



WOST3395 (26781): Gender & Transnational Studies (GIS2350/WCL3397)
Fall 2014: Mondays & Wednesdays 1-2:30pm

This course will explore the impact of globalization on the lived experiences of individuals in varied contexts around the world, focusing on women of color and sexual minorities in particular. Through interdisciplinary scholarship, case studies, websites, and narratives of diasporic and transnational identity past and present, we will analyze experiences of race, gender, sexuality, class and national identity as shaped by converging cultures, migration, colonialism, and sexual violence.

We will begin with a look at the transnational communities that make up the global city of Houston, making connections in our research to the various parts of the world from which so many Houston natives or their relatives once lived. We will also consider thriving underground economies and social movements that respond to neoliberalism's unequal distribution of resources. Films, images, and artwork will complement our understandings of transnational identity and experience.

Students will collaborate on projects focused on a selected region of the world and will present their work to classmates at the end of the term. In order to develop skills in writing, students will share feedback on content and form.

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