

FEMINIST POLITICAL THOUGHT

Intitulé du cours / Course title

Discipline <i>Academic field</i>	Political Theory
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Niveau de formation <i>Academic level</i>	4 ^{ème} année
Volume horaire <i>Hours</i>	20h
Langue <i>Language</i>	English

Description du cours / Course outline

This class has two principal objectives. The first is to introduce students to the academic study of political ideologies. These families of thought are notoriously difficult to analyse, not least because they are deeply enmeshed in the cut and thrust of our politics and public debates. We will thus attempt to develop an academically rigorous approach to one such ideological family: feminism. This will in turn allow us to pursue our second objective: to trace the historical trajectories of the principal traditions which co-exist within the feminist family. In doing so, we shall encounter major feminist voices, from Mary Woolstonecraft to Judith Butler, and major feminist issues, from citizenship and motherhood to sexuality and wages.

Objectifs pédagogiques du cours / Course objectives

1. An introduction to the study of ideology
2. An overview of the main traditions of feminist political thought

Compétences acquises / Learning outcomes

1. Understanding of the epistemological issues raised by a historical study of feminist thought
2. Ability to situate key feminist thinkers historically and to identify the distinctive traditions in feminism's intellectual history
3. An understanding of contemporary debates within feminist political theory, and their continuities with/departures from feminism's long history

