Monday, September 25, 9 - 7 p.m. 
Organizational Meeting: CSGS Gender and Sexual Politics Working Group
Involving undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty, this new working group will collaborate with grassroots organizations outside the university to develop a comprehensive activist campaign highlighting how gender and sexuality are implicated in diverse political struggles. Sub-groups will partner with different local organizations both to provide on-going technical assistance (research, writing, etc.) and to collaborate on new, creative, action-based strategies.
The goal of this working group is to develop a film infrastructure for students and faculty eager to become personally involved in local political struggles and to extend their academic labor outside NYU, while also making NYU’s resources, available and known to community-based organizations.

The Gender and Sexual Politics Working Group is emphasizing the CSGS as a meeting ground for activists and academics forges coalitions and facilitates networking efforts by making the categories of gender and sexuality central but not exclusive.

Students and faculty are invited to attend and bring prospective possible topic.

CSGS Conference Room, 285 Mercer Street, Third Floor.

CSGS Series: Gendered Bodies, Transnational Politics: Modernities Reconsidered

At NYU: Four Lunch Talks
All lunch talks take place from 12:00 - 1:45 p.m. in the CSGS Conference Room, 285 Mercer Street, Third Floor. Bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Reservations are recommended. Seating is limited. Please write to Belinda Bhatia (bhatia2@nyu.edu) or Carmen T. Chaves (chtchaves@nyu.edu) by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the event to reserve a seat.

Tuesday, October 17
STUDENTS ENCOUNTERS: The Prospects for Intimacy in the 21st Century
Dr. Cindy, (Department of Political Science, Rikven University, Ankara, Turkey, and CSGS Affiliated Scholar)
Anonymity in the cyber world has the potential to liberate us from traditional gender roles. But there is also great potential for alienation and fragmentation of the self in this context. When intimacy is created in a super-social environment, the nature and extent of anomie need to be reconsidered. Cindy will address the paradoxes produced by intense cyberspace interaction in terms of gender, self, and empowerment in sexuality.

CSGS Visual Culture Series

Saturday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.
EAST CINEMA FILM SCREENING: Examining the Body Politic

Every year, millions of applicants take the national test necessary to qualify for medical study in India and reap substantial financial success. This film takes place in one of the designated centers where women are permitted to take the test. From the beginning of the film, the time becomes the early morning of the arriving of applicants, and shifting its focus from the time spent in the hopes and dreams of a genderless career in art to the possibilities in Persian with English subtitles.

Screened by Dr. Shaghayegh Mansour (Middle Eastern Studies and Art)

Tuesday, September 16
In conversation with Godfrey Cheshire (Independent film critic), Rosanne Vario (International Center of Photography, NYU and Shirin Amid National (General Studies Program, NYU), and Naaman Kassab, 36 East Eighth Street. Sponsored by Anthology in collaboration with the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, co-sponsored by the CSGS and Arab Women’s elo.

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Thursday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

WOMEN SPOKEN ON ART, POLITICS, AND EXILE -- Middle East/US

Amelia Jones (Washington State University) will present the results of a recent celebration of celebrated female visual artists (Shin Anzahi, Iran-US, and Emily Jane, Palestine-US). The film, "Building the FM Shadow," will be screened.

Screened by CSGS, the Center for Media, Culture, and History; the General Studies Program (CGS); the Department of Photography and Imaging (TD); the Gay Art Gallery, the Center for Religion and Media, and the Kalmanovitch Foundation for Middle Eastern Studies, and the American-English Center of New York University for the Humanities, a state program of the New York Council for the Humanities.

Friday, November 1
THE GENDER OF PEACE AND WAR: Female Soldiers and Peace

Vivian Feldman (Stockholm University and Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
Is there a “natural” fit between the sexes and the making of war and peace? Feldman explores twenty-first-century answers to this dilemma and follows her trail from art world to social constructivism, ultimately arguing that Virginia Woolf is the mother of the latter position.

Tuesday, December 3
GENDER, AMERICANIZATION, AND ANTI-AMERICANISM: The German Case

Nataly Novin (Department of History, NYU)
This talk explores the shifting role of gender in debates about Americanization and in discussions of Americanization and Americanisation. Of particular concern is the preoccupation with masculinity in the current transnational conflicts.

CSGS Series: Breaking News in Sexuality Studies

Saturday, September 17, 6 - 7 p.m.
BAD LAW: Lawrence v. Texas

In a June decision hailed as a "revolutionary" by some LGBT activists, the Supreme Court ruled that laws criminalizing sexual activity between same-sex adults were unconstitutional. Join us for a discussion with legal scholar and author of "Bad Law: The Perpetuation of Inequality in Sexuality Studies and English," Susan Storer (Philosophy and Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Amy Kison (Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), and Jenny (Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), and the Associate Provost for Institutional Engagement at the LGBT Center, Ouhui Li (Political Science, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

For complete information and abstracts, go to http://www.cscgs.org/2003/bruce/bruce.html