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Course Outcome

GDRS 3007 - Understanding Masculinities and Social Change

Learning Outcome

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. state the key issues and concepts in the field of men's and masculinities studies;
2. distinguish the competing theoretical approaches to men and masculinities;
3. understand men and masculinities in a cross-cultural perspective;
4. recognize that social class, sexuality, race/ethnicity and age cut across the issues pertinent to men's and masculinities studies;
5. comment on the strengths and weaknesses of various theoretical approaches to men and masculinities;
6. theorize contemporary social issues in relation to men and masculinities;
7. critically engage with inequality in society in relation to different modes and notions of masculinities.

Course Syllabus

1: Making men and men in crisis

In this lecture, we will introduce briefly the current situation and discussions surrounding masculinities in the world today.

2: Theorising Masculinities

In this lecture, we will introduce men's studies as a discipline, and outlines some major theories / thoughts / points they propose.

3: Gendering boys' and men's lives

In this lecture, we will talk about how gender is "taught" and "learned", beginning from the family.

4: masculinities and the schooling of boys

In this lecture, we will talk about how gender is "taught" and "learned" in the family, and continues in schools. We will look into school rules, curriculum, and classroom dynamics, etc.

5: masculinities, work and labor

In this lecture, we will talk about how gender plays out in the workplace - how it affects one's choice of work, workplace dynamics, etc.

6: men, sexuality, the body and power

In this lecture, we will talk about how men relate to the concept of sexuality.

7: masculinities in global contexts

In this lecture, we will talk about how masculinities is understood and played out differently in different cultures.

8: Chinese masculinities

In this lecture, we will focus on talking about masculinities in Chinese culture and traditional Chinese societies, and its recent developments.

9: men, masculinities, and sports

In this lecture, we will focus on the construction of masculinities in sports.

10: homophobia and queer masculinities

In this lecture, we will talk about how requirements of masculinities intersects with marginalised sexuality.

11: female masculinities

In this lecture, we will talk about how masculinities can be embodied by someone of female gender, and how it challenges the notion of normative masculinity.

12: men and feminism and men's movement

In this lecture, we will talk about how men's role in feminism, and its backlash.

Assessment Type

	Assessment Type	Current Percent
1	Essays	40
2	Essay test or exam	30
3	Homework or assignment	10
4	Presentation	20

Feedback for Evaluation

1. Course and Teaching Evaluation Survey
2. Internal Course Review

Required Readings

Introduction: Making Men and Men in Crisis

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Masculinities, Work and Labor

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