

Department of Political Science

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

Towards Emancipation: Feminist Theories and Strategies during 200

Years

Kampen för frigörelse: feministisk teori och strategi under 200 år

7.5 Higher Education Credits 7.5 ECTS credits

 Course code:
 SV7018

 Valid from:
 Autumn 2017

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 2007-10-23

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 2017-03-21

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, 2007-10-23. Date of latest revision 2017-03-21.

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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Course content

The course aims to discuss and problematize classical and modern feminist political writings, their inherent ideas about liberation and change and the strategies deployed in the texts as well as those proposed by the texts. The course explores how women in different contexts have worked to change and challenge patriarchal structures and how women have theorized the reproduction of patriarchal structures.

The course departs from a number of feminist declarations and manifests, written in different times and contexts. These are read and related to theories about the subjection of women, women's liberation and feminist strategies. The course provide insights into feminist theory, and themes such as the role of love, work, violence, technology and sexuality in ideas about emancipation. Additional themes deal with how to theoretically understand differences between women, and women's political agency.

Learning outcomes

The student are expected to be able to:

- describe and compare feminist theories and strategies from different epochs and contexts;
- analyze the relation between theory and strategy and to critically assess and discuss both theories and strategies;
- use arguments from the theoretical readings to articulate their own theoretical standpoint, as well as to use theories presented in the readings to analyze political and societal phenomenon.

Education

The course consists of mandatory seminars.

Forms of examination

The course is examined by a) active presence at the mandatory seminars; b) written and oral individual and group assignments; c) an individual written take-home exam.

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

Required reading