



Feminism and Theorizing in International Relations Discipline

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Abstract

The discipline of international relations is a relatively recent discipline, having become an independent science almost more than half a century. Although this period is not sufficient to form a theoretical framework, and more established and stable concepts, and there is no agreement and definition of its concepts, which has necessarily been reflected in the development of the theoretical field of it, or the field of "theories of international relations," but it has witnessed a great development and dynamism as a field of knowledge. Since the end of the Second World War, realist theory has dominated the analysis of international relations, which was considered a revolution against the traditional idealistic trends that prevailed in the aftermath of the First World War, and it was also considered the most credible and effective in analyzing the world of international politics and revealing its laws and mechanisms.

Later on, critical theories appeared, the most prominent of which was the feminism that entered the discipline of international relations in the late 1970s. Since then, feminist theory became one of the most important axes of debate among those working in the study of international relations.

The paper attempts to explore whether the feminist theory has been able to provide a model for the analysis and interpretation of international phenomena in a way that enables it to occupy a place among the theories of international relations analysis.

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