

Course TITLE: Introduction to Gender in Asia

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Course Overview:

This course explores gender relations in Asian culture, history, politics, economy, religion, media and the family. The course specifically examine the role of women, men, and transgender both officially and unofficially influenced in and improved access to the rights of women in the regions of Asia, i.e., Southeast Asia, South Asia, East Asia, Central Asia and Western Asia. It will also address the controversial issues of women's rights and victimization, such as sex worker in Thailand and the Philippines, women religious leader in Afghanistan and China, 'mail-order brides' and domestic helpers as well its related health issues in several countries. Finally the course will grapple with understanding cultural constructions of the feminine and masculine in the formation of the modern world.

Grading:

Overall, the success of this course is dependent on ongoing and active student participation. Basically, the course instructor will provide lecture at the beginning of each class and set a framework for understanding the topic and the readings. The class will revolve around students' interaction and participation. In each week, students will write their one-page reaction paper to class which should be voluntarily present in the beginning of each session from the representative of each region. The final examination will be offered options for students to either write an 8-pages academic paper or conduct a creative project to promote gender equality in different aspect.

In short each item accounts as follow:

1. Attendance and participation: 20%
2. One-page reaction papers 30%
3. Presentation and assignment 10%
4. Final exam 40 %