This 6 UOC course (LAWS3445/JURD7745/LAWS8845) will be taught at the ILS Law College, Pune, India from **Sunday 15 January 2023 to Saturday 28 January 2023**. The course will be taught by Professor Christine Forster and Professor Jaya Sagade. The class will consist of 20 UNSW Law students and 20 local ILS Law students.

Limited places in *Women, Gender and the Law* will be offered to eligible Undergraduate Law, Juris Doctor and LLM students.

The course will be taught intensively. It will consist of 9 x 3-hour classes 2pm-5.30pm (16-20 and 23-26 January 2023), 1 x 8-hour field trip on Saturday 21 January, and 1 x 3-hour field trip on a morning (date TBC). On Friday 27th January we will depart Pune to Mumbai for a 1-day cultural tour of Mumbai and stay in Mumbai the night of Friday the 27 January. It is scheduled as a UNSW Summer Semester 2022 course.

**Course Description**

This course considers the role of the law in creating and perpetuating gender inequalities. Feminist legal theory is a significant body of thought challenging the practice and theory of law, and this course explores its potential to effect social transformation in select areas of women’s lives. The course will trace the historical development of feminist legal theory in both India and in the West, and its modern developments, including key concepts such as formal and substantive equality, the public/private divide, intersections between categories such as race, class, caste and gender and explore theories of universalism and cultural relativism. The course will also explore a range of substantive issues of particular relevance to Indian society including child marriage, dowry, and sex-selection, and a range of issues relevant to both Indian and Australian society including family relations, sex work, economic empowerment of women and violence against women. Where relevant the course will compare the approaches and solutions of Indian scholars and activists with those of Australian scholars and activists.
The course aims to assist students to develop skills in critical thinking and to evaluate areas of law that have been subject to feminist critique. It builds core skills that students need to examine gendered constructions of law and how those constructions lead to inequality and discrimination. Two field trips to local organisations will be included as part of the course. The topics covered in the course include:

- the historical development of feminist legal theory in India and the west
- feminist theories of formal equality and substantive equality
- feminist theories of intersectionalism
- postmodern feminist legal theories
- marriage and family relations
- violence against women
- economic empowerment of women
- political representation of women
- reproductive rights of women
- sex work

Where possible, the course will include guest lectures from leading Indian gender advocates. Students will also have an opportunity to take part in extra field trips of relevance to the course.

Text and Course Materials
Class materials and readings will be available on Moodle prior to the commencement of the course.

Attendance Requirements
100% attendance at classes and course field trips is compulsory. Students will not be permitted to submit the final assessment for the program unless attendance has been satisfactory.

Assessment
1. Students receiving their grades with Term 1 results 2023.
   DUE DATES
   Outline – 16 February
   Essay – 17 April

2. Students receiving their grade at the end of the summer term 2022.
   DUE DATES
   Outline – 25 January
   Essay – 6 February

The course will be assessed on a graded basis by participation and in-class exercises (30%), outline of research topic (10%) and a research paper (60%) with requirements as follows:

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- Master of Law, Media & Journalism (9214)

The essay requirements will be discussed on commencement of the course. It is expected that students will negotiate a topic related to the course content with their course teacher. Please submit your research essay outline and essay via Moodle by 4pm on the due date.

**Late work & Word Limits**
Please refer to the UNSW Law Assessment Procedure and Student Information.

**Cost**
Australian students enrolled as Commonwealth Supported students in the Undergraduate Law or JD program will be charged the Student Contribution Charge for the course. Full Fee Paying Australian and International students will be charged Tuition fees for the course.

In addition, there will be a charge of A$2,200 which covers the cost of accommodation including daily breakfast, a welcome dinner, administrative costs, 2 program field trips and a cultural tour of Mumbai. Students will be accommodated in share twin rooms in a hotel in Pune close to the College (venue to be confirmed) from Sunday 15 January 2023 until Friday 27 January 2023. Students will be accommodated in share twin rooms at the President Hotel in Mumbai on the night of Friday 27 January. For management and safety reasons, students are required to stay in the designated accommodation for the duration of the program.

**IMPORTANT:** A$ does NOT include airfares, departure taxes, meals (except for breakfasts and a welcome dinner) and telephone or other communication charges. Please read the Cost information very carefully and contact Law Student Services at law@unsw.edu.au for clarification of total costs involved.

