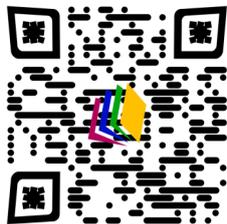




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Being Global: A Feminist Perspective

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ABSTRACT:

The main objective of this research article is to explore the impacts of globalisation on gender empowerment. Here, the question addresses that how far globalisation as an economic process is gender neutral? Has it weakened patriarchy and created greater employment opportunities and greater equality for women? There is a need for an assessment and theoretical consideration from the feminist and socialist standpoint, since the bourgeois/ non-feminist scholarship makes invisible both the class and gender dimensions of the dynamics of power and capital distribution. More specifically, the paper attempts to trace how these policies have impacted on women's access to employment, their enjoyment of social rights and empowerment as far as globalisation and its impact on women at large is concerned.

KEY WORDS: Globalisation, Women Empowerment, Feminist Perspective, Impact of Globalisation, Negative Impact, Positive Impact, Global Feminism.

Introduction

Globalisation can be defined as “a complex economic, political, cultural, and geographic process in which the mobility of capital, organizations, ideas, discourses, and peoples has taken a global or transnational form” (Moghadam 1999: 369). Globalisation is very difficult to define neatly or precisely due to its non-uniformity, non-coherency where all the aspects of socio-political and economic life did not shift in a single direction (Ali et al. 2015: 645). It can be said as a complex process having multi-facets with different pace in different parts of the world which influence different groups differently. Globalisation has also a contradictory effect having both its negative and positive site. As an ideology it evolve using the International Monetary Fund (IMF), The World Bank (WB) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) to shift resources from the peripheries to the core countries. In this process lot of people has been affected, including women since the late 1980S in the entire world. As far as globalisation and women empowerment is concerned, the clarification of women empowerment as a concept which was illustrated by Eric & Indira provided in the following lines.

The empowerment of women, understood as ensuring that women can fully enjoy the same rights as men and are not discriminated against, is normatively desirable. It is also instrumentally valuable because it promotes economic development, if women can flourish and freely develop their full potential as talented and productive workers, mothers, care givers, and often more responsible managers of