Poli125: Gender, Politics, and Globalization  
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Course materials are available on TritonEd: https://tritoned.ucsd.edu. From the main page for poli125, click on "Content" in upper left menu. This will bring you to the course syllabus, policy paper guides, rubrics, TII.com links, PeerMark access, and PowerPoint slides. If you have any questions, please just let me, or one of your TAs, know.

**Course Description:**
What have been the effects of macro-level economic, cultural, and political trends associated with the contemporary era of globalization (circa 1970s – present) on gendered relations of power, and how has gendered power, in turn, influenced dominant conceptions and processes of contemporary globalization? These are the two central questions that inform this course. We begin by asking what we mean by “gender” and “gendered power,” and how we use gender as a category of analysis in the social sciences. We then examine economic, cultural, and political dimensions of contemporary globalization and assess the ways in which patterns and trends associated with each dimension has had gendered consequences. Within economic globalization, we examine the gendered impact of global economic restructuring in three main areas: industrial production, agriculture, and service sectors. Specifically, we focus on gendered divisions of labor and their impacts in export-processing industries, high-value agricultural industries, and domestic services. We then turn to cultural dimensions of globalization and examine the gendered causes and consequences of resurgent religious fundamentalism(s), investigating global trends and local case studies from both the “global north” and “global south.” In the final segment of the course, we examine some of the explicitly political dimensions of contemporary globalization and the ways in which these have both influenced, and been influenced by, gendered relations of power at international, national, and local levels. At the international level, we assess the impacts of political (and economic) institutions and organizations such as the United Nations, the IMF, the World Bank, the WTO, and the ILO on gendered relations of power in different national contexts. We also examine the ways in which these institutions and organizations have been reciprocally influenced by transnational social movements and organizations that promote gender equity as a central organizing principle. At national and local levels, we examine the gendered impact of specific global political strategies, such as mandated gender quotas in national legislatures, on gender equity and policy outcomes. The course concludes by examining the possibilities and limitations of gender mainstreaming as a political strategy for promoting greater gender equity at international, national, and local levels, and across different dimensions of globalization. Throughout the course, we use both macro and micro-level empirical analysis to critically assess competing conceptions of gender justice and contemporary theoretical debates in this area.
Course Requirements:

Summary:
(1) Class participation: Peer Instruction/clickers 10%
(2) Policy proposals due: week 3, Thursday, 20 April 5%
  • E-copy due to TritonEd by 11:59 p.m.
(3) Midterm exam: week 4, Thursday, 27 April 15%
(4) First draft policy brief (1500 word min.) to TritonEd: week 7, Th, 18 May, 11:59 pm 5%
(5) Feedback to two peers due to TritonEd: week 8, Thursday, 25 May by 11:59 pm 5%
(6) Final policy papers (8 – 10 pgs.) due: week 9, Thursday, 1 June 35%
  • Hard copy due by end of class
  • E-copy due to TritonEd by 11:59 pm Thurs., 6/1
(7) Final exam, Monday, 12 June, 3- 6 pm 25%

Exams:
There are two exams in this course: a midterm and a final. The midterm exam is worth 15% of your final grade, and the (cumulative) final exam is worth 25%. Both exams will be administered in class and will consist of short answer identifications questions and an essay question. Study guides will be posted one-week in advance of exams. Please note that exams cannot be made up without well-documented evidence of an emergency, or prior approval.

Research Project:
This course also requires that you write a short (8 - 10 page) policy brief on a contemporary problem of gender justice of your choice. For the purposes of this assignment, you will become a policy analyst employed by either a governmental, inter-governmental, or non-governmental organization of your choice, and your brief will be directed to a policy maker in a country of your choice, who is in a position of power to act on your policy recommendation(s). The purpose of this assignment is to allow you the opportunity to engage in more in-depth analysis of a policy problem related to gender justice and globalization of particular interest to you, and to deepen your knowledge of both a country case study and organizations (and institutions) relevant to the policy problem you choose. In addition, the policy brief is designed to further develop your research literacy and writing skills, and provide you with an opportunity to practice writing a professional policy brief.

