

# Gender Discriminations and Inequalities Faced by Nepalese Female Migrants in Portugal

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## Introduction

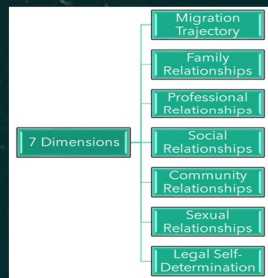
In this study, we will diagnose and analyze types of gender discrimination and inequalities faced by Nepalese female migrants in Portugal while aiming to uncover how can we mobilize and redirect the resources of the local Nepalese community and the capabilities of individual female migrants. We will define as our goals to help facilitate the construction of compound identities and the creation of inter-communitarian spheres of belonging in Portugal.

## Background

- \* CEDAW-UN (2017); Capabilities approach (Nussbaum, 2000); multiculturalism (Taylor, 1994) and the politics of recognition. (Honneth, 1992-2021); cultural semiotics (Lotman, 1978-90), semiotics of religion and women's studies.
- \* Intersectional approach (Crenshaw, 1989; Collins, 2015) and transnational intersectionality (Grabe and Else-Quest, 2012).
- \* A number of papers demonstrating the marginalization suffered by Nepalese female migrants (e.g.: Tam, 2010).

## Methods

We adopt a qualitative and interpretative approach, combining participant observation, the field diary and ethnographic method with 30 semi-structured interviews to 20 first-generation and 10 second-generation Nepalese female migrants in Portugal (NVIVO).



## Results

We propose an analysis of the following dimensions (7): migration trajectory, family relationships, professional relationships, social relationships, community relationships, sexual relationships and legal self-determination. These dimensions define layers or a constellation of belongingness and capture negotiations performed by Nepalese female migrants. We will examine discrimination experiences and capabilities amongst women from two generations.

## Conclusions

We will summarise results obtained for discriminations in the 7 dimensions, together with the capabilities of female migrants, while adopting an intergenerational perspective. We will suggest future research and implement one Pilot Project gathering a multidisciplinary team. We aim to place the peripheries of humanity at the centre of the debate on their own societal inclusion.

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