

GWSS 380: Global Struggles for Feminist, Queer, and Trans Justice

Dr. Levitt Online course: 3/24/25-5/16/25

Ever wonder how something as far away as the Russian invasion of Ukraine could impact Native people's fight against sexual and gender violence here in Kansas? This class will explore the complex connections between seemingly unconnected justice struggles women and queer folks are engaged in around the world. Our goal is to learn from and be accountable to the transnational feminist and queer resistance movements we will study. Those will include: Indigenous feminist organizing around sexual violence and extractive colonialism, democratization movements and the Arab Spring, the politics of queer migration and Undocuqueer organizing, Anti-Pinkwashing work, and global liberation without borders. Instead of a final exam, students will get to do their own original project doing a brief research paper, or a reflective analysis, or a creative final project of their choosing. GWSS 380 counts for student's K-State 8 Global Issues and Perspectives, as well as K-State 8 Social Sciences. The class also counts towards the Global Overlay.

The class is a Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies minor and Queer Studies minor elective. It is also pre- contracted for the University Honors Program.