



COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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Faculty of Philosophy

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Programme: The First European Joint Degree in Women’s and Gender History (MATILDA)

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Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester (winter/ summer)	ECTS	Workload (hours)			Lecturer’s name	Lecturer’s E-mail
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FF C003	Methodological issues of women’s and gender history	English	MA	Winter	5	30			Prof. Krassimira Daskalova	daskalova@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course follows the controversies within women’s and gender history in Europe and the USA since it (re)emerged with the feminist actions of the late 1960s and early 1970s and developed at an accelerating pace thereafter. It suggests that old historical “truths” and long-accepted interpretations might be different or even false when women’s experiences and perceptions were considered and tries to challenge the conventions of language, categories of analysis, and methods of research that had led to such omission and errors. It argues that “women”, “gender” and “men” are useful concepts for the study of history and that they can be applied to the study of all human relationships, communities, institutions, events, activities, and social structures throughout time and space.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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FF E316	Women's Movements and Feminisms, 19th- 20th C: Western Europe, USA and Eastern Europe	English	MA	Summer	5	30			Prof. Krassimira Daskalova	daskalova@phs.uni-sofia.bg
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Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): This course introduces in the history of women's movements and feminisms Eastern and Western Europe, and the USA, during the 19th and 20th century. It offers knowledge and critical understanding of the discourses, activities, and politics developed by feminist movements.

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FF E305	Gender hierarchies in the field of intellectual activities: women and the literary canon	English	MA	Winter	5	30			Dr. Valentina Mitkova	v.mitkova@phs.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):The course is comprised of introductory lectures, followed by a review of texts paradigmatic about the topics discussed and analyzed. Individual work is also planned for the students under the guidance of the lecturer. The aim of the course is to stimulate sensitivity and critical attitude towards the existence of specific, gender motivated (androcentric) mechanisms of literary production and reception, as well as to form analytical view of the practices postulating women's presence in the field of intellectual activities (in the form of authorship, reception of literary works, etc.) to be interpreted not so much in its artistic parameters as in its gender specifics.

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FF E310	Gender and popular culture in a comparative perspective: Eastern Europe and the West	English	MA	Summer	5	30			Dr. Valentina Mitkova	v.mitkova@phs.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course attempts at giving the students an ability to highlight and analyze the interpenetration between popular culture and policies of gender (reflected in their Eastern and Western specifics), as well as to interpret popular culture as an area where gender stereotypes are produced and contested. It is based on critical analyses of textual and visual material from different terrains of pop culture (advertisements, popular music, film, TV culture, sports, etc.) applying intersectional and comparative cross-cultural approaches.

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FF E313	History of the City as a Way of Life	English	MA	Winter	5	30			Prof. Rayna Gavrilova	Gavrilova@phs.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The main objective of the course is to introduce the thinking of the city as a way of life; to survey the important periods in its evolution and some theories regarding urban life. A special attention will be devoted to exploring the gendered city, i.e. the participation of women in urban life. At the end of the course, participants should be familiar with the key concepts in urban history and theory and the basics of urban research.

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FF E309	Masculinity and Politics in Modern Bulgaria (1879-1944)	English	MA	Summer	5	30			Assoc. Prof. Stefan Detchev	stdetchev@yahoo.com

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): For a long time “masculinity” has served to designate something which is given and biologically determined. However, the studies in the last 30 years found out that “masculinity” took different forms and representations in different historical periods and regions. The course will focus on relationships and intersections between masculinity and politics, the ideals and notions of manliness as well as the manipulation and misuse of those notions within the political life. It will trace the persistent and changing aspects of the ideals and notions of masculinity and how they fashioned Bulgarian public and private life in the period between the establishment of a modern Bulgarian state in 1879 and the historical change in 1944. The course starts with critical introduction in the sphere of “masculinity(ies)” as a topic/s of inquiry; the last contributions and achievements in this area in different scientific disciplines; with a historical overview of the development of masculinity in the modern period as well as the establishment of modern ideal of masculinity in Europe. After putting this base we will continue with more detailed study of different facets of the intersections between masculinity and politics in Bulgaria.

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FF E301	Psychoanalytic Perspectives on the Formation of Sexuality	English	MA	Winter	5	30			Prof. Miglena Nikolchina	nikolchina@gmail.com
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course explores various perspectives on the formation of sexuality, sexual difference, and gender. Beginning with Freud's classical texts and the debates they triggered throughout the 20 th century, it will proceed to examine contemporary theoretical developments and current controversies.										
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FF E308	Masculinity and Passion in Women's Literature	English	MA	summer	5	30			Prof. Miglena Nikolchina	nikolchina@gmail.com
Short description of the course (in the language of instruction): The course explores love and passion in a historical perspective on the basis of theoretical, poetic and fictional texts presenting women's point of view and women's notions/fantasies of masculinity. The anthropological and historical mutability of gender identity and sexual difference is examined through the dynamic of love seen as a threat to the stability of the subject but also as a promise for its renovation and rebirth.										
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