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Abstract

This research project focuses on the development of feminist theories over time, from the pre-nineteenth century proto-feminist writings to current feminist positions, and delves into the ideas and political and social forces that have driven the discipline of feminist political philosophy forward. Scholars' interpretations of both gendered socialization and the family as an institution have emerged as two main areas of research and are the foci of this project. Each concept is examined through the lens of proto-feminist or feminist thought to show the growth of feminist theory over time. Representative examples of scholarly works, including those by Mary Wollstonecraft, Simone de Beauvoir, and Susan Moller Okin, are utilized to show the connection and evolution of these central feminist concepts. The paper also includes projections regarding the future of feminist theory in these areas, and of the discipline as a whole.

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