www.un.org/womenwatch/

United Nations. High Commission on Human Rights. *World Conference Against Racism Website*. www.un.org/wcar/

*Wing, Adrienne Katherine, ed. *Global Critical Race Feminism: An International Reader*. New York: New York University Press, 2000.

Winter, Bronwyn, Denise Thompson, and Sheila Jeffreys. "The UN Approach to Harmful Traditional Practices." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 4:1 (April 2002) 72-94.

Students should also consult a reliable international news source on a daily basis to be informed about relevant current events for class discussions and portfolio writing. Check the United Nations website (www.un.org) to follow developing news stories about global patterns and policies relating to race and gender. You may also want to subscribe to *The New York Times* (available in print on campus at a student rate, at the library at no charge, or on-line at no charge at www.nytimes.com) or another appropriate newspaper or e-news service with a global focus. For more information on race, gender, and world politics, see the recommended reading list below.

Recommended reading:

- Banton, Michael P. *International Action Against Racial Discrimination*. London: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Beckman, Peter R., and Francine D'Amico, eds. *Women, Gender, & World Politics: Perspectives, Policies, & Prospects*. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 1994.
- Cornwell, Grant H., and Eve Walsh Stoddard, eds. *Global Multiculturalism: Comparative Perspectives on Ethnicity, Race, and Nation*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000.
- D'Amico, Francine, and Peter R. Beckman, eds. *Women in World Politics: An Introduction*. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 1995.
- Enloe, Cynthia. *Manuevers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2000.
- Fredman, Sandra, Philip Alston, and Grainne Burca, eds. *Discrimination and Human Rights: The Case of Racism*. London: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Furedi, Frank. *The Silent War: Imperialism and the Changing Perception of Race*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 1999.
- Hamilton, Charles V., Lynn Huntley, Neville Alexander, eds. *Beyond Racism: Race & Inequality in Brazil, South Africa, and the United States*.
- Hartford, Kathleen, with B. J. Duval. *American Politics and International Relations on the Internet: The Smart Student's Guide*. Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill, 2000.
- Meyer, Mary K., and Elisabeth Prügl, eds. *Gender Politics in Global Governance*. Boston: Rowman & Littlefield, 1999.
- Nicholson, Philip Yale. *Who Do We Think We Are? Race & Nation in the Modern World*. Boston, MA: ME Sharpe, 1999.
- Richmond, Anthony. *Global Apartheid: Refugees, Racism, and the New World Order*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.
- Seidman, Jeffrey, and Howard Winant. *The World is a Ghetto: Race & Democracy Since World War II*. New York: Basic Books, 2000.
- Twine, France Winddance, and Kathleen M. Blee. *Feminism & Antiracism: International Struggles for Justice*. New York: New York University Press, 2001.
- United Nations. *The World's Women 2000: Trends & Statistics*. New York: United Nations Organization, 2001.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1 Getting Started

M 8/26 Defining Our Terms, Identifying Our Perspectives

W 8/28 Paul Gordon Lauren, "The Problem of the 20th Century," "The Heavy Burden," & "The Rising Tide," *Power & Prejudice*, Introduction & Chapters 1 & 2: 1-81.

F 8/30 **Faculty conference: no class meeting.**

Week 2 Building Race Categories & the Politics of Racism

M 9/2 **University holiday: no class meeting.**

W 9/4 Lauren, "Race Equality Requested--and Rejected" & "From One War to Another," *Power & Prejudice*, Chapters 3 & 4: 82-144.

F 9/6 Lauren, "The Turning Point" & "...New Beginning," *Power & Prejudice*, Chapters 5 & 6: 145-209.

Week 3 E-Race-ing World Politics: First Steps

M 9/9 Lauren, "The End of Empire," *Power & Prejudice*, Chapter 7: 210-250.

W 9/11 **Memorial Observance**

F 9/13 Lauren, "A Decade for Action," *Power & Prejudice*, Chapter 8: 251-288.

Week 4 E-Race-ing World Politics: Next Steps

M 9/16 **University holiday: no class meeting.**

W 9/18 Lauren, "Toward the Future," *Power & Prejudice*, Chapter 9: 289-324.

F 9/20 UN materials on World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance (WCAR) held at Durban, South Africa, 31 August-7 September 2001 www.un.org/wcar/

Week 5 Invisible Racism: Indigenous Peoples

M 9/23 United Nations High Commission on Human Rights (UNHCHR),
"Fact Sheet No. 9," www.unhchr.ch/html/menu6/2/fs9.htm &
"Indigenous Peoples," www.unhchr.ch/indigenous/ind_sub.htm

W 9/25 David Hawkes, "Indigenous Peoples: Self-Government..." *International Social Science Journal* 53:1 (March 2001) 153-161;
Janelle Conaway, "Spotlight on Indigenous Rights," *Americas* 53:4 (July/August 2001) 52-53; et al. (photocopied packet).

