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Title: *Human Rights Violence Against Women in Brazil and the US*

Seminar Description: This Seminar aims to explore the renewed centrality of gender and the language of “rights” in both Brazil and the U.S. In recent times, we have seen the mainstreaming of “gender”, as gender and women’s demands for inclusion on human rights has emerged as important political categories across local and national boundaries, by women’s organizations and movements, as well in feminist responses in both contexts. The course will highlight transformations of gender in “gender ideology” and also discuss feminist politics and policies in Brazil and Latin America, as well as the United States in the last decades. How is political violation on women’s human rights being mobilized in these sites? What are the ideological commitments being promoted? How is gender and feminism connected to other political movements and struggles in both countries? With the rise of the “New Right” in both national contexts, we will discuss convergences and distinctions in Latin American and US feminist responses, and the resulting possibilities of renewed forms of feminist solidarities and alliances. The course is both interdisciplinary and comparative rather than having a United States focus only.

The course also aims also to promote debate about how (in both regions) people, feminist movements and states are facing anti-feminist policies and the growth of the political violence against women in politics (VAWP). We will also address the dissemination of sexist political violence as an attempt to regain control and to promote state discipline over the women’s bodies, especially those with a political career, both in the executive and in the legislative branch of the state.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to have read and thought about the assigned readings in advance of each class session. Diligence in keeping up with the reading is essential for a good overall Seminar experience and to your grade.

Class participation, which will count for 40 percent of the grade for this course, will be assessed on the basis of: 1) participation in seminar discussions during the semester (graded Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory); 2) to elaborate a Power Point Presentation about one seminar chosen between a topic of Program (graded on Moodle simply as S or US); and, 3) organization and facilitation of seminar discussion, working with one partner, at least twice during the semester (also graded S or US).

Each week, one student will prepare discussion questions and brief annotations/synopses of all required readings. These should be posted to Moodle no later than 6pm on Monday evening before our class. Facilitators also will prepare brief oral presentations—no longer than 20 minutes each—that pull together the readings into some kind of critical framework, relate them to previous weeks' readings, and raise questions for class discussion. Teams will meet with one another during the week preceding seminar to plan their collaborative. Power Point presentations will co-facilitate discussion with the instructor during class. This course aims to develop writing, research and presentation skills. Throughout the quarter you will be working on a research topic, and this research work will culminate in a Power Point Presentation (20% of your final grade, inserted in the 40% presented above), a study case about VAWP in the US (30% of your final grade, just choosing one women representative and presenting her political trajectory) and Final Research Paper (30% of your final grade) towards the end of the quarter.

Grade Summary

Participation – 20%

PPoint Presentation – 20%

Case Study on VAWP – 30%

Final Paper (continuity of case study on VAWP) – 30%

The final paper will count for the remaining 30 percent of the grade and will be graded on a conventional A-F scale. You will be required to turn in a one-page proposal of this paper earlier in the quarter. It should be no longer than 8000 words and may take the following forms: a research paper, drawing on course materials and original research specially following one woman representative in terms of VAWP, a draft comp for either the inter/intra-disciplinary field or contemporary theory/ies about political violence and women. The paper will be a Case Exploration where you will study a specific case within a woman representative in the US that experienced political violence. You will then relate this case to an academic theory or reading that we have discussed in seminar this semester. To start thinking about this, you might consult some of the readings suggested under 'Additional' for each week. You may also find other pieces on your own. Ideally, you will consult two or three sources, and they can be news items, academic readings, podcasts, etc. Be creative. Write a paper of no more than eight pages, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, 1" margin paper describing how the case illustrates or relates to what we have studied so far. You will give a short presentation on the case in seminar on our last classroom.

Course Materials: Students are expected to complete the required readings for each class session by the date specified in the Course Outline. Chapter- or article-length required readings will be available on Moodle. These are indicated with an (M) in the Course Outline below. The following books are available for purchase through the Amazon UMass Agreement (or your preferred virtual or real book purchasing venue) and are also on 2-hour reserve at the W.E.B. Du Bois Library.

