

Export-oriented Activities

- In the Asian context, the fast-growing East Asian countries' labour markets experienced declining female participation in the manufacturing and services sector with increased globalisation (Joeke 1995, World Bank 1993)
- In some other Asian countries like Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and China, the situation was the reverse (Mitter and Rowbotham 1995, Pearson and Mitter 1993).

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Female Participation in Labour Market and their Welfare

- An increase in female labour force participation does not necessarily reflect female welfare increase; the maintenance of a 'care economy' has absolute female labour intensity without a matched increase in male participation in domestic work to address the decline in female labour hours devoted to such work.
- As a result, time for personal care and leisure declines with increased female labour force participation, and this has a negative impact on their welfare.
- Men and women may be affected differently by a state's macroeconomic policies, depending on the sectors in which they work.

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