Syllabus

GENDER AND POLITICS

Political Science Degree
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Group 4.8

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Short outline
Introductory course to the study of politics from a gender perspective and to the analysis of gender equality policies

Requirements
Knowledge of written and spoken English

Aims
The course aims at familiarizing students with the study of politics from a gender perspective. This includes an understanding of what are the major contributions of feminist theories to the analysis of politics in general and gender equality policies in particular.

Competencies
1. Learning how to apply a gender perspective to the analysis of politics
2. Understanding gender equality policies, actors, strategies, and issues

Contents
Key concepts and theories for studying politics from a gender perspective. Political actors: feminist movements, equality institutions. The analysis of gender equality policies: strategies, institutions, instruments, and issues. Women’s political representation.
This course is structured into 4 issues. The first issue offers an introduction to the main concepts of a feminist analysis of politics and the main feminist theories of the state. The second theme examines gender equality policies. This includes exploring the framing of gender equality policies and the main current political strategies used in policymaking (equal opportunities, positive actions, gender mainstreaming, and intersectionality). The third issue introduces the main actors in gender equality policies, that is feminist movements and equality institutions, and analyzes the institutionalization of equality in the contexts of Spain and the European Union. The fourth theme focuses on the study of women’s political representation and gender quotas.

**Work methodology**

The methodology of work includes theory lectures and students’ active participation through oral presentations, written essays, reports and debates based on the syllabus’ readings. Using the virtual campus is crucial for the course.

**Assessment**

The assessment will take into account students’ work within and outside the class. This includes: critical reports on the readings, oral presentations, written essays, and an exam at the end of the course that will cover all the themes discussed in the theory and practical lectures, as well as all compulsory readings. The exam grade will count for 40% of the final grade. The grade of the reading reports, oral presentations, and essays will count for 60% of the final grade.

**Contents**

**Issue 1. Gender and politics: concepts and theories**

- Gender and politics: questions and concepts
- Basic concepts of a feminist analysis of politics (gender, equality, patriarchy, feminism, public/private dichotomy)
- Feminist theories of the state

**Readings (compulsory)**


**Readings (additional)**
Issue 2. Gender equality policies analysis: strategies and policy frames

- Framing gender equality policies
- Gender equality policy strategies
  - Equal opportunities
  - Positive actions
  - Gender mainstreaming
  - Intersectionality

Readings (compulsory)


Bacchi, Carol. 2006. Arguing for and against quotas, en Drude Dahlerup Women, Quotas and Politics, Londres: Routledge. (CV)


Readings (additional)


**Issue 3. Actors: feminist movements and equality institutions**

- Feminist movements
- Equality institutions
- Institutionalizing equality in the European Union
- Institutionalizing equality in Spain

**Readings (compulsory)**


**Readings (additional)**


**Issue 4. Women’s political representation and gender quotas**

- Political representation: descriptive, substantive and symbolic
- Gender quotas
- Power and gender
Readings (compulsory)


Readings and other additional resources:


Gavron Sarah, director. 2015. Suffragette. Movie that tells the story of the women movement’s struggles to obtain the right to vote in UK in the 20th century.


Additional readings on all issues:


Links:

UN
http://www.unwomen.org/es/
EU
Women and political representation

Database of the Inter Parliamentary Union on women and politics:  
www.ipu.org/wmn-e/world.htm
European Database of women and men in decision-making:  
http://www.db-decision.de/index_E.htm
Global Database of quotas for women in politics:  
http://www.quotaproject.org/
http://www.idea.int/gender/

http://www.inmujer.gob.es/estadisticas/portada/home.htm
http://www.mir.es/DGPI/Elecciones/index.html
http://www.democraciaparitaria.com/default.php

Gender and politics groups and a few research projects

ECPR Standing Group on Gender and Politics  
http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/standinggroups/gender/gender_home.aspx
AECPA Standing Group on Gender and Politics  

Proyectos:  
QUING -Quality in Gender Equality Policies- sobre políticas de igualdad en los 27 países de la Unión Europea + Turquía + Croacia + UE (6º Programa Marco Comisión Europea)  
http://www.quing.eu
MAGEEQ -Mainstreaming Gender Equality in Europe- (5º Programa Marco Comisión Europea)  
www.mageeq.net y  
http://www.ucm.es/info/mageeq/inicio.htm
FEMCIT - sobre Género y Ciudadanía multicultural (6º Programa Marco Comisión Europea)  
www.femcit.org
EQUAPOL -sobre políticas de igualdad y mainstreaming (5º Programa Marco Comisión Europea)  
www.equapol.gr
RNGS -Research Network on Gender Politics and the State  
http://libarts.wsu.edu/polisci/rngs/
CAHRV - Coordination Action on Human Rights Violations  
www.cahrv.uni-osnabrueck.de
RECON – Reconstituting democracy in Europe  
www.reconproject.eu
DEMOS - Democracy in Europe and the Mobilization of Society  
demos.iue.it
PAGANINI - Participatory governance and institutional innovation
www.paganini-project.net

EMILIE - A European approach to multicultural citizenship: Legal, political and educational challenges
www.eliamep.gr

EUROSPHERE - Diversity and the European Public Sphere. Towards a Citizens' Europe
www.eurosphere.uib.no

VEIL – Value, equality and differences in liberal democracies
www.univie.ac.at/veil

EGG – Enlargement, gender and governance
www.qub.ac.uk/egg/

WELLKNOW - From welfare to knowfare. A European approach to employment and gender mainstreaming in the Knowledge Based Society.
www.bifrost.is/wellknow

Some European NGOs

EWL European women’s lobby http://www.womenlobby.org/?lang=en
BEWC Black European women’s council http://www.bewnet.eu/
WAVE Women against violence Europe http://www.wave-network.org/
ENAR European network against racism http://www.enar-eu.org/
ILGA-Europe International lesbian gay bisexual trans intersex association http://www.ilga-europe.org/

Some Spanish NGOs

Federación estatal de organizaciones feministas http://www.feministas.org/
Coordinadora española para el lobby europeo de mujeres http://www.celem.org/
Fundación Mujeres http://www.fundacionmujeres.es/
PPIINA Permisos parentales iguales e intrasferibles http://www.igualeseintransferibles.org/
Mujeres en red http://www.nodo50.org/mujeresred/sp.htm
Mujeres net http://www.e-mujeres.net/
Forum de política femenina http://www.forumpoliticafeminista.org/
Red Feminista contra la violencia de género http://www.redfeminista.org/
Plataforma impacto de género ya http://impactodegeneroya.blogia.com/
Mujeres juristas Themis http://www.mujeresjuristasthemis.org/
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