Online Research:

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rights-human/>

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminist-power/>

The structure of the course will be fourfold:

- On HUMAN RIGHTS (HR)
- On WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS (W'HR)
- On POLITICAL VIOLENCE (PV)
- On VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN POLITICS (VAWP)

COURSE OUTLINE

September 3th – Introducing Seminar Topics and ourselves

September 5th – Introducing the “language of rights” and the Social Contract

Recommended:

- Pateman, Carole. 1988. *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford University Press
- Mills, Charles Wade. 1999. *The Racial Contract*. Cornell University Press.
- Carole Pateman and Charles W. Mills. 2007. *Contract & Domination*. Polity Press

September 10th —Introductory Overview on Seminar first topics

Recommended:

- On HUMAN RIGHTS - HR
 - Benedek, Wolfgang. 2012. “Understanding Human Rights”, *Manual On Human Rights Education*. Neuer Wissenschaftlicher Verlag, Wien – Graz. 2012.
 - Hunt, Lynn, 1945-. *Inventing Human Rights: a History*. New York :W.W. Norton & Co., 2007.
 - Nickel, James, “Human Rights”, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2019 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2019/entries/rights-human/>.

Document:

- o Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) (See: <https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>)
- On WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS (W'HR)
 - GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN. *Women's Human Rights: What are women's human rights?* See: <https://www.globalfundforwomen.org/womens-human-rights/>
 - UN, (2014). *Women's Rights are Human Rights*. United Nations Publication, 2014, 123 p. See <https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Events/WHRD/WomenRightsAreHR.pdf>.

Documents:

- o *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women* (1995) - CEDAW (See: <https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/text/econvention.htm>)
- o *Beijing and its Follow-up* (See: <https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/index.html>)

September 12th: Human Rights in Context

Human rights have become the main criterion of political legitimacy in humanitarian intervention, international law and global politics and constitute an essential component of our contemporary democratic liberal order. They are presented as natural, inalienable, interdependent, equal rights shared by all on the grounds of our common humanity. But they raise important issues and challenges: it often remains unclear what they exactly mean and what they entail for the understanding of politics today. We will address several fundamental questions in this Introduction to our debates such as: What exactly

is involved in having or exercising a right? What does it mean to possess rights on the grounds of being human? What are the theoretical foundations and historical sources of human rights? On a more practical level, what does the human rights discourse aim to achieve? How does it foster political and social change? What are the challenges posed by globalization, feminism, security, economic interests, nationalism (and so on)? In examining these issues, we will study the relationship between politics, democracy and human rights, explore the foundations and the legitimacy of them, and investigate the norms, institutions, applications of – and challenges to – human rights.

Recommended:

- Clapham, Andrew. *Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction*-Oxford University Press, USA, 2007.
- Donnelly, Jack. *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice*, 3th. Ithaca, New York, Cornell University Press, 2013.

Documents:

- o Magna Carta (1215)
- o English Bill of Rights (1689)
- o US Declaration of Independence (1776)
- o The Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen (1789)

Further Readings:

- Haas, Michael. *International Human Rights: A Comprehensive Introduction*, New York, Routledge, 2014, see Chapters 2-3.
- Ishay, Micheline. *The History of Human Rights: From Ancient Times to the Globalization Era*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2004).
- Moyn, Samuel. *The Last Utopia. Human Rights in History*, Prologue and Chap. 1: “Humanity Before Human Rights”, pp. 11-43 and “Chap. 5: Human Rights in History”
- Vincent, R. J. “Chapter 2: Human rights in Western political thought”, in R. J. Vincent, *Human Rights and International Relations*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986, p. 19-36.

