

Feminism: Theory & Practice

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The relationship between feminist theory and how feminine agency manifests in everyday life is characterized through various fissures. These fissures stress that, although both approaches may address and respond specifically to patriarchal constructions of femininity, both differ widely in terms of how they discern and what they recognize as 'feminine agency' in various socio-political, geographical, and historical contexts. In this class we will explore these fissures by focusing on the subject of women and political violence in multiple contexts, including: during conflict situations recognized as such by the international community; crises situations neglected by nation-states and the international community dismissed as inconsequential to regional and global security; and terrorism, among others. Reading materials focused on feminist theory will be complemented by materials produced by women state actors; women non-state actors labeled as 'terrorists' by the international community; international and regional organizations focused on furthering women's human rights; women impacted by peace-keeping operations; and women humanitarian workers.