

Gender, Sexuality and Paid Domestic Work in Nigeria

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Striking 'absence' of men.

The stereotype of domestic work as 'women's work' means that very little is known about male domestic workers and the types of work they do. By including men in my thesis it is hoped to introduce a male perspective in a field of research that is predominantly female.



Minimal focus on sexuality

The sexuality of domestic workers is tightly regulated by employers, yet sexuality has not received as much attention as 'race'/ethnicity, class, and gender in the literature. My thesis intends to show that sexuality has as much role to play in domestic workers' experiences and work relations as class, 'race'/ethnicity and gender.

Not recognised as 'real' workers

Through investigation on the nature of domestic work in Nigeria, my thesis intends to explore:

1. How gender and sexuality intersect to affect domestic workers' work and non-work relations?
2. How domestic workers' respond to, and challenge, their work and non-work conditions?

