INTL4650: Women & World Politics
University of Georgia – Fall 2021
MWF 11:30-12:20 Caldwell 102

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Course Overview:
The purpose of this course is to examine the agency of women in shaping world politics, and the influence of international relations on the lives of women around the world. In the first half we will focus on women’s representation and elected leadership. We will look in-depth at the reasons why women have historically been excluded from politics, as well as the structural challenges and institutional changes that have been made to increase women’s representation. We will then move beyond elected office to consider women’s participation in politics through social movements. We will examine how international norms regarding gender equality have been enshrined in the operations of international organizations and what effects these norms have had on women’s rights and political participation in various contexts.

Two notes on what this course is not: While we will regularly draw upon feminist theories of international relations, this is not a course on gender and IR or feminist international relations. The focus of our inquiry will be examining women’s presence in world politics. Second, this will not be a survey course. There is always a choice to be made between breadth and depth in constructing a course; we will delve deeply into two main issues with respect to women – participation in political institutions and women’s rights. There are many other issues that could be considered under the umbrella of women and world politics, including the vast literature on women and/in development, conflict/security, global public health, immigration, labor, multinational corporations, social movements, and far more on human rights (to name a few). I encourage you to pursue research for your final paper on an issue related to women and world politics that most interests you and to come see me for resource suggestions.

Course Requirements:

- **Readings**: You are expected to complete the readings listed on the syllabus prior to coming to class. Failure to do so will be evident in your lack of participation during class discussions. Occasionally an article relevant to the topic we are covering will be published and I will assign it on short notice. In that case I will post the article to the “ANNOUNCEMENTS” section of the class ELC page. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR ANNOUNCEMENT NOTIFICATIONS**
There are 3 **required** texts:


**All other readings can be found on ELC, unless otherwise noted.**

**You are also required to keep up with current events – see below**

- **Grading:**
  - Midterm Exam - 20%
  - ELC Group Discussions (10 total) – 20%
  - 5 Short Assignments – 20%
  - Participation – 10%
  - Op-Ed – 30% (Proposal 5%; Draft 3%; Presentation 2%; Final 20%)

Letter grades correspond to the following 0-100 scale:

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- **General Info on Assignments:** All assignments are to be typed and handed in at the **START** of class on the due date (unless otherwise noted). Late assignments (whether online or submitted by hardcopy) will be **penalized 1% of your overall grade for each day late**. All written assignments should meet the following formatting requirements: 12-point font, double spaced, 1” margins, and page number in bottom right-hand corner.

- **Op-Ed:** each student will write a 900-1000 word op-ed on some issue related to women and world politics that to be shared on a public blog (students may post anonymously). Details on the assignment will be given in class.

- **Short Assignments:** Each student will upload 4 short (~300 words) assignments to the relevant ELC discussion forum. Each reflection assignment’s grade will be based on content (did you follow instructions?) and quality of the writing. Assignments are to include proper references/citations. A rubric for the assignments will be on ELC. Please be sure to read the assignments well in advance as some require time to research the topic.

- **Discussion Groups:** All students will be organized into discussion groups and most weeks there will be a discussion forum for the week on ELC. There will be a total of 8 group discussion forums starting in week 3. You will serve as the leader for 2 of the forums and a responder for the other 6.
Leader – Select 2 points from *any of the assigned readings for the week* to interrogate. It could be something you agree/disagree with, is counter intuitive, makes you look at past readings differently, etc. Be sure to include the actual quotes from the reading and proper citation including page number so that your groupmates can find easily find the points in the reading. Your post must be uploaded before the start of class (11:30am) on Mondays.

Responses – You will respond to the leader’s post by addressing one of their points. Your response should bring some new insight to their point. Perhaps you disagree/agree and have additional evidence to bring to light from other readings, or maybe some other reading from later in the week sheds new light on the leader’s point. Be sure to include proper citations in your response. Responses must be posted by the start of class (11:30am) on Fridays.