September 17th and 19th: Skepticism, Idealism, the debate Universalism versus Cultural Relativism and their Critiques

Recommended:

- Beitz, Charles, R. *The Idea of Human Rights*. New York, Oxford University Press, 2009. See “27. Human rights of women”, p. 186-196 + “8. Conclusion”, p. 197-212”.
- Follesdal, Andreas. “Human Rights and Relativism,” in A. Follesdal, T. Pogge, (eds.), *Real World Justice: Grounds, Principles, Human Rights, and Social Institutions*, (Dordrecht: Springer, 2005), pp. 265-286.
- Tremblay, Kelly, Lipson and Mayer (eds.), *Understanding Human Rights. Origins, Currents, and Critiques*, Chapter 4: “Universalist Theories of Human Rights: Origins and Critiques”, pp. 85-110.
- Wenar, Leif. “The Nature of Human Rights” in A. Follesdal, T. Pogge, (eds.), *Real World Justice: Grounds, Principles, Human Rights, and Social Institutions*, (Dordrecht: Springer, 2005), pp. 285-294.

Further Readings:

- Arvonne, S. Fraser, "Becoming Human: The Origins and Development of Women's Human Rights," *Human Rights Quarterly*, 21 (4), 1999, pp. 854-906.
- Nussbaum, Martha. "In Defense of Universal Values", in Cecilia Waynrib, Judith G. Smetana, Elliot Turiel (eds.), *Social Development, Social Inequalities and Social Justice* (New York and London: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2008), pp. 209-234.
- Parekh, Bhikhu. "Non-ethnocentric Universalism", in Tim Dunne and Nicholas J. Wheeler (eds.), *Human Rights in Global Politics* (Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1999), p. 128-159.
- Sunstein, Cass R., "Rights and Their Critics," *Notre Dame Law Review*, 70 (4), 1995.

September 24th and 26th: Women's Rights are Human Rights: Feminist perspectives

The next tree lesson introduces women's rights as human rights: it's origins as both a movement and a policy approach. We will identify the key historical developments of the women's human rights movement and also a set of pre-requisite factors for attaining women's human rights and also describes the theoretical approaches to studying women's human rights. This discussion will provide a basis for questions and approaches we will continue to engage as we examine substantive violations of women's human rights in politics.

Recommended:

- Bunch, Charlotte. "Women's Rights as Human Rights: Towards a Re-Vision of Human Rights", In *Human Rights Quarterly* (12), 1990, pp. 486-500.
- Bunch, Charlotte. 2013. 'Legacy of Vienna: Feminism and Human Rights, International Expert Conference on Vienna + 20', Vienna, retrieved from: <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/docman/coalition-building/620-legacy-of-vienna-feminism-and-human-rights/file> (accessed: 07/31/2019).
- Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, (2014). *The Situation of Women's Rights 20 Years after the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights*, Academy In-Brief No. 4, Université de Genève, June 2014,
- UN Women.1998. *Women2000, Integrating Gender Perspective into UN Human Rights Work*, UN, Division of Advancement of Women. Dec 1998.

Online research:

- o For a Timeline and more information: See <https://globalfeministjourneys.com/#event-universal-declaration-of-human-rights-udhr>

Further Readings:

- Ackerly, Brooke. "Women's Human Rights Activists as Cross-cultural Theorists", In *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 3(3): 2001, pp. 311-46.
- Andrew, Caroline. "The Politics of Women's Rights", in Gordon DiGiacomo (eds.), In *Human Rights. Current Issues and Controversies* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016), pp. 262-280.
- Bunch, Charolte and Carrilo, Roxanna. *Gender Violence: a development and Human Rights Issue*. Center For Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers Office of University Publications, 1991.

