



Barriers to Choice of Women Occupation in Warri Metrolpolis in Delta State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT Barriers to women occupational choice in Warri metropolis are the focus of the paper. Empirical studies in the subject have thrown up conflicting conclusions as to the extent to which four factors namely the socialization process, sex stereotyping, self-concept and lack of motivation constitute barriers to occupational choice of women since the 1970's. Using a sample survey data of 240 professional women from ten establishments in Warri, this analysis from a three month field work show no significant relationship between these determinants as barriers to women's occupational choice. Rather, a significant shift into occupations not traditional to women is observed.