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## **GENDERING THEORIES: SOME REFLECTIONS IN THE FEMINISTS' MOVEMENT FROM THE EIGHTEENTH TO THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY.**

### **Abstract:**

This paper examined gendering theories from the eighteenth to the twenty-first century millennium. These theories arose from the women's movement from the era of Mary Wollstonecraft (1792) across the twenty first century memory lane of feminist's movement and feminists philosophies. These theories stemmed out of the fact that women had been undermined and under-classed in the world of human rights in all facts of development and human Endeavour. This research will Endeavour to dabble into an in-depth exegesis of these theories and implications for the success or otherwise of the women's movement. The pedagogy applied during the course of the research is the multidisciplinary approach, use of journal articles, oral interview of some selected women and field work. The recommendations to this study are embellished under solutions and findings. The framework for this research is based on the historical differences between men and women, leading to the development of diverse theories to help in the understanding of the power relations between men and women. Feminists having different views of female oppression and how equality could be achieved have developed these theories. These diverse views and theories have been grouped into radical feminism; cultural feminism, Eco feminism and a whole lot more.

### **Keywords:**

Radical feminism, Cultural feminism and Eco feminism