- Cornwall, Andrea and Molyneux, Maxine. 2006, “The Politics of Rights – Dilemmas for Feminist Praxis: an Introduction,” *Third World Quarterly* 27:7: 1175-1191 (Collab).
- Matos, Marlise; Simoes, S. “Emergence of Intersectional Activist Feminism in Brazil: The Interplay of Local and Global Contexts”. In Glenda Tibe Bonifacio. (Org.). *Global Currents in Gender and Feminisms: Canadian and International Perspectives*. 1ed. Bingley, United Kingdom,: Emerald Publishing Limited, 2017, v. 1, p. 42-73.
- Tremblay, Kelly, Lipson and Mayer (eds.), *Understanding Human Rights. Origins, Currents, and Critiques* (Toronto: The University of Toronto Press, 2008), Chapter 7: “Gender and Human Rights”, pp. 155-178.

October 01st and 8th: Reactions to Beijing and CEDAW – (we will not have class on 3th October)

Recommended:

- Anne Hellum, Henriette Sinding Aasen. *Women’s Human Rights: CEDAW in International, Regional and National Law*. Cambridge University, 2013. Introduction + Chapter 1. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. + Conclusions.
- Buss, D. E. (1998). *Robes, Relics and Rights: the Vatican and the Beijing Conference On Women*. *Social & Legal Studies*, 7(3), 339–363.
- Zoelle, Diana. 2000. *Globalizing Concern For Women's Human Rights* (2000). Palgrave Macmillan. (entire book)

Further Readings:

- Htun, Mala and Weldon, Laurel, under review, “Religion, the State, and Women’s Rights: Comparative Analysis of Sex Equality in Family Law.”
- Radford, Kelly Hester (1995) “Introduction” in Marianne Hester , Liz Kelly , Jill Radford Eds. *Women, Violence, and Male Power: Feminist Activism, Research, and Practice*. Open University Press, 1995.

October 10th and 15th: 2000’s Transformations - Anti-gender Politics 1

At this part of the Program we will discuss anti-gender politics conducted recently in East Europe and in LAC countries to examine how they violate women’s human rights. We will focus a critical framework about these politics through a gender and feminist lens. We explore why and how women as a group will experience discrimination due to these politics as a consequence of their gender and to what extent human rights can be useful to challenge the social, economic and political position of women in these countries. It also aims to explore and discuss how recent changes in gender policy and politics agenda have been simultaneous with some countries de-democratization processes. The emergence from Christian reflections of what the religious defined as “gender ideology” is the backdrop for the emergence of this new conservative wave at the same time moral, political and social.

Recommended:

- Burack, C. (2018). “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Human Rights Assistance in the Time of Trump”. *Politics & Gender*, 14(4), 561–580.
- Ferber, Abby (ed.) (2004). *Home-Grown Hate: Gender and Organized Racism*. New York: Routledge. See Chapter 11. “The Emergence of Powerful Anti-Gender Movements in Europe and the Crisis of Liberal Democracy”

- Graff, A., Kapur, R., & Walters, S. D. (2019). "Introduction: Gender and the Rise of the Global Right". *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 44(3), 541–560.
- Kováts, Eszter, p. 175-189. In *Gender and Far Right Politics in Europe, 2017*; and also Chapter 12 "Similarities/Differences in Gender and Far-Right Politics in Europe and the USA"
- Kováts, Eszter, Pöim, M (2015). *Gender as symbolic glue*. Hrsg. Foundation of European Progressive Studies (FEPS) und Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Budapest.

Further Readings:

- Enloe, C., Graff, A., Kapur, R., & Walters, S. D. (2019). "Ask a Feminist: Gender and the Rise of the Global Right." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 44(3), 823–844.
- Schenkkan, N., & Repucci, S. (2019). "The Freedom House Survey for 2018: Democracy in Retreat". *Journal of Democracy*, 30(2), 100–114.

