

PHIL 3720 Philosophy and Feminism

Class Number 1827 Section MW11 M, W 11:00am – 12:15pm 4117 Boylan

Instructor: Christine Vitrano

Email: cvitrano@brooklyn.cuny.edu

Feminist philosophers bring new insights into many areas of philosophy, and they offer an insightful critique of traditional western philosophy, which often neglects the woman's perspective. They also introduce new issues that are of special concern to women, which have been previously overlooked.

This course will focus on the practical and theoretical concerns of feminists through a topic-based approach. We shall consider issues such as the influence of gender in the family, sexual harassment, pornography, abortion, the norms of feminine appearance, and whether our language needs to be reformed from a variety of feminist perspectives. This course is designed to give students who may not have a background in feminist thought a sampling of the philosophical contributions they have made.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about this course, feel free to email me at cvitrano@brooklyn.cuny.edu or stop by my office hours, which are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 – 2:15pm in room 3315 Boylan Hall.

