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## GSWS 212-3: STT-GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN SOUTH ASIA

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**OFFICE HOUR:** Please email me with any questions, concerns, queries or to set up a meeting on skype, zoom, blackboard for a mutually convenient time.

**COURSE TIME AND LOCATION:** Mondays 14:30 – 16:20; SRYC 5100

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this course we will introduce ourselves to the study of modern South Asia. This region of our world has not only been very intensively studied but has also emerged as critically important partly because of global capital flows (seen in examples such as outsourcing, call centres, and nuclear weapons etc.) and partly because of globalizing cultural artifacts that are associated with South Asia (seen in examples such as yoga, Bollywood, caste system, arranged marriages, etc.). Thus, this course will not only be a study of South Asia but also a study of how bodies of knowledge are transformed, circulated, contested, and consumed. This course will take South Asia as offering intellectual challenges to familiar notions of gender, sexuality, religion, love, and citizenship. My goal in organizing our readings according to topics and keywords is to help see us the cultural logics that South Asia offers.

### EDUCATIONAL GOALS:

For more detailed information please see the GSWS website:

[http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/undergraduate/courses/Educational\\_Goals.html](http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/undergraduate/courses/Educational_Goals.html)

### COURSE READINGS:

All the weekly assigned readings will be uploaded on canvas and will be made available through the library. Students will noho.

### COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Weekly precis: **30 percent**

Midterm Essay: **30 percent**

Final Essay: **30 percent**

(Both the midterm and the final essay should be at least 5 double-spaced pages in 12-point Times New Roman font.)

Attendance: **10 percent** (only 2 unexcused absences will be allowed. Every unexcused absence after that without a note from a medical professional or the dean's office will result in losing a grade).