

## Women in International Political Movements

201Q Spring Quarter 2003  
Cross-Cultural Women's History  
Thurs. 2:10-5:00, Social Sciences 4202

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### Required Texts:

- Bonnie S. Anderson, *Joyous Greetings: The First International Women's Movement, 1830-1860*.
- Leila J. Rupp, *Worlds of Women: The Making of an International Women's Movement*.
- Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*.
- Edward Said, *Orientalism*.
- Antoinette Burton, *Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women, and Imperial Culture, 1865-1915*.
- Kumari Jayawardena, *Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*.
- Cynthia Enloe, *Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*.
- Course Reader

### Course Requirements:

- You are expected to do all the assigned readings and participate in discussion each week.
- You will each be responsible for framing and opening one discussion meeting. Your questions should cut across and attempt to connect the various readings.
- Each student will make two in-class presentations of no more than 15 minutes on the books listed under the weekly "reports."
- Each student will submit a two-page précis on the readings for three different class meetings.
- You will each write a final essay of 15-20 pages, the goal and form of which may be negotiated, though all must have a cross-cultural dimension. At the last class, you will give a presentation on the theme of your essay. Final papers are due June 12 by noon.

### Course Schedule

#### Week 1: Introduction

#### Week 2: Feminism and Internationalism

##### Readings:

\*Ian Tyrrell, "American Exceptionalism in an Age of Internationalism," *American Historical Review*, v. 96, October, 1991, 1031-56.

\*Karen Offen, Ruth Pierson and Jane Rendall, "Introduction," to *Writing Women's History: International Perspectives*, xix-xli.

\*Offen, "Defining Feminism: A Comparative Historical Approach," and Cott and DuBois, "Responses," in *Signs* v. 14 #1 and v. 15 #1.

\*Nancy Hewitt, "Sisterhood in International Perspective," *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 1988, 1 and 2.

\*Lila Abu-Lughod, "Feminist Longings and Postcolonial Conditions," in *Remaking Women: Feminism and Modernity in the Middle East*.

*Reports:*

- Nancy Cott, *The Grounding of Modern Feminism*.
- Sheila Rowbotham, *Women, Resistance and Revolution*.
- Naomi Black, *Social Feminism*.
- Vicky Randall, *Women in Politics: An International Perspective*.
- Jane Rendall, *The Origins of Modern Feminism*.
- Donald Meyer, *Sex and Power: The Rise of Women in America, Russia, Sweden and Italy*.
- Wang Zheng, *Women in the Chinese Enlightenment: Oral and Textual Histories*.
- Richard J. Evans, *The Feminists: Women's Emancipation Movements in Europe, America and Australia, 1840-1920*.

### **Week 3: Building an International Women's Movement in the Nineteenth Century-**

*Readings:*

•Bonnie S. Anderson, *The First International Women's Movement, 1830-1860*.

\*Gail Bederman, "'The White Man's Civilization on Trial': Ida B. Wells, Representations of Lynching, and Northern Middle-Class Manhood," in *Manliness and Civilization: A Cultural History of Gender and Race in the United States, 1880-1917*.

*Reports:*

- Ian Tyrrell, *Woman's World, Woman's Empire: The Woman's Christian Temperance Union in International Perspective*.
- Mineke Bosch, *Politics and Friendship: Letters From the International Woman's Suffrage Alliance, 1902-1941*.
- Hu Ying, *Tales of Translation: Composing the New Woman in China, 1899-1918*.
- Peggy Pascoe, *Relations of Rescue: The Search for Female Moral Authority in the American West, 1874-1939*.
- Louise Newman, *White Women's Rights: The Racial Origins of Feminism in the United States*.
- Kathryn Anthony, *Feminism in Germany and Scandinavia*.
- Ellen Carol Dubois, ed. *Pacific Historical Review*, vol. 69, no. 4, November, 2000.
- Jean Quataert, *Reluctant Feminists in German Social Democracy, 1885-1917*.
- Werner Thonnesen, *The Rise and Decline of the Women's Movement in German Social Democracy, 1863-1933*.

### **Week 4: Women and the Left**

*Readings:*

\*Richard Evans, *Comrades and Sisters: Feminism, Socialism, and Pacifism in Europe, 1870-1945*, Introduction and Chs. 1-4.

\*Elizabeth Waters, "In the Shadow of the Comintern: The Communist Women's Movement, 1920-1943," in *Promissory Notes*.

\*Asuncion Lavrin, "Women, Labor and the Left: Argentina and Chile, 1890-1925," *Journal of Women's History*, vol. 1, no. 2 (Fall, 1989): 88-116.