- **Exams & Quizzes:** Lectures and class discussions are intended to supplement, not duplicate, the readings. Exams will draw upon both reading and class materials.
- **Participation:** This course will be run as a seminar and will require a great deal of discussion and active listening. *Simply showing up to class does not constitute participation.* Your participation grade will be evaluated based on your ability to draw upon insights from the readings, the depth of the thoughtfulness of your questions/comments, and your activeness in class, on discussion boards, and/or on Twitter using #WomenWP
  - the nature of the topics we will discuss may often be contentious. Everyone is expected to be respectful of others’ perspectives and experiences.
  - Some topics may be emotionally challenging. Please know that you are always free to step outside the classroom if you need a break.

**COVID & This Class**
I am committed to making this an academically rigorous course, while also prioritizing compassion and the health of all of us in the room. The COVID-19 pandemic will create extenuating circumstances for many students. It is crucial that you understand the following:

- This course meets in-person MWF, unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.
  - While there is no attendance grade, I will take attendance every day and expect that you’ll be there, unless I hear otherwise from you.
  - **IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL, DO NOT COME TO CLASS!**
    - UGA’s follows [GA DPH guidelines](https://daphd.gatech.edu/) for quarantine/isolation
    - Students who are **not fully vaccinated** and have been directly exposed to COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms **should self-quarantine for 10 days**. Those quarantining for 10 days must have been symptom-free throughout the monitoring period and continue self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for a total of 14 days. You should report the need to quarantine on DawgCheck ([https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/](https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/)), and communicate directly with your faculty to coordinate your coursework while in quarantine. If you need additional help, reach out to Student Care and Outreach ([sco@uga.edu](mailto:sco@uga.edu)) for assistance.
    - Students who are **fully vaccinated do not** need to quarantine upon exposure unless they have symptoms of COVID-19 themselves. Per [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov)
guidelines they should be tested **3-5 days after exposure and continue to wear a mask indoors.**

- The primary ways to protect yourself and the other members of the UGA community, including the people in this class are:
  - 1.**Get vaccinated!**
  - 2.**Wear a mask when indoors on campus (irrespective of your vaccine status)**
  - 3.**Again, Do NOT come to class if you feel sick - GET TESTED ASAP!**
    - Per UGA guidelines, students showing COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and schedule an appointment with the University Health Center by calling 706-542-1162 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5p.m.). For emergencies and after-hours care, see, https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies.
  - 4. Pro-tip: Use UGA’s free asymptomatic testing regularly!

If you test positive for COVID-19 at any time, you are **required to report** it through the DawgCheck. Please stay at home if you become ill or until you have excluded COVID-19 as the cause of your symptoms. UGA adheres to current Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) quarantine and isolation guidance and requires that it be followed. Follow the instructions provided to you when you report your positive test result in DawgCheck.

**Still need to get vaccinated?** To schedule a vaccine go to the University Health Center’s Patient Portal (https://patientportal.uhs.uga.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx). Also, the Georgia Department of Health, pharmacy chains and local providers also offer the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, other than the UHC, please go to: https://georgia.gov/covid-vaccine

- Per UGA guidelines, faculty are to accommodate students who get COVID just as they normally would have accommodated ill students before the pandemic. Be sure you get the name and contact information for at least two other students in this class to get notes from days that you miss. Once you’re feeling better, please make an appointment to meet with me during office hours to answer any remaining questions.

Other important information:

- **Current Events:** Students are **required** to stay up to date on world politics. I suggest that you browse the world news sections of the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Guardian (UK), or the Washington Post on a **regular basis**. I suggest signing up for CFR’s daily news summary and their monthly bulletin on Women & Foreign Policy. It will be clear from your (lack of) participation in our discussions whether you are keeping up with world politics and this will be factored into your participation grade.

