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Women's Studies 200b/Culture & Theory 200c

Problems in Feminist Research: Movement and Displacement

Spring 2008

Class meetings: Wednesdays, 6-8:50pm

Location: MKH 374

Course website: <https://eee.uci.edu/08s/22552>

Course Description

The seminar examines epistemologies of movement and displacement that produce texts and contexts for critical theory and feminist knowledge formation. The course encompasses critical approaches to modernity in order to analyze specific legacies of colonialism and the conditions of post-coloniality, globalization, and transnational flows that take form in embodied practices of labor migration; political exile; armed conflict; familial dispossession; urbanization, suburbanization, and exurbanization; leisure and sexual tourism; spatial liminality and incarceration. We will examine how conditions of mobility and displacement constitute categories of unequal gendered, racialized, sexualized, and classed subjects: e.g. mail-order brides, humanitarian aid workers, combatants, workers, managers, exiled peoples, patients, doctors, organ donors, financiers, missionaries, developers, security guards, prisoners, stateless people, anthropologists, and tourists. Particular attention will be paid to evaluating and developing research methods appropriate to this field of inquiry.

Course Requirements

Active participation in seminar; weekly posting of analytical questions (to be posted to the seminar Noteboard by noon each Wednesday); weekly analytical responses to readings (2 pages); a seminar presentation; prospectus for final paper (1 page); and a final paper (15 pages).

No late work will be accepted. Assignments may not be emailed to the professor, unless indicated otherwise.

Required Texts

All of the readings for the course are either posted as PDF files on the Course Website.

Schedule of Readings

Week 1. April 2 Introducing the seminar

Week 2. April 9 Paradigmatics

Jonathan Xavier Inda and Ronato Rosaldo, Tracking Global Flows, from *The Anthropology of Globalization* (2nd ed.), Inda and Rosaldo, eds. (Blackwell 2008), 3-46.

Arjun Appadurai, Grassroots Mobilization and the Research Imagination, from *Globalization*, ed. Arjun Appadurai (Duke 2001), 1-21.

Achille Mbembe, At the Edge of the World: Boundaries, Territoriality, and Sovereignty in Africa, from *Globalization*, ed. Appadurai, 22-51.

Saskia Sassen, Spatialities and Temporalities of the Global: Elements for Theorization, from *Globalization*, ed. Appadurai, 260-279.

Anna Tsing, The Global Situation, from *The Anthropology of Globalization* (2nd ed.), ed. Inda and Rosaldo, 66-98.

Gloria Anzaldúa, The Homeland, *Aztlán/El otro México*, from *The Transnational Studies Reader*, ed. Sanjeev Khagram and Peggy Levitt (Routledge 2008), 44-49.

Ella Shohat, Gendered Cartographies of Knowledge: Area Studies, Ethnic studies, and Postcolonial studies, *Social Text* 20 (3) (Fall 2002): 67-78.

Michael Kearney, The Local and the Global: The Anthropology of Globalization and Transnationalism, from *The Transnational Studies Reader*, ed. Khagram and Levitt, 272-274.

Week 3. April 16 - Class cancelled

Week 4. April 23 Conceptualizing Diaspora

James Clifford, *Diasporas*, *Cultural Anthropology* 9(3) (1994): 302-338.

Stuart Hall, *Cultural Identity and Diaspora*, from *Colonial Discourse and Post-Colonial Theory*, ed. Patrick Williams and Laura Chrisman (Columbia 1994), 392-403.

Avtar Brah, *Cartographies of Diaspora: Contesting Identities* (Routledge 1996), selections.

Inderpal Grewal, *Becoming American: The Novel and the Diaspora*, from *Transnational America: Feminisms, Diasporas and Neoliberalisms* (Duke 2005), 35-84.

Brent Hayes Edwards, *The Uses of Diaspora*, *Social Text* 19(1) (2001): 45-73.

David L. Eng, *Out Here and Over There: Queerness and Diaspora in Asian American Studies*, *Social Text* 52/53 (15/3&4) (1997): 31-52.