October 17th and 22th: 2000's Transformations - Anti-gender Politics 2

Recommended:

- Corrêa, Sonia, Paternotte, David and Kuhar, Roman. (2018). "*The globalization of anti-gender campaigns: Transnational anti-gender movements in Europe and Latin America create unlikely alliances*" (2018). See <https://www.ips-journal.eu/topics/human-rights/article/show/the-globalisation-of-anti-gender-campaigns-2761/>
- Corredor, E. S. (2019). "Unpacking 'Gender Ideology' and the Global Right's Antigender Countermovement". *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 44(3), 613–638.
- Evans, Jennifer (2019) "*The new war on gender studies*". See <http://theconversation.com/the-new-war-on-gender-studies-109109>
- Grzebalska, Weronika (2016). "*Why the war on 'gender ideology' matters – and not just to feminists. Anti-genderism and the crisis of neoliberal democracy*". See <https://visegradinsight.eu/why-the-war-on-gender-ideology-matters-and-not-just-to-feminists/>
- Kováts, Eszter. *Questioning Consensuses: Right-Wing Populism, Anti-Populism, and the Threat of "Gender Ideology."* *Sociological Research Online*, 23(2), 2018, p. 528–538.

24th and 29th October and 5th November: Democracy and Women (North and Global South perspectives)

Recommended:

- Goetz, A. M. (2018). "Has Democracy Failed Women?" *Gender & Development*, 26(1), 214–216.
- Matos, Marlise. "Gender and Sexuality in Brazilian Public Policy: Progress and Regression in Depatriarchalizing and Deheteronormalizing the State" In Elisabeth Jay Friedman. (Org.). *Seeking Rights from the Left: Gender, Sexuality, and the Latin American Pink Tide*. 1ed. Durham, North Carolina, United: Duke University Press, 2019, v. 1, p. 144-198.
- Mendus, Susan. "Losing the Faith: Feminism and Democracy", In *Democracy: a Reader*. Ricardo Blaug, John Schwarzmantel (eds.), Edinburgh University Press, Year: 2015, p. 318-324.

- Waylen, Georgina. "Women and Democratization: Conceptualizing Gender Relations in Transition Politics". In *World Politics*, Vol. 46, No. 3 (Apr., 1994), pp. 327-354.
- Gill, Andréa and Pires, Thula (2019). "From Binary to Intersectional to Imbricated Approaches: Gender in a Decolonial and Diasporic Perspective". In: *Contexto Internacional*, vol. 41(2) May/Aug 2019, p.275-302.

Further Readings:

- Baldez, Lisa. "Women's Movements and Democratic Transition in Chile, Brazil, East Germany and Poland", In *Comparative Politics*, April 2003, p 253-272.
- Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian; Flavia Freidenberg; Mariana Caminotti; Tomáš Došek. (2017) *Women, Politics, and Democracy in Latin America: An Introduction*. (many Chapters)
- Mansbridge, J., & Shames, S. L. (2008). "Toward a Theory of Backlash: Dynamic Resistance and the Central Role of Power". *Politics & Gender*, 4(04), 623.
- Rowbotham, Sheila. (2017) "Women: Linking Lives with Democracy" Vol 54: *Socialist Register 2018: Rethinking Democracy*
- Rowbotham, Sheila. "Feminism and Democracy", In *Democracy: a Reader*. Ricardo Blaug, John Schwarzmantel (eds.), Edinburgh University Press, Year: 2015, p. 315-317.

07th November - Introductory Overview on Seminar last topics

- On POLITICAL VIOLENCE (PV)
 - Brown, Wendy, *Undoing the Demos: Neoliberalism's Stealth Revolution*. 2015, Zone Books.
 - Ruggiero, Vincenzo. *Understanding Political Violence*. 2006, Open University Press.
- On VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN POLITICS (VAWP)
 - Bardall, Gabrielle. 2018. "Violence, Politics, and Gender". *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

12th and 14th November: Political Violence

Political violence is implicated in a range of different phenomena: non-state armed groups, inter-communal conflicts, state violence, large-scale criminal-political violence, rebellions, localized struggles, acts of terror, and violence as a profession where other avenues of social advancement are foreclosed. The lectures and readings of this part will be organized thematically with the emergence of state reaction to social movements protests and the emergence of new right. Gender and Political Violence will be stressed as examples of political violence.

