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Gender and the politics of time - Bryson, Valerie 2007-11-21

Women’s increased role in the labour market has combined with concerns about the damaging effects of long working hours to push time-related issues up the policy agenda in many Western nations. This wide-ranging and accessible book assesses policy alternatives in the light of feminist theory and factual evidence. The book introduces mainstream ideas on the nature and political significance of time and re-frames them from a feminist perspective to provide a critical overview of policies in Western welfare states. Themes covered include gender differences in time use and the impact of ‘time poverty’ on women’s citizenship; the need to value time spent giving and receiving care; the social meanings of time and whether we can talk about ‘women’s time’ and ‘men’s time’; and the role of the past in framing policy options today. The book is essential reading for all those interested in gender inequality, time-use or work/rest-of-life balance. It will be an invaluable resource for students and academics throughout the social sciences.

Gender and International Relations - Jill Steans 2006-08-18

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Destabilizing Theory - Michelle Barrett 1992

In the past decade the central principles of western feminist theory have been dramatically challenged. Many feminists have endorsed post-structuralism’s rejection of essentialist theoretical categories, and have added a powerful gender dimension to contemporary critiques of modernity. Earlier ‘women’ have been radically undermined, and newer concerns with ‘difference’, ‘identity’, and ‘power’ have emerged. Destabilizing Theory explores these developments in a set of specially commissioned essays by feminist theorists. Does this change amount to a real shift within feminist theory, or will feminism’s links with an emancipatory modernism restate an older political agenda? Can we transcend the common counterposition of equality and difference, or is feminism condemned to argue within the terms of this binary opposition?

Feminism and Politics - Anne Phillips 1998

Feminism challenges both the theory and practice of politics, opening up new ways of thinking about political change. In this latest volume in the Oxford Readings in Feminism series, Anne Phillips brings together twenty outstanding articles dealing with various aspects of feminism and politics, covering political studies, political theory, interests and representation, identities and coalitions, equality and anti-discrimination, and citizenship. This collection will be essential reading for any feminist who has doubted the importance of political studies, and any student of politics who has doubted the relevance of feminism.

Feminism and Political Theory - Janice McLaughlin 2014-05-14

This text introduces students to both feminism and other social and political theories via an examination of the inter-relationship between different feminist positions and key contemporary debates. The book takes each debate in turn, outlining the main theories and feminist responses.

Gender in Political Theory - Judith Squires 2013-05-28

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Applications of Feminist Legal Theory to Women’s Lives - D. Kelly Weinberg 2009

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Feminist Visual Culture - Fiona Carson 2015-06-06

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Applying Political Theory - Katherine Smits 2016-05-20

How can political theory help us understand and solve the political questions of our time? This introduction to political theory illuminates its relevance and applicability and clarifies what is at stake in a range of contemporary debates. The new edition has been revised throughout and has a new chapter on civil disobedience and whistle-blowing.

Japanese Feminist Debates - Ayako Kano 2016-06-30

Recent years have seen a surge of interest in Japanese feminism and gender history. This new volume brings to light Japan’s feminist public sphere, a discursive space in which academic, journalistic, and political voices have long mingled and spurred over issues that remain controversial to the present day: prostitution, pornography, reproductive rights, the balance between motherhood and paid work, relationships between individual, family, and state. Japanese Feminist Debates: A Century of Contention on Sex, Love, and Labor introduces mainstream ideas on the nature and politically charged debates, including important recent developments in state feminism and the conservative backlash against it, spearheaded by the current prime minister, Abe Shinzō. Focusing on essential questions that have yet to be resolved, Ayako Kano traces the emergence and development of these controversies in relation to social, cultural, intellectual, and political history. Her focus on the “rondan”—the Japanese intellectual public sphere—allows her to show how disputes taking place therein intersected with both popular culture and policy making. Kano argues that these feminist debates explain an important paradox: why Japan is such a highly developed modern nation yet ranks dismally low in gender equality. Part of the answer lies in the contested definitions of gender equality and women’s liberation, and this book traces these contestations over the course of modern Japanese history. It also addresses the related history of modern Japanese children’s文学作品, exploring the schooling of young children, and politics of parental education. By engaging the entire corpus of Japanese Feminist Debates is able to trace the origins and development of feminist consciousness from the late nineteenth century to the present day. Based on over a decade of research, this wide-ranging, lively, up-to-date book will be of interest to specialists grappling with long-enduring subjects of intellectual debate and animate undergraduate and graduate classrooms on modern Japanese women’s history and gender studies.

