



**GNDR\_ST 490/SOCIOL 476 • Ann Orloff**

## Gender, Power, Politics

This seminar will investigate the mutually constitutive relationships between gender and politics, in contexts of multidimensional inequality. We will examine the gendered character of citizenship, political participation and representation, social and economic rights. We aim to understand gendered politics and policy from both “top down” and “bottom up” perspectives. What do states do, via institutions of political participation and representation, citizenship rights and policies, to shape gender relations? How do gender relations influence the nature of policy and citizenship? How have movements and counter-movements around the transformation of gender developed, and how have gendered divides influenced politics of all sorts? We expand on conventional conceptions of political participation and citizenship rights to include grassroots democratic activism, the creation of counter-public spheres and alternative visions of democracy, social provision and economic participation, as well as examining formal politics and policies. We will read and discuss scholars drawing on diverse theoretical and methodological traditions; we engage with analyses of a variety of contexts across the world (the US, other rich capitalist democracies, postcolonial states and beyond), and strive to situate states and political mobilization in global contexts.

**Parkes Hall 222 • Tuesday 4:30-6:50pm**

