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How to Speak About Woman? Feminist Issue with Feminine Identity

The first feminist postulates connected with the right to education, work and the vote, seemed to represent the interests of all women. However, the so-called “unity of women in the fight against patriarchy” proved to be doubtful. The reduction of experiences, needs and hopes of all women to a common denominator in the fact of belonging to the female sex turned out to be oppressive. According to the majority of contemporary feminist thinkers, the category of woman is problematic from the many points of view, e.g. intersectional approach or postcolonial feminism. However, at the same time, the return to positive definitions of identity is a clearly visible tendency in the field of philosophy today.

Taking this into account, I would like to ask: How to speak about “woman”, “her” needs and rights, while avoiding the exclusion problem? Therefore, another question arises: whether the existence of feminism as an equality movement based on the category of a woman is still justified? If not, does feminism, as scattered voices of numerous interest groups, cultures, and languages, have sufficient political impact? Is it still feminism? For philosophy, this is mainly a question of identity: Should we save categories such as “woman” at all?