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Traditions of Feminist Thought

This course is a rigorous introduction to feminism's multiple intellectual and political traditions, including radical, Marxist, liberal, lesbian, black, and women of color feminisms. The course emphasizes the rich debates that have been staged within feminism as feminists have labored to imagine another world. Our task is to understand how these varied feminist traditions have interrogated the same sites -- marriage and family, sexuality, reproduction, the state, work, liberation, and feminism itself - in radically different ways. Why are these the key areas that feminist theorists have focused on for decades? How have feminists of varied political and theoretical allegiances imagined these spaces as both sites of oppression and potential venues for freedom?

