

Spring 2017

01:988:482 FEMINISH, POLICY & POOR

W 9:15-12:15

RJC-011 C/D

Professor Mary Hawkesworth

Poverty is a feminist issue. This course will explore the contributions of feminist analysis, advocacy and policy-making to anti-poverty policy and social justice politics. It will consider feminist critiques of anti-poverty policies in post-industrial and industrializing nations and explore how feminists have framed the question of poverty in new ways. It will also examine how feminists have illuminated the "feminization" of poverty and drawn attention to gender bias in remediation strategies that would otherwise remain invisible. Moreover, it will explore how feminist activism has attempted to bring new urgency to debates about social justice at a time when political parties and elected officials in many parts of the world have substituted privatization for poverty alleviation.