COURSE DETAIL

FEMINIST CRITIQUES OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT
Country Italy
Host Institution University of Bologna
Program(s) University of Bologna
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Women’s & Gender Studies Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 131
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title FEMINIST CRITIQUES OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT
UCEAP Transcript Title FEMNIST CRITIQUES
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale program in cultural anthropology. The course is intended for advanced levels students only. Enrollment is by consent of the instructor. The course focuses on *Algorithmic Patriarchy? Feminist critiques of technosocietal relations*

The course is a component of the integrated course (IC) in "Political Theory". Combining a close reading of some of the most recent contributions of feminist political theory to the understanding and critique of the “politics of the algorithm” with the reading and comment of some classic texts of women's political thought in the second half of the twentieth century, the course investigates how the algorithm redefines some key political concepts in the field of tension between masculine domination and women's freedom. Using conceptual history, and providing a political understanding of the technical dimension of algorithmic operations (such as search of keywords on internet, facial recognition, datamining) the course provides students with the tools necessary to highlight the continuities and discontinuities that the algorithm determines in patriarchal social relations and liberation practices starting from the reflection around some key-concepts for feminist political theory: nature (sex / gender, domination / power); identity (codification / politicization); recognition (discrimination / struggle); difference (universal / particular).

At the end of the course students will acquire a knowledge of the ways in which women had historically criticized the theoretical justification of their subordination articulated in Western political and social thought. By applying the fundamental tools of feminist and post-colonial theories, the course will provide an historical analysis of political and social concepts – such as authority, freedom, rights, citizenship, society, labor – as the expression of gendered relations of power.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus
BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
LM in HISTORY AND ORIENTAL STUDIES

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