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## GSWS 826-5: GRADUATE SEMINAR ON QUEER/TRANS STUDIES

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**OFFICE HOUR:** TBA

**COURSE TIME AND LOCATION:** Fridays, 10:30 – 15:20; RCB8104

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This seminar traces the career and import of queer and trans theory and revisits the challenges that it puts forward and questions that it faces. We will examine the formative questions, key debates, and current critiques of this amorphous field that crosses disciplines as it encounters postcolonial histories, the biopolitical state, globalizing categories.

### **EDUCATIONAL GOALS:**

For more detailed information please see the GSWS website:

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### **COURSE READINGS:**

All required texts are available on-line through SFU library or as PDFs on Canvas.

### **COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

Attendance & Participation 10%

Short Weekly Reading Response 20%

Class Presentation 20%

Research Presentation 20%

Research Paper 30%

**Attendance & Participation:** The course will be conducted as a seminar and students are expected to participate actively in class discussion. The participation grade will reflect students' attendance record, degree of preparation, level of active involvement during class discussion, and general contribution to the learning environment.

**Short Weekly Reading Response:** Every student should post at least once on the weekly discussion section on Canvas. The aim of the assignment is to encourage more engaged reading as well as to extend classroom discussion on-line. The content of your posts should be related to the week's reading but can also include issues from past readings and/or class discussions. Entries may be as short or long as you like but should be thoughtful. Your entries will not be formally graded but they be checked and evaluated for efforts and consistency.

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