- **Technology:**
  - Laptops are **not** welcome in class, unless I instruct you to bring one. Should you need to use a laptop please provide proper documentation from UGA’s DRC.
  - All **phones** should be **shut off** or set to **silent** – NOT VIBRATE – before arriving to class. The use or interruption of these devices during regular class time will result in a **reduction of your participation grade.**
• **Communication and Email:** I will keep you updated about the course and any changes to the syllabus through the “ANNOUNCEMENTS” board on the class ELC page – **PLEASE REGISTER FOR NOTIFICATIONS!**
  
  o When emailing me please use your UGA email account and include your course number in the subject line. In most cases I will respond to emails within 24 hours. Importantly, before you email me **please check the syllabus** and the Announcements page of the ELC site to be sure that your question has not been previously addressed.
  
  o A note on etiquette: please use appropriate salutations, including my name in the opening and your name in the closing. (Hint: you can’t go wrong with “Hi Professor Gallagher”). For further guidance see [http://www.wikihow.com/Email-a-Professor](http://www.wikihow.com/Email-a-Professor).

• **Office Hours** – Office hours are **STUDENT HOURS!** This is the time to ask questions about class assignments, the major, my 2 cents on what you should do with your life, get recommendations for good food in Athens, etc. **The link to schedule an office hours meeting is on the class ELC page.**

• **Academic Dishonesty** – As a University of Georgia student, you have agreed to abide by the University’s academic honesty policy, “A Culture of Honesty,” and the Student Honor Code. All academic work must meet the standards described in “A Culture of Honesty” found at: [http://www.uga.edu/honesty](http://www.uga.edu/honesty). Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will be referred to Judicial Affairs, as required by university policy. The most common issue of academic dishonesty I have come across is plagiarism. To be clear, plagiarism is copying from any source material (direct or paraphrasing of ideas), published or unpublished (this includes wikipedia!), without giving proper credit. I will post a link to the Chicago Manual of Style citation format on ELC.

• **Students with Disabilities:** UGA is committed to providing equal access to academic programs and university-administered activities and reasonable modifications to students with disabilities. Students in need of special accommodations need to request such services from the Disability Resource Center located at 114 Clark Howell Hall (for more information visit [www.drc.uga.edu](http://www.drc.uga.edu)) and should make an appointment to see me with their appropriate paperwork from DRC within the **first two weeks** of classes.

• **Prohibition on Recording Lectures/Discussions.** In the absence of written authorization from the UGA Disability Resource Center, students may not make a visual or audio recording of any aspect of this course. Students who have a recording accommodation agree in writing that they:
  
  o Will use the records only for personal academic use during the specific course.
  
  o Understand that faculty members have copyright interest in their class lectures and that they agree not to infringe on this right in any way.
  
  o Understand that the faculty member and students in the class have privacy rights and agree not to violate those rights by using recordings for any reason other than their own personal study.
  
  o Will not release, digitally upload, broadcast, transcribe, or otherwise share all or any part of the recordings. They also agree that they will not profit financially and will not allow others to benefit personally or financially from lecture recordings or other course materials.
  
  o Will erase/delete all recordings at the end of the semester.
Understand that violation of these terms may subject them to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct or subject them to liability under copyright laws.

- UGA has a vast array of resources to support students facing a variety of challenges. Please don't hesitate to come speak with me or contact these resources directly. Please be aware that UGA faculty and staff are obligated to report any knowledge of sexual assault/relationship violence to UGA’s Equal Opportunity Office. UGA’s Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (info below) can speak to students confidentially.
  - **Office of Student Care & Outreach** (coordinate assistance for students experiencing hardship/unforeseen circumstances) – 706-542-7774 or by email sco@uga.edu
  - **Counseling and Psychiatric Services** (CAPS) - 706-542-2273 (during regular business hours) After Hour Mental Health Crisis: 706-542-2200 (UGA Police—ask to speak to the CAPS on-call clinician)
  - **Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention** – 706-542-SAFE (The advocates at RSVP can provide student confidentiality).