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Debates in Nordic Gender Studies-Cecilia A并erg 2016-03-22 Celebrating more than two decades of feminist theory and gender research, this book provides an essential overview of current theoretical debates and institutional perspectives in the field of Nordic Gender Studies: an area currently facing the challenges of internationalization and destablized welfare states, intersectionality, materiality, and academic transformation. Forming an overview, the introductory texts collected here are intended for Nordic and international students and teachers specializing in gender studies or related areas of interdisciplinary humanities and social sciences. With vibrant contributions from Nordic and international key scholars, this book presents an important reading for anyone interested in the latest developments in feminist and gender studies.

Introducing Women's Studies -Penny A. Weiss 1998-03-19 Applying the idea of conversation broadly, Penny A. Weiss offers a collection of essays that are either constructed dialogues, letters, or conversations about voice and silence. Conversation emerges as both a theory and a method of feminist political inquiry and practice. The most vocal participants in Weiss' conversations are historical political thinkers both within the Western canon (Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelii, Rousseau) and beyond its confines (Astellen, Coopiers, Rollectanet, de Pizan). Other figures appear as well, from Anita Hill and U. S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to one of the author's own students and children. Conflicts between feminists and anti-feminists frame some essays, while others represent debates within feminism. Weiss introduces students to the rich history of feminist thought, method, and contradiction in production - shows that feminist methodology has a distinctive place in social research - guides the reader through the terrain of feminist methodology and clarifies how feminists can claim knowledge of gendered social experience - connects abstract issues of theory with issues in fieldwork practice. This timely and accessible book will be an essential resource for students in women's studies, gender studies, sociology, cultural studies, social anthropology and feminist psychology.

Nordic Feminist Methodology-Cecilia A并erg 2016-03-22 When science is defined as a body of knowledge, when the field of knowledge is constructed in a linear order, and when this order is understood as the domain of expertise, femininity and women have been marginalized. feminist methodology and feminist research methods are, therefore, the production of reciprocal needs of knowledge, science, and politics. This book, which brings together the ambitions and practices of feminist Nordic scholars, is the result of a collective effort to reflect on the unique challenges facing feminist research in the Nordic region, and to explore the ways in which feminist research can contribute to the development of more inclusive and gender-sensitive research methods.

Debates and Issues in Feminist Research and Pedagogy-Janet Holand 1995 The articles in this book engage with practical issues relating to teaching and research. The way in which gender and education have been conceptualized and understood by different authors, and the different methods of understanding gender that have been developed, are considered. The book also considers the impact of feminism on higher education and the role of feminist methodology in teaching and research. The book is divided into three parts: Part One considers the way in which gender and education have been conceptualized and understood by different authors; Part Two considers the impact of feminism on higher education; and Part Three considers the role of feminist methodology in teaching and research.

Unthinking Citizenship-Amanda Gouw 2017-03-02 The study of citizenship in the context of South Africa implicitly challenges the rights-based democracy in South Africa, while literature regarding women and gender has greatly contributed to a new understanding of citizenship that is both broad and inclusive. The many processes that are produced in this expanded understanding of citizenship are crucial for the future of South Africa. The study of citizenship in the context of South Africa is a more theoretical and empirical direction with engaging knowledge produced elsewhere in the world. As part of the Gender in a Local/Global World series, it investigates the making of gendered citizenship, institutionalization of gender politics, the state of gendered policy making, local citizenship, rights, the women's movement, gendered violence, as well as citizenship and the body.

