

The Emergency of Women and Gender in the Development Debate up to 2000: An Overview

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ABSTRACT The aim of this paper is to trace the emergency of women and gender as key issues in the development debate from the 1960s to 2000. It discusses the basic factors namely the domestic role, economic role, new political role and social movements and the part played by feminism that underlie the emergence of women and gender as key issues in the development debate. The tracing is done along decades namely the first development decade (1960–1970); the second UN decade for women (1975-1985); the Beijing conference of September 1995 and the G.A. Special Session 2000 as important milestones towards the emergence of women and gender as key issues in the development debate.