- **This syllabus is subject to changes throughout the semester.**

## WEEKS 1 & 2: Women & Power

**Wed., Aug. 18 (class 1) – Introduction**
- Read syllabus

**Fri., Aug. 29 (class 2) – Why Study Women in World Politics?**
- PHB Ch. 1 p. 1-18
- Valerie Hudson and Andrea Den Boer. 2015. “When a Boy’s Life is Worth More Than His Sister’s.” *Foreign Policy.*

**Mon., Aug. 23 (class 3) – Feminist Perspectives and Power: Where are the Women?**
- PHB Ch. 1 p. 18-27
- Enloe. *BBB* - Preface to 2nd Edition p. xiii-xvii & Chapter 1
- Laura Sjoberg “‘Mansplaining’ International Politics” Available at: [http://relationsinternational.com/mansplaining-international-relations-walt/](http://relationsinternational.com/mansplaining-international-relations-walt/)

- PHB Ch. 4
- Sojourner Truth’s “Ain’t I A Woman?” (PBH p. 34-35)
Fri., Aug 27 (class 5) – Discussing the Op-Ed
- Read assignment directions before class

**WEEK 3: Women’s Representation**

*Discussion Group 1*

Mon., Aug 30 (class 6) - Overview of women’s representation worldwide
- PHB Ch 3
- PHB Ch. 9 - “Do Women Make a Difference?”

Wed., Sept. 1 (class 7) – Women’s Executive Leadership

Fri., Sept. 3 (class 8) – Women in Diplomacy
- Enloe *BBB* - Ch. 5 “Diplomatic and Undiplomatic Wives”

**Week 4: Representation & Domestic Institutions**

*Discussion Group 2*

Mon., Sept. 6 - NO CLASS: LABOR DAY

Wed., Sept. 8 (class 9)– Domestic Institutions and Representation: Electoral Systems and Quotas
- PHB p. 113-114
- PHB Ch. 7

Fri., Sept 10 - (class 10) – Assessing Substantive Representation

**WEEK 5: Culture & Structure**

Mon., Sept. 13 (class 11) – Representation & Culture
- PBH Ch. 5

**Short Assignment 1 completed on ELC before the start of class 9/15**

Wed., Sept. 15 (class 12) – Challenging Media portrayals of female candidates
• Celina Van Dembroucke. 2014. Exploring media representations of Argentina’s president Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner. Feminist Media Studies

Fri., Sept. 17 (class 13) – Representation & Social Structures
• PBH Ch. 6
  o If you’re interested there is a series of videos and podcasts as part of this feature: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/tag/raising-the-future

*Discussion Group 3

WEEK 6: Representation & Social Structures

Mon., Sept 20 (class 14)– Exploring 2 additional challenges: VAWP & Covid

Wed., Sept. 22 (class 15) – Closing the “Ambition Gap”: “Leaning in” vs. “Having it All”
• Sheryl Sandberg. “Why we have too few women leaders.” TED Talks. Available at: http://www.ted.com/talks/sheryl_sandberg_why_we_have_too_few_women_leaders
• Anne-Marie Slaughter. 2012. Why Women Still Can’t Have it All. The Atlantic.

Fri., Sept. 24 (class 16) – What can be done beyond quotas to increase women’s representation?

WEEK 7: Agency and Activism

Mon., Sept. 27 (class 17) – Women in Conservative Movements
** Short Assignment 2 completed on ELC before the start of class 9/29

Wed., Sept 29 (class 18) – Social Media and Women’s Empowerment

Fri., Oct. 1 (class 19) – SPIA Reference Librarian, Elizabeth White
- **Op-Ed Proposals Due on ELC before the start of class

** WEEK 8: Representation and International Factors **

*Discussion Group 4*

Mon., Oct. 4 (class 20) – Representation and International Factors
- PHB Ch. 8

Wed., Oct. 6 (class 21) – WPS in Action

 Fri., Oct. 8 (class 22) – Women’s Rights as Human Rights
- TBD

** Week 9: Women & Foreign Policy **

Mon., Oct. 11 (class 23) – Gender and Traditional Security

Wed., Oct 13 (class 24)) – Women in and around Militaries
- Enloe BBB Ch. 4: Base Women
- “Putting Women in Combat is a Disastrous Decision.” Available at: [http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-women-be-allowed-to-fight-in-combat/putting-women-in-combat-is-a-disastrous-decision](http://www.usnews.com/debate-club/should-women-be-allowed-to-fight-in-combat/putting-women-in-combat-is-a-disastrous-decision)

