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Gender Sociology in Comparative Perspective Syllabus

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Course description:

Do you sometimes perceive that people expect certain behavior from you just because you are a woman or a man? Did you notice that in some situations men and women have different experiences?

About these and other aspects of gender we will speak during this course. We will examine the situation in various countries and investigate how gender shapes several domains of social life, including: education and employment, care and housework, marriage and family, migration, crime, health and medicine, welfare policies, and political participation. During this course you should learn to notice and to critically think about gender in various spheres of life.

Organization of the course

The course consists of 14 classes, each of which is a 2-hour module. The course materials include articles and commentary texts (to be read before the class) and TED's TALK videos, which will be watched during the class (in English, with Russian subtitles). Most of the classes assume student's presentation ("5-minute presentations") and during some of the classes I will check your knowledge of the readings with a short quiz.

Topics

This syllabus is provisional and some of the readings may change.

1. First meeting.

Introduction, syllabus, expectations, planning the work for coming weeks

2. What is gender?

How many genders are there? How thick are the borders between them? Voice of biologists.

- TED's TALK: Alice Dreger: Is anatomy destiny?
- Fausto-Sterling, Anne. 2002. "The Five Sexes: Revisited." *The Sciences* 40 (4) : 18-23.

3. Doing gender. Socialization.

- West, Candace, and Don Zimmerman. 1987. "Doing Gender." *Gender & Society* 1(2): 125-51.
- West, Candace, and Sarah Fenstermaker. 1995. "Doing Difference." *Gender and Society* 9(1):8-37.
- Yancey Martin, Patricia (2003). "'Said and Done' Versus 'Saying and Doing': Gendering Practices, Practicing Gender at Work." *Gender and Society* 17 (3): 342 – 366.

4. Schools and education.

- 5-minute presentation: Gender differences in education in developed countries
- Jacobs, Jerry. 1996. "Gender Inequality and Higher Education." *Annual Review of Sociology* 22, pp. 153-185
- Long, Scott, Paul Allison and Robert McGinnis. 1993. "Rank Advancement in Academic Careers: Sex Differences and the Effects of Productivity." *American Sociological Review*. 58:703-22.

5. Employment.

- 5-minute presentation: Statistics on women's employment in developed countries
- Hakim, Catherine. 1995. "Five Feminist Myths about Women's Employment." *British Journal of Sociology* 46(3): 429-55.
- Reskin, Barbara. 1993. "Sex segregation in the workplace." *Annual review of sociology*: 241-270
- Adler Marina and April Brayfield. 1997. "Women's Work Values in Unified Germany: Regional Differences as Remnants of the Past." *Work and Occupations* 24: 245-266.
- Commentary: Mathilde Guergoat-Larivière, "Women's Employment in Europe", *La Vie des idées*, 26 May 2014. ISSN : 2105-3030.
<http://www.booksandideas.net/Women-s-Employment-in-Europe.html>

6. Incomes.

- 5-minute presentation: Statistics on gender wage gap in developed countries
- Budig, Michelle and Paula England. 2001. "The Wage Penalty for Motherhood." *American Sociological Review* 66: 204 – 225.
- Plantenga, Janneke and Chantal Remery. 2006. "The gender pay gap. Origins and policy responses. A comparative review of thirty European countries." The co-ordinators' synthesis report prepared for the Equality Unit, European Commission (fragments)
- Brainerd, Elizabeth. 2000. "Women in Transition: Changes in Gender Wage Differentials in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union" *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 54 (1): 138-162.

7. Housework.

- 5-minute presentation: Statistics on housework in developed countries

- Baxter, Janeen. 1997. "Gender Equality and Participation in Housework: A Cross-National Perspective." *Journal of Comparative Family Studies* 28 (3): 220-247.
- Geist, Claudia and Philip N. Cohen. 2011. "Headed towards Equality? Housework Change in Comparative Perspective." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 73 (4): 832–844.
- Treas Judith, Tai To. 2012. "Apron strings of working mothers: Maternal employment and housework in cross-national perspective." *Social Science Research* 41 (4): 833-42.
- Commentary: Elena Stancanelli, "Wages, taxation system and distribution of domestic chores", *La Vie des idées*, 20 March 2009. ISSN : 2105-3030. <http://www.booksandideas.net/Wages-taxation-system-and.html>

8. Marriage and parenthood.

- 5-minute presentation: Comparative statistics on marriage, divorce and fertility
- Yodanis, C. 2005. "Divorce Culture and Marital Gender Equality A Cross-National Study." *Gender & Society* 19(5): 644-659.
- McDonald, Peter. 2000. "Gender equity, social institutions and the future of fertility." *Journal of Population Research* 17 (1): 1443-2447.
- Commentary: Shoshana Grossbard, "Labour force participation of women and 'marriage market' in the USA", *La Vie des idées*, 20 March 2009. ISSN : 2105-3030. <http://www.booksandideas.net/Labour-force-participation-of.html>

