GYNOTOPIA – PHALLOTOPIA
Gender, Freedom, and The Political

Course Description
Gynotopia meaning something like “woman’s place/woman’s world”
Phallotopia meaning something like “man’s place/man’s world”

Our world is divided up into dualisms that define in advance our expectations of ourselves and others. These dualisms constitute our social, moral, and political systems and are taken for granted and assumed to be “unchangeable” or “just the way things are.” Arguably no other dualism is as powerful and pervasive than that of Male and Female, for we constantly live these values, measure ourselves and others by them, and determine our futures according to them. An inquiry into Gynotopia and Phallotopia will allow a critical distance from which we can understand and critique the dualism of Male and Female such that we can gain a clear picture of who we are and where we are heading.

In addition to gender we will explore other dualisms pertaining to race, property, power, and work.

AN AESTHETIC INQUIRY INTO THE ORIGINS OF GENDER ESSENTIALISM AND THE UTOPIAN VISION OF ITS OVERTHROW!