

LECTURE / DISCUSSION / DEBATE
POSTMODERNISM / FEMINIST THEORY

Terms and concepts to know:

Androcentric	Constructivism
Deconstruction	Epistemology
Gender	Gender roles
Hermeneutics	Positivism
Postmodernism	Post modern feminism
Social constructivism	Subtext

Discussion and study questions:

1. Discuss some of the criticisms of feminist theories. How do these criticisms compare to criticisms of the other theories of IR?
2. Choose one of Marysia Zalewski's "four globally significant women" and describe how they have impacted the male world of international relations.
3. What does Wendt mean by the phrase "social structures"? Why is it central to understanding his theory?
4. According to Tickner, why does a feminist perspective on international relations continue to remain outside the mainstream of traditional approaches to IR theory? How would a feminist analysis of global terrorism differ from that of a realist?
5. Which "system" is Enloe referring to in her book *The Big Push*? Is it realistic to think that such a system can be overcome after being such a big part of human history? Why or why not?
6. What do you make of the RT video *Her War: Women vs. ISIS*? Does this film in any way undermine the feminist IR thesis? Or does it strengthen it?
7. Why does *Truthout's* Ahn suggest that women be a part of the peace deal in the Koreas? Would following her advice expedite peace on the Korean peninsula? Why or why not?

Readings:

Text. *Conflict and Cooperation*, Chapter 5.

Video:

Dr. Cynthia Enloe: Masculinities in International Affairs.