



black

feminisms

and

the state

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This upper division undergraduate class examines the interplay between black feminist thought, activism, and the state from the 20th century onward. We will explore the ways black feminists in Africa and the African diaspora have historically engaged with the state via collaboration, critique, repression, and sought to forge pathways for social change. Topics include transnational black feminisms, gender and nationalism, decolonization, the cold war, empire, reproductive justice, labor, welfare, among others. Students will be equipped with an intersectional lens through which to understand and engage ongoing debates about social, political, and economic justice.