Recommended:

- Albright, Madeleine. (2016). *A hidden reality: Violence against women in politics*. Available at: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/03/07/opinions/madeleine-albright-protect-women-in-politics/>. Accessed 24 July 2019.
- Della Porta, Donatella. *Social movements, political violence, and the state A comparative analysis of Italy and Germany*. Cambridge University Press, 1995. See Chapter 8 "Social movements, political violence, and the state: a conclusion", p. 187-216.

- Furtado, Henrique. “The Bolsonaro effect”. *Journal Open Democracy*, Oct 18, 2018. See opendemocracy.net/democraciaabierta/henrique-furtado/violence-bolsonaro-effect-and-crisis-of-brazilian-democracy
- Sosa, J. J. (2019). “Subversive, Mother, Killjoy: Sexism against Dilma Rousseff and the Social Imaginary of Brazil’s Rightward Turn”. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 44(3), 717–741.
- Tilly, Charles. *The Politics of Collective Violence*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003, p. 01-54.

Further Readings:

- Barnes, T. D., & Jones, M. P. (2011). *Latin America. In Women in executive power: A global overview* (pp. 105–121). London/New York: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group.
- Della Porta, Donatella. (2013). *Can Democracy Be Saved?*, Polity Press, Malden. See Chapter “Can Democracy Be Saved? A Conclusion”. p. 185-189.
- Keane, John. *Violence and Democracy*. Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- Orbals, Candice D., Poloni, Lori M. -Staudinger. 2018. *Gender and Political Violence*, Springer International Publishing. See specially Chapter 8: *Political Violence, Terrorism, and Elites* (p. 207-246).
- Zwi, Anthony and Ugalde, Antonio. (1989) “Towards an epidemiology of political violence in the third world” *Social Science & Medicine*, Volume 28, Issue 7, 1989, Pages 633-642.

19th and 21st November: Violence Against Women in Politics (VAWP) 1

Attention to gender and political violence is growing, inspiring a large literature and series of policy interventions related to women in conflict and post-conflict contexts. At the same time, a parallel and sometimes intersecting new area of interest has emerged, focusing on violence perpetrated against politically active women. The issue surfaced organically in different places: in conversations among locally elected women in Bolivia in the early 2000s, who began to theorize what they called ‘political violence and harassment against women’; in Asian networks of political women concerned in the mid-2000s to map and address the problem of ‘violence against women in politics’; and among local and international activists in Kenya in the late 2000s, who observed and sought to combat ‘electoral gender-based violence’. The United Nations General Assembly first recognized it as a problem in 2011, calling for zero tolerance for violence against female candidates and elected officials. After several years of research, UN Women and UNDP published a programming guide for tackling violence against women in elections in 2017. The UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women prepared a special report on this issue, presented to the General Assembly in 2018.

Recommended:

- Ballington, Julie et al. *Preventing Violence Against Women in Elections: a Programming Guide*. UN Women and UNDP, 2017.
- Bardall, Gabrielle. 2017. “Respecting Women’s Political Rights: Violence against Women in Politics”
- Bardall, Gabrielle. *Breaking the Mold: Understanding Gender and Electoral Violence*. International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), IFES White Paper, December 2011.
- Krook, Mona Lena. “Violence Against Women in Politics”. *Journal of Democracy*. Johns Hopkins University Press. Volume 28, Number 1, January 2017, pp. 74-88

Document:

- UN Women. *Violence Against Women In Politics: Expert Group Meeting Report & Recommendations*, March 2018, New York, NY (see: <http://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/library/publications/2018/egm-report-violence-against-women-in-politics-en.pdf?la=en&vs=4036>).