F 9/27 **First Examination**

Week 6 World Politics: Where Are the Women?

M 9/30 Peterson & Sisson Runyan, "Introduction: The Gender of World Politics," *Global Gender Issues*, Chapter 1: 1-20.

W 10/2 Peterson & Sisson Runyan, "Gender as a Lens on World Politics," *Global Gender Issues*, Chapter 2: 21-68.

F 10/4 Peterson & Sisson Runyan, "Gendered Divisions of Power," *Global Gender Issues*, Chapter 3: 69-112; cf. WomenWatch www.un.org/womenwatch/

Week 7 At the Margin

M 10/7 Peterson & Sisson Runyan, "Gendered Divisions of Violence, Labor, & Resources," *Global Gender Issues*, Chapter 4: 113-162.

W 10/9 Peterson & Sisson Runyan, "The Politics of Resistance," *Global Gender Issues*, Chapter 5: 163-212.

F 10/11 **Semester break: no class meeting.**

Week 8 Making Women Visible: Gender on the Agenda

M 10/14 **Portfolios due in class**

W 10/16 Peterson & Sisson Runyan, "Ungendering World Politics," *Global Gender Issues*, Chapter 6: 213-240.

F 10/18 Wing, "Introduction: GCRF for the 21st Century" in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 1-23.

- Week 9 From Women to Gender...and Race**
- M 10/21 Celina Romany, "...Race & Gender in International Human Rights Law," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 53-66.
- W 10/23 Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, "Comparative Analysis of Women's Issues," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 67-80.
- F 10/25 Hope Lewis, "Women & (Under)Development," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 95-111.
- Week 10 Intersections: Making Connections in Context**
- M 10/28 Berta Esperanza Herna'ndez-Truyol, "Fe'minismes sans Fronti`eres?" in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 81-94.
- W 10/30 Devon W. Carbado, "Motherhood and Work in Cultural Context," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 115-128.
- F 11/1 **Second Examination**
- Week 11 Intersections: Making Connections in Context**
- M 11/4 Mai Chen, "Discrimination in New Zealand: A Personal Journey," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 129-140.
- W 11/6 Judy Scales-Trent, "African Women in France: Immigration, Family, & Work," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 141-159.
- F 11/8 **No class meeting - faculty conference.**
- Week 12 Cultural Relativism & "Harmful Traditional Practices"**
- M 11/11 Winter, Thompson, & Jeffreys, "The UN Approach to Harmful Traditional Practices," *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 4:1 (April 2002) 72-94 (on **Reserve** at Bird Library).
- W 11/13 Sharon K. Hom, "Female Infanticide in China," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 251-259.
- F 11/15 Leslye Amede Obiora, "Bridges & Barricades: Female Circumcision," & Isabelle R. Gunning, "Uneasy Alliances and Solid Sisterhood," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 260-284.

Week 13 Intersections: Making Connections in Context

M 11/18 Adrien Katherine Wing, "A Critical Race Feminist Conceptualization of Violence: South African & Palestinian Women, in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 332-346.

Week 14 Race, Gender, & Globalization

M 11/25 Laura Ho, Catherine Powell, & Leti Volpp, "(Dis)Assembling Rights of Women Workers along the Global Assembly Line," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 377-391.

W 11/27 Anna M. Han, "Holding Up More Than Half the Sky: Marketization & the Status of Women in China," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 392-408.

F 11/29 Kiyoko Kamio Knapp, "Still Office Flowers: Japanese Women Betrayed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Law," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 409-423.

Week 15 Seeing Patterns, Making Changes

M 12/2 Penelope Andrews, "Violence against Aboriginal Women in Australia: Possibilities for Redress," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 303-316;
Gaby Ore-Aguilar, "Sexual Harassment & Human Rights in Latin America," in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, ed. Wing (2000) 362-374.

W 12/4 **Portfolios due in class**

F 12/76 **Review class (optional)**

**FINAL EXAMINATION:
Wednesday, December 11th, 7:15-9:15 PM
Heroy Geo Lab 113**

**ALTERNATE EXAMINATION:
Friday, December 13th, 8:00-10:00 AM
HBC Gifford Auditorium
(with PSC 338.001 "Comparative Political Parties")**