

Critical Gender Studies 123: Gender and Reproductive Politics

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Course Description:

Race and reproduction share a long and intimate relationship in histories of slavery, settler/ colonialism, imperialism, immigration, nationalism, and globalization. This course will examine historical and contemporary debates around issues such as abortion, birth control, surrogacy, fetal testing, and assisted reproductive technologies. Topics include the essentialization of women as reproducers; the relationship between the corporeal body and body politics; the fight for abortion/birth control; eugenics and coerced sterilization of poor, women of color; reproductive health “rights” and “choices;” and the effects of structural violence and inhumane conditions on reproductive health.

*May be petitioned towards the Global Health, Public Health and Ethnic Studies majors, as well as the Health Care - Social Issues, Law and Society, and Human Rights minors. Please check with your academic advisors for details.