

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**WGS 470: Sexualities, T & R, 10:30 - 13:30
with Dr. Eloy LaBrada**

What is sexual violence? What makes sexual violence “sexual” and what constitutes its violence and violation? What kinds of sexual violence currently exist and how should we address—and redress—them in policy, law, and life? Why are women of color and trans*people of color disproportionately subject to sexualized violence? And why is it important that we clearly conceptualize the different kinds of sexual violence affecting our contemporary world for the sake of social justice?

In WGS 470, we will explore the political, ethical, and experiential issues surrounding sexual violence through feminist theory, fiction, and film. Topics and case studies will include: “unjust sex,” martial and marital rape, incest, “sexual obligations,” sexual autonomy, objectification, the eroticization and exoticization of racialized bodies, sexual trafficking and prostitution, disability and sexuality, pornography and silencing, heteronormative and transphobic personal-boundary violations.



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