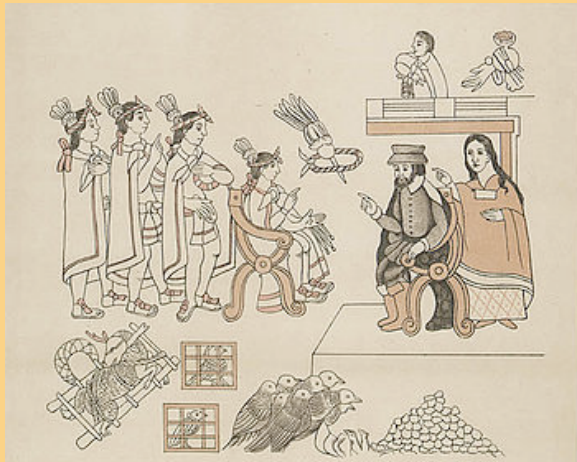




NEW COURSE: WOMEN AND GENDER IN THE PRE-MODERN WORLD

W ST 315 (58299)
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Drawing on a combination of primary source materials and recent historical scholarship, this course introduces students to the range of practices and ideas concerning women and gender that characterized societies and cultures around the globe before the late 18th century. "Women and Gender in the Pre-Modern World" explores women and gender during the pre-modern period in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas, and offers a broadly comparative global approach to an important aspect of pre-modern societies. To provide coherence to a topic that could easily become overwhelming, we will be using two secondary works as our core readings: the 2004 three-volume collection of essays edited by Bonnie Smith for the American Historical Association (*Women's History in Global Perspective*) and Merry Wiesner's *Gender in History: Global Perspectives* (2nd edition, 2011), which includes material on pre-history and primates. These will be supplemented by a series of smaller readings from sources, either available on the internet or posted to the course's Moodle website. Students will complete independent research projects on a topic of their own choice, allowing them to delve deeply into areas of particular interest. The course will also include a unit on women and gender in historical films set in pre-modern times, the subject of the instructor's current research project.