

FEMINIST THEORY

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Feminists theorize a changing world as we seek to reshape it. If, as Arundhati Roy has written, the pandemic is a portal between one world and the next, what do we carry with us to fight for the world to come? This class examines the “classic” works of feminist theory and their political interventions in light of our solidarity with the social justice

vision of #BlackLivesMatter, a movement named and launched by Black women. We will reconsider foundational questions of feminist theorizing: 1. How has intersectionality challenged who and what is a woman? 2. Who makes knowledge and for whom? 3. Futurism and utopias. 4. In creating a queer affirming, trans uplifting community, welcoming to all gender expressions and all sexual identities, regardless of economic status, age, ability or disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location, #BLM philosophy affirms that protest is expansive and loving. Importantly, what do we learn from restorative justice as a healing practice in the struggles against anti-Black state-sanctioned and vigilante violence? How do we re-center feminisms within the long genealogy of freedom, abolitionism(s), and world-making?

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