

Gender

Peer Instruction

- What is gender, and do you think it plays a role in international relations? If so, how?

Gender

- ◆ Feminist approaches to IR
 - ◆ Liberal
 - ◆ Marxist/Socialist/Critical
 - ◆ Constructivist
 - ◆ Post-Colonial
 - ◆ Post-Modern

Gender

- ❖ Classic gender role
Stereotype
- ❖ Reality: according to
a 2007 study, men are
77% higher risk of dying
in car accident than
women



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◆ What is Gender?

- ◆ Social / culture construction
- ◆ Power, autonomy, rationality, public → masculine
- ◆ Weakness, dependence, emotionality, private → feminine
- ◆ Masculinity and femininity are relational
- ◆ Gender characteristics are generally unequal: positive value ascribed to masculine characteristics

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◆ Feminist questions for IR

- ◆ Where are the women in positions of political or military leadership?
- ◆ How are the types of power necessary to keep unequal gender structures in place perpetuated?
- ◆ Does it make any difference to states' policy practices that their foreign and security policies are often legitimated through appeals to various types of masculinity?

Gender and Security

- ◆ Myth of protection
- ◆ Strong connection between masculinity and war
 - ◆ Focus on physical capabilities or threat thereof
- ◆ Feminist approach
 - ◆ Diminution of all forms of violence
 - ◆ Bottom-up

Gender and Economy

- ◆ Women disproportionately at the bottom of the socio-economic scale
- ◆ Much work not considered 'gainful employment'
 - ◆ Housewife versus breadwinner
- ◆ Pushed into lower paid occupations
- ◆ Corporations take advantage of subservient gender role to lower wages

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