

Introduction to feminist theory
7,5 ESTC, Spring 2026

Schedule and literature

Monday March 9, 1-3 pm

**Fanny Ambjörnsson:
Introduction**

Prepare a short presentation of your research topic and interest in feminist theory.
No prior readings required.

Monday March 16, 1-4 pm

**Lisa Käll:
Feminist epistemologies**

Literature:

Alcoff, Linda Martín (2008). "How is Epistemology Political?", *The Feminist Philosophy Reader*, eds. Alison Bailey and Chris Cuomo (McGraw Hill), 705-718.

Alcoff, Linda Martín (2007). "Epistemologies of Ignorance: Three Types". In *Race and Epistemologies of Ignorance*, eds. Shannon Sullivan and Nancy Tuana (SUNY Press), 39-58.

Hall, Kim Q. (2017). "Queer Epistemology and Epistemic Injustice". In *The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Injustice*, eds. Ian James Kidd, José Medina, and Gaile Polhaus, Jr. (Routledge), 158-167.

Haraway, Donna (1988). "Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective", *Feminist Studies* 14:3, 575-599.

Lloyd, Genevieve (1996). "The Man of Reason". In *Women, Knowledge and Reality. Explorations in Feminist Philosophy*. Edited by Garry, Ann and Marilyn Pearsall. New York and London: Routledge, 149-165.

Mills, Charles W (2007). "White Ignorance". In *Race and Epistemologies of Ignorance*, eds. Shannon Sullivan and Nancy Tuana (SUNY Press), 11-39.

Narayan, Uma (2008). "The Project of Feminist Epistemology: Perspectives from a Nonwestern Feminist", *The Feminist Philosophy Reader*, eds. Alison Bailey and Chris Cuomo, McGraw Hill, 756-765.

Schott, Robin May (2003). *Discovering Feminist Philosophy* (Rowman & Littlefield), chapter 3: "Feminist Epistemologies", 53-85.

Stoetzler, Marcel & Yuval-Davis, Nira (2002). "Standpoint Theory, Situated Knowledge and the Situated Imagination", *Feminist Theory* 3:3, 315-333.

Further suggested reading:

Keller, Evelyn Fox & Grontkowski, Christine R. (1983/2003). "The Mind's Eye", *Discovering Reality: feminist perspectives on epistemology, metaphysics, methodology, and philosophy of science*, eds. Sandra Harding & Merrill B. Hintikka (Kluwer), 207-224.

Longino, Helen (2010). "Feminist Epistemology at Hypatia's 25th Anniversary", *Hypatia* 25:4, 733-741.

Lugones, María (1996). "Playfulness, "World Travelling" and Loving Perception". *Women, Knowledge and Reality. Explorations in Feminist Philosophy*. Edited by Garry, Ann and Marilyn Pearsall. New York and London: Routledge, 419-433.

Rooney, Phyllis (2017). "Rationality and Objectivity in Feminist Philosophy". In *The Routledge Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Edited by Ann Garry, Serene J. Khader, and Alison Stone, 243-255.

Rudberg, Monica 3 (1996). "The Researching Body: The Epistemophilic Project", *European Journal of Women's Studies*, 285-305.

Sullivan, Shannon (2007). "White Ignorance and Colonial Oppression: Or, Why I Know So Little about Puerto Rico". *Race and Epistemologies of Ignorance*, eds. Shannon Sullivan and Nancy Tuana (SUNY Press), 153-172.

Tuana, Nancy (2017). "Feminist epistemology: The subject of knowing". In *The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Injustice*, eds. Ian James Kidd, José Medina, and Gaile Polhaus, Jr. (Routledge), 125-138.

Monday March 23, 1-4 pm

Fanny Ambjörnsson:

Queer studies: history and contemporary currents

Literature:

McCann, Hannah & Monaghan, Whitney (2019). *Queer theory now: from foundations to future*. Bloomsbury publishing (256 p.)

In addition, please select one of the titles below:

Edenborg, Emil (2021). 'Traditional values' and the narrative of gay rights as modernity: Sexual politics beyond polarization. *Sexualities*, online first (17 p.)

Freeman, Elizabeth (2018). Queer Temporalities (chapter 1). In Sellberg, Karin (ed.) *Gender: time*. Farmington Hills, Mich.: Gale

Rao, Rahul (2020). *Out of time: The queer politics of postcoloniality*. New York: Oxford University Press, chapters 1, 2, 5 (65 p.)

Rosenberg, Tiina et al. (2021). Queer and Trans Feminist Performance. In *The Palgrave Handbook of Queer and Trans Feminisms in Contemporary Performance*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1–23 (23 p.)

Stryker, Susan (2004). Transgender Studies: Queer Theory's Evil Twin. *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 10 (2), pp. 212–15 (4 p.)

Further suggested reading:

Berlant, Lauren & Warner, Michael (1995). What does Queer Theory Teach us about X? In *PMLA*, 110 (3), pp. 343-349 (5 p.)

Cohen, Cathy J. (1997). Punks, Bulldaggers and Welfare Queens. In *GLQ*, 3(4), pp. 437-465 (28 p.)

