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What are race, gender, sex, and sexuality? How do these categories influence our views on the world? This semester-long spring online course offers an introduction to major theories and debates in Feminist Studies, Queer Studies, Transgender Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies. By utilizing a transnational feminist, queer, and trans of color lens, we will unravel how identities are constituted at the intersections of gender, sex, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and so on. We will draw on interdisciplinary scholarships that: 1) explore social theories of gender, race, sex, and sexuality; 2) understand the structures of power underpinning sexism, racism, anti-blackness, homophobia, transmisogyny, Islamophobia, and xenophobia and question our own investments in such structures and presumptions about certain groups; and 3) learn about various feminist, queer, and anti-racist politics and movements. In what ways do sexism, racism, anti-blackness, homophobia, transmisogyny, Islamophobia, and xenophobia manifest in everyday life? How is difference understood through diverse identities, bodies, and experiences? Students will be challenged to evaluate methods and systems of oppression and understand the ways in which we are all situated within these structures.