



Research on gender in research: methodological and ethical issues

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There are two separate but interrelated ways in which gender is relevant in the study of the Middle East. First and foremost, gender is among the most widespread topics being studied because of the contentious nature of women's rights and the role of women in society and politics with several Orientalist assumptions at the core of the debate. Second, the increasing number of women doing research in the Middle East on a variety of topics has led to discussions about what their positionality means.

This presentation will discuss both aspects of research on gender and gender in research and it argues that there is a lot more complexity to this than it appears at first. Such complexity includes notions of insider/outsider for instance or the ethics of 'exploiting' gender for access.