

## Editor's Preface

Even in social constructivism masculinity and femininity can be confronted in two ways. The first is based on binary opposition between man and women. Here the various constructions of feminine and masculine identities are analysed but still in opposition. In the second approach in this paradigm it is not possible to make a clear distinction between what belongs to femininity and what belongs to masculinity. The different versions of both gender identities are overlapped and sometimes they are so fragmented that is difficult to see any difference between them. So we can ask the question: are there any core gender identity features? Would it be possible to make an essential differentiation between man and woman? If we say "no" we can give up all together the concept of femininity and masculinity, and replace them by the concept of human being but there is any political correctness consequence of such approach. When there is no man and no women but only human beings can we discuss gender inequality problem or even gender role unfairness? On the other hand when we take into account the smallest essential pieces of difference between man and women we can be accused of making an epistemological as well as social and cultural invasion on the various identities. So there is a basic paradox of the discussion about gender construction and there is no way to escape from it. In the past the analyses or diagnoses of man's and woman's position in the society have been connected more with macro problems focused on the political rights, equality and emancipation. Today when the early feminist demands have been materialized the discussion on gender relates to more specific problems like the difference in earning between man and women or the influence of maternity on the woman's career. Also quite new dimensions of gender and sexuality analyses are constructed, for example devoted to the disabled people or Queen Bee Syndrome problem as well as transgendered identities. I hope that this issue of gender and power will let us deepen the understanding of some of new and old issues.

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