We will post three documents on TritonEd to help you design, research, and write your policy briefs: (1) policy brief writing guidelines, (2) policy brief topics, and (3) policy brief rubric. The first document walks you through each of the interim assignments for writing your policy brief and provides detailed instructions and examples. It also provides links to sample professional policy briefs, as well as published policy briefs by former students in Prospect, UCSD’s undergraduate journal of international affairs (http://prospectjournal.ucsd.edu/). The second document is designed to help you generate ideas for a viable policy problem. The third document lists the criteria that the TAs and I will use to assess your final projects. This is also the rubric you will use to guide your review of two peers’ papers and self-assess your own final policy brief to earn 1 extra credit point on your final paper. The political science research library at Geisel, Annelise Sklar, has also put together a terrific research guide and materials for your projects: http://ucsd.libguides.com/coli125. We love to talk about projects in office hours, so please come tell us about your policy interests and research findings as they evolve!

Finally, please also note that there are two deadlines for your final policy paper: (1) submission of your hard copy at the end of class, and (2) submission of an e-version to turnitin.com via TritonEd (go to course content page). To avoid a late penalty, both deadlines must be met. If you have any questions, please consult one of your TAs or me. Please also note that e-mailed versions of assignments cannot be accepted under any circumstances. If an emergency should arise, please document this as best you can (include a written explanation as well as all supporting documentation), and staple this to the hard copy of your assignment. Submit these materials to me (envelope outside my office door, SSB #383) as soon as possible. I will review and contact you if I have any questions.
Class Participation:
As an upper-division political science course, you are expected to come to class meetings prepared to discuss central questions, puzzles, and concerns that arise from course readings assigned for that day. The most recent academic literature on teaching and learning has documented a strong causal relationship between active participation and discussion of course content and student learning. The risk of very large courses like ours is that students do not have sufficient opportunities to meaningfully participate in discussions about course materials and begin to feel anonymous. To facilitate discussion given our class size, I will use a relatively new pedagogy, “Peer Instruction,” together with clicker technology to facilitate both small and large group discussions. The academic literature on teaching and learning finds significantly increased learning gains among students who have participated in this pedagogical approach with the use of clickers.

We will begin “practicing” with Peer Instruction and clickers during week 1, and the “official” counting period will start week 3. If you do not yet have a clicker, this will allow you time to find or borrow (a friend or roommate?) one, or purchase one (new or used) online, or at the UCSD Bookstore. (If you buy them online, be sure to purchase the i-clicker brand, which is what UCSD’s infrastructure supports. If you want to sell back to the UCSD bookstore ($24.00 buy back), get the i-clicker 2. I-clicker 1 works for the class, too; but the UCSD Bookstore will not buy these back.) Please remember to register your clicker on TritonEd. (Link is on course home page, last item on upper left menu.)

Peer Instruction questions will be geared toward enhancing your understanding of course readings and lectures, and will help you prepare for your exams and your policy paper projects. In general, I will ask two different types of questions. One type will focus on a central point from your readings or a point covered in lectures. Pedagogically, these questions are used to strengthen our critical reading and thinking skills, and ensure that central concepts are generally understood before moving to a new topic. A second type of question will be a “polling” question, asking you to take a stand on a particular gender justice problem or issue. These questions will be used to stimulate class discussion on different topics. The focus of these of questions is also to hone our critical thinking skills and, specifically, our ability to articulate persuasive arguments to support our positions, based on logic and compelling evidence. For the first type of question, you will receive full points (1 pt.) for getting the question correct and .5 points simply for participating. For the second type of question, you will receive full points (1 pt.) for participating. In assessing your grade for this component of the course, you’re allowed to miss 20% of the total points during the official counting period without penalty. We will aim to ask approximately 1 – 3 clicker questions per class period. When we used Peer Instruction last quarter, the vast majority of students (more than 90%) report that they believed Peer Instruction and clicker use improved their learning and recommended them for future classes.

