

**Feminism: Concepts and Theories**  
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**Learnings and Conclusions**

Welcome back to Feminism Concepts and Theories and congratulations, if you have made it thus far, it means that you are in week 12 which also means that you have successfully accomplished weeks 1 to 11. So, just to let you know, week 12 is very easy, we are just going to go through broad learnings and conclusions gathering together the various threads that we have been building up week by week by week to get to where we are now.

I hope by now you have the feeling that you have accomplished a lot, because you truly have accomplished a lot. We began with very basic building blocks. We started with a feminist vocabulary, we started with a question of sex/gender framework, we started with concepts like equality and difference and slowly we began to build up a repertoire of concepts and conceptual vocabulary to try and understand what it means to look at the world with a feminist lens.

So I am quite happy with the amount that we have achieved in the past 12 weeks and with your questions and with your involvement, so thank you for having been with me thus far. What is it that you are going to do this week? Consider this video as merely a primer, over the next few presentations you will be reintroduced to a lot of the things that we have already covered. So think of week 12 as bringing together the large narrative of the course feminism concepts and theories. The next few presentations will break down our various weeks into maybe 3 discrete blocks.

The first block and first presentation will cover vocabulary, sex gender framework as I mentioned, equality, difference, choice, care, time, space and place. And this is in many ways the foundation for this course, so I would encourage you to revisit the presentation and see how is it that these concepts connect with each other. From there we will revisit the 3 waves of feminism, the feminist body, maybe the feminism of work and labor and look at how is it that our first few weeks equipped us to be able to try and start applying a feminist lens to things around us.

Now in this, the first, second, and third waves of feminism are a gathering of historical information. But they are also important for us to start thinking about feminism as a movement that seems to have a particular Eurocentric history but actually does not, especially when juxtaposed with the history of Indian feminism that was offered to you by Professor Kalpana Karunakaran. So think about looking at these two together in this week of learnings and conclusions. Lastly we are going to look at fourth wave of feminism, feminism in social media, and see how is it that popular feminism has become a standard for feminism broadly or feminist theory broadly, and by now you should be fully equipped in conducting your own analysis. Lastly, and this was the matter that we covered in week 11, we looked at queer theory and I will take you through a few key concepts within queer theory that you will need to remember and pay attention to as is required of anybody seeking to broaden the idea of gender as an analytical concept. So this is in a very short summary, everything that you are covering over the next few presentations.

More importantly, or rather most importantly for a lot of you but I hope not many of you want to know, what is that you can do to prepare for the exam? Let me offer you a caveat to begin with, which is the exam is a test of your capacity for attentiveness to this course, it is not meant to intimidate you or surprise you, it will consist of a large number of things we are covering this week, but of course everything that you are going to cover this week is not sufficient, you will have to go and revisit all of the material in order to be well prepared for the exam. However, the exam is not going to be extremely difficult, it will require you to read well, to pay attention, but it is not meant to flummox you in any fashion whatsoever.

I have faith that a lot of you have been following this course fairly rigorously and so I expect the exam to be really not of much issue as far as your result for this course are concerned. The last presentation for this week will consist of a breaking down of the exam structure. And just to give you a brief idea, part of the exam will consist of multiple-choice questions as you are already used to, true or false, choose the right question, etcetera, etcetera. But the second half of the exam will consist of 2 new kinds of questions, one will be a reading comprehension exercise where the exam paper will give you a couple of paragraphs extracted from an academic journal article on gender. You will have to read it, comprehend it and answer the questions accordingly.

Now the questions are geared at making sure that you have read the paragraph well but also how well you understand the paragraph will make a difference to your ability to answer these questions. Your last kind of questions with the exam will consist of short answer questions. You will have to respond to the questions in 150 to 200 words and display your comprehension of the material of the course at large. Try and make sure that you are as precise as possible in your responses and that you have understood the question well before you formulate a response. And just to put you at ease, the last presentation, the last presentation material for week 12 will consist of questions as examples and ideal type answers as guidelines for you to formulate your own thoughts.

I hope these are helpful, I hope they allay some of your fears vis-à-vis the exam and I hope that the idea of the exam does not take away from the larger learnings and conclusions from feminism concepts and theories. I would like to add at this stage that I have thoroughly enjoyed preparing the material for this course and gathering the various examples and articles and references. It is been a huge learning experience for me, so I would like to thank you for your attention and for having made the journey with me thus far. I hope and I look forward to many of you returning to other courses that I offer in the future and good luck for your exam and I hope that you are able to accomplish everything that you aimed for in relation to this course. Thank you.