\*Jane Jenson, "Representations of Gender: Policies to 'Protect' Women Workers and Infants in France and the United States Before 1915," in *Women, the State and Welfare*.

*Reports:*

- Mari Jo Buhle, *Women and Socialism*.
- Marilyn Boxer and Jane Quartaert, *Socialist Women*.
- Judith Stacey, *Patriarchy and Socialist Revolution in China*.
- Jane Slaughter and Robert Klein, *European Women on the Left*.
- Charles Sowerwine, *Sisters or Citizens? Women and Socialism in France Since 1876*.
- Phyllis Andors, *The Unfinished Liberation of Chinese Women, 1949-1980*.
- Jean Quataert, *Reluctant Feminists in German Social Democracy, 1885-1917*.

## **Week 5: Building an International Women's Movement in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries**

Guest: Leila Rupp, Professor of Women's Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara-TALK 1:30-2:50/ CLASS METING 3:00-5:30

*Readings:*

- Leila J. Rupp: *Worlds of Women: The Making of an International Women's Movement*.

\*Francesca Miller, "Feminism and Social Motherhood, 1890-1938," in *Latin American Women and the Search for Social Justice*.

## **Week 6: Imperialism and Nationalism**

*Readings:*

- Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities*.
- Edward Said, *Orientalism*, 1-110.

*Reports:*

- Chandra Talpade, et. al., eds. *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*.
- Azar Tabari and Nahid Yeganeh, eds. *In the Shadow of Islam*.
- Antoinette Burton, *Dwelling in the Archive: Women Writing House, Home and History in Late Colonial History*.
- Nupur Chaudhuri and Margaret Strobel, eds. *Western Women and Imperialism: Complicity and Resistance*.
- Parvin Paidar, *Women and the Political Process in Twentieth Century Iran*.

## **Week 7: Feminism and Imperialism**

*Readings:*

- Antoinette Burton, *Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women, and Imperial Culture, 1865-1915*.
- Edward Said, *Orientalism*.

*Reports:*

- Lila Abu-Lughod, ed., *Remaking Women: Feminism and Modernity in the Middle East*.
- Kumari Jayawardena, *The White Woman's Other Burden: Western Women and South Asia During British Rule*.
- Ruth Roach Pierson and Nupur Chaudhuri, eds., *Nation, Empire, Colony: Historicizing Gender and Race*.
- Vron Ware, *Beyond the Pale: White Women, Racism and History*.

## **Week 8: Feminisms, Nationalism, and Pan-Nationalism**

### *Readings:*

- \*Kumari Jayawardena, *Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*. (All except Ch. 2)
- \*Deniz Kandiyoti, "Introduction" and "End of Empire: Islam, Nationalism and Women in Turkey," in *Women, Islam, and the State*.
- \*E. Francis White, "Africa on My Mind: Gender, Counter-Discourse and African-American Nationalism," *Journal of Women's History*, vol. 2, no. 1 (1990), 73-97.

### *Reports:*

- Ono Kazerko, *Chinese Women in a Century of Revolution*.
- Cheryll Walker, *Women and Resistance in South Africa*.
- Barbara Webster, *Women and Revolution in Yugoslavia, 1941-44*.
- Taylor, Diana. *Disappearing Acts: Spectacles of Gender and Nationalism in Argentina's Dirty War*.
- Kay Ann Johnson, *Women, the Family and Peasant Revolution in China*.

## **Week 9: Globalization**

### *Readings:*

- Enloe, Cynthia. *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*.

### *Reports:*

- Jane S. Jacquette, ed. *The Women's Movement in Latin America: Participation and Democracy*.
- Barbara Ehrenreich and Arlie Russell Hochschild, eds. *Global Woman: Nannies, Maids, and Sex Workers in the New Economy*.
- Cynthia Enloe, *Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives*.
- Elisabeth Croll, *Changing Identities of Chinese Women: Rhetoric, Experience and Self-Perception in Twentieth-Century China*.

## **Week 10: NGOs, UN World Women's Conferences, Beijing, and Beyond**

### *Readings:*

- \*Wang Zheng, "Maoism, Feminism, and the UN Conference on Women: Women's Studies Research in Contemporary China," *Journal of Women's History* (1997) vol. 8, no. 4: 126-52.
- \*"Reflections on the Fourth World Conference on Women and NGO Forum '95," *Signs* 22 (Autumn 1996): 181-210.
- \*Temma Kaplan, "Women's Rights as Human Rights: Grassroots Women Redefine Citizenship in a Global Context," in *Women's Rights and Human Rights: International Historical Perspectives*.

\*Francesca Miller, "National Liberation, Redemocratization, and International Feminism, 1974-1990," in *Latin American Women and the Search for Social Justice*.

***Presentations on Final Projects***