Capitalism, For and Against-Anne E. Cudd 2011-01-06 Political philosophy and feminist theory and political practice have rarely examined in detail how capitalism affects the lives of women. Anne Cudd and Nancy Holmstrom take up opposing sides of the issue, debating whether capitalism is valuable as an ideal and whether as an actually existing economic system it is good for women. In a discussion covering a broad range of social and economic issues, including unequal pay, industrial reforms and sweatshops, they examine how these and other issues relate to women and how effectively to analyze what constitutes 'capitalism' and 'women's interests'. Each author also responds to the opposing arguments, providing a thorough account of the topics covered. The resulting volume will interest a wide range of readers in philosophy, political theory, women's studies and public affairs.

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Feminist Methodology -Caroline Ramazanoglu 2002-02-20 ‘An accessible, clearly explained review of difficult concepts within this arena as well as relevant debates. Its strengths are in outlining possible interpretations that need to be taken into account when making methodological choices. It also clearly explains how these choices impact on production. This book would undoubtedly be of considerable use to anyone seeking to understand and get to grips with feminist methodological issues - Feminism and Psychology Who would be a feminist now? Contemporary 'political realism' suggests that the essentials of the battle have already been won, and the current generation of women entering University is used to seeing feminism presented as 'old fashioned', 'extreme' and 'unrealistic'. Challenging such assumptions, this important new book argues for the value of empirical investigations of gendered life, and brings together the theoretical, political and practical aspects of feminist methodology. Feminist Methodology - directly challenges the assumptions of the way in which research and practice engage with debates in western feminist scholarship. The book is comprehensive and relevant for all those interested in the production - shows that feminist methodology has a distinctive place in social research - guides the reader through the terrain of feminist methodology and clarifies how feminists can claim knowledge of gendered social experience - connects abstract issues of theory with issues in fieldwork practice. This timely and accessible book will be an essential resource for students in women's studies, gender studies, sociology, cultural studies, social anthropology and feminist psychology.

Feminist Research In Theory And Practice -Liebre, Gayle 2003-02-01 “This is a clear and accessible exploration of feminist method, methodology and epistemology. After situating herself and her work, Gayle Liebreth charts the debates concerned with the epistemological, political and practical issues involved in doing feminist research, and places the debates within a wider consideration of the epistemological and practical issues for feminist researchers. It examines how the process of research affects the results of that research and explores the relation between politics and practice in terms of research and feminist production. Throughout the book there is a practical emphasis on specific examples of feminist research in action and, as well as summarizing current theoretical debates, Gayle Liebreth adds to them.” - Back cover.

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Feminisms Matter

Victoria L. Bromley 2012 Feminisms Matter confronts the major reasons people offer for not being feminists by breaking apart stereotypes of feminists, unraveling myths about women’s history, and challenging assumptions about feminists and feminisms.

AIDS: Setting A Feminist Agenda

Tamzin Wilton, Lesley Doyal, Jennie Naidoo all of the University of the West of England. 2018-12-07 AIDS: Setting a Feminist Agenda presents an overview of the important issues raised for feminist theory and practice by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and outlines the direction in which feminist debates about the subject are developing. It makes essential links between feminism and HIV/AIDS work, and not only demonstrates that AIDS is a feminist issue, but also suggests areas where feminism is long overdue. The essays discuss medical issues; the specific and social political impact of HIV/AIDS on the lives of women of colour, lesbians, injecting drug users and prostitute women; And Current Health Educational And Health Promotional Practice As It relates to women.; The volume is theoretical and practical - suggesting theoretical models for understanding and challenging the social factors which are conducive to the spread of HIV among women and among men, as well as offering models of good practice for working with and for women.

Contemporary Political Concepts

Georgina Blakely 2002 An introduction and conclusion bracket 11 papers from a November 1999 conference at the University of Huddersfield in which British scholars of politics consider fundamental concepts underlying the field. Among them are globalization, postmodernism, gender, empowerment, and social capital. Distributed in the US by Stylus. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Italian Feminist Theory and Practice

David K Bermanhauen 2002 There follow essays by Carol Lazardo-Weis, Lucia Re, Luisa Muraro, Adriana Cavarero, Lea Melandri, and Teresa de Lauretis, in which the authors explore the concept of sexual difference, female authority, relational identity, gendered roles, and homosexual desire in its relation to heterosexual normativity. The volume brings Italian feminist theory squarely into the arena of the most important contemporary feminist debates, revealing both its connections to and disjunctions from more dominant French and North American theories and practices.

