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Feminist Cynthia Enloe to Share Post-Election Insights at UCSB

Cynthia Enloe, one of America's foremost thinkers and theorists on gender and the military, will share her thoughts on the 2004 presidential election Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. in the McCune Conference Room (Room 6020) of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Enloe, a research professor in the International Development, Community and Environment Department at Clark University in Massachusetts, will look at the militarization of gender in the electoral politics in the United States and Iraq in "Launching Wars, Counting Votes & Investigating Masculinities: Feminist Post-Election Insights."

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Enloe argues that politics in both the United States and Iraq are deeply influenced by the dynamics between men and women.

If we are to understand the outcomes of the Nov.2 election here and the planned elections in Iraq, we must examine how masculinity and femininity become militarized, paying close attention to those who manage to avoid militarization, she said.

Enloe has been a member of the Clark University faculty since 1972 and served as chair of the Government Department from 1987 to 1993.

She also has chaired of Clark's Women's Studies Program.

Her books include "The Curious Feminist: Searching for Women in a New Age of Empire" (2004), "Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women's Lives" (2000), and "Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics" (2000). She also has written articles published in the Village Voice and Ms. Magazine, has appeared on the BBC and National Public Radio and has lectured around the world.

Enloe's appearance is sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military, the Department of Sociology, the East Asia Center, the Hull Chair in Women's Studies, and the Women's Studies Program.

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