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Subtitle: Feminist Habits and Habitats

Imagine one hour of one day at Rutgers. Drive the same route as always and the landscape passes by unremarkably. Mindlessly check a phone (nothing new)....mindlessly check it again ten minutes later (still nothing new). Grab lunch at the deli and throw away the wrapper and can afterwards. Sit in the same place for a lecture in a theatre style hall; sit in the same place in a circle for a seminar. This course will examine what it means to live feminist lives at the ordinary registers of daily life. How are abstract structures described as gender, race, class, and sexuality embodied through dispositions, orientations, the arrangement of space and the composition of landscape? What are feminist habits and habitats? Examining these questions through a series of quotidian experiences--walking, eating, taking out trash, making oneself at home, watching TV or using a phone, time with friends, aging--we will ask how we transform the world as we transform our selves and others.