

Mainstreaming Feminist International Relations: An Analysis of the Works of IR Theorists in South Asia

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This paper emphasizes the importance of an interdisciplinary connection between the fields of study of International Relations (IR) and Feminism with emphasis on scholarship from South Asia in an attempt to recognize the importance of decolonizing knowledge production. By bringing forth and analysing the works of female IR theorists from South Asia, the intention is to bring into focus the works of such theorists and scholars, and to add to the debate on the colonization of knowledge production and the proliferation of a single (Western) type of scholarship as 'knowledge'. Also, the contradiction between the practice of having more women heads of state in South Asia and the lack of women-oriented policies is pointed out, and explained. The State, constructed as a masculine entity, has performed accordingly, giving disproportionate opportunities

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