Popular clothing brands have been globalized. Brand-name companies rely on the labor of and ideas about young women in Bangladesh, China, and Guatemala to maximize their profits. Paying attention to those young women’s lives can help us weigh how complicit we are in development gaps and in human rights violations.

The process of sexual objectification is theorized to occur within interpersonal interactions. In this talk, Dr. Randi Garcia presents her research findings about the interplay of sexual objectification and self-objectification — how objectification by others impacts self-objectification and resulting feelings of comfort and authenticity.

The rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq has depended on enticing young men to become fighters, but also on the abuse and recruitment of women. Each of these grows out of particular forms of gendered underdevelopment not only in the Middle East, but in Europe and North America.

Away from the narrow vision of the media, a growing transnational feminist movement put UN politics on center stage. These savvy activists can show us how genuine development and sustainable peace require taking women’s ideas and women’s rights seriously. The opposition they face is formidable.