Instructor:  Dr. Martha McMahon

Course Description and Goals:
This course will encourage students to think about feminism not as a movement but, borrowing from bell hooks, as part of broad movement for social change. As such it has no clear boundaries or no easy definitions. But it is recognizable. It is empirically found typically intertwined with other forms of politics, analysis, cultural movement, engagements and transnational and multi-species relationships. As foci of academic inquiry and political action the fields of inquiry and research are very broad. This course focuses on what might be loosely called ecological feminist engagements. These kinds of engagements of course cannot be accomplished without taking up some of the histories of feminisms, their debates and discussions. It is helpful to appreciate the diversity of those who can help us understand the value, breath, and depth of feminisms even if they don’t do ‘our’ kind of feminism. The course will attend particularly to threads within feminism that help de-centre privilege and the taken-for-granted-ness of our geo-political location within the University of Victoria on the un-ceded and traditional territory of the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

Mode of Delivery:

At this time, this course will be on-line and will involve a mix of synchronous and asynchronous delivery.

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
- 1.5 units of SOCI upper level course (300 or 400 level)
- Or permission of the department

Required Resources May Include:
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1 This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.