

Question No-1

Differentiate between Gender Studies and Women's studies. Discuss in detail the Multi-disciplinary nature of gender studies.

Introduction

Gender Studies is a field of Social Science. It deals with understanding social, cultural and biological setup of gender in our society. Gender study is a field of interdisciplinary study to gender identity and gendered representation as central categories of analysis. This field includes women studies (women, feminism, gender and politics), Men's studies, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender).

"ONE is born a
Woman one is
becomes one"

Simone de Beauvoir

Difference between Gender Studies and Women studies:

Gender Studies

Women studies

- ① Field of knowledge that looks at world from gender perspective. While women studies are focus on women only. ③
- ② Distribution of resources among all the genders. While it powers and resources to women only.
- ③ It work is done by people of all genders. While its work is done by only women.
- ④ It Multidisciplinary in nature discuss issues of women, men, Lesbian, gays, transgender and Bi-sexual (LGBT). While narrow scope because it only focus on women. ④
- ⑤ It also struggle for gender equality while it struggle combined to women equality to men. ⑤

Gender Studies

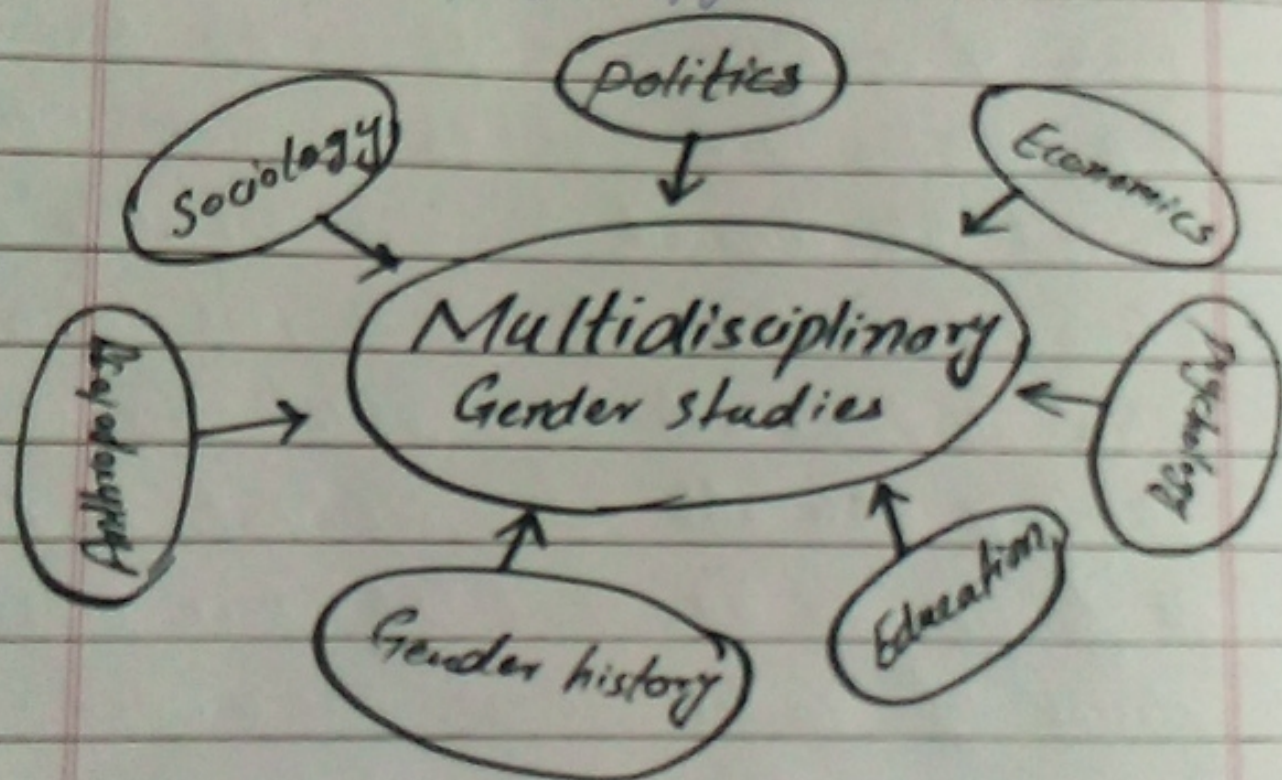
Women studies

- ⑥ It covers heterosexuality and different sexual orientation.
 - ⑦ Gender studies emerged after 3rd wave of feminism (1990s)
 - ⑧ Tools of analysis e.g. women are divided into different classes i.e. elite class developed and developing class also. It focuses on all classes of gender issues.
 - ⑨ Discuss theories of all genders.
 - ⑩ Books and researches work in all genders and by all genders.
- ⑥ Heterosexuality of male & female.
 - ⑦ Women studies emerged after 2nd wave of feminism.
 - ⑧ Focus on history of women, literature and sexuality etc and poor class, so elite class can't represent the problems of poor class women.
 - ⑨ Discuss only women theories.
 - ⑩ It only works about women and by women.

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Multidisciplinary Nature of Gender Studies

Gender studies is pertinent to many discipline, such as Sociology, politics, Economics, Anthropology, Biology, psychology etc.



1- Education

lack of education to the women.
nature of education needed for them.
discrimination on the basis of education
and how to resolve the existing situation.

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2 - Health

Lack of Health facilities to women, approach to the health centers, maternal mortality rates and how to improve the existing situation.

3 - Sociology

Social construction of the gender, role observance, social discrimination.

4 - Economic

Low wages, jobs, workplace violence, harassment.

5 - Politiss

Right to vote, lower participation both at voting and representation, how to increase it.

6 - Literature

Lower presentation of women based literature and also written by them.

7 - Anthropology

It is used to understand the human and explain ideas about

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gender and how they evolved.

8- psychology

It is used to understand the human nature and the nature of human sexuality with regard to gender.

9- Biology

It can differentiate the biological differences between different genders.

Conclusion

Consequently Gender is broken into three terms; Gender identity i-e Dressing style etc

Gender expression i-e way of Talking and Biological Sex i-e Reproductive organs of sexes.

These constructions focus on how femininity and masculinity are fluid entities.

"
A man will say
what he knows,
a women says what
will please."

(Jean Jacques Rousseau)
Emile