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A Comparative Spatial Analysis of crimes against women in India, 2016: Debunking Public / Private dichotomy in understanding crimes against women in India

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Abstract

One of the hallmarks of the second wave feminism was to recognize and popularize the public men/private women dichotomy that had not been explored exhaustively by the preceding feminist school for the fear of 'politicizing the private sphere'. The sanctity of the private sphere and its immunity from the outside world has been religiously maintained, which in turn manifested the private as the sphere of safety and non-encroachment. Violence within the private sphere hardly makes its way out of the four walls of the house for multiple reasons thus again confirming and upholding the notion that private sphere is ostensibly more secured in comparison to the public domain. But in this paper, the authors have attempted to debunk the idea of gendering spaces, projection of private sphere as the feminine and safe domain and arguing that in actuality victimization doesn't have a spatial characteristic. The paper argues that idea of space is a patriarchal product created to jeopardize the mobility of women between spaces and to justify the confinement of women within a particular sphere. The idea of this paper is illustrated through some statistical analyses of National Crime Report Bureau data, 2016 on crimes against women (Chapter 3A).

Keywords: Public/private dichotomy, gendering spaces, NCRB reports, patriarchy.

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