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Abstract

Globalization brings forth varying degrees of consequences to different groups of people in different societies. With reference to a more gender-balanced development of women, this phenomenon can convey positive as well as negative repercussions. Thus, this paper aims to examine the implications of economic globalization on the women maquiladora workers of Mexico, as an example of the possible increase in the level of gender-based mistreatment of minimum-skilled women workers, due to the cross-border activities of transnational corporations. The forces of globalization have caused changes in the global division of labour and with that, the increased participation and importance of the female workforce in both local and global economies. The growing role and activities of transnational corporations in relation to economic investments needed by lesser-developed countries have significantly altered the traditional relationships between capital, state and labour. Hence, this paper argues that there are pertinent links between TNCs as proponents of globalization at the international level and that this has consequences towards women maquiladora workers at the local level, which can perpetuate the cycle of discrimination and exploitation of these workers.
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