

2012 THEORY WORKSHOPS

The Theory Workshop is a monthly series that aims to support Master's and PhD level students in their efforts to apply theory to research and conceptual/ theoretical endeavors. Presenters will show students how they have applied a theoretical framework or set of theoretical presuppositions to a particular problem/question/issue of interest to them. We look forward to seeing you there!

FEMINIST GEOPOLITICS AND THE STUDY OF MILITARIZATION IN THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDERLANDS

Presenter: Juanita Sundberg, Associate Professor, Geography
Tuesday, February 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ponderosa Annex G Lounge
Light refreshments will be served.

Feminist geopolitics offers approaches to address the intimate frontiers of geopolitics. The intimate as an analytical category or site embodies mundane material social relations and objects, attitudes and disciplinary practices that serve as sources of identification and subject formation. Seen through the lens of the intimate, boundaries between domestic and national blur; they are folded into the texture of quotidian life, woven into everyday stories.

This workshop aims to consider the theoretical implications of feminist geopolitics for studying geopolitical questions like border security. What does this analytic render visible that otherwise might have remained invisible?

SPEAKER BIO: Dr. Sundberg's current research examines the environmental dimensions of the United States' border security policies in the US-Mexico borderlands, with a specific focus on protected areas like national wildlife refuges.

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Mountz, A. and Hyndman, J. Feminist approaches to the global intimate. *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 34(1/2), 446-463. (available online at UBC library)

Sundberg, J. (2008). 'Trash-talk' and the production of quotidian geopolitical boundaries in the USA-Mexico borderlands. *Social & Cultural Geography*, 9(8), 871- 890. doi: 10.1080/14649360802441424 (available online at UBC library)

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