**Support for Students at ILS Law College**
The ILS Law College was established in 1924. It has a legal aid programme involving final year students, and runs legal literacy programmes for villagers, covering issues such as human rights, and gender and civil rights. Classes will be conducted in English. Students will be accompanied by Professor Christine Forster (UNSW Law). On Friday 20 January students will depart Pune on a day excursion to Mumbai to view parliament, visit Mahatma Gandhi’s house, Haji Ali, Crawford Markets, the Gate of India, and the dhobi ghats and to enjoy high tea at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. Students will stay in Mumbai that night and make their own arrangements for departure on Saturday 21 January.

**Eligibility**
UNSW students enrolled in the following programs are eligible to apply:
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB)*
- Juris Doctor (9150)*
- Master of Laws (9200)
- Master of Business Law (9231) #
- Master of Criminal Justice & Criminology (9285)#
- Master of Dispute Resolution (9235) #
- Master of Environmental Law & Policy (9212) #
- Master of Human Rights Law & Policy (9211) #
- Master of International Law & International Relations (9240) #
- Master of International Law & Security (9281) #
Prerequisites
*To enrol in this course, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) students will need to have completed at least 78 UOC of Law courses and Juris Doctor (JD) students need to have completed 72 UOC of JURD courses (or 36 UOC of JURD courses for students who commenced prior to 2013).

#Students are eligible to do this course as two courses are permitted from outside the program approved course list.

Risk. All students must be approved by risk. Information on the process of approval will be provided at the information session.

Application form (plus Academic Statement)

Applications open: 10am Thursday 15 September 2022
Applications close: 4pm Friday 29 September 2022

Application forms and information sheets will be available on the myLaw website. An online application form with academic statement attached must be completed and will be accepted in this period only. **Late applications will not be considered.** Applications will be selected on a ballot basis with a select number of places reserved for UG and JD students and not be considered on first come first served basis. Preference will be given to final year students who have not previously taken a law school short course overseas. Students who have been accepted and eligible to enrol will be notified via their UNSW student email account by Friday 7 October 2022.

Scholarships

Scholarships of $3000 are available for eligible LLB students. Eligibility requirements include no previous New Colombo Plan scholarship and Australian citizenship.

Deposit Payment

Deposit payment due: 4pm Friday 14 October 2022

Online payment forms will be sent to eligible students via your UNSW student email. To secure enrolment, a non-refundable deposit of A$500 must be paid by the above date. Once the deposit payment has been made, you must return your Student Details Form to Law Student Services via the online form sent to successful students.

Refund on Deposit
There will be no refund of the deposit under any circumstance.

Final Payment

Final payment due: 4pm Friday 28 October 2022

The same procedure applies for the payment of the balance. In order to secure your place in the course, the full cost must be paid by the above date via the online form sent to successful students.

Refunds/Withdrawal

Once your final payment has been made no refund of the balance will be made unless you meet the exceptional circumstances criteria.

In the case of exceptional circumstances such as sickness, misadventure or other circumstances beyond your control, refunds will be considered:
a) if you meet [UNSW Special Consideration requirements](https://www.unsw.edu.au); AND
b) UNSW Law can find another student to attend the course in your place.

**Travel**
Students are required to make their own travel arrangements for arrival at the accommodation in Pune on the day of Sunday 15 January 2022. More information on flights will be provided at the pre-departure information session.

**Visas**
The ILS Law College has recommended that students obtain tourist visas.

UNSW Law cannot provide specific advice on visa requirements, so you need to independently verify what travel documents are required, particularly if you are a dual citizen or non-Australian citizen.

**Telephone and other Communication Charges**
Telephone and other communications charges remain the responsibility of individual students and will not be paid by UNSW.

**Administrative Communication**
All administrative correspondence in preparation for the course will be via your official UNSW student email address. Please ensure that you check your student email account regularly for updates and important information.

**Pre-departure meeting**
Successful applicants are required to attend a pre-departure meeting. The time and location will be advised closer to departure.

**Student Conduct**
Please note that by accepting enrolment in overseas elective and going to a foreign country you are representing UNSW and UNSW Law School. Therefore, you should be mindful that your behaviour and actions should not put you or your fellow students’ safety or reputation in jeopardy. Please refer to the [Student Code of Conduct](https://www.unsw.edu.au/student-life/student-code-conduct).

*NOTE: There are 20 places available in this course.*

**Further enquiries**
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Enquiries related to course content may be directed to:

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