

POLS 979 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS
Theme: Comparative Politics of Gender and Women
Fall 2020

Preliminary Reading list

The aim of this seminar is to introduce advanced-level graduate students to the comparative study of women and gender in political science. Most of the readings are empirical studies involving statistical analyses. The course, however, does not assume or require any prior coursework in statistics.

These topics and readings listed below will likely change, but they should give a prospective student a fairly good sense of what the main questions, content, theories, methodologies, and methods are like.

1. Are gender and sex global/imperial concepts?

- Amadiume, I. Excerpt from *Male Daughters, Female Husbands: Gender and Sex in an African Society*.
- Oyewumi, O. 1997. Excerpt from *The Invention of Women: Making an African Sense of Western Gender Discourses*.
- McIntosh, M.K. Excerpt from *Yoruba Women, Work, and Social Change*.
- [Will likely include other readings]

2. What are the origins of gender inequality?

- Alesina, A., Giuliano, P., & Nunn, N. 2013. "On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough." *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 128 (2): 469-530.
- Gneezy, U., Leonard, K.L. and List, J.A. 2009. "Gender Differences in Competition: Evidence from a Matrilineal and a Patriarchal Society." *Econometrica* 77 (5): 1637-1664.
- Brule, Rachel and Nikhar Gaikwad. 2018. "Culture, Capital, and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya's Matrilineal Tribes." (Working Paper)
- [Will likely include other readings]

3. Intersectionality, gender, and politics

- Crenshaw, K. 1989. "Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics." *University of Chicago Legal Forum*, 139.
- Htun, M., 2004. "Is Gender like Ethnicity? The Political Representation of Identity Groups." *Perspectives on Politics* 2 (3): 439-458.
- Hughes, M. M. 2011. "Intersectionality, Quotas, and Minority Women's Political Representation Worldwide." *American Political Science Review* 604-620.
- Lewis, D.C., Flores, A.R., Haider-Markel, D.P., Miller, P.R., Tadlock, B.L. and Taylor, J.K., 2017. "Degrees of Acceptance: Variation in Public Attitudes toward Segments of the LGBT Community." *Political Research Quarterly* 70 (4): 861-875.
- [May include other readings]

4. Is there a gender gap in political attitudes, when, and why?

- Iversen, T., & Rosenbluth, F. 2006. "The Political Economy of Gender: Explaining Cross-National Variation in the Gender Division of Labor and the Gender Voting Gap." *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (1): 1-19.
- Inglehart, R., & Norris, P. 2000. "The Developmental Theory of the Gender Gap: Women's and Men's Voting Behavior in Global Perspective." *International Political Science Review* 21 (4): 441-463.
- Gottlieb, J., Grossman, G., & Robinson, A. L. 2015. "Do Men and Women Have Different Policy Preferences in Africa? Determinants and Implications of Gender Gaps in Policy Prioritization." *British Journal of Political Science*, 1-26.
- Lott, Jr, J. R., & Kenny, L. W. 1999. "Did Women's Suffrage Change the Size and Scope of Government?" *Journal of political Economy* 107 (6): 1163-1198.
- Washington, E.L., 2008. "Female Socialization: How Daughters Affect Their Legislators' Fathers' Voting on Women's Issues." *American Economic Review* 98 (1): 311-332.

5. Gender, political ambition, and parties as gatekeepers [May merge this week with Week 7]

- Kanthak, K. and Woon, J., 2015. "Women Don't Run? Election Aversion and Candidate Entry." *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(3), pp.595-612.
- Karpowitz, C.F., Monson, J.Q. and Preece, J.R. 2017. "How to Elect More Women: Gender and Candidate Success in a Field Experiment." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- [May include other readings]

6. Gender stereotypes

- Eagly, A.H. and Karau, S.J. 2002. "Role Congruity Theory of Prejudice toward Female Leaders." *Psychological Review* 109 (3): 573.
- Schneider, M. C., & Bos, A. L. 2014. "Measuring Stereotypes of Female Politicians." *Political Psychology*, 35(2), 245-266.
- A piece by Nichole Bauer, possible visiting speaker at UNL in fall 2020.
- Bosak, J., Eagly, A., Diekmann, A. and Sczesny, S. 2018. "Women and Men of the Past, Present, and Future: Evidence of Dynamic Gender Stereotypes in Ghana." *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 49 (1): 115-129.
- Kim, N.K. and Kang, A.J. Working paper.

7. Descriptive representation: why are there fewer women in office? (the following weeks to be filled out)

8. Substantive representation: what is the policy impact of having women in office?

9. Symbolic representation

10. The political consequences of women's activism

11. Women in political institutions (e.g., cabinets, courts)

12. Women, conflict, and security