**GENDER: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SPACES**

**Capsule Statement:**

This course discusses the questions as to how women’s and men’s experiences of place and space differ from one another, and why? How do some spaces become associated with women and others with men? What are gender politics and how they affect our lives? How are gender politics produced and reproduced through spaces such as the body, home, work, cities, and nation states? And, how do phenomena such as colonization, migration, and globalization affect gender and gender relations? The course examines how the social construction of gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, age, and class shapes the conditions and experiences of men and women in diverse geographical contexts. It examines the construction of gender division and gender identity in connection to various geographies and spaces. The course discusses the concepts of gender and place and space and looks at the politics and social practices that shape maybe the most personal and intimate space of all, our bodies, discussing what it means to be gendered; male or female, within our society. It also explores the dichotomy of private/public along with how various natural spaces and categories gain meaning in our everyday lives and experiences.

#### Objectives

After attending this course, the students will be able to;

* Understand the social reconstruction of gender
* Understand geographical identities of gender in public spheres
* Evaluate policy initiatives for gender mainstreaming

#### Contents:

1. **Feminism & Gendered Places**
   1. What is feminist Geography
   2. “Gendered spaces” in the urban landscape
   3. “Gendered spaces” in the rural landscape

#### Identities and spaces

* 1. Muslim Identities and the Hijab Citizenship, Democracy, and Islamism
  2. Muslim spaces and identities in the west

#### Globalization and Women Role in Global Economy

* 1. Women in developed world and economy
  2. Women in developing countries and economy
  3. Third World Woman and economy

#### Women, Law and Public Policy in Pakistan

* 1. The Women’s Movement
  2. Women and the Judicial System
  3. Citizenship and Political Participation
  4. Family Law
  5. Violence and the Policy Vacuum
  6. Gender and Militarization

#### Social Policy and the Pakistani Woman

* 1. Health policies and women
  2. Education policies and women
  3. Food Security and women

#### Laws and Women

* 1. Women in Public Service
  2. Women in labor Market
  3. Women and the rural economy

#### Contemporary Debates about Women and Work

* 1. Classical and postmodern paradigms

#### Suggested Reading:

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