

# 6AANB039 Gender and Philosophy

Syllabus, Academic year 2012/13

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## **Lectures**

Thursdays 16.00, room S-1.06\*

*\*Tutorial times and venues will be organized independently with your teaching tutor.*

## **Aims of the course**

- To introduce you to a range of contemporary feminist issues
- To enable you to understand various ways of thinking about these issues.
- To encourage you to engage with the arguments raised, and to evaluate and assess the ideas introduced.

## **Assessment**

**Formative assessment:** EITHER 1,500 words (double essay submission)  
OR 2,000 words (single essay submission)

- *First essay due:* 16.00 on Friday 9 November 2012
- *Second essay due:* 16.00 on Friday 21 December 2012

Formative essays must be completed by the deadline in order to receive feedback. This feedback is crucial for your summative assessment.

**Summative assessment:** one two---hour exam (100%)

## **Reading**

- *Feminism: Issues and Arguments.* This is the main text that forms the basis for the module. A very limited number of copies of the text will be made available in the library for short-term loan. However, we will be reading from this text virtually every week, so one would be well-advised to purchase a copy of the

book. (Used copies are available on Amazon for as little as £10, new copies are £18.39.)

- Other reading will be made available on KEATS if it is not otherwise available online.

## **Module Outline**

The required readings for each topic appear in a box at the beginning of the topic. You should aim to do these *before* the lectures on the topic.

### **1. Introduction/ Feminism, work and the family**

SAUL, J., <i>Feminism. Issues and Arguments</i> , Chapter 1. OKIN, S. M. "Toward a Humanist Justice", in Cudd and Andreason, <i>Feminist Theory: A Philosophical Anthology</i> , Oxford: Blackwell 2005, 403-413 OKIN, S. M. "Justice as Fairness: For Whom?", in Okin, <i>Justice, Gender, and the Family</i> , Basic Books 1989.
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MACKINNON, C., (1987) "Difference and Dominance", in MacKinnon, C. *Feminism Unmodified*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press  
MILLER, D. "Equality of Opportunity and the Family", in Satz, D. and R. Reich, *The Political Philosophy of Susan Moller Okin*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2009.  
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SATZ, D. "Feminist Perspectives on Reproduction and the Family", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Winter 2004 Edition)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2004/entries/feminism-family/>  
VALIAN, V. "Gender Begins—and Continues—at Home", in Valian, V. *Why So Slow?*, Cambridge: MIT Press 1999, 23-46.  
WILLIAMS, J. (2000). *Unbending Gender: Why Family and Work Conflict and What to Do About It*, Oxford: Oxford University Press (Ch. 3,4,7)

### **2. Feminine Appearance**

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- BORDO, S. (1999) *The Male Body: A New Look at Men in Public and Private* New York, Farrar, Straus and Giroux
- DAVIS, K. (1995) *Reshaping the Female Body: The Dilemma of Cosmetic Surgery*, NY: Routledge (Ch. 1, 4, 6)
- FRYE, M. (1983) "Sexism", in Frye, M. *The Politics of Reality: Essays in Feminist Theory*, Freedom, CA: The Crossing Press.
- RICHARDS, J.R. (1980) "The Unadorned Feminist", in *The Sceptical Feminist*, London: Routledge.
- WALTER, N. (1998) *The New Feminism*, London: Little, Brown, and Company.
- WALTER, N. (2010) *Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism*. London: Virago.
- YOUNG, I. M. (1990b) "Women Recovering Our Clothes", in Young, I. M. *Throwing Like A Girl and Other Essays in Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory*, Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, pp. 177-188.

### 3. Implicit Bias

- HOLROYD, J. Forthcoming. "Taking Responsibility for Bias".
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- SAUL, J. "Implicit Bias, Stereotype Threat and Women in Philosophy", forthcoming in Jenkins and Hutchison, *What Needs to Change?*

- HASLANGER, S. "Changing the Ideology and Culture of Philosophy: Not by Reason (Alone)", <http://www.mit.edu/~shaslang/papers/HaslangerCICP.pdf>.
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- SAUL, J. *Feminism. Issues and Arguments*, chapter 3.

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- DYZENHAUS, D. "John Stuart Mill and the Harm of Pornography", *Ethics* 102 (April 1992): 534-551
- DWYER, S. *The Problem of Pornography*, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth 1995
- ITZIN, C. *Pornography: Women, Violence, and Civil Liberties*, NY: Oxford University Press 1992.
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- MACKINNON, C. "On Collaboration", in MacKinnon, C. *Feminism Unmodified*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press 1987b.
- MACKINNON, C. "Pornography, Civil Rights, and Speech", in Itzin, C. *Pornography: Women, Violence, and Civil Liberties*, NY: Oxford University Press 1992
- MACKINNON, C. *Only Words*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press 1993
- MCGOWAN, M. K. "Conversational Exerctives and the Force of Pornography", *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 2003, 31:2, 155-189.
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- HOPKINS, P. "Simulation and the Reproduction of Injustice: A Reply", *Hypatia* (10: 2), Spring 1995, 162-170
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- LITTLE, M.O. (1999) "Abortion, Intimacy, and the Duty to Gestate", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 2, pp. 295-312.
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