

SPL 584 Readings in Care

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Care is an indispensable component of human well-being through childhood, adulthood and old age. It is an integral part of human existence. Care is embedded in a network of relations in our society and care arrangements among the state, family and the market are part of the public policy. *Care as a political ideal*, suggested by feminist scholars provides a conceptual and also a political framework to problematize the inequalities and injustices that are embedded in the public-private divide, and the failure of public institutions in meeting care needs of its citizens. There is an extensive body of knowledge on care developed particularly by the feminist researchers since the 80s. Since then, care has emerged as a critical concept in gender analysis. The care policies as part of a larger social policy framework has been analysed as significant determinants of the welfare model of a country.

This research and reading course deals with issues that pertain to care politics. Readings on aging and care, gender and care ethics, transnational care, immigrant care workers, marketization and care and other contemporary issues will be focus of the course.

The course is designed as a research and reading course. Therefore, there will no lectures. But, course participants are required to finish the assigned readings for every class. The course participants will come together every two weeks on Thursdays and discuss the assigned readings. Discussion questions will be provided beforehand. Besides, the course participants are asked to carry out a fieldwork or desk review on aging and care. The course evaluation is based on the final paper and the discussions in the class.

The syllabus will be provided on the first day of the class.