UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY

**DEPARTMENT OF GENDER STUDIES**

**GS-625 COMPARATIVE STUDY OF FEMINIST THEORIES**

**Capsule Statement:**

The course is designed to introduce students with the basic concept of feminism and it further intends to familiarize the students with the different theoretical perspectives of feminism. The primary goal of this course is to familiarize students with key issues, questions, and debates within feminist scholarship**.** In this course, we will consider questions like: What is theory? Why do we have to study theories? What is the objective of looking at feminist theories? A central feature of this course is to create an understanding of the bridge building activities between the theory/ theories of feminism and action. To answer these questions we will consider a series of feminist frameworks, which suggest how gender relations have been in the past and how they are at the present. Thus, this course focuses on the ways in which feminists have challenged the ‘norms’ and ‘practices’ of civil societies.

**Objectives:**

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

* Become familiar with theories of feminism
* Analyze and assess its relevance in the social context of Pakistan
* Become acquainted with the contemporary feminist debates

**Contents:**

1. **What is feminism?**
2. **Introduction to theory**
3. **What is Feminist theory?**
4. **Feminist epistemology**
5. **Liberal feminism**
   1. Introduction
   2. Philosophical roots
   3. Main agenda
   4. Key achievement
   5. Famous feminists
   6. Critique
6. **Radical Feminism**
   1. Introduction
   2. Philosophical roots
   3. Main agenda
   4. Key achievement
   5. Famous feminists
   6. Critique
7. **Marxist Feminism**
   1. Introduction
   2. Philosophical roots
   3. Main agenda
   4. Key achievement
   5. Famous feminists
   6. Critique
8. **Standpoint Feminism**
   1. Introduction
   2. Philosophical roots
   3. Main agenda
   4. Key achievement
   5. Famous feminists
   6. Critique
9. **Psychoanalytical Feminism**
   1. Introduction
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10. **Post Modern Feminism**
    1. Introduction
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11. **Islamic Feminism**
    1. Introduction
    2. Philosophical roots
    3. Main agenda
    4. Key achievement
    5. Famous feminists
    6. Critique

**12. Queer Feminism**

12.1Introduction

12.2 Philosophical roots

12.3 Main agenda

12.4 Key achievement

12.5 Famous feminists

12.6 Critique

**13. Comparison of Contemporary Theories and Critical Reviews**

Critical Reviews, Reading of Journal Articles and Class Discussions

**Suggested Readings:**

Ann (1983), *Sex, Gender and Society*, Gower Hampshire Kuhn Annette.

AnnMarie Wolpe (1978), *Feminism and Materialism*. London and New York: Routledge.

Chesler, Phyllis (2006) *The Death of Feminism* Palgrave Mcmillan, New York

De Beauvoir, Simone (1953), *The Second Sex.* Everyman’s Library.

Engles, Friedrich (1891), The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State. New York: Pathfinder press.

Farrel, Warren (2007), *Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men? A Debate*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Jenainati, Cathia (2007), *Introducing Feminism*. Cambridge: Icon Books Ltd.

Millet, Kate (1968) *Sexual Politics*. Champaign: University of Illinois Press.

Smith Bonnie G (2000), *Global Feminisms Since 1945*. London: Routledge.

Tong, R. (2009). *Feminist Thought.* University of North Carolina Charlotte: Westview Press.