E-mail Policy: Please use the designated forums on the TritonEd discussion board for all course and assignment related questions so that everyone can benefit from information exchanged. The TAs and I will monitor the board M–F, but please also feel free to help each other out. Due to the size of our class, this will be the most efficient way for us to communicate. Because of the volume of email we all receive, let’s try to reserve e-mail for personal emergencies, etc. We will keep office hours almost every day of the week, and I’m always available after class, so let’s try to get to know each other in this way. Also, due to family obligations, I do not have Internet access after 5 pm on Fridays until Monday mornings. If you should urgently need to reach me on the weekend, however, please feel free to call me at home: 858.552.9264. If you do need to send email M–F, please be sure to put the course number (poli125) in the subject line so that I can quickly locate it. Thanks!

Academic Integrity Policy: Students are expected to do their own work, as outlined in the UCSD Policy on Academic Integrity and published in the UCSD General Catalog. Although you are encouraged to work together in preparing for class discussions and on your research projects, each student is expected to do their own work on all final written and individual Peer Instruction questions. This means that “clicking in” for a classmate using their clicker is an academic integrity violation. Violations will be subject to the disciplinary measures as outlined by the University. If you have any questions regarding this policy (http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/policy.html), please consult me, or one of your TAs.
Films: E-reserves
In addition to articles, lectures, and class discussion, this course will also use film to deepen our understanding of the gendered impacts of the contemporary globalization processes. We will often view film excerpts in class to highlight both theoretical points and empirical case studies. A significant body of literature provides evidence of the value of film to deepen understanding and retention of course materials. If you’d like to watch any of these films in their entirety, they have been scanned for the class and are accessible via e-reserves at Geisel. (See below.)

Course Readings: E-reserves
There is no textbook for this course. All required course readings are available (free!) via electronic reserves from Geisel Library: http://libraries.ucsd.edu/resources/course-reserves. If you encounter any problems, please call 858.534.1212, or e-mail: reserves@ucsd.edu or contact me. “Further Readings” are not required, but are listed as a guide to additional readings on topics for those of you with specific interests in these areas. If you have any problems locating these resources, please let me, or one of your TAs, know.

Course Schedule:
Week 1: Gender, Politics and Globalization
Tuesday, 4 April: Course Introduction
Readings: None.

Thursday, 6 April: What do we mean “gender”? How is gender used as a category of analysis?
Readings:
3. For review over the weekend (see Tuesday below):
   a. UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #5: Gender Equality
      World Bank: Gender Equality Report, 2012:
   c. UNRISD (UN Research Institute for Social Development), Gendered Dimensions of Development, 2015:
   e. Global Gender Gap Report, 2016:
   f. UN Human Development Report, 2016:
**Week 2: What is Globalization and How is it Related to Gender?**

**Tuesday, 11 April:** In What Ways is Contemporary Globalization a “Gendered” Phenomenon? 

**Guest:** Annelise Sklar, Political Science Research Librarian, Geisel Library, visits to discuss most relevant databases for policy projects.

Readings:

3. Use resources listed above (Thurs.) and course research guide to prepare for research tutorial: [http://ucsd.libguides.com/poli125](http://ucsd.libguides.com/poli125). Please bring in draft form to class (not graded):
   2. Draft idea for country case study within which you’d like to research this policy problem.
   3. Draft idea for an org that you’d like to represent.

**Thursday, 13 April:** Research Methods, Methodologies, and Epistemologies

What is the relationship between gender analysis, methodology, and epistemology?

Reading:


**Week 3: Economic Globalization and Its Gendered Impacts**

**Tuesday, 18 April:** The Gendered Impact of Industrial Production and Trade

**Film excerpts:** “Morris Town: In the Air and Sun,” Whitesburg, KY: Appalshop, 2007.

What gendered patterns can be observed in export-oriented industrialization? What explains this?

Readings:


**Thursday, 20 April:** The Development of Mexico’s Export-Processing (Maquiladora) Industries

**Hard copies of policy proposals due at the end of class today. E-versions due to TritonEd no later than 11:59 p.m. tonight.** Midterm review sheet will be posted to TritonEd by midnight on Saturday.

You are encouraged to form study groups and use the TritonEd board for questions, but essays should be the product of your own sustained thinking about questions. To ensure that all students have access to exam-related information exchanged, please use the designed TritonEd forum for midterm questions rather than e-mail to TAs or instructor. Thanks!

