

Reading List

This is a feminist reading list that the NUS Women's Committee would recommend to elected Women's Officers and Feminist Societies across the country.

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(V) denotes books on offer through Verso Books during March 2019.

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Introduction to Feminism, Intersectionality and Identity Politics:

- [Living a Feminist Life](#), Sara Ahmed
- [Women, Race & Class](#), Angela Davis
- [Women, Culture & Politics](#), Angela Davis
- [Combahee River Collective Statement](#), Combahee River Collective
- [Feminism Without Borders: Decolonising Theory, Practicing Solidarity](#), Chandra Talpade Mohanty
- [Sister Outsider](#), Audre Lorde
- *Ain't I A Woman*, bell hooks
- [Feminism Is For Everybody](#), bell hooks
- [Black Feminist Thought](#), Patricia Hill Collins
- *Lean Out*, Dawn Foster
- *Finding a Voice: Asian Women in Britain*, Amrit Wilson
- *The Heart of the Race*, Stella Dadzie, Suzanne Scafe & Beverley Bryan **(V)**
- *Woman's Consciousness, Man's World*, Sheila Rowbotham **(V)**
- [Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics and Violence against Women of Color](#), Kimberlé Crenshaw
- [We Aren't Here To Learn What We Already Know](#), Kyla Wazana Tompkins
- [Feminism for the 99%: A Manifesto](#), Cinzia Arruzza, Tithi Bhattacharya, and Nancy Fraser **(V)**
- [The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century](#), Grace Lee Boggs

Race, Colonialism & Feminism:

- [Under Western Eyes](#), Chandra Talpade Mohanty
- ["No One Ever Asks What A Man's Role In The Revolution Is"](#), Tracey A. Matthews

- [Can the Subaltern Speak](#), Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape and Resistance, Danielle L. McGuire
- [Re-orienting Western Feminisms](#), Chilla Bulbeck
- [Woman, Native, Other: Writing Postcoloniality and Feminism](#), Trinh T. Minh-ha
- [Decolonization Is Not A Metaphor](#), Eve Tuck & K. Wayne Yang
- De Colores Means All Of Us, Elizabeth Martinez **(V)**
- Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World, Kumari Jayawardena **(V)**
- [Challenging Imperial Feminism](#), Valeria Amos and Pratibha Parmar
- [Feminism, Imperialism and Orientalism: the challenge of the 'Indian woman'](#), Joanna Liddle & Shirin Rai
- [Imperial Fictions: Europe's Myths of the Orient](#), Rana Kabbani
- [War Against Women and Women Against War: Waging War on the Mind](#), Nawal El Saadawi
- [This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Colour](#), ed Cherrie Moraga & Gloria Anzaldúa
- [Ornamentalism: A Feminist Theory for the Yellow Woman](#), Anne Anlin Cheng
- [The Race for Theory](#), Barbara Christian
- [White Woman Listen! Black Feminism and the Boundaries of Sisterhood](#), Hazel V. Carby
- [The Not-So-Subtle Racism Behind the Marie Kondo Criticism](#), Muqing M. Zhang
- [Invisibility is an Unnatural Disaster: Reflections of an Asian American Woman](#), Mitsuye Yamada
- Good Girls Marry Doctors: South Asian American Daughters on Obedience and Rebellion, ed. Piyali Bhattacharya
- Living for Change, Grace Lee Boggs
- Passing it On, Yuri Kochiyama
- The Color of Success: Asian Americans and the Origins of the Model Minority, Ellen Wu
- Pinay Power: Theorizing the Filipina/American Experience, Melinda L. de Jesús
- [Contemporary Asian America: A Multidisciplinary Reader](#),
- [Asian American Feminisms and Women of Color Politics](#), ed. Lynn Fujiwara & Shireen Roshanravan
- Serve the People: Making Asian America in the Long Sixties, Karen L. Ishizuka **(V)**
- [The Birth of Chinese Feminism](#), ed. Lydia H. Liu, Rebecca E. Karl & Dorothy Ko
- [1492: A New World View](#), Sylvia Wynter

Muslim Women & Feminism:

- [Rethinking Muslim Women and the Veil](#), Katherine Bullock
- [Headscarves and Hymens](#), Mona Eltahawy
- The Feminist Edges of the Qur'an, Ayesha A. Hidayatullah
- [Qur'an and Woman: Re-reading the Sacred Text from a Woman's Perspective](#), Amina Wadud
- [Women and Gender in Islam](#), Leila Ahmed

Women in the Middle East:

- Imperial Fictions: Europe's Myths of Orient, Rana Kabbani

- [Palestinian Women: Narrative Histories and Gendered Memory](#), *Fatma Kassem*
- Militarization and Violence against Women in Conflict Zones in the Middle East: A Palestinian Case-Study, *Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian*
- The Militant in Her, *Aaliya Anjum*
- [Why BDS is a Feminist Issue](#), *Dana Olwan*
- Separate & Dominate, *Christine Delphy (V)*
- [Feminist Attitudes and Praxis Among Palestinian Women Activists](#), *Randa Nassel, Fidaa Barghouti & Janan Mousa*
- [Memory Work in the Palestinian Diaspora](#), *Sama Alshaibi*

Prison-industrial Complex and Abolition

- [Are Prisons Obsolete?](#) *Angela Davis*
- [If They Come In The Morning... Voices of Resistance](#) *Angela Davis (V)*
- Carceral Capitalism, *Jackie Wang*
- [How Can We Reconcile Prison Abolition With MeToo?](#), *Victoria Law*
- [Golden Gulag](#), *Ruth Wilson Gilmore*
- Inside This Place, Not Of It: Narratives from Women's Prisons, *Robin Levi & Ayelet Waldman (V)*
 - [Introduction & Olivia's story](#)
- Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women, *Victoria Law*
- [The New Jim Crow](#), *Michelle Alexander*
- How Liberals Built Prison America, *Naomi Murakawa*
- [Global Lockdown: Race, Gender and the Prison Industrial Complex](#), *Julia Sudbury*
- [Globalisation and US prison growth: from military Keynesianism to post-Keynesian militarism](#), *Ruth Wilson Gilmore*
- Race, Inequality and Gender Violence, *Toya Like & Jody Miller*; in The Many Colors of Crime: Inequalities of Race, Ethnicity, and Crime in America, *Ruth Peterson, Lauren Krivo, John Hagan*
- [Arrested Justice: Black Women, Violence and America's Prison Nation](#), *Beth Richie*
- [Lessons in Self-Defense: Gender Violence, Racial Criminalisation, and Anticarceral Feminism](#), *Emily Thuma*
- [The Revolution Starts At Home](#), *Ching-In Chen, Jai Dulani, and Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha*
- [Taking risks: implementing grass-roots community accountability strategies](#), *a collective of women of color from Communities Against Rape and Abuse in Seattle*

Science, Medicine, Technology and Gender

- Inferior: How Science Got Women Wrong and the New Research That's Rewriting the Story, *Angela Saini*
- [Reflections on Gender and Science](#), *Evelyn Fox Keller*
- [The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#), *Rebecca Skloot*
- [People's Science: Bodies & Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier](#), *Ruha Benjamin*
- [Sciences from Below: Feminisms, Postcolonialities, and Modernities](#), *Sandra Harding*

- [The Xenofeminist Manifesto](#), *Laboria Cuboniks (V)*
- *Women, Science, and Technology: A Reader in Feminist Science Studies* ed. *Mary Weyer, Mary Barbercheck, Donna Cookmeyer, Hatice Ozturk, and Marta Wayne*
- [Intersectionality as a Blueprint for Postcolonial Scientific Community Building](#), *Chanda Prescod-Weinstein*

Socialism, Class and Feminism

- [How Feminism Became Capitalism's Handmaiden and How to Reclaim It](#), *Nancy Fraser*
- [Wages Against Housework](#), *Silvia Federici*
- [Caliban and the Witch](#), *Silvia Federici*
- [Explaining Gender Violence in the Neoliberal Era](#), *Tithi Bhattacharya*
- [Marissa Mayer, the Family and Capitalism](#), *Tithi Bhattacharya*
- *Feminism For The 99%*, *Tithi Bhattacharya, Nancy Fraser, Cinzia Arruzza*
- [Fortunes of Feminism](#), *Nancy Fraser (V)*
- [Four Theses on the Comrade](#), *Jodi Dean*
- [Domestic Workers' Rights, the Politics of Social Reproduction, and New Models of Labor Organizing](#), *Premilla Nadasen*
- [Rethinking the Public Sphere: A Contribution to the Critique of Actually Existing Democracy](#), *Nancy Fraser*
- *Women, Resistance & Revolution*, *Sheila Rowbotham (V)*

