

Structural Adjustment and Women in Third World

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ABSTRACT Here an attempt is made to analyse as to what extent women's interests are taken into account in structural adjustment programme. The researcher's contention is that the issue of gender-equity is not possible, given the kind of framework in which Structural Adjustment Programme works. For a rigorous analysis, the researcher has pointed out the background, context and objectives of SAP, and discussed various approaches. The researcher is of the view that for a genuine consideration of gender-equity and justice, it has to go beyond the surface of 'getting the prices right' but unfortunately, given their hidden agenda, the World Bank and IMF do not seem to be ready for this.