**Film excerpts:** “Maquilapolis,” California Newsreel, 2006.

Readings:


**Week 4: The Gendered Impacts of Global Restructuring in Agricultural Sectors**

**Tuesday, 25 April:** Gender Analysis of High-Value Agricultural Industries’ Global Restructuring

Readings:

**Thursday, 27 April**: Midterm Exam

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**Week 5: Gender and Global Migrations**

**Tuesday, 2 May**: The Gendered Dimensions of Mexico-to-U.S. Migrations

Readings:

**Thursday, 4 May**: The Gendered Dimensions of Global Migrations

How, and why, are global processes of migration and trafficking gendered? In what ways are women and men differently impacted by migration and trafficking? What are the gendered meanings of migration in the context of globalization?


Readings:

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**Tuesday, 9 May**: Women and Fundamentalism Islam


Readings:

**Thursday, 11 May**: Men and Fundamentalist Islam


Readings:

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**Week 7: Gender, Globalization, and International Institutions**
How have international level institutions, especially the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank (WB), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations (UN), and the International Labor Organization (ILO) and their policies differently impacted gender relations? What explains policy changes related to gender over time?

Tuesday, 16 May: The Gendered Impact of the IMF, WB and WTO


Readings:

Thursday, 18 May: The Gender Impact of the ILO and UN (especially CEDAW and Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals)

First draft of policy paper (1500 word minimum) due to TritonEd no later than 11:59 p.m. Please do not miss this deadline. Late assignments cannot be accepted. This is because the submission board “transforms” into a peer review board immediately after the draft submission deadline. At midnight, the online program (TII.com) will randomly assign all students who have submitted drafts two papers to review. If you do not submit a first draft, your paper will not be part of this process, so you will also miss out on peer review. Please do not miss this deadline (or the next one –next Thursday, 25 February). They are the most important deadlines in the class.


Readings:
5. Sustainable Development Goals; Goal 5, Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300 (Click on and read through #5.)

Week 8: The Politics of Gender in a Globalizing World: Outside and Inside Institutions

Tuesday, 23 May: Outside Global Institutions: Transnational Feminist Movements

What are transnational feminist movements and what impact have they had on gender equity?


Readings:
1. Elisabeth Jay Friedman, “Gendering the Agenda: The Impact of the Transnational Women’s Rights Movement at the UN Conferences of the 1990s,” Women’s Studies International Forum, 26, 4, July – August 2003, pp. 313 – 331 (18 pgs.)

Thursday, 25 May: Inside State Institutions: Democratization, Representation, and Quotas
Peer review comments due to two of your peers via TritonEd no later than 11:59 p.m. this evening. Please do not miss this deadline. (5% of course grade...)
What role have women played in democratization movements globally? How might dominant conceptions of democratization in mainstream political science be challenged by gender analysis?

Readings:

Week 9: Inside State Institutions: Democratization, Representation and Quotas


Readings:

Thursday, 1 June: Critical Perspectives on Gender Quotas

Hard copies of policy papers due at the end of class today. Identical e-versions due to TII.com on TritonEd no later than 11:59 p.m. this evening. (Remember you can always over-write uploads until the deadline, so upload early and often...)

What are the main types of gender quotas promoted globally? Is this a promising strategy for promoting gender justice at national levels? Why, or why not?

Readings:

Week 10: Gender, Politics, Globalization and Justice? Where do we go from here?

Tuesday, 6 June: Inside Global Institutions: Gender Mainstreaming

What is gender mainstreaming? What’s been its impact on gender equity at global, national, and local levels?

Readings:

Thursday, 8 June: Gender, Globalization and Justice

What do we mean by gender justice? What are the dominant obstacles to gender justice globally in the 21st century? Given these obstacles, which strategies might be most successful in promoting gender justice, and why?

Readings:
Final Exam: Monday, 12 June, 3- 6 p.m.

*Further Reading: These reading suggestions below are provided to help guide additional (not required) reading on topics that may be of interest to you.

Week 2: Further Reading

Week 3: Further Reading:

Week 4: Further Reading

Week 5: Further Reading

Week 6: Further Reading
Week 7: Further Reading

Week 8: Further Reading

Week 9: Further Reading
1. Global Database of Quotas for Women: http://www.quoataproject.org

Week 10: Further Reading

5. Global Gender Gap Reports, World Economic Forum:
