

Transnational Gender and Sexuality Qualifying Exam

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To complete the exam, you must answer one question from each of the three set of sections below in an essay format. Each answer should be a self-contained essay approximately 8–10 pages long (i.e., 2,000–2,500 words). Although you must cite to referenced work in each essay, one comprehensive bibliography for all three questions will be sufficient.

Set One (select one)

1. What does it mean to study gender and sexuality transnationally?
 - a. Outline and explain the major components necessary for a transnational study of gender and/or sexuality
 - b. Evaluate three exemplary studies from the list. What are major contributions? Why do you consider them exemplary?
2. Select one book or article from the reading list that particularly interests you. Discuss the major contributions of that book/article, theoretically and/or empirically. Then, select three other scholars from the reading list and discuss how those three scholars would critique the piece that you selected. What would they consider to be the contributions as well as its limitations? Include in your answer at least one improvement that each scholar would recommend to the author to improve the contributions of their work.

Set Two (select one)

1. What are the possibilities for transnational feminism for resistance? What identities are effectively mobilized in moments of resistance? What are the barriers to such mobilization?
2. Describe the ongoing significance, if any, of the state in the social and cultural processes that construct transnational feminism and sexualities. Provide empirical examples from the reading list

Set Three (select one)

1. Define cultural relativism. Provide three examples from the texts of how it is **not** practiced globally in relation to gender and/or sexuality.
2. How do feminist scholars in the global South view globalization? What aspects of globalization do they believe could be harnessed to radically improve equality? If there are none, please explain.