

Chapter 3

Transnational Feminism

Conceptual tools

From feminist and gender studies

- Sex and gender ideology
 - Power social relations and domination
 - The way of structuring relations of power
 - The power struggle among people will never be understood without the knowledge of gender
 - Gender is not cross culturally consistent
- Identities
- Body politics
- Intersectionality (e.g race class,sex, gender, citizenship,religion, etc)
- Masculinities and femininities
- Gender lens

Gender and Power

“Gender is about power and power is gendered. How power operates in this way starts to become visible in an examination of the relationship between masculinity and femininity”

Boundary and Nation-State

“The boundaries of nation-state do not embody eternal truths, but are made and remade by state practices through powerful representation of ‘national interest’, and through received narrative of political space and place.”

- The fluidity; how we make and remake national boundaries

Gender in politics of identity

Gender identities are also negotiated and renegotiated as well as “constructed through the three dimensions of embodiment, institutional practice, and language/discourse.”

- There is a relation between gender identities and the boundaries of state

Three Waves

The feminist movement

First Wave- suffrage

Second Wave- Equal Pay

Third wave- patriarchy

Globalization:

Integration and fragmentation

- Brought people together
- Differences and discrimination
- Created feminization of labour
 - Most underpaid and risky jobs

International vs transnational

- Crosses the boundaries of nations state (NATO)
- International is above nations (UN)
- Transnational takes in to account the unequal power

Global vs Transnational Feminism

- Global feminism looks at women that affect women globally
- Transnational transcends national borders
- Global feminism is one way traffic

- Transnational two way traffic

Migration

- Gendered phenomenon of migration- migrant workers
- Global care chain-major care gap
- Female underside of globalisation
- Trafficking of women and children- a transnational organised crime