

GLOBALIZATION AND GENDER EQUALITY

The need for a global view

- Limits of current gender theory
- Limits of main paradigms of gender research
- Empirical change on a world scale
- Political change

What is "globalization"?

- Business buzzword from 1980s, strategies of TNCs
- Idea of "global society" and new modernization theory
- Critical theory of global change (e.g. Canclini)

Gender as a global process

1. Changing conditions of existence of local gender orders
2. Interaction between local gender orders
3. New transnational arenas with constructed gender regimes: TNCs, International state and NGOs, global media, markets

Problems of the world gender order

- World inequalities: income, access, education
- Toxicity: global violence, environment
- Uneven change: intimate relations, public outcomes of reform

Gender politics on a world scale

- International feminism
- Reform movements among men
- Neoliberalism and gender
- The horizon of historicity