

F-3 Expanding the Definition of International Studies: Roundtable on Incorporating Women and Gender

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Panel Abstract:

The 2007 ISA-South Conference Theme asks important questions concerning the degree to which international studies scholars, in our research and classrooms, actually engage in the interdisciplinary approaches we claim to embrace. For feminist scholars committed to studying women and gender, interdisciplinarity has been both a necessity and an outcome, but may have contributed to the marginalization of their work from the mainstream of traditional disciplines and perhaps even of International Studies. How well does International Studies engage with women and gender approaches? Are some “traditional” disciplines better or worse at incorporating women and gender approaches than International Studies? This Roundtable takes up these questions and asks to what extent International Studies scholars incorporate women and gender approaches into their classrooms, curricula, research and professional lives. The Roundtable participants will discuss the extent to which women and gender approaches are engaged in the textbooks, course syllabi, curricula (required and elective courses) and classroom space, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Participants will also discuss the degree to which women and gender approaches have become incorporated into research and published works in International Studies, or whether such approaches remain marginal to the mainstream. Finally, participants will share insights, suggestions, and strategies for better incorporating attention to women and gender approaches in our IS classrooms, curricula, research, and professional lives.

Roundtable members will address the following topics:

- Incorporating Women & Gender in the International Studies Undergraduate Classroom
- Incorporating Women & Gender in the International Studies Graduate Seminar
- Incorporating Women & Gender in the International Studies Curriculum (e.g., required and elective courses; major and minor requirements, etc.)
- Incorporating Women & Gender in International Studies Research and Publications
- Incorporating Women & Gender in the International Studies Profession