GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN POST-REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE (fall semester only- 3 credits)

This course explores the organization of post-Revolutionary France through heteromormativity (the world view that promotes heterosexuality as the preferred sexual orientation), marriage, and also the debates which have risen in opposition to such organization. Emphasis will be placed on the construction of heterosexuality becoming the accepted norm through biological and familial functions. This course will also study various self-abased identities and practices that have been marginalized and criminalized: bachelors, old maids, and non-reproductive sexual practices. The first topic studied will be the construction of the heteronormative society and will be followed by the resistance to a hegemonic ideology. Contemporary debates about family, reproductive rights, adoption, and sexual minorities will also be discussed.