

**The issue of border territory and its links with gender in Brazilian social sciences: concepts, practices, traditions, places.**

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**Abstract**

This scholarship aims to enable a Scientific Initiation research that takes into account the place of the border issue and the border territories in Social Sciences and Brazilian gender studies, always in reference international productions. Seeks to answer questions about the use of the notion of frontier, as well as pay attention to the main approaches found in contemporary Brazilian production on frontier territories, and the place that occupies gender.

**Key words:**

*Gender, State, Frontier.*

**Introduction**

Border is a multi-purpose metaphor widely used in several productions, at the same time that on border territories are applied various metaphors, often essentialist. Academic production is also part of the agent that feed and re-circulate the imagination on the borders. As we have seen in recent years, the academic production from and on border territories have increased significantly. The goal will be to understand how the Brazilian social sciences, gender studies included, have seen the border territories and gender in them. This work will provide data based on inputs organized in the framework of TT scholarship.

**Results and Discussion**

This scholarship aims, first, to be a geographical and institutional map of academic research on borders, focusing on publications in academic journals, but with a view panorama on congress and scientific associations' Working Groups, books, etc. The reporting period is the last 10 years. Later, it will be chosen a limited reference to be submitted to description and analysis, seeking to understand what the recurrent metaphors are, its schools and points of view, and what are the most interesting ways in anthropological understanding of borders and gender relations in them. This work will provide data based on inputs organized in the framework of TT scholarship.

The results so far shows a multitude of disciplines, themes and clippings that relate to the issue of borders, but you can find relatively common trends and paradigms. Geography appears as the leading discipline in quantitative terms, but there is also a considerable number of publications regarding the social sciences, and other fields of knowledge, such as international relations, history, etc. In return, actual gender studies or ones that relates the theme of gender to the question of the borders are a minority and do not make up yet a field of significant studies in the social sciences in Brazil. This research aims, above all, to make a substantial contribution to this field of research, by trying to understand, basically, who are the interpreters of the border in Brazil, where they are located and what are their epistemological starting points.

**Chart 1.** Relation between discipline and the presence of gender in the mapped articles\*.

Discipline	Gender	Non-Gender	Total
Geography	9	96	105
Anthropology	3	31	34
History	1	26	27
Sociology	2	33	35
Political Science	1	12	13
Internacional Relations/ Communications	1	33	34
Law/Public Security	1	7	8
Education/ Linguistics/ Psychology	0	4	4
Public Policy/Social Services	0	8	8
<b>Overall</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>234</b>

\*some articles may be categorized in more than one discipline.

**Conclusions**

Until then, it is possible to conclude that, although relatively rare articles that relate the gender issue with the border are present in some magazines of Brazilian social sciences. some with some regularity to address the issue of borders or gender, but hardly the two together. Articles that makes this relationship also interact with themes such as "family", "work", "violence" among others, and these issues are articulated in many different ways and from different conceptions, according to the particular discipline with which the article correlates, which will be analyzed according to references predetermined with the rest of the core researchers in which this research is inserted.