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PHIL 239: Philosophy and Feminism



In this course we will think in a philosophical way about issues in feminist thought.

We'll look at some social practices that raise pressing problems about the standing and treatment of women — practices like pornography, restrictions on reproductive rights, sex work, multiculturalism, harassment and the gendered division of labour. When we consider these practical issues we'll be asking first how we should about these things as we work towards determining what we should do about them.

We'll also be examining a number of foundational concepts and theories in feminism. These include the concepts of sex and gender, patriarchy and oppression, intersectionality, consent, misogyny, objectification, the different voice, false consciousness and adaptive preference. We'll be thinking about how best to understand these concepts