Anne-Marie Fortier, 'Coming Home': queer migrations and multiple evocations of home', *European Journal of Cultural Studies* 4(4) (2001): 405-424.

-- 'Queer Diasporas', in D. Richardson and S. Seidman (eds) *Handbook of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. London: Sage, 2002.

Week 5. April 30 Conceptualizing Travel

Dean MacCannell, *Modernity and the Production of Touristic Experiences*, from *The Tourist: A New Theory of the Leisure Class* (California 1976), 17-37.

Caren Kaplan, 'This Question of Moving': Modernist Exile/Postmodern Tourism (27-64) and *Postmodern Geographies: Feminist Politics of Location* (143-187), from *Questions of Travel: Postmodern Discourses of Displacement* (Duke 1997).

James Clifford, *Spatial Practices: Fieldwork, Travel and the Disciplining of Anthropology*, from *Anthropological Locations: Boundaries and Grounds of a Field Science*, ed. Akhil Gupta and James Ferguson (California 1997), 185-222.

Chris Rojek and John Urry, Transformations of Travel and Theory from Touring cultures : transformations of travel and theory, edited by Chris Rojek and John Urry (Routledge 1997), 1-19

Eeva Jokinen and Soile Veijola, The Disoriented Tourist: The Figuration of the Tourist in Contemporary Cultural Critique, from Touring cultures : transformations of travel and theory, edited by Chris Rojek and John Urry (Routledge 1997), 23-51.

Celia Lury, Objects of Travel, from Touring cultures : transformations of travel and theory, edited by Chris Rojek and John Urry (Routledge 1997), 75-95

Week 6. May 7 Debating Cosmopolitics

Bruce Robbins, Comparative Cosmopolitanisms, from eds. Bruce Robbins and Pheng Cheah, Cosmopolitics: Thinking and Feeling Beyond the Nation (Minnesota 1998), 246-264.

Adrienne Rich, "Toward a Politics of Location," from Carole R. McCann and Seung-Kyung Kim, eds., Feminist Theory Reader: Local and Global Perspectives, eds. Carole R. McCann and Seung-Kyung Kim (Routledge 2002), 447-459.

Chandra Mohanty, Feminist Encounters, from Feminist Theory Reader, ed. McCann and Kim, 460-471.

Caren Kaplan, Hillary Clinton's Orient: Cosmopolitan Travel and Global Feminist Subjects, Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism 2 (2001): 219-40.

Roxanne Euben, Cosmopolitanisms Past and Present, Islamic and Western, from Journeys to the Other Shore: Muslim and Western Travelers in Search of Knowledge (Princeton 2006), 174-197.

James Clifford, Mixed Feelings, from ed. Robbins and Cheah, Cosmopolitics, 362-370.

Week 7. May 14 Intimate Encounters

Lisa Lowe, The Intimacies of Four Continents, from Haunted By Empire: Geographies of Intimacy in North American History, ed. Ann Laura Stoler (Duke 2006), 191-212.

Nayan Shah, Adjudicating Intimacies on U.S. Frontiers, from Haunted By Empire, 116-138.

Françoise Vergès, Contested Family Romances: Slaves, Workers, Children, from Monsters and Revolutionaries: Colonial Family Romance and Métissage (Duke 1999), 22-71.

Hung Cam Thai, Chasing Dreams in the Vietnamese Diaspora: Highly Educated Overseas Brides and Low-Wage U.S. Husbands, from Cross-Border Marriages: Gender and Mobility in Transnational Asia, ed. Nicole Constable (Pennsylvania 2005), 145-165.

Nicole Constable, A Tale of Two Marriages: International Matchmaking and Gender Mobility, from Cross-Border Marriages, ed. Constable, 166-186.

**Week 8. May 21 Subjectivities of Mobility and Displacement
Prospectus for final paper due**

Aihwa Ong, Excerpt from *Flexible Citizenship: The Cultural Logics of Transnationality*, from *The Transnational Reader*, ed. Khagram and Levitt, 445-454.

Aihwa Ong, *A Biocartography: Maids, Neoslavery and NGOs*, from *Neoliberalism as Exception: Mutations in Citizenship and Sovereignty* (Duke 2006), 195-217, notes.

