

Sexual Difference as Thought and Politics (La diferencia Sexual como pensamiento y política)

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There is something in the air today that is asking for women's experience to be put into words, so that new life might be given to a culture, the modern male one, which has come to the end of a long crisis. This subject/online course offers an attractive, rigorous and simple synthesis of the essence and the usage that we might find today for the thought and politics that has been developed in the western world through the desire of many women to put into words the free sense of sexual difference and to bring women's freedom into being in the world.

- Price: 150 Euros, open to all. University Extension Course. Online.
- From 14th October 2014 to 10th February 2015. Language: English (An ability to **read** in English is essential. Responding can be in English, Spanish, Catalan or French.

Programme Summary

1: Introduction. The history, ideas and limitations of the Enlightenment Feminist Project, a legacy and genealogical gift that nevertheless may need to be transcended.

2: Luce Irigaray. An invitation and a challenge. The main strands of Irigaray's initial work and its impact and meaning.

3: Diotima and the Milan Women's Bookstore. The beginnings of a politics rooted in the thinking and practice of sexual difference. A history and analysis of its first explorations and political figures.

4: The development of this politics and thinking. Genealogy. Female authority as a political practice. Starting from the self. The politics of desire.

5: The symbolic order of the mother. The politics of the symbolic.

6: The work on the negative.

7: Transcendence and freedom.