**FEMINISTS MOVEMENTS: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES**

**Capsule Statement:**

The course is an attempt to develop a deep insight among students about the historical struggles of women’s emancipation. It includes the detailed history of women’s efforts for their rights from the claim of rational being to the master of their own fate. Three waves of feminism are being covered in this course. It further intends to explore the deep link between the major theoretical assumptions of feminism and feminist movements. The course will also cover the suffrage movements of women around the globe in general and in Britain and America in specific.

#### Objectives:

After the completion of this course, students will be able to

* Analyze the historical discourse of struggle of women around the globe
* Have an in depth knowledge of three waves of feminism
* Critically analyze the link between different feminist theoretical perspectives and feminist movements
* Compare and contrast the women suffrage movements in Britain and America

#### Contents:

1. **Three waves of women emancipation**
   1. Concept and meaning (historical roots of feminism and feminist theories)
   2. First wave of feminism (1848-1920)
   3. Seneca Falls Convention (1848)
   4. Charter of Women’s Rights
   5. Significance of the women’s Emancipation Movement
   6. The golden years in women’s Struggle (1870-1920)
   7. Situation in public and private sector
   8. The working conditions for women
   9. Opening new fields of professions
   10. Deskilling in factories and industries
   11. Campaign for equal pay and job opportunities
   12. Women Trade Union League

#### The suffrage campaign in Britain

* 1. Importance of Langham Place
  2. Private Member’s Bill
  3. Split among the old and new generation of feminists
  4. Co-operative Women’s Guild
  5. The feminist organizations
  6. Demand for adult suffrage rights
  7. Advocacy by Churchill
  8. The 1918 Adult Suffrage Act
  9. 3.2 The struggle in America
  10. Efforts by feminist organizations
  11. The political coalition
  12. Role of magazines and journals
  13. Situation in Wyoming and Utah
  14. The Women’s Bible
  15. Referendums on the issue of suffrage
  16. Suffrage rights given to women in different states

#### The intermission period (1920-1960)

* 1. Struggle for women rights in America
  2. Coalition among feminist organizations among women’s welfare issues
  3. The Sheppart Towner Maternity Bill
  4. The Infancy Protection Bill

#### Campaign against child labor

* 1. The Peace Movement
  2. Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
  3. Period of Depression
  4. Relation between social welfare and feminism
  5. Role of women in parliament
  6. The sexual freedom
  7. The feminist goals
  8. Change in outlook and dress
  9. Population and birth control
  10. Struggle for women rights in Britain
  11. Equal suffrage rights
  12. Guardianship of children
  13. Opening of legal professions for women
  14. Equal pay and job opportunities
  15. Equal standards of morality
  16. Widow’s pension plan
  17. Sex Disqualification Act (1919)
  18. New Feminism
  19. Protective legislation
  20. Efforts by feminist organizations
  21. Population and birth control
  22. New standards of morality

#### 2nd Wave of Feminism

* 1. Betty Friden (Feminine Mystique)
  2. National Organization for Women (NOW)
  3. Equal Rights Amendment
  4. Equal Pay Act (1963)
  5. Women journals and publications
  6. Radical feminism
  7. Redstockings
  8. Criticism on stereotyped sex role

#### 3rd Wave of Feminism

* 1. Meaning of third wave feminism
  2. Future of feminism
  3. Post modern feminism and eco-feminism
  4. Global feminism
  5. Cyber feminism

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