

## **Moroccan Women and Public Sphere: An Institutional Gendered Analysis**

Moroccan woman, just like many others over the world, was undeniably considered as a minion and her position was frequently regarded as a position of inferiority, low-status, and submission. Significantly, family was the only institution wherein woman can be an active member in that she takes care of her family and tries to satisfy her husband's sexual needs and desires. She was unable to step into the exterior world which is highly public and unsecure for her. *Ergo*, she completely tried to glorify the safety and privacy that she enjoys inside home. However, these traditional and patriarchal conceptions have been extremely questioned due to the successive efforts of many organizations which call for gender equality and human dignity. Accordingly, many women have defended their rights to engage in different public issues as they are able to be agents of change and progress. In this vein, different western financial aids have been offered to help and support the organizations and associations which are interested in improving the status of woman though many anti- gender equality activists assert that allowing woman to step into the public institutions must lead to the outspread of many family problems. Many of them claim that the right place of woman is home and only home. To these points, this paper sets out to investigate why many consider home as the natural space for women and how institutions reproduce the idea of gender inequality that has been already produced by traditions and norms. For doing so, the paper will basically adopt an institutional gendered analysis framework that can help the reader to better understand the impact of these patriarchal institutional behaviours on the progress of the Moroccan society.

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