Course Syllabus

Abstract

Queer as political concept course aims to familiarize students with the core texts and critical debates that have shaped queer theory. This course presumes a background in sexuality, gender, and feminist theory. We will trace the expansion of the term “queer” from its early contestation with LGBT identities and politics to its current use as a broad framework that designates non-normative modes of knowledge, cultural practices, and political activism. Central to our investigation are the intersections between queer theory and political science. Weaving analyses of foundational queer texts, we will explore an expansive and radical contemporary queer politics, pushing beyond narrow constructions of identity politics, anti-discrimination policy, and rights-based reforms. This class will ultimately engage Queer Theory through a fruitful philosophical and political interrogation of the meaning and content of queer.

Learning Objectives

- Develop knowledge in theory and methodology of queer theory
- Develop knowledge and skills in research design

Expected Learning Outcomes

- Know the key concepts and theories in the field
- Be able to analyze and resolve practical problems through queer theory concepts
- Know how to use queer theory in papers and dissertation thesis
Course Contents

- Introduction to Queer Theory
  

- Introduction to Sexualities
  

- Sexual citizenship
  

- Social movements
  

- Queer of colour
  
  *February 21.*

- Feminist critique
  
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- Ideologies
  

- Biopolitics
  
Assessment Elements

- Final Research Paper (Group Presentation)
- Homework
- Research proposal
- Active Classroom Participation

Interim Assessment

- Interim assessment (4 module)

\[ 0.3 \times \text{Active Classroom Participation} + 0.3 \times \text{Final Research Paper (Group Presentation)} + 0.25 \times \text{Homework} + 0.15 \times \text{Research proposal} \]

Bibliography

Recommended Core Bibliography


Recommended Additional Bibliography


