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

Host Institution Course Number
81969,B4813

Host Institution Course Title

FEMINIST CRITIQUES OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

LM in HISTORY AND ORIENTAL STUDIES

Host Institution Department

HISTORY AND CULTURES

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