The Center for Gender and Politics of the Belgrade University -
Faculty of Political Sciences

The Department of Women’s and Gender Studies at Rutgers, the State
University of New Jersey The Faculty of Media and Communication of the
Singidunum University of Belgrade are pleased to announce the next
annual postgraduate course in:

**Feminist Critical Analysis:
System Failure – Politics of Unlearning and Impossible
Imaginaries**

**Topic**
Feminist theory and queer theory have, in last decades, re-introduced and
re-evaluated terms such as vulnerability, failure and affect. These accounts
have linked the political with the state of vulnerability and harm, whether
psychological, physical or even technological, offering potential starting
points for different political imaginary and resistance.

Moving within the space between human and inhuman in queer theory and
posthumanist feminist critique, one is invited to deeply re-question present
and future political subjectivities, power relations, (non)identitarian
positions or politics. In an attempt to further contribute to this growing
field of queer and feminist interest, this year’s course in Feminist Critical
Analysis seeks interdisciplinary approaches that will examine diverse
practices and narratives, drawing from the technology-related or -inspired
concepts, request the systemic aggregates of knowledge in which we
are all embedded, whether we are taking gender, race, class, sexuality or
“the human other,” produce system interruptions and develop more
workable space for new political imaginations. Accordingly, the notion of
politics of unlearning is to be approached only sideways, navigating
through vulnerable (dis)attachments (of bodies-missing, sexualities-
denounced, races-exhausted, species-broken, and of all sorts of minor
political, cultural and economic alliances), tracing the endlines of the
production of the subject of knowledge, not from the heart of it.

The 2017 course in Feminist Critical Analysis will encourage active
participation and debates that will bring together disciplines from across
the humanities, social sciences, art, political theory, cultural studies,
philosophy, etc. The main goal of this year’s course is to encourage
discussion and debate by focusing on a broad range of technology-inspired
issues, including politics, ethics, economics, effects and affects, bringing
up various topics that correspond to the overall theme of “system failure”,


within the framework of feminist and queer theory. Starting with the figuration of alarming notification of being “at risk”, the course topic puts particular emphasis on the notions of “error” or “failure”, and will derive from these concepts the disruptive and significant critical perspectives on “brokenness”, “loss”, “exhaustion”, “interruption”, “occurrence”, “limit”, “fragility,” “anger,” “sadness” and the like.

CONCERNING THE COURSE
The course is built on the intellectual dialogue among a diverse body of scholars from different geographical locations and the participating faculty is drawn from different universities. The course is co-directed by Professor Dasa Duhacek, University of Belgrade, Professor Ethel Brooks, Rutgers University and Professor Jelisaveta Blagojevic, Singidunum University. The course will be held at the Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik (www.iuc.hr) from May 29th to June 2nd 2017.

The program is conducted in English.

ELIGIBILITY AND FEES
IUC courses are conducted at a postgraduate level. Candidates with a graduate degree and/or current postgraduate students interested in the topic may apply for participation.
There is no course fee. However, participants are expected to cover the IUC registration fee (40 EUR), as well as their own expenses of travel and accommodation. Unfortunately, the organizing institutions are not in the position to offer any financial assistance.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
A short narrative (up to 250 words) explaining your interest in the topic and your CV with your current complete contact information should be submitted by e-mail.

Final deadline for applications is February 13th, 2017

Please send your applications to the Center for Gender and Politics University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Sciences, at <studijeroda@fpn.bg.ac.rs> with Feminist Critical Analysis, IUC 2017 in the subject line.