

WOMS 180: Assignment II

Your goal in this paper is to choose a particular institution, organization or social problem and use feminist theory to: a) identify a specific set of feminist problems within this institution or organization, b) analyze the structures of power operating within this space, and c) examine alternative structures and frameworks for addressing the feminist concerns within this space.

Throughout your analysis, develop comparisons among **3** different theoretical frameworks from a minimum of 5 different essays you have read in this course, starting from postcolonial theory up to the end of the semester. Discuss specific feminist issues or problems around which you can develop your comparisons.

Examples of Topics: the school system or higher education; hospital; legal establishment (such as the district attorney's office OR legal aid services, etc.); law enforcement; government; homeless or domestic violence shelters; childcare centers; a private corporation; state government services, social welfare; prisons; a sport, cultural festival, gay marriage, hate crimes, the economic crisis, war, media & pop culture; music videos; global economic practices, media, multi-cultural centers, immigration reform, reproductive rights, revolutions, etc.

Here are some Questions to get you thinking: **How do feminist theories help you understand this particular institution and the structuring of power relations within it? What strategies do theories offer in challenging and dismantling intersecting discourses of gender, race, class, and culture?** What possibilities for global feminist identity politics can you come up with based on your feminist reading of this particular institution?

Try to come up with a specific conclusion regarding the effectiveness of these theories and their contribution to the advancement of feminist scholarship.

Paper should be minimum 12-15 pages long in Times New Roman 12 font, double spaced with 1" margins all around in a format of your choice. Use both in-class and outside sources to develop your analysis. **Minimum 10 sources required with at least 5 texts from class.** Everyone should submit a 2 page proposal and get my approval on selected topic. Email or talk to me if you need help/clarifications. Enjoy writing the paper!