

Feminist geographies, 7,5 ECTS credits

PhD course within the National program for research education in Human geography
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Course description:

This course will explore feminist theory and methods as specifically focused on past and present representations of race, class and gender and its material consequences. This includes disrupting conventional binaries by addressing mobilities and the personal and intimate in the political, economical and global. The course also addresses the persistent power relations embedded within conventions of academic knowledge production.

After first setting out the diverse aims of feminist geography, the course examines three central areas of concern — Feminist spatial theories and global processes (Umeå), Intersectional feminism and resistance (Uppsala), and Gendered mobilities of everyday life (Karlstad).

To engage with these ideas, the course combines lectures, readings, workshops/excursions and seminars with a range of extended material (films, art, policy documents).

Course deliverables:

The course requirements involve seminar discussions, submitting written papers, and a final paper. Specific guidelines for the deliverables will be distributed before the course begins.

The language of instruction is English.

Examination will occur by a final paper of approximately 5000 words, on a topic of the student's choosing, relating to the themes of one of the modules. Deadline for the paper is August 5.

List of instructors:

Aina Tollefsen, Umeå University
André Jansson, Karlstad University
Cecilia Möller, Karlstad University
Gillian Rose, University of Oxford, visiting professor at Karlstad University
Joanne Sharp, University of Glasgow
Karin Fast, Karlstad University
Lena Grip, Karlstad University
Linda Sandberg, Umeå University
Madeleine Eriksson, Umeå University
Micheline van Riemsdijk, Uppsala University
Sofia Cele, Uppsala University
Susanne Stenbacka, Uppsala University

Application:

Send your application for the course to lena.grip@kau.se. Include your name, institution and personal identity number. Include also an explanation of how the course might influence or be valuable to your scholarly interests and your thesis. Seats in the course are limited so we cannot guarantee everyone admission.

Applications will be accepted up until **December 19**, and the organizers will inform all applicants whether or not they are admitted to the course shortly after the deadline.

Modules:

Umeå February 28 - March 1

Feminist economic geography and global labor studies

28/2:

9.30 - 10.00: Course introduction (Madeleine Eriksson)

10.00 – 12.00: Seminar: The field of feminist geography (Joanne Sharp)

13.00 – 15.00: Seminar: Feminist economic geographies (Madeleine Eriksson, Aina Tollefsen and Joanne Sharp)

16.00 – 17.00: Kvinnohistoriska museet (Downtown, guided tour)

18.00 Optional dinner in town

1/3:

10.00 – 12.00: Seminar/City walk: Urban redevelopment and equality (Linda Sandberg and Madeleine Eriksson)

13.15 – 14.30: Public lecture: Joanne Sharp

15.00 – 16.30: Workshop: Your dissertation and feminist geography

Uppsala March 20-21

Intersectional feminism and resistance

20/3:

10.15 – 11.00 Introduction (Sofia Cele, Micheline van Riemsdijk and Susanne Stenbacka)

11.15 – 12.00: Lecture: Resistance, positions and oppositions (Sofia Cele, Micheline van Riemsdijk and Susanna Stenbacka)

13.15 -15.00: Seminar: Intersectionality in feminist geography research (Micheline van Riemsdijk)

15.30 – 16.15: Challenging spatial gender norms (Susanne Stenbacka)

17.00 – 19.00 Young women and public spaces: Feminist City Tour in Uppsala (Sofia Cele)

21/3:

9.15 – 10.30: Women in Swedish Geography

11.00-12.00: Seminar/discussion: Subjectivity and positionality in your research (Sofia Cele)

13.15 - 16.00: Workshop: Feminist writing and methodologies (Sofia Cele)

16.00 – 16.30: Concluding discussion

Karlstad May 13-14

Gendered mobilities of everyday life: home & away

13/5:

13.00 - 13.30: Introduction (Lena Grip and Cecilia Möller)

13.30-17.00: Lecture & discussion: Past, present and future perspectives of feminist geography (Gillian Rose, Lena Grip och Cecilia Möller)

18.00: Optional dinner in town

14/5:

9.00-11.00: Lecture: Gendered mobilities of everyday life: home & away. (Cecilia Möller, Karin Fast/André Jansson and Lena Grip)
11.00-14.00: Workshop/excursion
14.00-16.00: Seminar & discussion (Lena Grip and Cecilia Möller)

Preliminary literature

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