

GNDR 204

# Gender, Health, Power and Resistance

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GNDR 204 Gender, Health: Power & Resistance

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**Course Description:**

Course Description: This course considers how patriarchy, colonization, capitalism, and more recently, neo-liberalism have shaped understandings and experiences of health across intersections of sex, gender, race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, and (dis) ability. In addition to reading interdisciplinary scholarly texts on health-related topics, we contemplate various forms of health activism as seen in feminist, anti-racist, anti-colonial, lgbtq2S+ grassroots movements. While noting impressive gains made by a number of social movements, we also highlight the shift towards corporate-sponsored, 'astroturf' health campaigns.

The format for this course is typically one weekly lecture, one weekly film, and one seminar discussion of the readings.

**Objectives:**

- A politicized understanding of health that goes beyond a biomedical approach and even a 'social determinants' model to consider deep-rooted historical and contemporary processes of relevance
- Awareness of the relationship between health, social structures, and socio-political and economic inequalities
- The ability to critically engage with health-related knowledge production, expertise, and models of social change

**Evaluation:**

- Three written assignments engaging with course readings, lectures, and online discussion  
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