ANTH3396 / WGSS3321: Gender & Transnational Perspective
Mondays & Wednesdays 1-2:30pm, Fall 2020

In this course we will examine the impact of globalization on the lived experiences of individuals in varied contexts around the world, focusing our lens on women of color in particular, and accounting for some of the struggles faced by sexual minorities as well. Through interdisciplinary scholarship, case studies, websites, and narratives of diasporic and transnational identity past and present, we will explore race, gender, sexuality, class, and national identity across converging cultures. Themes of such as migration, labor, colonialism, queer identity, and sexual violence and much more emerge from the assigned readings.

This course 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 and where and how we live today. We will also consider thriving underground economies and social movements that respond to neoliberalism’s unequal distribution of resources. Films, images, and artwork in and out of the classroom will complement our understandings of transnational identities and experiences.

Students can expect to do a significant amount of reading for the course, engage with a diversity of online media, submit short written assignments throughout the semester and to share their work with classmates at the end of the term.

This course is cross-listed in Comparative Cultural Studies and Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies. For more information, contact Dr. Rachel Afi Quinn (raquinn@uh.edu)