Syllabus
for course at advanced level

Gender and Post-colonialism in Latin America
Genus och postkolonialism i Latinamerika

7.5 Higher Education Credits
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code: LA7104
Valid from: Spring 2018
Date of approval: 2017-09-12
Department: Department of Romance Studies and Classics
Main field: Latin America Studies
Specialisation: A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

Prerequisites and special admission requirements
Bachelor's Degree in Humanities, Social Sciences or Law. English 6 or equivalent.

Course structure

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Course content
The course highlights the impact of post-colonial thinking on contemporary Latin America research, focusing for example on theories developed within the framework of the so-called race-class-gender matrix. The course presents and discusses issues such as Latin American theorizing on gender, a perspective aiming at grasping the complexity of women subordination in a region characterized by mutually reinforcing and historically rooted structures of inequality. The course also enters into more specific themes: violence against women, sexual and reproductive health and rights, feminist activism and victimhood, social constructions of masculinity and HBTI-perspectives.

Learning outcomes
After completing the course the students should be able to:
- understand and account for the impact of various forms of structural oppression mutually contribute to the subordination of women in Latin America
- account for the impact of contemporary postcolonial approaches on feminist research on Latin America,
- account for how gender relations and feminist activism in Latin America have evolved through time and in specific social contexts.

Education
Seminars and, where applicable, tutoring. Teaching language: English

Forms of examination
a) Forms of examination - Oral presentations - Take-home exam.

b) Grades are given according to a referred seven-point scale:
A = Excellent  
B = Very Good  
C = Good  
D = Satisfactory  
E = Adequate  
Fx = Insufficient  
F = Fail  

c) Grading criteria The criteria for grading this course are to be distributed at the beginning of the course and are binding.  
d) Final degree The grade of a minimum E is required in order to obtain a pass mark for the course. For more detailed information see the course description which is available one month before the onset of the course.  
e) Failure Students, who have received a grade E or higher, may not re-take the test in order to improve their marks. For each course, two opportunities for examination will be offered. Moreover, at least one opportunity for examination will be offered such a year when the course is not given. Students who have received a grade Fx or a grade F (twice on a given test by the same examiner) on application, can be granted a new examiner. This is provided if there are no specific reasons against it. The application should be addressed to the Board of the department.  
f) Complementation Opportunity will be given for complementation from Fx to an approved grade. The complementary task should be handed in within a week after the examiner having announced the need for complementation. After complementation the student may receive the grades C-E.  

Required reading  
Check the department’s website for the course’s reading list: www.su.se/romklass. Updated reading lists are available two months before the course starts.