

Radical Women Online Reading Circle Syllabus

“The Revolution Question: Feminisms in El Salvador, Chile, and Cuba”

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Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, January 13 to May 12, 2021

Facilitator: Sarah Scott

Zoom meeting registration: tinyurl.com/RWRevQuestion

Session 1: January 13

Introduction: Femininity, Revolution, and Feminism, pg. 1-10,
up to subhead “Why El Salvador, Chile, and Cuba?”

Online preview at https://www.amazon.com/Revolution-Question-Feminisms-Salvador-Chile/dp/0813534844#reader_0813534844

Session 2: January 20

Femininity, Revolution, and Feminism, pg. 10-18

Session 3: January 27

Author Julie Shayne will discuss the book and answer questions!

Session 4: February 3

Gender and the Revolutionary Struggle in El Salvador, pg. 19-28,
up to subhead “The Human Rights Sector”

Session 5: February 10

Gender and the Revolutionary Struggle in El Salvador, pg. 28-45

Session 6: February 17

Feminism in Postwar El Salvador, 1992-1999, pg. 46-57,
up to subhead “Mélida Anaya Montes Women’s Movement”

Session 7: February 24

Feminism in Postwar El Salvador, 1992-1999, pg. 57 to 66

Supplemental reading: “Working women: the heart of any revolutionary movement,”
statement by Mujeres Radicales of El Salvador, March 7, 2004
<https://socialism.com/fs-article/working-women-the-heart-of-any-revolutionary-movement/>

Session 8: March 3

The Tenure of Salvador Allende through a Feminist Lens, 1970-1973, pg. 67-78

Session 9: March 10

The Tenure of Salvador Allende through a Feminist Lens, 1970-1973, pg. 79-89

Session 10: March 17

Dictatorship, Democracy, and Feminism in Post-Allende Chile, 1973-1999, pg. 90-102,
up to subhead “The Plebiscite”

Session 11: March 24

Dictatorship, Democracy, and Feminism in Post-Allende Chile, 1973-1999, pg. 102-114

March 31 session cancelled due to Community Rally to Halt the Housing Crisis

Session 12: April 7

The Cuban Insurrection through a Feminist Lens, 1952-1959, pg. 115-121,
up to subhead “Femininity and the Struggle against Batista”

Session 13: April 14

The Cuban Insurrection through a Feminist Lens, 1952-1959, pg. 121-134

Session 14: April 21

The Women’s Movement in Post-insurrection Cuba, 1959-1999, pg. 135-145,
up to subhead “Feminist Consciousness and Mobilization”

Session 15: April 28

The Women’s Movement in Post-insurrection Cuba, 1959-1999, pg. 145-158

Session 16: May 5

Conclusion: Unity-Inspired Divisions, pg. 159-168

Session 17: May 12

Watch documentary **Las Sandinistas**