This course introduces students to the fields of queer and trans studies through a transnational feminist perspective. How do histories of colonialism inform contemporary understandings of gender and sexual identities? What does capitalism have to do with gay, lesbian, and transgender identities? Why is it important to think about migration and national borders in relation to queer and trans identities? How do queer and trans politics offer radical critiques of state violence? The course examines how queer and trans studies makes possible critical interventions beyond the realms of sex, sexuality, and gender.

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