Theory on Gender

Paula England 1993-01-01 How do various social theories explain gender inequality? Are these theories infused with masculinist biases that need to be redressed with insights from feminist theory? To address these questions, this collection of original essays features prominent sociologists discussing the strengths and the limitations of the theoretical traditions within which they have worked. Among the theoretical perspectives included are those of Marxism, world system theory, macrostructural theories, rational choice theory, neofunctionalism, psychoanalysis, ethnic methodology, expectation states theory, poststructuralist symbolic interactionism, and network theory. Each of the chapter-length essays of the first two sections provides an overview of the theory, explains its implications for gender inequality, reviews empirical research, and comments upon sexist biases or other limitations of the perspective. The final section contains chapters on feminist debates over methodology, critical commentaries on the preceding papers by four feminist scholars, and replies by the original authors.

Women in Movement (Routledge Revivals)

Sheila Rowbotham 2013-10-14 First published in 1992, this book is an historical introduction to a wide range of women’s movements from the late eighteenth-century to the date of its publication. It describes economic, social and political ideas which have inspired women to organize, not only in Europe and North America, but also in the Third World. Sheila Rowbotham outlines a long history of women’s challenges to the gender bias in political and economical concepts. She shows women laying claim to rights and citizenship, while contesting male definitions of their scope, and seeking to enlarge the meaning of economy through action around consumption and production, environmental protests and welfare projects.

Fractured Feminisms

Laura Gray-Rosendale 2012-02-01 Crucial conversations about feminist theories and how they can fall apart, rupture, and fragment.

The Impact of Feminism on Political Concepts and Debates

Georgina Blakely 2007-10-15 Many feminists have engaged with man-made concepts and approaches of traditional political analysis to produce an increasingly sophisticated and wide-ranging body of thought. This book starts with the idea that such work is not simply “something for the girls.” Rather, it has profound implications without which our understanding of political processes will be impoverished. This book provides an accessible overview and assessment of the impact of recent feminism. Each chapter takes a “malestream” concept and examines critical debates around it and feminist reactions/critiques. It analyses the significance of feminism for the concept and considers whether it can simply be extended to include women or whether it should be radically transformed or even abandoned.

Feminist Theory and Literary Practice

Deborah L. Madsen 2000-08-20 An accessible account of the varieties of feminist thought within the context of the key American texts including Kate Chopin, Alice Walker and Ann Beattie.

Working Feminism

Pratt Geraline Pratt 2019-08-07 Working Feminism looks at key concepts and debates within feminist theory and puts them to work concretely in relation to the real problems faced by Filipino domestic workers and Asian youth in Canada. It draws to the fore the metaphorical and concrete geographies that lie implicit and underdeveloped within much feminist theory and suggests that a geographical imagination offers a means of reframing debates beyond polarised theoretical and political positions. Alternating between theoretical and empirical chapters, substantial and wide-ranging discussions of human rights, multiculturalism, transnationalism and feminist politics are brought to earth and - by putting them into the context of individual predicaments - to life. The empirical chapters build from a decade-long collaboration with an activist group - the Philippines Women Centre - in Vancouver, Canada. They demonstrate the fruits of a close and innovative engagement between poststructuralist feminist theory and participatory action research. The book demonstrates the immediate practicality of abstract debate, and works away at divisions between culturalist and materialist, theoretical and practical feminisms.

Contemporary Feminist Theories

Stevi Jackson 1998 Contemporary Feminist Theories was inspired by a dissatisfaction with existing introductions, which often fail to fully track change and capture diversity within feminist thought. The volume draws on the expertise of a range of Western feminists in order to reflect the breadth of feminist theory as well as shifts within it. Each chapter maps the development of feminist thought in a particular area over time, and suggests future directions.

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