

# Gender Studies: Feminist Theories

UMEÅ UNIVERSITY  
Umeå Centre for Gender Studies

## **Welcome to the course**

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In this document, you will find some information about Umeå Centre for Gender Studies (UCGS), schedule and course literature.

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# Schedule

*In order to pass the course students must complete the written individual assignment (final examination) and attend and take active part in all seminars.*

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## Introduction

**Assignment: Film recording. Presentation of yourself, uploaded the 1 of Sept.** Canvas

**Kick-off:** Meeting the Master program, 1 of Sept. 10-12 – see announcement. Zoom

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**Information:** Introducing the course

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### *Literature:*

Norlander, Kerstin (2013) “Empathetic reading. The art of reading a text in its own terms.” *Gender Studies Education and Pedagogy* (ed.) Anna Lundberg & Ann Werner, Gothenburg: Swedish Secretariat for Gender Research pp. 10-13.

Lykke, Nina (2010) *Feminist Studies* pp.1-45.

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## Module 1: Sex and Gender

**Lecture:** From sex to gender (JL)

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**Lecture:** Sex and Gender (LB)

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**Seminar: 8<sup>th</sup> of September: 13.15-15.00 (LB & DH)**

Zoom

*Literature:*

Butler, J. (1998). "Subjects of Sex/Gender/Desire." In Sandra Kemp and Judith. Squires (Eds): *Feminisms*, pp. 278–85. New York: Oxford University Press. Can be found here: <https://pressbooks.claremont.edu/clas112pomonaValentine/chapter/butler-judith-1998-subjects-of-sex-gender-desire/>

Fausto-Sterling, Anne (2000). "Dueling dualisms" in *Sexing the body: gender politics and the construction of sexuality*. New York, NY: Basic Books, pp. 1-29 (or other edition)

Pilcher, Jane, and Imelda Whelehan. 2017. *Key Concepts in Gender Studies*, SAGE Publications. Read for example keywords: Gender, Gender order, Gendered.

West, Candace and Don H. Zimmerman (1987) Doing Gender, *Gender and Society*, Vol. 1, No. 2., pp. 125-151

**Further reading/reference literature:**

Butler, Judith (2024) Who's afraid of gender? Allen Lane pp.3-36, 134-228.

Mansfield, N. (2000). Subjectivity. Theories of the self from Freud to Haraway. St Leonards, N.S.W.: Allen & Unwin. Chapter 4 "Foucault: The subject and power" (51-65).

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. (2008). Feminist Perspectives on Power. Retrieved from: [https://stanford.library.sydney.edu.au/archives/fall2008/entries/feminist-power/#radiLinks to an external site.](https://stanford.library.sydney.edu.au/archives/fall2008/entries/feminist-power/#radiLinks%20to%20an%20external%20site.)

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## Module 2: Feminism and Sexuality

**Lecture:** Feminism, Sexuality and Sex Wars (LB)

**Canvas**

**Seminar:** 15th of September, 13.15 – 15.00 (LB)

**Zoom**

**Literature (see documents under module):**

MacKinnon, Catharine "Sexuality" in: Nicholson, Linda ed. (1997) *The Second Wave. A Reader in Feminist Theory*, Routledge: New York and London. pp. 158-180.

Mottier, Véronique, (2008), "Virgins or whores? Feminist critique of sexuality", in: *Sexuality. A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 49-74.

Rubin, Gayle (1984) "Thinking sex" in: Abelove, Henry, Michèle Aina Barale, David M. Halperin (ed), *The lesbian and gay studies reader*. London & New York: Routledge, pp. 3 – 44.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2019), Governing in the Name of Caring – the Nordic Model and its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 16, 151-165

**Further reading/reference literature:**

Rubin, Gayle with Butler, Judith 1997, "Sexual traffic. Interview" i Elisabeth Weed & Naomi Schor, *Feminism meets queer theory* s. 68-108.

Rubin, Gayle [1975], *The Traffic in Women: Notes on the Political Economy of Sex*. In Reiter R. R. (ed.), *Towards an Anthropology of Women*. New York: Monthly Review Press, s 157-210 or in: Nicholson, Linda, *The Second Wave. A Reader in Feminist Theory*. New York: Routledge, 1997, s. 27-62.

**Module 3: Coloniality and Feminism**

**Lecture:** Introduction to postcolonial feminism (LB)

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*Literature:*

Hill Collins, Patricia (2002), Part 1 - The Social Construction of Black Feminist Thought (pp 18 - 36). *Black feminist thought*. London: Routledge.

Lewis Reina & Sara Mills (2003), "Introduction" (pp 1-24), *Feminist Postcolonial Theory. A Reader*. New York:

Routledge.<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/10.3366/j.ctvxcr9q0.4.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3Ad284502b7b9d971d2f81406458cc69b3>Links to an external site.

Lorde, Audrey (1979), *The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House*, Moraga, C., & Anzaldúa, G. (1983). *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*. 2nd ed. Kitchen Table, Women of Color Press.

**Seminar: AI Policy for the Program: 22 September, 10.15 – 12.00. Zoom**

**Seminar: Veils - postcolonial feminism in practice, 23 Sept.(DH), 10.15 – 12.00 Zoom**

*Literature:*

Abu-Lughod, Lila (2003) "Do Muslim women really need saving? Anthropological reflections on Cultural relativism and its Others." *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 104, No. 3. pp. 783-790.

Crenshaw, Kimberlé Williams. (1995) "Mapping the margins: Intersectionality, identity politics, and violence against women of color" *Stanford Law review*. Vol. 43, pp. 1241-1299.

Mohanty, Chandra, "Under Western Eyes. Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses", *Feminist Review*, Volume: 30 issue: 1, page(s): 61-88.

**Question time:** Regarding the examination 23 Sept.(DH & LB), 12.00 – 12.15 **Zoom**

**EXAMINATION TO BE HANDED IN ON 30<sup>th</sup> of September. 23.59 the latest.**