

Abstract

The aim of this thesis is to identify the similarities and differences between the concept of reproductive labour, as it was developed in Marxist feminism in the 1970s, and its conceptualisation in contemporary Marxist and socialist feminism, as it appears in the debate reflecting the new international division of labour and neoliberalism. The thesis starts by analysing the concept of reproductive labour, as it emerged during the debate in the 1970s, then focuses on contemporary conceptions that use the term and at the same time deal with phenomena related to globalisation and neoliberalism. The final part compares the two conceptions and identifies key characteristics of reproductive labour that are reflected in both debates.

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