

Gender and Capitalism

3 credits

The aim of this course is to analyse the complex interrelations between questions of gender and the development of capitalism. All the waves of feminism have been linked to stages in the development of capitalism and it is obvious that in many ways capitalism is undermining the old hierarchy of a patriarchal society that used to be the enemy of feminist thought. Yet it is also obvious that capitalism is not providing women with widespread equality, indeed it is itself perhaps creating a form of oppression that is more dangerous precisely because it is difficult to spot where the enemy is.

The questions that the course will explore are: what are the relations between questions of gender equality and capitalism; is feminine liberation possible under capitalism; what specific problems does contemporary capitalism pose for women; does feminist thought provide a useful critique of capitalism; does capitalist thought provide a useful critique of feminism?

Plan of subjects

№	Subject	Lectures	Seminars
1	Intro: How do Gender and Capitalism Challenge the Ability to Think?	2	
2	Communism and Feminism: Can You Have One Without the Other?		2
3	Contemporary Capitalism and its Influences on Feminism	2	
4	Capitalism and Women's Liberation		2
5	Capitalism and the Family	2	
6	Capitalism and Gender Identity		2
7	Female Unconscious and the Female Subject	2	
8	Capitalism and Sex: the Path to Liberation?		2
9	Sex and Revolution	2	
10	The Perversions of Desire		2
11	Capitalism and Gender: Labor Market and Gender Order	2	
12	Pornography of Capitalism: Where is the Violence?		2
13	Images and Violence	2	
14	Strategies for Change: Policy and feminist Theory of State		2
15	Strategies for Change-2: Ways of Being Against Contemporary Capitalism	2	
16	Conclusion - Education and Politics of Identities		2

Methodology: Students will be given a range of concepts with which to consider questions of feminism and capitalism and will also be asked to apply these to practical examples that they meet in the world around them. They will read a wide range of texts in Russian and English and asked to express their ideas in speech and writing in either language.

Assessment: 25% Class Participation; 25% On Line Participation; 50% End Term Paper

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Literature

№	Publication date	Author and title	Publishing house
1*	2000	Антология гендерной теории. Сост. Е.Гапова, А.Усманова	Минск, Пропилеи
2*	2001	Введение в гендерные исследования. Часть II. Хрестоматия.	Харьков, ХЦГИ, СПб, Алетейя.
3*	2000	Хрестоматия феминистских текстов. Переводы.	СПб, «Дмитрий Буланин»
4*	1978	Маркс К. Капитал. Критика политической экономии	М., Изд-во полит лит-ры.
5	1983	Gilles Deleuze, Felix Guattari. The Anti-Oedipus	Minneapolis: Minnesota University Press
6*	2002	Deleuze G., Guattari F. A Thousand Plateaus: Capitalism and Schizophrenia.	Continuum: London, New York
7*	1993	Judith Butler. Bodies That Matter: On the Discursive Limits of Sex	NY&London: Routledge
8	2004	Julia Kristeva. Melanie Klein	NY: Columbia University Press
9	1995	Mapping Ideology. Zizek S. (ed.)	London: Verso
10	1998	Mandell N. Elliot P. Feminists Issues. Race, Class and Sexuality	Scarborough: Prentice-Hall Canada Inc
11	1992	Feminists Theorizing the Political	New York: Routledge
12	1998	Jacques Rancière. Disagreement: Politics and Philosophy.	Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press
13	1984	Pleasure and Danger: Exploring Female Sexuality	London: Routledge
14	2001	Rethinking Gender and Therapy, ed. S. Izzard and N. Barden	Milton Keynes: Open University Press
15	1995	The Body, In Theory: Histories of Cultural Materialism	University of Michigan Press
16	1989	Toward a Feminist Theory of State	Camb. Mass, London, UK: Harvard University Press
17	1981	Women and Revolution: A Discussion of the Unhappy Marriage of Marxism and Feminism. L.Sargent (ed.)	London: Pluto Press
18	2005	Luc Boltanski, Eve Chiapello. The New Spirit of Capitalism.	London: Verso
19*	2002	Гендерные истории Восточной Европы	Минск, ЕГУ
20*	1997	Де Бовуар С. Второй пол	СПб, Алетейя
21*	2000	Бодрийяр Ж. Символический обмен и смерть	М., Добросвет
22*	1990	Фрейд З. Очерки по психологии сексуальности	Минск, Бел. сов.энц.им. П. Бровки
23*	1996	Фуко Мишель. Воля к истине: по ту сторону знания, власти и сексуальности. Работы разных лет	М., Касталь

Resource of Internet		
24	Jean-Francois Lyotard. Energumen Capitalism	www.krokodile.co.uk/out2/ec.htm
25	Karl Marx. The Communist Manifesto	www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/ch01.htm
26	Anna Temkina and Anna Rotkirch. The Fractured Working Mother and other new gender contracts in contemporary Russia	www.valt.helsinki.fi/staff/rotkirch/gendcontract.htm
27	Hilary Lips. Women and Economic Development	www.radford.edu/~gstudies/sources/nz/keyecon.htm
28	Naomi Klein. No Logo (fragments)	books.guardian.co.uk/firstchapters/story/0,6761,402483,00.html
29	Guy Debord. Theses on the Situationist International and Its Time	www.cddc.vt.edu/sionline/si/sistime.html

* - these resources are in the library of EHU

NB: *others texts will be in electronic version*