

Q- Write down differences between gender and women studies

Introduction

Gender studies is often mixed with women studies; however, there are some striking difference between them. Women studies came into being during the second wave of feminism, (in late 1960s and early 1970s). It is interdisciplinary field focuses primarily on women related issues and rights. On the other hand, gender studies came into being during the third wave of feminism, (in early 1990s). It is a multidisciplinary field addresses the struggle and issues of all gender i.e. men, women, transgender, and LGBT. It is much more diverse type of study than women studies.

Difference between gender and women studies.

1- Evolution

The historical evolution of women studies could be traced back to second wave of feminism during late 1960s and 1970s. This wave focused on issues of equality and discrimination between men and women. It was then feminist realized the significance of accommodating women issues in academics to highlight their personhood beside men in all major fields. Gender studies, on the other is considered an entirely nascent field emerged as a broader and holistic discipline of women studies. It took inspiration from the successful experimentation and acceptance of women studies as an academic field.

2- Nature of both studies

While women studies works on women's visibility in academia, Gender studies striving to bring to limelight upon all gender prevailing

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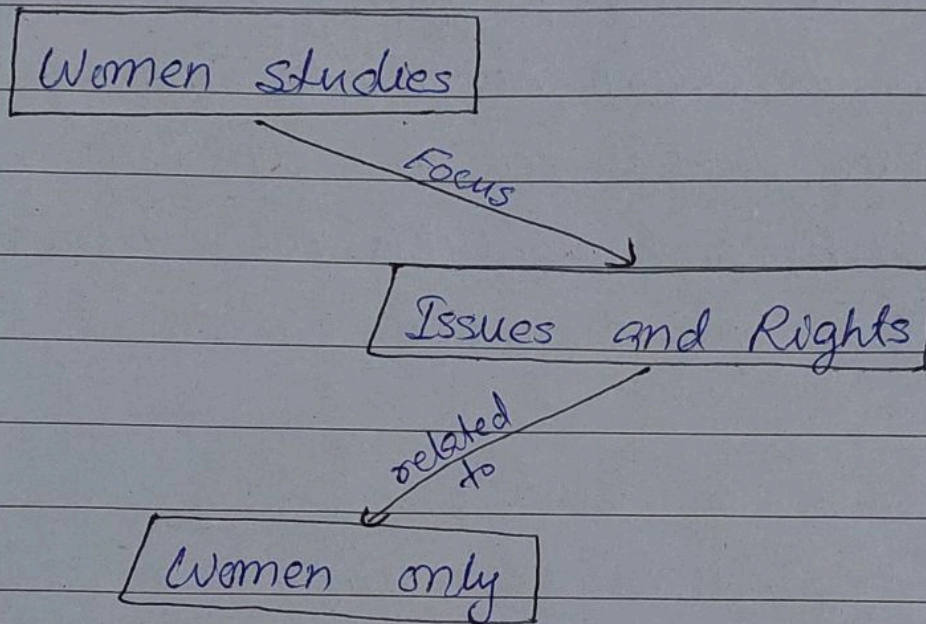
in society under academic discussion. This makes the former studies inter-disciplinary field while later as multi-disciplinary field.

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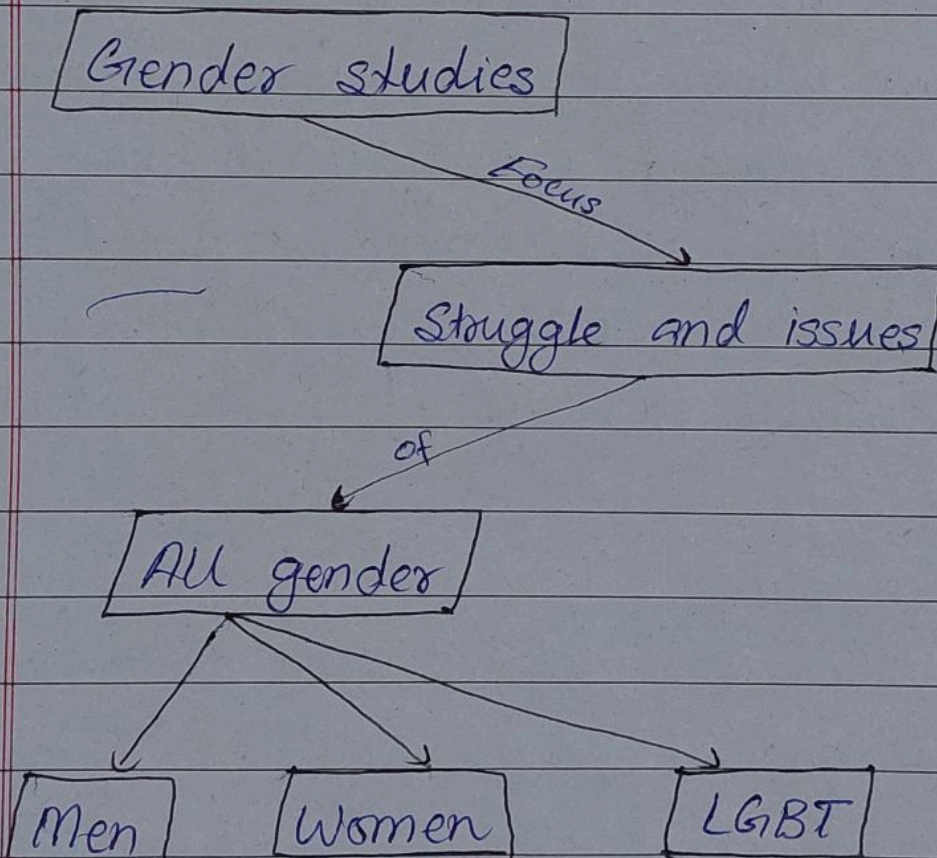
Women studies cannot be merged with other biological or physical science as it would be hard to solely study women as a significant subject ignoring the other gender.

On the other hand, gender studies could be merged with biological or physical sciences as it calls on sex and gender of all types, thus making its nature multi-disciplinary.

3-Area of focus



On the other hand



This enunciates that women studies

has limited its attention and focus point to women suffering and manoeuvre to secure her rights. Contrarily, gender studies sees all the lens of equality and highlights their issues without any prejudice.

4- Goal of studies

Women studies demands equality for women. Its proponents want to end patriarchy. According to Klein, its main focus is to make the lives of women better. On the contrary, gender studies demands equity. It explains the position of all genders based on class, caste, religion, ethnicity, and sexual identity.

5- Analysis

The vigorous sense of gender rights and acceptance of LGBT debate at a larger scale, has given impetus to the fourth wave of feminism in society. Given the scenario, women

Studies as an autonomous subject has been rendered obsolete. Gender studies, however, has acquired a significant space in academic. In Pakistan, it has been offered as an optional subject in all public commissions, such as Central Superior Services (CSS).

6- Conclusion

Gender studies and women studies are two different disciplines dealing with various subjects and areas of concern. Women studies is a narrow approach and merely deals with the issues of women while gender studies are more inclusive and encompass all genders. Additionally, gender studies is a multi-disciplinary subject that has its own identity while dealing with various other disciplines.