This graduate course will examine critical debates over feminism and global capitalism. We will explore theories emphasizing capitalism’s hegemony over feminism (or “market feminism”) as well as intellectual currents emphasizing the possibility of the feminization of markets. Excessive emphasis on the ways feminist energies, ideologies, and activisms have been manipulated in the service of global capitalism suggests total subordination of feminism to the imperatives of the market. While perspectives on resistance and the celebration of “second wave” feminism do not fully consider the ways capitalism and power construct and constrain agency. This course proposes to explore a more dialectic and complex understanding of economic and cultural forces, agency, and how feminism and the market simultaneously, if unevenly and unpredictably, influence each other. Theoretical approaches to be addressed include feminist critiques of economic globalization, the work of anthropologists of finance that challenge neoliberal accounts of abstract market capitalism, as well as social theories of hope in global capitalism.

**Week One: Introduction to the Course:**

*What do we mean by feminism, capitalism and markets?*

**Introduction, May 13, 1-3 pm (E347): Introduction to the Course**

**Lecture 14 May 1-3 pm (E339): Feminism and Capitalism**

**REQUIRED:**
- Eisenstein, Hester. 2009. *Feminism Seduced*. Introduction; Chapters 1-3

**Seminar 17 May 1-3 pm (B600) Gender, Markets and Feminism**

**REQUIRED:**

**Week Two: Wall Street Women and the Politics of Market Feminism**

**Lecture 21 May 1-3 pm (E339): Wall Street Women and Market Feminism**

**REQUIRED:**
**WED Seminar 22 May 1-3 pm (B600): Financial Markets, Crisis and Executive Feminism**

**REQUIRED:**
Rottenberg, Catherine. 2013. “Highjacking Feminism” in Aljzaer. March

**Week Three: Gender, Capitalism and Microfinance**

**Mon Lecture 27 May 1-3 pm (B600): The Global South**

**REQUIRED:**

**Tues Seminar 28 May 1-3 pm (B600) Microfinance**


**Week Four: Hope in Gender Mainstreaming in the Global Economy and Its Critiques**

**Lecture 4, June 1-3 pm (E379): Women’s Empowerment or Dis-Empowerment?**

**REQUIRED:**
Tinker, Irene. 2004. “Empowerment Just Happened: The Unexpected Expansion of Women’s Organizations” in *Women and Gender Equity*

**Seminar 7, June 1-3pm (B600): Hope and Collaboration**

**REQUIRED:**
Miyazaki. Hiro. *Economy of Dreams: Hope in Global Capitalism and Its Critiques*
Additional Recommended Readings:


