Quarter: Summer Session 2015
Course Title: Global Women Leaders: Past, Present and Future
Course Code: HISTORY 109A

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Course objectives: This course will introduce students to global women’s history, and focus on the emergence of women political leaders in the 20th century. We will begin by looking at the history of patriarchy around the world, and then consider the growth of feminist politics. We will look at movements for women’s self-determination in the 19th and 20th centuries, and women’s emergence as national political leaders in the 20th century. We then focus on a series of global women leaders, and explore their biographies and historical contributions. What conditions have permitted women to emerge as political leaders in the 20th century? Have women made a distinctive contribution as heads of state and political activists? In addition to lectures and discussions, class meetings will include viewing several films.

Course Requirements and Grading:
1. Regular class attendance and participation 15%
2. Four-page book review on a global woman leader due July 24 25%
3. Take-home mid-term due July 15 30%
4. Take-home final due August 13 30%

Note: All written work is due at 5:00 PM on due date, via Word attachment to meh@stanford.edu. Please include your name in the filename.

Readings:
Required text available for purchase at Stanford Bookstore:
Estelle Freedman, No Turning Back: The History of Feminism and the Future of Women
Other the readings can be accessed directly online or are posted on Coursework, the Stanford web site for the course, noted as CW.
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Class Schedule:

Week 1: Introduction to course and Global Women’s History

Chapter 5, “The Global Stage and the Politics of Location,” and
Chapter 14, “No Turning Back: Women and Politics”

Week 2: Eleanor Roosevelt: A Transformative First Lady

June 29: View film: “The Eleanor Roosevelt Story”
Reading: *No Ordinary Time*, ch 4, “Living Here is Quite Oppressive,” CW

July 1: Reading: *No Ordinary Time*, chapter 5, “No Ordinary Time”, ch 7: “I Can’t Do A Thing About Her” CW

Week 3: Golda Meir of Israel and Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain

July 6: Film clips: “A Woman Called Golda”
Reading: Israel Shenker, “Peace and Arab Acceptance Were Goals…” CW
July 8: Reading: Anneke Ribberink, “Gender Politics With Margaret Thatcher: Toughness and Vulnerability” CW

Week 4: Indira Gandhi and women in Indian politics

July 13: Reading: *Women, Political Struggles and Gender Equality in South Asia*, Margaret Allston, ed. Selections on Coursework

Week 5: Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan

July 20: Film clips: “Bhutto”
July 22: Reading: Mary Ann Weaver, “Bhutto’s Fateful Moment” *New Yorker Profile* October 4, 1993 CW

Week 6: Women in Bangladesh Politics: Leaders or Tokens? Prime Minister Sheikh HASINA

July 29: Reading: Women, Political Struggles and Gender Equality in South Asia, Margaret Allston, ed. “Bangladesh Women Activists” CW

Week 7: Contemporary Global Women Leaders

August 3: Ang San Su Kyi of Burma, video, Reading: Joshua Hammer, “A Free Woman,” New Yorker CW

August 5: Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia

Week 8: Women in US Politics: Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton?

Hillary Clinton: Former First Lady, Former US Secretary of State


August 12: Conclusion: What difference do women leaders make?

Take-home final exam is due via email Thursday, August 13 at 5:00 PM.