

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER: FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, MARKETS, STATES

GNDR_ST 331 / SOCIOL 356



In this course, we investigate gender relations, in the context of complex inequalities, across states, markets and families, with a focus on the United States (historically and in the contemporary era), but with an effort to place the US in comparative and global contexts

and to gain some familiarity with the situation in other countries. We examine the gendered character of citizenship, political participation, social and economic rights, and try to understand gendered politics and policy from both “top down” and “bottom up” perspectives. We explore the gendered division of labor in employment and in families, and evaluate how this has been shaped by state and corporate policies, ordinary peoples’ practices and shifting cultural ideals and gendered belief systems. Finally, we look at changing family forms, which both respond to shifts in markets and states and encourage further changes in these spheres.

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