

PHIL/WGST-275 Moral and Philosophical Issues
of Gender in Society
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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to philosophical ways of raising and addressing feminist questions, critiques, and concerns. It begins by laying some groundwork, introducing key concepts and methods in feminist philosophy: feminism, intersectionality, oppression, sexism, and misogyny. It then considers the ethical and social dimensions of five practical points of feminist concern:

1. work and care;
2. reproductive rights;
3. pornography;
4. sex work; and
5. sexual violence and harassment.

Along the way, it critically examines and applies philosophical theories and concepts that are especially relevant to each practical point of concern, including epistemic justice, adaptive preferences, objectification, speech acts, silencing, ideology, false consciousness, and consent, among other things.