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Department of Sociology

A. Reading course in *Modern and contemporary texts in gender and feminist theory, focus Third World Feminism/Muslim Feminism* (PhD level)

A third level (PhD) “reading course” does not involve any teaching and typically only has one or a few participants taking part in the course. A reading course should cover an ambitious and demanding reading material, which exact page number can vary depending on the nature of texts (i.e., heavy dominance of research articles). The Department of Sociology offer reading courses to its PhD students on areas that cover either a specific topic of high relevance for the PhD thesis, or a specific area of research expertise in the Department. This course belongs to the latter category.

The course syllabus presented below is an extension of the course *Modern and contemporary texts in gender and feminist theory*, with a deepening of the focus on Third World Feminism and Muslim Feminism (which is only briefly discussed in the original course). The extra literature and examination represent **2.5 credits**.

This course has been reviewed by the Director of graduate studies on 03-JUNE-2019.

B. Course Details, Assessment, Grades

This course is offered by Sara Eldén upon demand as a reading course on the readings listed under D, below. There is no teaching. The course is examined on the basis of a written paper (in English or Swedish) of 4-5 pages and/or an oral examination.

The grades for the course are awarded as Pass or Fail. To receive a Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified for the course and demonstrate an independent, reflective, well-informed and critical relationship to the issues presented in the course.

C. Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to:

- 1) Summarize the main outlines of the research field covered in the reading material;
- 2) Critically examine contributions to the relevant research field;
- 3) Apply some of the ideas in the literature to a research problem.

D. Course content

The aim of this course is to provide advanced knowledge of modern/contemporary feminist writings and debates, with relevance for sociological theorizing, with a special focus on Third World Feminism and Muslim Feminism. The purposes of the course is to develop students’

understanding of gender, feminist debates, and different feminist approaches to the study of gender in sociology.

The literature covers key debates in Third World Feminist and Muslim feminist thinking.

E. Admission Requirements

Applicants must be admitted to the Ph.D. program at the Department of Sociology, Lund University, or be accepted as a visiting student to that program.

F. Course Literature

Third World Feminism/ Muslim feminism

Narayan, U. (2013). *Dislocating cultures: Identities, traditions, and third world feminism*. Routledge. (233 pages)

Ahmed, S. (2013). *The cultural politics of emotion*. Routledge.(230 pages, selected chapters)

bell hooks. (2009). *Belonging: A culture of place*. Routledge.(224 pages, selected chapters)

Mahmood, S. (2006). Secularism, hermeneutics, and empire: The politics of Islamic reformation. *Public culture*, 18(2), 323-347.

Abu-Lughod, L. (1990). The Romance of Resistance: Tracing Transformations of Power Through Bedouin Women. *American Ethnologist*, 17(1), 41-55. Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org/stable/645251>