**University of Guelph**

**Women, Justice and Public Policy**

**POLS\* 6180\*02 Fall 2019**

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**Course description**:

How do policies developed out of neoliberalism and ideas of social investment affect the

lives of diverse women and gender equality? Using the frameworks of intersectionality and austerity under neoliberalism, this course will explore specific policy areas, including economic, environmental, social and criminal justice policies, primarily in Canada. Participants will engage in comparisons with other global Northern and global Southern countries, and will consider global and transnational patterns and implications of neoliberalism.

**Readings and Textbook**:

Required text:

Alexandra Dobrowolsky, ed. *Women and Public Policy in Canada*. Oxford University Press, 2009.

Additional required readings are on the course website.

**Course requirements**:

1. **Class participation** (15%)
2. **Class leadership** (20%)
3. **Reading reflections** (5% each x 8 = 40%)
4. **Final project** (25%)