Sally Engle Merry and Rachel E. Stern, *The Female Inheritance Movement in Hong Kong: Theorizing the Local/Global Interface*, from *The Anthropology of Globalization*, ed. Inda and Rosaldo, 373-402.

Eithne Luibheid, *Introduction (1-29) and Looking Like a Lesbian (77-101)*, from *Entry Denied: Controlling Sexuality at the Border* (Minnesota 2002).

Tim Cresswell, *Mobility, Rights and Citizenship in the United States (147-174) and Producing Immigrant Mobilities (with Gareth Hoskins 175-194)*, from *On the Move: Mobility in the Modern Western World* (Routledge 2006).

Brett Neilson and Angela Mitropoulos, *Exceptional Times, Nongovernmental Spacings, and Impolitical Movements*, ed. Michel Feher, Gaëlle Krikorian and Yates McKee (Zone 2007), 469-481.

Adi Ophir, *The Sovereign, the Humanitarian, and the Terrorist*, from *Nongovernmental Politics*, ed. Feher et al., 161-181.

Jennifer Hyndman and Alison Mountz, *Refuge or Refusal: The Geography of Exclusion*, from *Violent Geographies: Fear, Terror, and Political Violence*, ed. Derek Gregory and Allan Pred (Routledge 2007), 77-92.

Didier Fassin, *Compassion and Repression: The Moral Economy of Immigration Policies in France*, from *The Anthropology of Globalization*, ed. Inda and Rosaldo, 212-234.

Week 9. May 28 Commodifying and Consuming Migrations

Erica Rand, *Coming to Ellis Island (1-40), Breeders on a Golf Ball (41-66), and the Traffic in My Fantasy Butch (107-129)* and notes from *The Ellis Island Show Globe* (Duke 2005).

Jasbir Puar, *Circuits of Queer Mobility: Tourism, Travel, and Globalization*, *GLQ* 8(1-2) (2002): 101-137.

Gabriel Giorgi, *Madrid En Tránsito: Travelers, Visibility, and Gay Identity*, *GLQ* 8(1-2) (2002): 57-79.

Jeanne Schepers, *'Of la Baker, I am a Disciple': The Diva Politics of Reception*, *Camera Obscura* 65 (22/2) (2007): 72-100.

Minoo Moallem, *Nation on the Move, Vectors: A Journal of Technology and Culture in a Dynamic Vernacular* (Fall 2007), available at <http://www.vectorsjournal.org/index.php?page=7&projectId=83>

Bakirathi Mani, *Beauty Queens: Gender, Ethnicity, and Transnational Modernities at the Miss India USA Pageant*, *Positions: East Asia Cultures Critique* 14. 3 (2006): 717-747.

Sarah Blacker, Corporeal Capital: Theorizing the Division of Body Parts under Global Capitalism, *Politics and Culture* 2 (2007) available at <http://aspen.conncoll.edu/politicsandculture/page.cfm?key=562>

Week 10. June 4 Dangerous Mobilities and Incarceration

Avtar Brah *Global Mobilities, Local Predicaments: Globalization and the Critical Imagination*, *Feminist Review* 70 (2002): 30-45.

Inderpal Grewal, *Gendering Refugees: New National/Transnational Subjects*, from *Transnational America*, 158-195.

Elizabeth Bernstein, *The Sexual Politics of the 'New Abolitionism'*, *Differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*, 18(3) (2007): 128-151.

Rutvica Andrijasevic, *Beautiful Dead Bodies: Gender, Migration and Representation in Anti-Trafficking Campaigns*, *Feminist Review* 86 (2007): 24-44.

Angela Y. Davis, *The Prison-Industrial Complex*, from *Are Prisons Obsolete?* (Seven Stories Press, 2003), 84-104.

Priscilla Wald, *Cultures and Carriers: 'Typhoid Mary' and the Science of Social Control*, *Social Text* 52/53 (15.3) (1997): 182-214.

Final papers due by 5pm Wednesday, June 11, in 352 Murray Krieger Hall