Dahl, Ulrika (2011). Queer in the Nordic Region. Telling Queer (Feminist) Stories, in Downing, Lisa & Gillett, Robert (eds) *Queer in Europe: Contemporary Case Studies*. Farnham: Ashgate, pp. 143-157 (14 p.)

Jagose, Annamarie (1996). *Queer Teory. An Introduction*. New York: New York University Press

Puar, Jasbir K. (2017). *The right to maim: Debility, capacity, disability*. Duke University Press, Preface, Introduction, chapter 1 (77 p.)

Sullivan, Nikki (2003): *A Critical Introduction to Queer Theory*. New York: New York University Press

Monday, March 30, 1-4 pm

Malena Gustavson:

Feminist postcolonial and decolonial theory

Literature

Bohrer, Ashley J. (2020). "Toward a Decolonial Feminist Anticapitalism". In: *Hypatia*, Vol. 35, No. 3, *Special Issue: Toward Decolonial Feminisms: Tracing the Lineages of Decolonial Thinking through Latin American/Latinx Feminist Philosophy*, pp. 524-541 (19 pages)

Collins, Patricia Hill, (1990 [2000]). *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment*, Second edition, New York: Routledge, 2000. Ch 1 and 2, (43 pages)

Crenshaw, Kimberlé (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*, 1989: 139–167. (28 pages)

<https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1052&context=uclf>

Lugones, María (2008). "The Coloniality of Gender." *Worlds & Knowledge Otherwise* (Spring 2008): 1–17. (17 pages)
<https://uplopen.com/reader/chapters/pdf/10.1515/9783839461020-002>

Lugones, María (2010). "Toward a Decolonial Feminism", *Hypatia*, 25(4): 742–759. (17 pages)

Mohanty, Chandra T. (2003). *Feminism without Borders. Decolonizing theory, practicing solidarity*. Duke university Press. Introduction (pp. 1-14); Ch. 1 (pp. 17-42); Ch. 2 (pp. 43-84 =41pages); Ch. 6 (pp. 139-168); Ch. 9 (pp. 221-252). (140 pages)

Oyěwùmí, Oyèrónkẹ́ (1997). *The Invention of Women: Making an African Sense of Western Gender Discourses*, Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press. Ch. 1 and 5; pp. 1-13 + 157-180 (53 pages)

Sylvanna M. Falcón (2016). Transnational Feminism as a Paradigm for Decolonizing the Practice of Research: Identifying Feminist Principles and Methodology Criteria for US-Based Scholars. *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, 37(1), 174–194. (20 pages)
<https://doi.org/10.5250/fronjwomestud.37.1.0174>

Further suggested reading

Ducre, Kishi. A. (2018). The Black feminist spatial imagination and an intersectional environmental justice. *Environmental Sociology*, 4(1), 22–35. (13 pages) [The Black feminist spatial imagination and an intersectional environmental justice](#)

Knoblock, I. & R. Kuokkanen (2015). Decolonizing Feminism in the North: A Conversation with Rauna Kuokkanen, *NORA - Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, 23:4, 275-281. (6 pages)

Knoblock, Ina (2024). "A Rape of the Earth": Sámi Feminists against Mines. *Meridians* 1 April 2024; 23 (1): 133–155. (22 pages) doi: <https://doi.org/10.1215/15366936-10927016>

Mbembé, Achille, (2003): "Necropolitics" I: *Public Culture*, 15: 1, 11-40 (31 pages)
https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/english/currentstudents/postgraduate/masters/modules/postcolonialtheory/mbembe_22necropolitics22.pdf

McAfee, Noëlle and Katie B. Howard (2023). "2.7 Transnational, Decolonial, and Indigenous Feminisms" in "Feminist Political Philosophy", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2023 Edition), Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman (eds.)
<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminism-political/#TranDecoIndiFemi>

McShane, J. (2021). What does it mean to 'decolonise' gender studies? Theorising the decolonial capacities of gender performativity and intersectionality. *Journal of International Women's Studies* 22 (2). 62-77 (5 pages)

Schiwy, F. (2007). Decolonization and the Question of Subjectivity: Gender, Race and Binary Thinking. *Cultural Studies*, 21(2-3), 271–294. (23 pages)

Spivak, Gayatri C. (2004). Righting Wrongs. *The South Atlantic Quarterly* 103, 2/3. pp. 523-581 (58 pages) https://web.english.upenn.edu/~cavitch/pdf-library/Spivak_Righting_Wrongs.pdf

Tlostanova, M., S. Thapar-Björkert & I. Knobbloch (2019). Do We Need Decolonial Feminism in Sweden? *NORA - Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, 27:4, 290-295. (5 pages)

Wynter, Silvia, (2003). CR: The New Centennial Review, Volume 3, Number 3, Fall 2003, pp. 257-337 (80 pages) <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/51630/pdf>

Wednesday: April 8, 1-4 pm

**Fanny Ambjörnsson and course participants:
Concluding mini-conference**

Please select a monograph with a feminist perspective within your own discipline. Further instructions will be handed to you during the course.