

Introduction to Gender Research, 7,5 hp

The aim of this course is to give doctoral students with different disciplinary backgrounds an introduction to the most common ways of conducting gender research. Emphasis is on gender research, not Gender Studies, and how key theoretical perspectives from feminist theory influence and structure empirical studies in various fields.

Each theme consists of a lecture, mandatory and reference reading, a written paper (see instructions below), and a seminar. The course ends with a joint exercise. If you cannot attend the final meeting, you have to do a written examination instead.

Wednesday September 30

RECORDED LECTURE on Canvas: *Feminist Empiricism: Use and Critique*

Reading:

“Feminist Empiricism: Challenging Gender Bias and ‘Setting the Record Straight’”, in *Feminist Research Practice*

Goldin, C. 2006. The Quiet Revolution That Transformed Women’s Employment, Education, and Family. *The American economic review*. 96(2), pp.1–21.

Sen, Amartya. 2003. Missing women—revisited. Reduction in female mortality has been counterbalanced by sex selective abortions. *BMJ* 327, pp. 1298-9.

Friday October 9

HAND IN FIRST ASSIGNMENT (see Canvas for instructions)

Tuesday October 13

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10.15-11.00 Introduction and group discussions on expectations and initial views on feminist/gender research.

11.15-12.00 SEMINAR Group discussions and paper presentations on Feminist Empiricism

13.15-15.00 LECTURE *Standpoint feminism: Use and Critique*

Reading: “Feminist Standpoint Epistemology: Building Knowledge and Empowerment Through Women's Lived Experience”, in *Feminist Research Practice*

Also, read (at least) one of the articles below:

Hill Collins, Patricia: “Black Feminist Epistemology”, in *Black Feminist Thought* 1990 (2000) pp. 251-272.

Harding, Sandra: “Latin American Decolonial Studies: Feminist Issues”, *Feminist Studies*

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Monday October 19

HAND IN SECOND ASSIGNMENT (see Canvas for instructions)

Wednesday October 21

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9.15-10.00 SEMINAR Group discussions and paper presentations on Standpoint feminism

10.15-12.00 LECTURE *Poststructuralist perspectives: Use and Critique*

Reading: "Feminist Postmodernism and Poststructuralism", in *Feminist Research Practice*

Also, read both articles below:

Danius, S., Jonsson, S., & Spivak, G. (1993). An Interview with Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. *Boundary 2*, 20(2), 24-50. doi:10.2307/303357

Scott, Joan W: "The Evidence of Experience", *Critical Inquiry* Vol. 17, No. 4 (1991), pp. 773-797.

Voluntary reading: Brown, Wendy: "Postmodern exposures, Feminist hesitations", in *States of Injury* 1995.

Wednesday November 4

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9.15-10.00 SEMINAR Group discussions and paper presentations on Poststructuralism

10.15-12.00 Final exercise ("debate teams")

Paper instructions: find at least one research article from your own field that you think represents the given perspective/theme. In the paper, present the article briefly, argue for why it might be seen as representative of the perspective, using relevant course literature as reference. If you cannot find an article from your field, either try a neighbouring field or write a paper on why you think the particular perspective is not represented in your field.

Course literature:

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Feminist Research Practice, by Sharlene Nagy Hesse-Biber & Patricia Lina Leavy Published: 2007

DOI: <https://dx-doi-org.proxy.ub.umu.se/10.4135/9781412984270>

<https://methods-sagepub-com.proxy.ub.umu.se/book/feminist-research-practice>

Goldin, C. 2006. The Quiet Revolution That Transformed Women's Employment, Education, and Family. *The American economic review*. 96(2), pp.1–21.

Harding, S. 2017. Latin American Decolonial Studies: Feminist Issues. *Feminist Studies*. 43(3), pp. 624-636.

Hill Collins, P. 1990 (2000). Black Feminist Epistemology. *Black Feminist Thought*.

Scott, J. W. 1991. The Evidence of Experience. *Critical Inquiry*. 17(4), pp. 773-797.

Sen, Amartya. 2003. Missing women—revisited. Reduction in female mortality has been counterbalanced by sex selective abortions. *BMJ* 327, pp. 1298-9.

Reference literature:

Handbook of Feminist Research: Theory and Praxis, Sage Publications Second edition 2012

<https://books.google.se/books?id=dEJ1AwAAQBAJ&hl=sv>

Encyclopedia of feminist theory

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/umeaub-ebooks/reader.action?docID=168641>

Brown, Wendy: "Postmodern exposures, Feminist hesitations", in *States of Injury* 1995.

Additional literature may be added, max. 100 pp.