

RELI 482

Sex, Gender, and Religion in South Asia



This course aims the following questions: 1) how are the categories of 'sex,' 'gender,' and 'sexuality' constructed in South Asian religions?; 2) Does it expand upon or challenge notions of 'sex,' 'gender,' and 'sexuality' found within the Western canon?; and 3) What role does nationalism and nationhood play in how religion is deployed in matters of 'sex/sexuality' and 'gender'? Readings will include philosophical theorists such as Foucault, Said, Spivak, and Butler, in conjunction with ethnographic readings that explore lived sexualities, genders, and religions. The readings will also offer a thematic approach to notions of gender and sexuality outside any neat, discrete category as well as consider the ways gender and sexuality is (re)negotiated with religion to cultivate moral self-expressions.

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General Education Requirements: PH, BN

