

## **Muddying Waters: Race, Class and Gender**

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### ***Part I Gender, Race and Colonialism***

#### Session 1. Bodies on Display

Watching - The Life and Times of Sara Baartman  
- Skin bleaching scandal in South Africa.

#### Session 2. Imperial Eyes

Comaroff, Jean and John. (1991) 1997. "Africa Observed: Discourses of the Imperial Imagination" in Perspectives on Africa. Roy Grinker and Christopher Steiner (eds). Pp. 689-703.

### ***Part II Transcultural Bodies***

#### Session 3. Circumcision on Screen

Watching - Moolaade (2004), Director Ousmane Sembène.  
- A Handful of Ash (2013), Directors Shara Amin and Nabaz Ahmed

#### Session 4. Sexual Science and Power

Ahmadu, F. (2007). "Ain't I A Woman Too?": Challenging Myths of Sexual Dysfunction in Circumcised Women. In Transcultural Bodies (pp. 278-310). Rutgers University Press.

#### Session 5. Negotiating Rights and Culture

Boddy, J. (2007). Gender Crusades: The Female Circumcision Controversy in Cultural Perspective. In Transcultural bodies (pp. 46-66). Rutgers University Press.

Talle, A. (2007). Female Circumcision in Africa and Beyond: The Anthropology of a Difficult Issue. In *Transcultural Bodies* (pp. 91-106). Rutgers University Press.

### ***Part III Women, Salvation and Empowerment***

Session 6. "Anti-Trafficking"

Watching - (Sex Workers Cry) Rights Not Rescue in Cambodia

Session 7. "Poverty-reduction"

Karim, L. (2008). Demystifying micro-credit: the Grameen Bank, NGOs, and neoliberalism in Bangladesh. *Cultural dynamics*, 20(1), 5-29.

Session 8. Funding "Women's Empowerment"

Fluri, J. (2012). Capitalizing on bare life: sovereignty, exception, and gender politics. *Antipode*, 44(1), 31-50.

### ***Part IV Women and Capitalism***

#### ***"A Women's Work is Never Done!"***

Session 9. Circuits of Migrating and Laboring

Watching: Secret Slaves of the Middle East (Filipino domestic workers)

Session 10. Unpaid Work and Reproduction of Capitalist World

Federici, S. (2020). *Revolution at point zero: Housework, reproduction, and feminist struggle*. PM press.

### ***Part V Gender, Activism and Care***

#### ***"To Be Queer is to Love All"***

Session 11. Neoliberal Co-optation of Activism

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Faye, S. (2015) "Pinkwashed: Are young gays selling out to capitalism?"

Session 12. Radical Care

Hobart, H. I. J. K., & Kneese, T. (2020). Radical care: Survival strategies for uncertain times. *Social Text*, 38(1), 1-16.

Edelman, E. A. (2020). Beyond Resilience: Trans Coalitional Activism as Radical Self-Care. *Social Text*, 38(1), 109-130.