



Racial Gender Studies: Beyond Euro/U.S. centrism

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Introduction: motivation and goals



Why this project?

- Expanding our scope of Gender Studies to cultures and societal norms outside of the U.S.
- Elevating the voice from Scholars of Color outside of the U.S.

Method

Steps

- 1) Defined the region of our focus & keywords
- 2) Made a bibliography based on our readings
- 3) Constructed a class plan based on topics
- 4) Adjusted the details such as homework etc.



Sections



01 — Recentralize our Centers

Expand our familiarity with scholars across cultures

02 — Intersectionality Across Cultures:

Addressing social factors across cultures

03 — Incommensurability of Cultures:

There isn't always a basis for comparison



01

Recentralize our Centers

Expand our familiarity with
transnational feminist scholars.



Re-centralize
Our Centers

Re-construction of...

Feminist theories

Locality

Queerness

Gender norms

... and more.





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Supported by such ideas as...



Anti-colonial
terminology



Queer regionalism



Intradependence
of Queerness



02

Intersectionality Across Cultures

Addressing social factors across cultures



Intersectionality/ Intersectional Theory



It is the study of overlapping or intersecting social identities and related systems of oppression, domination, or discrimination (Crenshaw, 1989).

Limitations of Single-Axis Framework

Intersectionality-Culture

Cultural Components (Thailand & India)

Caste System

Caste-based oppression communities;
Dalit women and Dalits

International Sex Tourism

The perception may be limited based on
other social factors (e.g. class and
location)

*Intersectionality- Transnationalism

Difference/Similarities





03

Incommensurability of Cultures

No universal experiences

Incommensurability of Cultures



Incommensurability

There is a lack of basis for comparison between cultures

Cultural Relativism

There are no universal standards for cultures

Transnational Lens

A transnational lens validates experiences globally



Conclusion: the takeaway



01 — Chika:

Transnationalism and more representation is good, but not enough: need to transform the construction and usage of core ideas.

02 — Paul:

Intersectionality across culture shows the complexity of social factors intertwined with each other; some problems go back to class.

03 — Mathilda:

There is no universal experience of queerness. We shouldn't analyze from a single perspective.

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