Critical Interdisciplinary Approaches to Doing Research in Gender Studies
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Course description

The aim of the course is to investigate theoretical and methodological problems related to the knowledge production in post-disciplinary age.

The first part of the course is dealing with the concept of interdisciplinarity and its different interpretations. The conceptual differences between inter-, multi- and transdisciplinarity will be addressed. Particular attention will be given to interdisciplinary perspective in women’s studies and gender studies, disciplinization processes and specific problems related with interdisciplinary research and its evaluation.

The second part of the course focuses on theoretical and methodological problems of intersectionality as an interdisciplinary method and an approach based upon feminist and gender theories. The course investigates its origin and development of intersectional research in gender studies, and discusses several representative research cases. Students are invited to discuss their own research projects as well.

Course Goals and Learning Outcomes

Objectives of the course:
- To familiarize students with the interdisciplinary perspective in women’s studies/gender studies.
- To discuss critically the logic of disciplinization processes in academia and their implications for knowledge production.
- To analyze theoretical and conceptual problems concerning interdisciplinary research using examples from women’s studies/gender studies.
- To familiarize students with main problems of intersectional analysis in gender studies.
- To discuss specific problems of evaluation of interdisciplinary and intersectional research through exercises in writing peer reviews and research proposals.

**Course Requirements and Assignments:**

Regular participation and discussions in the class: 35 %
Proposal for interdisciplinary/intersectional research 15%
Peer review 10%
Sit in exam 40%

1. **What are disciplines? And How Is Interdisciplinarity Different?**


2. **Woman’s Studies and Interdisciplinarity 1**


3. **Woman’s Studies and Interdisciplinarity 2**


   Gloria Anzaldua: Excerpts from *Borderlands*.

4. **Inter-, multi-, or transdisciplinarity?**


5. **Interdisciplinary Research in Practice: Evaluation and Peer Reviews**


6. **Changing Paradigms**


7. **Intersectionality**


8. **Intersectionality in Gender Research**


9. **Intersectionality and Sexuality**


10. **Intersectionality in Transnational Perspective**


11. Instead of a Conclusion

12. Sit in exam