** Short Assignment 3 Completed on ELC before the start of class 10/15 **
Fri., Oct. 15 (class 25) – Feminist Foreign Policy
- Fem FP in Foreign Affairs: https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2020-03-09/best-foreign-policy-puts-women-center

WEEK 10: Midterm & the Women’s Movement in the US
Mon., Oct. 18 (class 26) – Midterm Exam
Wed., Oct. 20 (class 27) – The Women’s Movement in the U.S. (Part I: She’s Beautiful When She’s Angry)
Fri., Oct. 22 (class 28) – The Women’s Movement in the U.S. (Part II: She’s Beautiful When She’s Angry)

**Short Assignment 4 Completed on ELC by 11pm Saturday 10/23

WEEK 11: Women’s Agency or Exploitation

*Discussion Group 5

Mon., Oct. 25 (class 29) – Unraveling the connections between sex work and trafficking
- “In a Queens Court, Women in Prostitution Cases are Seen As Victims.” NYT. http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/23/nyregion/in-a-queens-court-women-arrested-for-prostitution-are-seen-as-victims.html?_r=0

**Withdrawal Deadline 10/25

Wed., Oct. 27 (class 30) – The International Politics of Domestic Servants
- Enloe, BBB Ch. 8: Scrubbing the Globalized Tub
Fri., Oct 29 – NO CLASS: FALL BREAK

**WEEK 12: Women & Conflict: Humanitarian Interventions and International Law**
*Discussion Group 6*

*Mon., Nov. 1 (class 31) – Conflict and Gender(ed) Norms*

*Wed., Nov. 3 (class 32) – Women’s Experiences in War*
  - In Class Movie: “I Came to Testify”
  - No Reading

*Fri., Nov. 5 (class 33) – Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Conflict*

**WEEKS 13 & 14: The Underground Girls of Kabul (TUGK)**
*Discussion Group 7*

*Mon., Nov. 8 (class 34) – TUGK*
  - Watch Lecture Video
  - Nordberg pgs. 1-62

*Wed., Nov. 10 (class 35) TUGK*
  - Nordberg pgs. 63-129

*Fri., Nov. 12 (class 36) – TUGK*
  - Nordberg pgs. 130-160

*Discussion Group 8*

*Mon., Nov. 15 (class 37) – TUGK*
  - Nordberg – pgs. 163-223

*Wed., Nov. 17 (class 38) – TUGK*
  - Nordberg pgs. 224-274

*Fri., Nov. 19 (class 39) – TUGK*
  - Nordberg pgs. 275-311
• Ailsa Chang. 2021. “Afghan Girls Fear for their Future as Taliban Gain Foothold, Education Minister Says.” All Things Considered, NPR. 

**Short Assignment 5 Completed on ELC before 11pm Saturday, Nov. 20**

WEEKS 15 & 16: Op-Eds

Mon., Nov. 22 (class 40) – Peer-workshop Op-Eds
  ○ **Full Draft of Op-Ed due in Class**

Wed., Nov 24 & Fri., Nov. 26 – No Class: Thanksgiving Break

Mon., Nov. 29 (class 41) – Op-Ed Presentations

Wed., Dec. 1 (class 42) – Presentations

Fri., Dec. 3 (class 43) – Presentations

Mon. Dec. 6 (class 44) – Presentations

Tue. Dec. 7 (class 45 - Friday Schedule in Effect) - Where are the Women? What Work is Gender Doing?
  • Enloe, Conclusion pp. 343-359

**Op-Eds Uploaded by Noon, Wed. Dec 8**