

Chapter I (*selection*)

Solutions from experts:

- valorization of gender expertise – the mandatory character of a degree in Gender Studies in order to be employed in specialized institutions;
- revision of recognized professions so as to include gender experts;
- until very recently, there was a certain „shyness” about discussing the funds allocated to and invested in research, publishing, advertising, training, etc in the field of equal opportunities between women and men in Romania. There was an undervaluation of the importance and relevance of this topic: working in this area is underpaid! Comparing the present situation and the financial investment, things only look good due to the work, efforts, dedication and faith of the women involved.

GRADING THE SCHOLARSHIP

Gender Studies; Feminist Studies; Women’s Studies; Feminism/s...

These are all names that cover different and yet very close scholarships. They have entered the Romanian sphere of academic interest less than fifteen years ago and they have started to make their way into several fields of scholarship.

The “gendering” of “traditional” scholarship took place differently, depending on the research interest of the researchers involved in it and on the local needs. In the field of Gender Studies all over the world there have also appeared new areas of research, specific to this particular issue. We tried to offer a sort of orientation in the process of “gendering” of Romanian research and teaching, basing our “verdicts” on a documentation of the main publications about Romania, appeared between 1995 and 2005 (the references can be found in Annexes). Obviously, neither the references are exhaustive, nor our evaluation of the scholarship is to be taken as the final word in this respect, but they can constitute a starting point for similar future endeavors. Our goal and thus our “verdicts” were concerned with the extent to which the fields were covered by analyses, studies and researches that are sensitive to the gender dimension of the equal opportunities issue.

Legend:

- – nothing happening here
- ◐ – something is moving
- – we’re on the right track

Traditional scholarship:

SCHOLARSHIP	“VERDICT”
Anthropology	●
Social Work	●
Biology	●
Chemistry	●
Legal Studies	●
Economy	●
Education	○
Physical education and sports	●
Ethnicity/ Nationalism	●
Philosophy	○
Physics	●
History	●
Language	●
Literary theory	●
Media & Communication Studies	○
Mathematics	●
Medical Studies	●
Public policies	○
Psychology	●
International Relations	●
Religion/ Religious Studies	●
Sociology	●
Political Studies	○

Gender Studies/ Feminist scholarship:

SCHOLARSHIP	“VERDICT”
Body/ Embodiment	●
Cyberfeminism	●
Feminist Epistemologies	●
Feminist Ethics	○
LGBT/ Queer Theory	●
Masculinities/ Men’s Studies	●
Reproductive policies	○
Prostitution/ trafficking	●
Violence against women	●

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