9. Migration.

- 5-minute presentation: Statistics on migration of men and women to developed countries
- Bollinia, Paola, Sandro Pampallonaa, Philippe Wannerb, and Bruce Kupelnicka. 2009. "Pregnancy outcome of migrant women and integration policy: A systematic review of the international literature." *Social Science & Medicine* 68 (3): 452–461.
- Hughes, Donna M. 2000. "The 'Natasha' Trade: The Transnational Shadow The Transnational Shadow Market of Trafficking in Women." *Journal of International Affairs* 53(2): 625-651.
- Escrivá, Angeles. 2005. "Aged Global Care Chains: A Southern-European Contribution to the Field." *International Conference on Migration and Domestic Work in Global Perspective*, Wassenaar, 26-29 May.
- Carlinga, Jorgen, Cecilia Menjivarb, and Leah Schmalzbauerc. 2012. "Central Themes in the Study of Transnational Parenthood" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 38 (2): 191-217.

10. Crime.

- 5-minute presentation: Cross-national statistics on crime
- TED's TALK: Esta Soler: How we turned the tide on domestic violence (Hint: the Polaroid helped)

- Melzer, Scott. 2002. "Gender, Work, and Intimate Violence: Men's Occupational Violence Spillover and Compensatory Violence." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 64: 820–832.
- Giuffre, Patti A. and Christine Williams. 1994. "Boundary Lines: Labelling Sexual Harassment in Restaurants." *Gender and Society*. 8: 378-401.
- Commentary: Alice Debauche, "Does Violence Have a Sex?", La Vie des idées, 27 March 2014. ISSN: 2105-3030. <http://www.booksandideas.net/Does-Violence-Have-a-Sex.html>

11. Health.

- 5-minute presentation: Gender differences in health indicators in developed countries
- TED's TALK: Noel Bairey Merz: The single biggest health threat women face
- Bird, Chloe and Patricia P. Rieker. 1999. "Gender matters: an integrated model for understanding men's and women's health." *Social Science & Medicine* 48: 745-755.
- Nazroo, James Y., Angela C. Edwards, and Brown, George W. 1998. "Gender differences in the prevalence of depression: artefact, alternative disorders, biology or roles?" *Sociology of Health & Illness* 20 (3): 312 – 330.

12. Social policies and welfare. Gender mainstreaming.

- 5-minute presentation: Gender mainstreaming: ILO, WHO, UE. Examples.
- Orloff, Ann Shola. 1993. "Gender and the Social Rights of Citizenship: The Comparative Analysis of Gender Relations and Welfare States." *American Sociological Review* 58 (3): 303-328.
- Pascall, Gillian and Nick Manning. 2000. "Gender and social policy: comparing welfare states in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union." *Journal of European Social Policy* 10: 240-266.
- Korpi, Walter. 2000. "Faces of inequality: Gender, class, and patterns of inequalities in different types of welfare states." *Social Politics: international studies in gender, state & society*, 7(2): 127-191.

13. Political representation, quotas.

- 5-minute presentation: Women's participation in politics in developed countries.
- 5-minute presentation: Quotas in politics. Arguments for.¹
- 5-minute presentation: Quotas in politics. Arguments against.
- Kenworthy, Lane, and Melissa Malami. 1999. "Gender inequality in political representation: A worldwide comparative analysis." *Social Forces* 78 (1): 235-269.
- Ballington, Julie and Azza Karam. "Women in Parliament: Beyond Numbers." (fragments)

14. Future. Will gender differences become weaker?

¹You may check <http://www.quotaproject.org/>

- [TED's TALK: Johanna Blakley: Social media and the end of gender](#)
- [TED's TALK: Anne-Marie Slaughter: Can we all “have it all”?](#)
- [Commentary: The Future of the Gender Bend By Nancy Folbre on http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/](http://economix.blogs.nytimes.com/)

Prerequisites

There are no special prerequisites for the course. I welcome all students with social sciences background and interested in the topic.

Examination and grading

Your final grade will consist of:

Quizzes:	15%
Presentation:	15%
Participation in the class:	10%
Final paper:	50%

Quizzes Short quizzes on the readings will be administered throughout the course. They will consist of multiple choice and short-answer questions and will cover class readings. If you have done the readings, these quizzes should not be difficult. To calculate your final grade, I will automatically drop your two lowest quiz scores and account only for the remaining, higher scores. This also means that you can be absent on a quiz twice without being penalized.

Presentation Throughout the course, you will prepare a 5-minute presentation on a specified topic. 12 of these presentations are listed in the syllabus; if the number of students is larger, the additional presentations will be added to the course. In the presentation, your task is to briefly and interestingly present a set of international data, a specific notion, or an argument. This presentation should be done on PowerPoint and should help you become more familiar with PowerPoint, help you with presentation style, and help you organize your arguments.

Paper You will be asked to write a short (5-7 pages) paper by the end of the course. Detailed instructions will be distributed in class.