

Gender and Climate Justice: An Intersectional Approach

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Abstract

The discourse on the correlation between climate change and gender has become increasingly prominent among academic scholars and policy-makers. The growing body of literature highlights the heightened vulnerability of women particularly in the Global South to climate change. This is because gender plays a crucial role in determining access to climate-sensitive resources such as freshwater and food, influencing risk perception, shaping experiences and responses to disasters, and determining household climate adaptation strategies. This paper posits that it is both morally and practically imperative to integrate women's needs, perspectives, and expertise into international climate change negotiations. The paper demonstrates that the confluence of the feminization of poverty and environmental degradation resulting from climate change exacerbates the difficulties faced by women.

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The existential threats accruing on accounts of climate change are unambiguously evident. It is also clear that the threats caused by the ever-rising temperatures are primarily due to the emission of greenhouse gases caused by human activities. What is perplexing however is the fact that despite consensus on the causative agents and factors behind climate change, fixing remedial responsibilities and initiating mitigation measures haven't been successful. Despite solidarity on the need of sustainability and intergenerational rights little or nothing has been achieved on that account in tangible terms. Attempts to that end thus far been elusive, remaining entrenched in the geopolitical structures and power sources that oversee the carbon energy-intensive growth driving climate change on a global scale.

Arguably, the issue of climate change is a vast and intricate matter lacking any

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