

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

National and Global Equality Policies: Goals and Instruments
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**7.5 Higher Education
Credits
7.5 ECTS credits**

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| Course code: | SV7017 |
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| Department | Department of Political Science |
| Main field: | Political Science |
| Specialisation: | A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements |

Decision

The syllabus has been decided by the Board of the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2007-03-20
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Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Bachelor of Arts Degree (180 ECTS credit points or the equivalent), with a major in Political Science. English B (Swedish upper secondary school course) or the equivalent.

Course structure

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| 7017 | National and Global Equality Policies: Goals and Instruments | 7.5 |

Course content

The aim of this course is to identify and analyze the goals and problem constructions as well as the strategies and the tools that are embedded in gender equality policies and welfare state policies, seen in a comparative perspective. Starting from research on equality policy in the Nordic countries, this course will widen the perspective towards the global scene. The interaction between discourse and policy will be studied at the national level as well as at the many new arenas of decisions-making at the continental (e.g. EU and AU) and the global level (e.g. UN, WTO and the World Bank). Within the framework of feminist theories of the state and theories about social movements facing globalization, we will also study the reactions from the women's movements and other NGO's and IGO's to the new global challenges.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to

1. Knowledge and understanding

- Provide accounts of different theoretical approaches to deal with gender equality policies and welfare state policies

- Identify and provide accounts of the objective of different national and global institutions' and organisations' gender equality policies, the construction of problems, strategies and methods, and finally the importance on NGO(s) in the process

2. Skills and abilities

- Present both in oral and written form, independent analysis related to the theme of gender equality policies

discussed during the course

3.Evaluation and approach

-Critically analyze central concepts as 'gender mainstreaming', 'gender perspective', 'gender budgeting', 'affirmative action', 'quotas' and 'preferential treatment'

Education

Series of compulsory seminars. Information about how absences may be compensated will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

Forms of examination

Compulsory participation. Oral presentations and written assignments.

For the grading, the course will employ a scale of seven steps, where A, B, C, D and E signify multiple degrees of pass, and F and Fx signify two degrees of fail. The grading is based on assessment criteria that will be distributed at the beginning of the course. It may be possible for a student to supplement the examination task if the grade is Fx and if information about this possibility is included in the supervising description of the course. In such cases the complementary work must be submitted within a week from when the examining teacher has informed the student about the task. If the complementary task is accepted and has the character of supplementing a lack of understanding, a minor misunderstanding, minor errors, or too limited discussions for some part, the grade E will be applied. If the complementary task is accepted and has the character of correcting simple formal errors the grades A-E will be applied. A student that has received a passing grade may not take part in a re-examination in order to obtain a higher grade. Students who have failed the course twice have the right to request another examiner. This request should be addressed to the departmental unit that has appointed the examiner.

Interim

When the course is no longer offered or when its content has been significantly modified, the student has the right to be examined according to this syllabus once each semester during a period of three semesters

Misc

The language of instruction is English.

Required reading

Books:

Johanna Kantola: Gender and the European Union. Palgrave 2010.

Petchesky, Rosalind Pollack: Global Prescriptions. Gendering Health and Human Rights. Zed Books 2003.

Squires, Judith (2007): The New Politics of Gender Equality. London: Palgrave.

Chapters in books:

Ferree, Myra Marx and Tetyana Pudrovska: "Transnational Feminist NGOs on the Web.

Networks and identities in the Global North and South", pp.247-72 in Myra Marx Ferree and

Aili Mari Tripp: Global Feminism. New York University Press: NY York 2006.

Hobson, Barbara "Solo Mothers, Social Policy Regimes and the Logics of Gender", pp.171-87, incl. list of references, in Sainsbury (ed.), Gendering Welfare States. London: Sage Publications. 2000.

Kantola, Johanna: Feminists Theorize the State. London: Palgrave. 2006, pp.ix-46

O'Brian, Robert et al: "The World Bank and women's movements", chap.2, pp.24-66 in

O'Brien et al: Contesting Global Governance. Multilateral Economic Institutions and Global Social Movements, Cambridge Univ. Press 2000.

Sainsbury, Diane: "Women's and Men's Social Rights: Gendering Dimensions of Welfare States", pp.150-69 I Sainsbury (ed.), Gendering Welfare States. London: Sage Publications. 2000.

Thorbek, Susanne & Bandana Pattanaik: Transnational Prostitution. Changing Global Patterns. Zed Books, 2002, chaps. 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and the conclusion.

Zhang, Naihua: "Unintended Consequences of Hosting a Women's Conference: Beijing and Beyond, pp. 171-87 in H.R.Christensen, B. Halsaa & A. Saarinen (eds): Crossing Borders.

Re-mapping Women's Movements at the Turn of the 21st Century. University Press of Southern Denmark. 2004.

Journal articles:

Bacchi, Carol Lee: "Policy and discourse: challenging the construction of affirmative action as preferential treatment" in Journal of European Public Policy, 11:1, February 2004.

Bacchi, Carol Lee: "Discourse, Discourse Everywhere, Subject 'Agency' in Feminist

Discourse Methodology", in NORA, No 3, Vol. 13, 2005, pp. 198-209 (free access on internet).

Freidenvall, Lenita: "A Discursive Struggle- The Swedish National Federation of Social Democratic Women and Gender Quotas" in NORA, No 3, Vol. 13, 2005, pp. 175-186 (free access on internet).

Sainsbury, Diane and Christina Bergqvist: "The Promise and Pitfalls of Gender Mainstreaming. The Swedish Case", International Feminist Journal of Politics, vol.11, nr.2, June 2009, pp.216-34.

Sainsbury, Diane: "Gender and the Making of Welfare States: Norway and Sweden", Social Politics, Spring 2001, pp.113-43 (free access on internet).

Skeije, Hege and Mari Teigen: "Political Constructions of Gender Equality: Travelling towards a gender balanced society?" in NORA, No. 3, Vol. 13, 2005, pp. 187-197 (free access on internet).

Timothy, Kristen: "Defending Diversity, Sustaining Consensus: NGOs at the Beijing Women's Conference and Beyond", Women, Politics & Policy, vol.27, no.1-2, 2005, pp.189-95. (free access on internet)

NB. Nora. Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research was previously called Nordic Journal of Women's Studies.