Sex Work

- *Revolting Prostitutes*, *Juno Mac & Molly Smith (V)*
- [Police Abuse of Sex Workers: A Global Reality, Widely Ignored](#), *Chi Mgbako*
- *Playing the Whore*, *Melissa Gira Grant (V)*

Gender, Sexuality and Queer Theory

- [Heterosexualism and the Colonial / Modern Gender System](#), *María Lugones*
- *Feminism is Queer: The Intimate Connection Between Queer and Feminist Theory*: *Mimi Marinucci*
- *The Gentrification of the Mind: Witness to a Lost Imagination*, *Sarah Schulman*
- [Raven's Garden: A Discussion about Aboriginal Sexual Orientation and Transgender Issues](#), *Val Napoleon*
- [Everyday Decolonization: Living a Decolonizing Queer Politics](#), *Sarah Hunt & Cindy Holmes*
- [Delusions of Gender](#), *Cordelia Fine*
- [Orientations: Towards a Queer Phenomenology](#), *Sara Ahmed*
- [Queer Theory and Native Studies: The Heteronormativity of Settler Colonialism](#), *Andrea Smith*
- [For A Post-colonial Queer Theory: Coloniality of Gender and Heteronormativity Occupying the Borders of Translation](#), *Fernanda Belizário*
- [Colonialism, Two-Spirit Identity, and the Logics of White Supremacy](#), *Phoenix A. Singer*

- [Queer Settler Colonialism in Canada and Israel: Articulating Two-Spirit and Palestinian Queer Critiques](#), *Scott Lauria Morgensen*
- [Left Behind by the Alter: Why Queers and Sociologists Need Materialist Feminism](#), *Monica Edwards*
- [Israel/Palestine and the Queer International](#), *Sarah Schulman*
- [Race Relations in the Lesbian Movement](#), *Nomfundo Luphondwana*
- [Sexuality and Socialism: History, Politics, and Theory of LGBT Liberation](#), *Sherry Wolf*

Writing and Creativity

- Octavia's Brood, ed. *adrienne maree brown & Walida Imarisha*

Rape Culture and Sexual Violence

- At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape and Resistance, *Danielle L. McGuire*
- [Sexual Harassment](#), *Sara Ahmed*
- [Speaking Out: Feminism, Rape & Narrative Politics](#), *Tanya Serisier*
- [Reckoning Up: Sexual harassment and violence in the neoliberal university](#), *Alison Phipps*
- [The Fight Against Sexual Violence](#), *Alison Phipps*

Marxist Feminism

- [Intersections, Locations, and Capitalist Class Relations: Intersectionality from a Marxist Perspective](#), *Joanna Brenner*
- [The Incompatible Menage a Trois: Marxism, Feminism, and Racism](#), *Gloria Joseph*
- [Intersectionality and Marxism: a Critical Historiography](#), *Ashley J. Bohrer*
- [Women's Oppression Today: The Marxist/Feminist Encounter](#), *Michèle Barrett*
- [Feminism, Marxism, Method, and the State: Toward Feminist Jurisprudence](#), *Catharine MacKinnon*
- [Towards a Feminist Theory of the State](#), *Catharine MacKinnon*
- [Revolution at Point Zero: Housework, Reproduction, and Feminist Struggle](#), *Silvia Federici*
- [A Marxist Case for Intersectionality](#), *Sharon Smith*
- [Reclaiming Anticapitalist Feminism](#), *Rosemary Hennessy & Chrys Ingraham*

Transfeminism

- [The Gender Ternary: Understanding Transmisogyny](#), *Lisa Milbank*
- [My Words to Victor Frankenstein Above the Village of Chamounix](#), *Susan Stryker*
- [Stone Butch Blues](#), *Leslie Feinberg*
- [What Transmisogyny Looks Like](#), *Tobi Hill-Meyer*
- [The Empire Strikes Back: A Posttranssexual Manifesto](#), *Sandy Stone*
- Rethinking Sexism: How Trans Women Challenge Feminism, *Julia Serano*
- [Retelling Racialised Violence, Remaking White Innocence: The Politics of Interlocking Oppressions in Transgender Day of Remembrance](#), *Sarah Lamble*

- [Whipping Girl](#), Julia Serano

Reproductive Justice

- Undivided Rights: Women of Color Organizing for Reproductive Justice, *Elena R. Gutiérrez, Jael Silliman, Loretta Ross & Marlene Gerber Fried*
- [Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty](#), *Dorothy E. Roberts*
- [Why The Occupation is a Reproductive Justice Issue](#), *Leanne Gale*
- Ireland's Hidden Diaspora: The Abortion Trail and the Making of a London-Irish Underground, 1980-2000, *Ann Rossiter & Joanne O'Brien*
- [Breaking the Silence on Abortion](#), *K. Bloomer, Kellie O'Dowd & Catriona Macleod*
- African American Women and Abortion: 1800 – 1970, *Loretta J. Ross*, in *Stanlie M. James and Abena P. A. Busia eds., Theorizing Black Feminisms, The Visionary Pragmatism of Black Women*
- [Living in the Crosshairs: The Untold Stories of Anti-Abortion Terrorism](#), *Krysten Connen & David Cohen*
- [Trust Black Women](#), *Loretta Ross*
- [The Welfare Family Cap: Reproductive Rights, Control, and Poverty Prevention](#), *Diana Romero & Madina Agénor*
- [No Worse And No Better: Irish Women and Backstreet Abortions](#), *Cliona Rattigan*
- [Abortion Numbers Half in Northern Ireland As Doctors Fear Prison](#), *Clare Dyer*
- [The Women Joining Forces Across the Border to Fight Ireland's Abortion Laws](#), *Emma Gallen*
- On Northern Ireland, *Siobhán Fenton* in *Una Mullally ed., Repeal the 8th*, pp.153-169
- [Reproductive Justice: Achilles' Heel of Ireland, North and South](#), *Chamindra Weerawardhana*

Disability and Gender

- [Integrating Disability: Transforming Feminist Theory](#), *Rosemary Garland-Thompson*
- Feminist, Queer, Crip, *Alison Kafer*
- Disability and Difference in Global Contexts: Enabling a Transformative Body Politic, *Nirmala Erevelles*
- [Disabled Women and the Feminist Agenda](#), *Nasa Begum*
 - More: <http://www.sisofrida.org/resources/reading-list-intersectional-disability-disabled-women>

Food, Fatness, Body Politics and Feminism

- Fat is A Feminist Issue, *Susie Orbach*
- [White Supremacy, Colonialism and Fatphobia Are Inherently Tied to Each Other](#), *Hess Love*
- [Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body](#), *Susan Bordo*
- [Governing the Female Body](#), ed *Lori Reed & Paula Saukko*
- [Women & Size](#), *Samantha Kwan & Jennifer Fackler*

Indigenous Feminism

- [Who Is Your Mother? Red Roots of White Feminism](#), *Paula Gunn Allen*
- [Native Feminisms: Legacies, Interventions, and Indigenous Sovereignties](#), *Mishuana R. Goeman & Jennifer Nez Denetdale*
- [Intersectionality and Indigenous Feminism: An Aboriginal Woman's Perspective](#), *Celeste Liddle*
- [The Indigenous Feminist Killjoy](#), *Joanne Barker*
- [Decolonizing Feminism: Challenging Connections between Settler Colonialism and Heteropatriarchy](#), *Maile Arvin, Eve Tuck & Angie Morrill*
- [Settler Colonialism, Human Rights and Indigenous Women](#), *Isabel Altamirano-Jimenez*
- [Gender, Sovereignty, Rights: Native Women's Activism against Social Inequality and Violence in Canada](#), *Joanne Barker*
- [Globalization as Racialized, Sexualized Violence. The Case of Indigenous Women](#), *Rauna Koukkanen*
- *I Am Woman: A Native Perspective on Sociology and Feminism*, *Lee Maracle*
- [Talkin' Up To The White Woman: Indigenous Women and Feminism](#), *Aileen Moreton-Robinson*
- [The White Man's Burden: Patriarchal White Epistemic Violence and Aboriginal Women's Knowledges within the Academy](#), *Aileen Moreton-Robinson*

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