Online research:

- IPU. 2016. “Sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians.” Geneva: IPU. <http://www.ipu.org/pdf/publications/issuesbrief-e.pdf> (November 2, 2016)
- IPU. 2017. “Women in National Parliaments Statistical Archive.” Interparliamentary Union. <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif-arc.htm> (July 8, 2016).
- IPU study reveals widespread sexism, harassment and violence against women MPs. 2016. See <https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases/2016-10/ipu-study-reveals-widespread-sexism-harassment-and-violence-against-women-mps>
- Krook, Mona Lena. “Violence against women in politics: Rethinking definitions of political violence”. See <http://genderinstitute.anu.edu.au/violence-against-women-politics-rethinking-definitions-political-violence>.
- Saskia Brechenmacher. 2017. “Fighting Violence Against Women in Politics: the Limits of Legal Reform”. See <https://theglobalobservatory.org/2017/10/fighting-violence-against-women-in-politics-the-limits-of-legal-reform/>

26th and 28th November: Violence Against Women in Politics (VAWP) 2**Recommended:**

- Inter-Parliamentary Union, 2016. *Sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians*. Issues Brief October 2016.
- Krook, Mona Lena and Restrepo Sanin, Juliana. “Violence Against Women in Politics A Defense of the Concept”, *Política y gobierno*. volume XXIII, number 2, II semester, 2016, pp. 459-490.
- OSCE/ODIHR, *Handbook On Promoting Women’s Participation In Political Parties*. OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Warsaw, Poland, 2014.
- Schneider, Paige L. *Violence Against Women in Elections and Gendered Electoral Violence: A Conceptual Framework for Policy Innovation*.

Further Readings:

- Bardall, Gabrielle., 2013. “Gender-Specific Election Violence: The Role of Information and Communication Technologies”. *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*, 2(3), p.Art. 60.
- Mona Lena Krook, Juliana Restrepo Sanin, Flavia Biroli, Rebecca Kuperberg, Elin Bjarnegård, and Julie Ballington (2018) ‘Critical Perspectives: Violence against Women in Politics: Theory, Data, and Methods’, *Politics & Gender* 14(4).

Document:

- UN Women. *Violence against Women in Politics: a study conducted in India, Nepal and Pakistan*. (See: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2014/6/violence-against-women-in-politics>)

Online research:

- *The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)* is a disaggregated conflict collection, analysis and crisis mapping project. ACLED collects the dates, actors, types of violence, locations, and fatalities of all reported political violence and protest events across Africa, South Asia, South East Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and Latin America, See <https://www.acleddata.com/>

3rd December: Violence Against Women in Politics (VAWP) and Sexist Political Violence: different approaches**Recommended:**

- Biroli, Flavia, (2016) “Political violence against women in Brazil: expressions and definitions”. *Direito & Praxis Revista*. Rio de Janeiro, Vol. 07, N. 15, 2016, p. 557-589.
- Matos, Marlise. (2019), *Violence Against Women in Politics and Sexist Political Violence: different approaches*. Forthcoming
- Palmeiro, Cecilia (2018) “The Latin American Green Tide: Desire and Feminist Transversality”, *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*, 27:4, 561-564.
- Thirsk, Lisane. 2015. “Action Plan for Preventing Political Harassment and Violence Against Women.” *ParlAmericas*. January 29. (see <http://www.parlamericas.org/en/group-of-women/political-violence.aspx>).

Online research:

- Political violence puts Brazil on alert - *The Brazilian Report*, see <https://brazilian.report/opinion/2018/03/29/political-violence-lula-marielle/>

5th December: Final paper discussion and conclusion

This final lesson of the course will focus on the initial research that students have conducted throughout the quarter. Social and political science analysis is an important component of this course and this gives all students the opportunity to share their findings and receive feedback as they complete the research paper assignment. In this final lesson we will have an individual presentation of a one-page proposal of the final paper earlier in the quarter, and we will have a group discussion about it. Finally, this lesson will also serve as a final conclusion to our exploration of women's human rights and political violence experience.

FINAL PAPER DUE DECEMBER 13th December, BY NOON