

Women's Studies 110B
Money, Sex, Power

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Course Description:

The course exams two interrelated changes in political economy and sexual politics in the contemporary United States: 1) the rise to dominance of the financial sector over the industrial and service sectors of the economy; and 2) the deepening of structural inequality and social division along lines of gender, sexuality, race and class. The challenge will be to understand how the economic restructuring linked to globalization has drawn from and contributed to the rise of popular conservatism since the 1970s. There will be an emphasis on theorizing both the material and ideological bases of social identities and practices.

Course Requirements:

Participation – 20%
Response Papers (2) – 20%
Midterm Exam – 25%
Final Exam – 35%

Policies and Addendums:

- Students who do not attend class during week one and who have not made prior arrangements with the instructor will be dropped from the class.
- Students who miss more than two (2) classes will lose participation points.
- Lecture notes will not be made available to students in the event of a missed class. Students are responsible for making arrangements with classmates to share notes.
- Students are responsible for noting assignment due dates and exam dates. In the event that students miss the due date for the submission of a response paper, they will receive no credit. No late or make-up papers will be accepted.

- All submitted work must be proofread for errors. Submissions with errors may not be accepted for credit.
- Office hours will be held weekly at the designated time. Students unable to attend office hours during the scheduled time may contact the instructor to arrange an alternate meeting time. Office hours are an opportunity to pursue clarification, review readings, and seek greater familiarity with the material.
- The syllabus is subject to changes in content and scheduling. Any such changes will be announced in class and students will be held responsible accordingly.
- The course reading material is extensive and demanding. Students are expected to demonstrate a high level of commitment to and engagement with the material. Careless readings and uninformed opinions will not be entertained in class discussion.
- Students are required to bring a highlighter and the course reader to every class.

Required Texts:

- Course Reader (available from www.universityreaders.com).
- Additional readings on EEE course website.

Schedule:

Week 1

Tuesday, 4/1

Introduction

Thursday, 4/3

- Palley, "From Keynesianism to Neoliberalism: Shifting Paradigms in Economics" [website]

PART I – Financialization

Week 2

Tuesday, 4/8

- Palley, “Keynesianism” (cont’d)

Thursday, 4/10

- Palley, “Financialization: What it is and Why it Matters”
- Response Paper #1 DUE

PART II – Privatization

Week 3

Tuesday, 4/15

- Duggan, “Introduction” and “Downsizing Democracy” [reader]

Thursday, 4/17

- Giroux, “The Terror of Neoliberalism” [website]

Week 4

Tuesday, 4/22

- Giroux (cont’d)

Thursday, 4/24

Discussion Day

Week 5

Tuesday, 4/29

Midterm Exam Review

Thursday, 5/1

MIDTERM EXAM

Week 6

Tuesday, 5/6

- Woodard, “Who Really Pays Taxes in America?” [website]
- United for a Fair Economy, “Shifty Tax Cuts” [website]

Thursday, 5/8

- Woodard (cont’d)
- United for a Fair Economy (cont’d)

Week 7

Tuesday, 5/13

- Tait, ““Workers Just Like Anyone Else”” [reader]
- Gilens, ““Race Coding’ and White Opposition to Welfare” [website]

Thursday, 5/15

- Tait (cont’d)
- Gilens (cont’d)

PART III – Criminalization

Week 8

Tuesday, 5/20

- Roberts, Selections from *Shattered Bonds* [reader]

Thursday, 5/22

- Roberts (cont’d)

Week 9

Tuesday, 5/27

- Wacquant, “From Slavery to Mass Incarceration,” [website]
- Response Paper #2 DUE

Thursday, 5/29

- Wacquant (cont’d)
- Allard, “Crime, Punishment, and Economic Violence” [reader]

Week 10

Tuesday, 6/3

- Allard (cont’d)

Thursday, 6/5

Final Exam Review